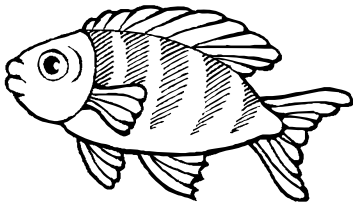


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### CREATION CORNER

Gobies are small fish, which, during low tides, like to swim in rock pools on the edge of the ocean. One species, the Bathygobius, enjoys jumping from one tidal pool, over rocks exposed above the water, into another rock pool on the other side. Researchers finally became intrigued by this habit and decided to investigate.

They discovered that this little fellow always jumps just the right amount, at the right place, and in the right direction—without ever landing on rock! How can this fish know where to leap out of the water, and in what direction? It cannot see from one rock pool to the next. Surely it does not have the locations and shapes of all the rock pools pre-memorized in its tiny head!

Although much of the area around a pool is exposed rock, with no nearby pools beyond it, yet the Goby always jumps at exactly just the right place. The scientists have guessed that, perhaps, when the tide earlier came in and covered all the rocks, the fish swam around and memorized all the bumps and hollows on the rock, and thus later know where to do its jumping. But, if that was true, then the mystery would only deepen even more. How could this very small fish have enough wisdom to go about in advance and learn all that?

It is another mystery of God's wonderful creation. = ^ .. ^ =

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We began last week learning about the founder of the Jesuit Order, Ignatius Loyola, born in Spain in 1491. His name was originally Don Inigo Lopez de Recalde. He was born around the same time as Luther, and went through similar struggles of mind and soul, trying to find peace with God. He chose a different path; one that led him into becoming one of the best workers for the devil that has ever lived.

He chose to read fictional stories, and have his mind seek after mystical fantasies. To 'win favor with God', he tortured and starved himself and made long vigils without sleep until he began seeing things that weren't there and hearing voices. Of course Satan takes advantage of this kind of thing and he began to put his own ideas into the mind of this proud, fiery-tempered man, Ignatius. He did receive dreams and visions from demons and because he had rejected the Bible, he was fooled to think it was from God.

He, like some today, thought he had no need of the Bible, because God was teaching him in these

hallucinations and dreams of his poor, tormented mind. He decided that what he had experienced was a special path to holiness and he wrote it all down in a book called; 'The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius' Of course it wasn't 'Saint' back then, but that is what the book is called today; and I am sad to tell you that many people think it is just wonderful.

Even some foolish people and ministers in our church, study it; thinking I guess, they can get the 'good' out of it and discard the bad. There is No Good in the methods and ways of the devil! It just teaches the path to devil possession.

He took these methods and began to train young men in them. It was a 30-day program in which they were told everything to do by a 'master'. For 30 days the person would be told what to think, what to feel, and to cut off all normal human emotion.

In this way they would learn to surrender their entire thought and will to a superior being. Of course, this is nothing less than occult demon possession. People going through this exercise would scream and pass out, faint and fall to the ground. They learned to have no mind of their own, or conscience; they became totally demon possessed and under the control of their master.

From these specially trained men, Ignatius started the Jesuit order. At first the rulers of the church rejected this mad-man and his followers, but as the light of the reformation began to go everywhere in Europe, the pope decided they would be useful to the church, and he and his order (The Order of the Jesuits) was accepted by the Pope. The Jesuits (or Society of Jesus) were the ones who brought the mystical teachings of the "sacred heart" and Mary worship to the world.

The Jesuits learn to control their emotions, which is why they often can enter professions that require great self-sacrifice. The Spiritual Exercises have to be done by all who want to join the Jesuit order.

The "Grand Rule" requires its members to believe whatever they are told by a Superior without questioning it, as can be seen in this statement: "(they are) readily to declare his assent and consent to his Superior in active obedience when he says, the snow is black, or the crow is white".

This is nothing more than an "exercise" in brainwashing, for it leaves a person with no conscious and therefore he doesn't mind committing murder or any other horrible deed.

The "Jesuit Oath" requires them to act the spy and to kill and destroy all those who may oppose them in their corrupt work! They believe that no matter what they do, it is OK because they work for the pope, who is god on earth. So they can lie, cheat, sneak, kill, steal, and everything and it is just fine because they are working for the good of the church.

What a terrible idea indeed!! They call this idea "The end justifies the means". This is Satan's own doctrine and never, never the way Jesus wants any person to go. More next week: = ^ .. ^ =

## TRUE-STORY-TIME

### The "Deader" Goes By

Tom and Tony were bored with life. It had been raining and raining and raining for I don't know how long, and they had played with all their toys until they had lost interest in everyone of them.

Tony, the smaller of the two, was at the window, mournfully repeating the old refrain: "Rain, rain, go to Spain"; but the rain was very obstinate this afternoon. It just wouldn't go.

Suddenly, however, Tony raised a shout of eager interest.

Something was happening in the street. "Tom!" he cried, "come here and have a look! There's a deader going by."

"A what going by?" asked Tom.

"A deader. See, look at the lovely flowers and the nice shiny cars."

"What a long procession!" exclaimed Tom, running to the window. "My, what a lot of cars! That must be Mr. Jones's funeral. "

"I 'spect he must be pretty hot by now," said Tony.

"Hot! Why ever should he be hot?"

" 'Cos he was a bad man, and Satan must have popped him into the fire right away."

"How do you know he was a bad man?" asked Tom, surprised at his little brother's certainty as to poor Mr. Jones's fate.

" 'Cos," replied Tony solemnly, "I heard him swear one day when he was in our house. And he used to smoke. And I heard Mamma say he went home drunk one night. So I 'spect he'll be poked down and down where it's very, very hot, and he'll smell like roast..."

"Tony!" cried a voice from the other side of the room. "What is that you're saying?"

“Hello, Auntie,” said both boys together, turning around. “We didn’t know you had come.”

“I think I came just in time,” said Auntie.

“You did!” said Tony eagerly. “Come and see the deader going by! He’s almost gone now, but you can still see the cars.”

“Tony,” said Auntie, “you shouldn’t speak like that about a funeral. Poor Mrs. Jones and all the family are very, very sad about it, and you should be sorry for them and not make fun about it.”

“We weren’t making fun,” said Tom indignantly. “We were only looking, and Tony was saying where he thought Mr. Jones had gone.”

“But Tony was quite wrong,” said Auntie, “and you should both have known better.”

“But that’s what my teacher told me happens to bad people,” said Tony with a grieved air.

“Then he was wrong.”

“But it was a lady.”

“Then she was wrong,” said Auntie; “and if you will come over here by the fire, I will tell you all about it.” Glad for any sort of change, the two little boys rushed over to grab the most comfortable seats beside the fire. “Now go on, Auntie,” said Tom, now as interested as Tony.

“Well,” said Auntie, “I am going to tell you just what is found in the Bible. For that is God’s Book, where He tells us how man came into this world and what happens to him when he goes out of it.

“First of all, how did man come into the world? I am going to read a text in the second chapter of Genesis, verse seven: ‘The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.’ Now, Tony, how many things go to make up a man?”

“Two things,” said Tony.

“Good boy,” said Auntie. “That’s right. First, the dust of the ground, and second, the breath of life. The two together make a ‘living soul.’ Separate them, and death comes. Do you see?”

“I s’pose that’s what makes a deader,” said Tony.

“Yes,” said Auntie, with a smile, “a deader. We read of this separation at death in Ecclesiastes, chapter twelve, verse seven, where it says, ‘Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit [which is another word for breath] shall return unto God who gave it.’ So you see that when the body and the breath are separated, there is no more a living soul”

This was rather deep for Tony.

“Do you mean there is nothing left to be poked

down into a fire by Satan?” he said after a pause.

“That’s exactly right,” said Auntie. “There just isn’t anything left. Now, if I turn over the page I read here in chapter nine, verse five, that ‘The dead know not any thing’; and again in verse ten, ‘There is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave.’ It couldn’t be plainer, could it?”

“No,” said Tom. “It’s very plain. But don’t good people, then, go to heaven when they die?”

“How can they?” said Auntie. “The same thing happens to them as to the bad people. The two parts--the dust and the breath--separate, and there is no more living soul. The people are simply dead.”

“But, Auntie,” asked Tony, reluctant to let go of his idea, “won’t the bad people ever be poked down into a big, hot fire?”

“And won’t the good people ever go to heaven?” asked Tom.

“Oh, yes,” said Auntie. “While it is perfectly true that the dead know nothing, and are as fast asleep as tired little boys after a hard day’s play, yet one day they will all wake up and come to life again.

“Jesus has told us that. He said: ‘The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.’ That is found in the fifth chapter of John, verses twenty-eight and twenty-nine; but there are other texts that say the same thing.

There is no doubt whatever that the dead will be raised to life, and then the good people will be rewarded and the bad people punished.”

“But, Auntie,” asked Tom, “when will it happen? Thousands of years in the future?”

“I don’t think so, dearie. You see, Tom, there is a definite time fixed by God for the dead to be raised. In Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians, the fourth chapter and sixteenth verse, we are told that ‘the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven: . . . and the dead in Christ shall rise.’ From this it is clear that all the good people who have gone to sleep in death believing in Jesus will be awakened by His glorious voice calling to them when He comes again. And many today believe that it will not be very long before that happens.”

“But, Auntie,” said Tony, with a worried look on his face, “what about the fire for the wicked people? Isn’t there anything about that?”

“Oh, yes, Tony,” said Auntie. “That is just as clear, too, though there is only time to read you one text now. Here it is in the twentieth chapter of

Revelation and the ninth verse. Here you have the story of what happens to all the wicked people who are brought back to life to hear their final sentence from God. It says, 'Fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.' "

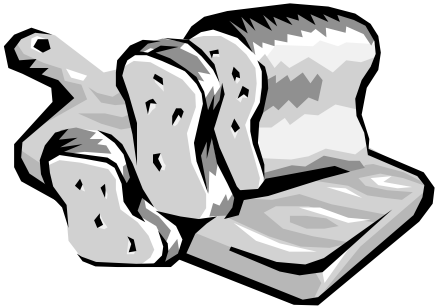
"A-a-a-h!" exclaimed Tony as though fully satisfied at last. "I knew they'd get it sometime."

"And the fire will burn up everybody and everything bad?" asked Tom.

"Yes, dear," said Auntie. "Everything bad will be burned up, and God will make a glorious new home for all the people who love Him; and in that happy, happy land there will be no more sickness or pain, and nobody will ever die any more."

"And we shall never see a deader going by again?" said Tony.

"No, dear," said Auntie with deep feeling; "thank God, never, never again. " = ^ .. ^ =



## STORY LESSON

### My Body Temple Digestion of a piece of Bread

Let's pretend that we have eaten a mouthful of bread and can watch it as it goes through all the different processes of digestion.

**Mastication:** First, we chew or masticate the food with the teeth. We use the tongue to move the food from one side of the mouth to the other, and to keep the food between the teeth.

**Mouth Digestion:** While the bread is being chewed, the saliva is mixed with it and begins digestion. The saliva moistens and softens the food, so that it can be easily swallowed and readily acted upon by the other digestive juices. You have noticed that if you chew a bit of hard bread a few minutes it becomes sweet. This is because the saliva changes some of the starch of the food into sugar.

After we have chewed the food, we swallow it, and it passes down through the esophagus into the stomach.

**Stomach Digestion:** As soon as the morsel of food enters the stomach, the gastric juice begins to

flow out of the little glands in which it is formed. This mixes with the food and digests other parts that the saliva has not digested. While this is being done, the stomach keeps moving and squeezing the food much as a baker kneads dough. This is done to mix the gastric juice with the food.

After an hour or two the stomach squeezes the food so hard that a little of it, which has been digested by the gastric juice and the saliva, goes out through the lower opening, the pylorus, of which we have already learned. As the action of the stomach continues, more of the digested food escapes, until all that is ready has gone out.

**Intestinal Digestion:** We sometimes eat a nut butter with bread, or take some other form of fat in our food. Fats are not digested by the saliva or the gastric juice. When food passes out of the stomach into the small intestine, a large quantity of bile is poured upon it. This bile has been made beforehand by the liver and stored up in the gallbladder. The bile helps to digest fats, which the saliva and the gastric juice cannot digest.

The pancreatic juice does the same kind of work that is done by the saliva, the gastric juice, and the bile. It also finishes up the work done by these fluids. It is one of the most important of all the digestive juices.

The intestinal juice digests nearly all the different elements of the food, so that it is ready to complete the wonderful process by which the food is made ready to enter the blood and to nourish the body.

While the food is being digested by the bile, the pancreatic juice, and intestinal juice, it is gradually moved along the intestines. After all the food which can be digested has been softened and dissolved, it is ready to be taken into the blood and sent through the body.

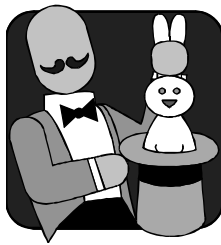
**Absorption:** If you put a dry sponge into water, it very soon becomes wet by soaking up the water. Indeed, if you only touch a corner of the sponge to the water, the whole sponge will soon become wet. We say that the sponge 'absorbs' the water. It is in a somewhat similar way that the food is absorbed by the walls of the stomach and intestines. When the food is absorbed, most of it goes into the blood vessels, which we shall learn in a future lesson.

**Liver Digestion:** After the food has been absorbed, most of it is carried to the liver, where the process of digestion is completed. The liver also acts like an inspector to examine the digested food and remove hurtful material that may be in it, like

alcohol, mustard, pepper, and other irritating things.

The Thoracic Duct: Part of the food, mainly the digested fat, is absorbed by a portion of the lymphatic vessels called “Lacteals”, which empty into a small vessel called the thoracic duct. This duct passes upward in front of the spine and empties into a vein near the heart.

Isn't it wonderful how God has set up all these things to do their job in our bodies and we don't even know it is all happening. Truly - **“I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:14.**



## BUILDING FOR JESUS

### The Many Faces of Spirtism

Last week we were talking about the tricks and traps of spiritism today. I want to tell you about some of the things that are around us that really are spiritism in different packages.

Now old Satan, he knows that people are not just going to go from Sabbath school and walk down the road and join the Church of Satan. He has to lead them a little at a time away from Jesus until they are so mixed up they start doing things they would never have done before.

There was a man in the Bible, his name was Hazael. God told Elisha that this man would do terrible, cruel deeds; but when Elisha said this to Hazael, he said, “Do you think I am a dog, that I would do something like that?” But little by little, Hazael made wrong choices and went away from God until we know he was one of the cruelest men in the Bible!

We are never safe to say, “Oh, I know this is wrong, but I can just have the good part of it without the bad; I can tell the difference, I won't be fooled.”

People do this all the time, they see Yoga classes and Martial Arts classes and meditation classes and they say, “Oh, I know these things come from heathen devil worship, but there is some good in it; it is good exercise and it will help my nerves.”

Or they think they need to learn ‘self-defence’; but all these things are just doors to the spiritist world. Of course there are some ‘good’ things in them—how many rats would the devil catch if there was no bait in the traps??

There are many kinds of classes and seminars and workshops these days that are only doors to spiritism. I am sad to tell you that they can be found right in the church; yes, our church! The real sneaky kinds are ‘self-help’ and ‘self-esteem’ classes. Then there are different kinds of meditation, visualization and relaxation classes and methods; they all are doors to let Satan into your life. It was ‘self-esteem’ that made Lucifer into a devil.

Our Bible says we are to ‘deny ourselves’ and follow Jesus. When Jesus was here, you did not see Him set up counselling sessions, meditation classes, or telling people they needed more ‘self-esteem’. He did not even teach them exercises. He taught them to repent, and turn away from sin and follow Him.

You know, there are many spiritists that claim that Jesus went to Tibet when He was young and learned the ancient secrets from the heathen yogis and Buddhists and that was what he taught the people and how He did His miracles. This just shows that they have not read the Bible very much, because Jesus' teaching is directly opposite to what these heathens teach.

Dear readers, we all need to study and learn to know Jesus so well that we will be able to tell the difference between God's light and Satan's darkness. We need to pray that God will give us eyesalve so we can see the trap under the bait.

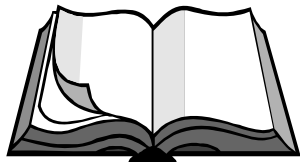
We never get mixed up in Satan's snares without the Holy Spirit softly telling us, “No, this is not what God wants you to do”. There is always some kind of warning; but what happens is, we push it away, we say, “Oh, I will be careful, I will just get the good part”. Or we let other people influence us that it is alright and we should not be so silly. The rat always thinks he can get the bait and not be hurt.

Satan causes us to feel that there are things in his sciences that we have to learn, we need them. I want to tell you right here that there is nothing good, nothing that you need, that God has not provided for you in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy! Oh, listen carefully to that little voice, when you see the tiniest thing or hear the least word that is not according to the Bible; get away as fast as you can!

Don't worry that others may laugh and call you

peculiar and always seeing devils around every corner—the devils are there! And those who don't see them will be snared by them.

The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 9:4, that a live dog is better than a dead lion. This means it is better to stay with God and live even if people make fun and call you a coward, that to have people think you are brave and you end up trapped. = ^ .. ^ =



**Year 1: 4th Quarter:  
“BIBLE PICTURE STORIES”**

**WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 10: “TREASURE”**

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

**MEMORY VERSE: “A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”**

**Matthew 12:35**

**Sunday**

**Text: Luke 6:45 “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure**

**of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.”**

We all like that word ‘Treasure’. We like stories about treasure and the people in Jesus day did too. I used to live in a place where Pirates used to have a town, and there was a story that there was a treasure hidden near where we lived. We used to think how great it would be if we could find it. But with no map or clues, it would be impossible.

Our Bibles are like a map for us and they also contain the best Treasure. As we study and memorize from the Bible, we store up good treasure in our hearts. When we give our hearts to Jesus, and He lives in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, then He is a treasure to us also.

When Jesus is our treasure, we will love to talk about Him and think about Him. Pure words and kindly deeds will come from a heart full of heavenly treasure. Heavenly treasure brings happiness and peace to the heart and it shows on the face.

When you listen to anyone talk, you soon learn what his ‘treasure’ is. With some, all you hear from them is TV and Movies; others it is hockey and soccer; for some it is the fashions and how others dress.

Some are always planning what to eat or how to have a party. Some have evil treasure indeed because they like to talk about horrible things and cruel deeds. This kind of treasure shows on the face too, in dark looks and frowns.

**Thought** - Let us all seek to fill our hearts and lives with the Heavenly Treasure; we will never be sorry if we do.

**Monday**

**Text: Matthew 13:52 “Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.”**

A ‘scribe’ in this verse means a teacher. Teaching the people was one of the duties of a scribe. When someone is in Jesus’ School and being taught by the Holy Spirit, they will always have treasures to share with others.

They will have ‘Old’ treasures; things about prophecies and lessons from the Old Testament. And they will have ‘New’ treasures, things about Jesus in the New Testament; but they also will have

new things to tell of how Jesus is helping them day by day and how He is teaching them new truths from His Word.

When we really belong to Jesus and He is the Treasure of our lives, we will always have something precious that we can think about or talk about to others.

The Truth is like a fountain springing up inside us and we are bubbling over with Heavenly things. It will show in the joy and peace of our lives, and in the sweet smile on our faces.

**Thought** - 'Old' treasure is just as precious as 'New' treasure. In our day there are people who say, we don't need the 'old' ideas, we need to change everything and make it 'new'. But the 'Old' is our foundation; a house with no foundation soon falls down!

## Tuesday

**Text: Matthew 13:44** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."

This is an exciting story and I am sure the people listened closely as Jesus told it. Here is a man who is renting a field. He takes his ox one day and ploughs the field to get it ready to plant. He is taking out the rocks as he finds them. It is hard work.

All of a sudden the plough hits something hard—Clunk! He stops the ox and goes to dig out another rock so he can get his field ready. He is not thinking about treasure or anything; but when he starts to dig out that 'rock' he finds it is a box of buried treasure!

Now he forgets about ploughing his field and starts planning what to do. He covers it up again and goes home to gather up everything he has that he can sell. He goes to the market and there sells everything he has.

Then he takes the money to those who own the field and pays for the field. The papers are signed and he is full of joy, as he realizes that the treasure is now his. Back to the field he goes with his shovel and digs up the treasure chest. He is now rich for the rest of his life.

We can be going along in our lives from day to day, and sometime we learn about the wonderful heavenly treasure. We want that for our own! There

is nothing more important to us than having that treasure. If we feel like that, it is easy for us to part with all our old earthly habits and pleasures. And when we have that treasure for our own, we are happy for the rest of our lives. The heavenly treasure never runs out and there is always more to enjoy—forever!

**Thought** - Nothing on earth can compare with the Heavenly Treasure! If we have all the worldly treasure it will soon pass away and we will die. But the Heavenly Treasure is forever!

## Wednesday

**Text: Isaiah 39:4** "Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them."

There is an interesting story in this chapter about King Hezekiah. He was healed, you remember, of a deadly disease and to give him a sign, God made the sundial go Backwards! Now the heathen rulers in Babylon sent messengers wanting to find out about a God that could have so much power as that!

When they came to Jerusalem, Hezekiah made a big mistake. He decided to be proud and show off, and he gave these messengers a tour of his treasure houses. He showed them all his riches and boasted about them.

The messengers had come on their long journey hoping to find Heavenly Treasure, but Hezekiah only showed them earthly treasure, he did not tell them about the great God of Heaven, Who had made the sundial go backwards. Sadly they went home to tell their masters that there was nothing unusual in Jerusalem; Hezekiah was no different than any other king.

God sent the prophet to talk to Hezekiah and asked him "What have they seen in thine house?" You can see what the king said. Then God told him that all that treasure would be taken away to Babylon. What a difference it might have been if Hezekiah had given them the heavenly treasure!

**Thought** - Sometimes when people come to us, wanting to learn about Heavenly things, we show them all the big buildings the church has, and tell them about all the wonderful things the church is doing, and they end up thinking we really don't have any more heavenly treasure than they do.

### Thursday

**Text: Matthew 13:45, 46** “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”

Pearls are considered very precious, and in the days before people had diving equipment, it was a hard and dangerous task to hunt for pearls in the sea, so they were even more valuable.

Jesus here is telling about someone who looks for a very special pearl. He travels from one pearl collector to another looking for the very best pearl. Finally he finds one that is so perfect, and so large and lovely, that he feels he must own it.

Like the man who found the treasure chest, this man goes and sells everything he has, just so he can own the ‘Pearl of Great Price’.

What does this story tell us? The merchant is like a person who is searching for real truth in this world. He goes to different churches, reads different books, and it all seems the same, good, but not the precious truth he really wants.

Then one day he finds the truth of God’s Word and he finds what he is looking for. But he realizes to have this precious truth for his own, he must leave behind all his former life and give up all his worldly treasure to own the Heavenly Treasure. He gladly does this, as that precious Pearl is his heart’s desire.

**Thought** - Jesus Himself is the Pearl of great price. He is the brightness of the Father’s glory and the express image of His person. The glory of God is seen in His character. Every page of the Holy Bible shines with His light. The righteousness of Christ, as a pure, white pearl, has no defect, no stain.

### Friday

**Text: Matthew 19:21, 22** “Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.”

This was not a story, but something that happened when Jesus was here:

There was a man who was young and rich; we call him the rich young ruler. He had lots of earthly treasure and he thought he had heavenly treasure too. After all, he went to church every Sabbath, and he paid tithe, and everybody said he was a good person.

He went one day to listen to Jesus and as the lessons that Jesus was telling the people began to sink into his thoughts, he was not so sure that he really did have the heavenly treasure. He decided to ask Jesus, if there was something special he could do, so he’d be sure to go to heaven.

Jesus told him to keep the Commandments. He said he did keep them. Then Jesus said a strange thing, he told the ruler to sell his property and give to the poor, and come and follow Him.

What a wonderful chance this man had! He could have been among the disciples. But when he thought about giving up his money and worldly honour to follow the humble Jesus, he just did not want to do it.

The Bible says that he went away sorrowful. There is an important lesson in this for us all. Those who decide to hang onto the world with its pleasures and riches, entertainment and pride, will end up sorrowful.

While those who leave all for Jesus’ sake, and make Him their Treasure will be forever joyful.

**Thought** – The true Christian may have hard times, temptations and trials in this life, but he knows it is worth it all. Even a dungeon is a wonderful place if Jesus is with you. = ^ .. ^ =

