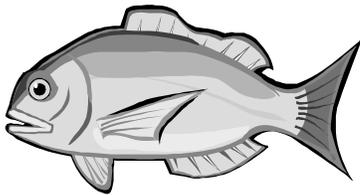


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Co-operation

We so often see pictures that tell us that everything in nature is always fighting for the best place and competing, but this is far from true. Although, because of sin in this earth, we do see fighting, we also see much more of God's way of co-operation and helpfulness. Here are a few examples:

TARANTULA SPIDER: This large spider has hairs with sharp fishhook barbs. When a snake draws near to strike, the spider knows to pull out hairs and just as the snake lunges forward, the spider throw them up in the air and jumps back. The open mouth of the snake snaps onto these barbs and he leaves.

The tarantula does not spin webs but lives underground in a room, which it lines with silk. Tiny toads 1/10th of its size go into that hole and live there with it. They protect the spider and its eggs from ants. In turn, the spider protects them from the western ribbon snake.

When the snake comes, the toads run together and the spider jumps on their backs and challenges the snake. Then when the snake gets a mouthful of barbs, he backs out of the hole, and the toads go back to eating the ants. If a toad accidentally gets a

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baby spider in his mouth, he feels the hooks and spits it out, unharmed, right away.

CLEANER FISH: There are several species of cleaner fish, as well as a number of species of tiny, beautifully decorated cleaner shrimp, which remove the parasites from other fish. A wide variety of parasites get on the fish and eat into their sides and fins. They even get into their mouths. So they go to the "cleaner stations" for help.

Arriving there, the distressed fish give certain signals indicating that they want help. If they do not give these signals, the cleaner fish or shrimp may not venture forth, since normally bigger fish travel around looking for smaller ones to eat.

These signals include color change, an attitude of rest with gills and fins flared, or standing upright, vertically, in the water with head up and fins flapping.

Then the cleaner fish or shrimp goes up to these large fish and begins cleaning along their bodies, and will even enter their mouth. Each parasite they find is eaten as their reward for the help given. Meanwhile, other fish in need of cleaning will actually line up awaiting their turn.

One researcher removed all the cleaner shrimp

from two coral heads. Within two weeks he found that there were fewer fish at these coral heads than elsewhere, and those still present showed frayed fins and ulcerated sores.

The goat fish has a strange way to tell the cleaners it needs help from a worm burrowing into its flesh; it swims rapidly over to the nearest cleaning station; and this normally gold brown fish then turns bright red!

The angel fish at the cleaning station recognize this signal, and they swim over to it and immediately set to work digging out the worm attached to its skin. Then they eat the worm, which is their pay for doing the goat fish that service.

HONEYGUIDE: The African honeyguide is a small bird, which leads people and animals to bees' nests. When it leads a badger to the nest, the badger tears open the nest and both enjoy the honey. But the honeyguide also leads the Boran people of Kenya to the honey nests also.

Having found a nest, it will, through flight patterns and calls, alert a Boran to send a group to follow the bird to a honey site. But the Borans initiate the search as well as the bird. They will whistle to call the honeyguide. Arriving, it will lead them by flying a short distance and waiting for them to come. Arriving at the honey nest, they always leave some honey for the honeyguide.

Scientists have even seen the honeyguide scouting out bees nests at night, so it could promptly lead a group to it the next morning!
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HISTORY

The Protestant Reformation: 16

Why the Reformation Failed

Few Christians realize the importance of God's Holy Sabbath in church history. For instance, what part did the Sabbath play in the Reformation? Did you know that the reformers paid a terrible price because they refused to accept God's Sabbath and clung to the Papal Sunday?

It all happened at the 'Council of Trent', held in northeast Italy, and lasting from 1545 to 1563 A. D. The Papacy was loosing ground fast; the light of the Protestant faith was shining everywhere and the people could see it was a better way than the traditions of Rome. So the Pope called for a large council to decide what to do about it.

They studied and argued and the Protestants

held that the Bible was the only true grounds for our faith to be based on. It came to the place where Rome ran out of answers. She was very close to admitting that the Protestants were right, and changing her doctrines to match the Bible!

They argued and thought and studied; but could not find a way out of the fix they were in. Then one day: the Archbishop of Reggio *turned the Council against* the Reformation by the following argument:

"The Protestants *claim to stand upon the written word only*: they profess to hold the *Scriptures alone* as the standard of faith. They justify their revolt by the plea that the Church has apostatized from the written word and follows tradition. Now the Protestant's claim that they stand upon the written word alone is not true."

He went on to show that the Protestants did not themselves obey the Bible only:

"They *do not* observe the seventh day, but reject it. If they truly hold the Scriptures alone as the standard, they would be observing the seventh day as it is enjoined in the Scripture throughout. Yet they not only reject the observance of the Sabbath as enjoined in the written word, but they have adopted, and do practice, the observance of Sunday, for which they have *only the tradition of the (Catholic) Church*."

The council of Trent closed shortly after that and the Papal leaders went out determined to destroy the reformation. They are working hard on that today also.

The reformation had almost won, but their refusal of the True Sabbath allowed the wounded Papal power to rally and fight back!

But, you say, maybe the reformers had not heard about the Sabbath?

The name of Andreas Rudolph B. Carlstadt, the great apostle of the seventh day Sabbath, is almost unknown. He was born in Carlstadt, Bavaria, in 1480 and died in Basel, Switzerland, on December 25, 1541, at the age of 61 years. Carlstadt was a personal friend and co-worker with Martin Luther, but tried hard to show the truth on the Sabbath issue. Carlstadt kept the seventh day Sabbath and taught it

The rejection of the Sabbath at the Council of Trent at once crippled the advance of the Reformation. Protestants and Protestant reformers will be held responsible on Judgment Day for their unfaithfulness at a time when the entire Roman Church pivoted toward discarding all tradition.

Luther even said: “Indeed, if Carlstadt were to write further about the Sabbath, Sunday would have to give way, and Sabbath—that is to say, Saturday—must be kept holy.”

Carlstadt said: “In regard to the ceremonies of the Church all are to be rejected which have not a warrant in the Bible.”

Luther asserted on the contrary, “Whatever is not against the Scripture is for it.”

“Not so,” said Carlstadt. “We are bound to the Bible, and no one may decide after the thoughts of his own heart”

Luther had gone from one wrong teaching; that we are saved by penance and works; to the other wrong idea, that our deeds have nothing to do with salvation. He even rejected the book of James in the Bible, because it shows that obedience is a part of faith and without obedience, faith is dead.

Protestantism rejected the light on the True Sabbath and never again would she go forward with the same power. Almost as by enchantment the Reformation ceased to advance. Rome was not only able to check its spread but even to gain back a portion of what she had lost. Many nations remained almost totally Catholic.

The council of Trent was the Big Divide; what a sad situation from what might have been! The Roman Church, attacked by the Reformers, had at one time faced utter defeat. But she recovered! The reformers had dealt a deathblow to the Papacy. Unfortunately, the reformers themselves bound up the wound by clinging to Sunday, Rome’s day, and to other Papal traditions. They rejected the Sabbath of the Scriptures. Their claim to follow the Bible Only, is a lie.

Next we will learn about the powers Rome put in place to fight back. = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

After 13 Years!

This story comes from Canada, and was told to the writer personally by one of the children — now grown up, who prayed for help in a time of great need.

Try to picture the scene. A little log cabin stands on the vast Canadian prairie in winter, with a thick carpet of snow stretching out in all directions for miles and miles. Inside the cabin lives a family of six, consisting of father, mother, and four children—

one boy and three girls, the youngest being eight years old. For a long time the father has been having a hard struggle to make ends meet, and the return of winter has found him ill prepared to meet it. Plenty of wood has been gathered to keep the fire going, but food stocks are very low, and credit with the stores in the nearest town has run out.

Slowly the short, gloomy days and long, dark nights pass by. Now and then fierce blizzards pile snow above the widows and leave the log cabin like a tiny brown island amid a great white ocean.

Mother tries her very best to make the food last longer. Everybody is put on rations, but in vain. One day she tells Father that she has come to the end, nothing is left.

You can imagine how worried he feels; and not so much for himself as for the children he loves so dearly. What can be done? What would you do under such circumstances?

They talk it over together and decide to take their trouble to their heavenly Father and ask Him to help them out.

This they do, the father leading the family in prayer. They all pray, even the youngest, telling God how desperate is their need of food; how they need it this very day; and how they can see no way of getting any unless He helps them.

Rising from their knees, they begin to talk about what may happen. Each one tries to suggest something that God might do if—But all are mistaken.

How God does like to surprise His children! “Tom,” says Father after a while, “I have an impression that there are some letters waiting for us at the post office. I wish you would go into town and get them.”

“All right, Father,” says Tom, putting on his snowshoes and wrapping himself up well to meet the icy wind outside. “I’ll go, but there won’t be any. Nobody writes to us nowadays.”

“Well, run along, Tom,” replies Father. “Maybe you’ll be mistaken this time. Anyhow, try to get back before dark. We shall be looking out for you.”

Off goes Tom, moving skillfully over the snow, glad to be out in the open air, cold though it is, but quite sure he is going on a fruitless errand.

Arriving at the post office, he learns to his surprise that there is a letter—just one--addressed to his father. “Anyway, that will satisfy Dad,” he says to himself, putting it into his pocket before starting back on his homeward way.

Night is falling as he reaches the log cabin again,

where all are eagerly awaiting his return.

“Any letters?” they cry together.

“Yes, there is a letter; but only one.”

Father opens it. As he does so a check falls out. Tom picks it up.

“Why, Dad,” he exclaims, “it’s for one hundred dollars!”

“Wonderful, wonderful!” cries Father. “I lent this man one hundred dollars more than thirteen years ago and never expected to see a penny of it again. To think it should come back just now! It’s almost too good to be true.”

“But it is true, thank God,” says Mother, her eyes full of tears. “Once more He has not failed us. Let us kneel down now and thank Him for all His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men.” = ^ .. ^ =



STORY LESSON

Witchcraft

Beware of stories like ‘Harry Potter’ and all things about magic and witches – it is not fun or funny but dangerous!

God will protect us from Satan’s angels if we will yield our lives to Him and trust and obey the Bible. But if you go looking for curiosity and excitement, you will be caught and captured.

A young Fijian woman living in Winembuka, about sixty miles from Suva, whose grandfather had been a devil priest, decided she would try to contact the power with whom he communed. This was to be just a bit of fun, or so she thought.

Unknown to her parents, she went to the edge of the village and tried to summon the spirits. Soon the villagers realized the woman was regularly doing it. Her parents, which were Christian, tried to dissuade her, but she would not listen to them. She said the being she spoke with appeared in the form of a great green snake. But it spoke as a person would.

Eventually, the meetings became so gruesome that she realized she would be destroyed if she continued. She was face to face with a terrible power.

One day, she totally turned her back on it, and refused to go out and talk to the snake. A few days later, she fell to the ground, possessed by demons.

In desperation, her family sent for their minister. By the time he and two other ministers had arrived, the girl had been laying on the ground for three days without eating or drinking.

When they tried to speak to her, she would scream at them, as though she were a wild animal. The men prayed earnestly. Then they ordered the evil spirits, in the name of Jesus, to come out of her.

Immediately, she turned toward them and glared like a cornered animal. Then she dropped to the floor; and, stretching out full length with staring eyes and frothing mouth, she crawled across the room toward them, slithering like a snake. Then she stopped and went limp.

They bathed her face with water, and she sat up. “Where am I, and why are you here?” she asked. Then they told her what had happened. Turning to her parents, she asked forgiveness for her defiance of their counsel. Then, all together, they thanked God for casting out the evil spirits.

Never, never have anything to do with any form of spiritualism, even for ‘fun’! = ^ .. ^ =



BUILDING FOR JESUS

Children of the Light!

Far away on a rocky shore stood a lighthouse. Night after night its brilliant beam shone out across the dark and dangerous waters.

Slowly the light turned, growing brighter, then fainter, then brighter again, never failing, ever warning of the rocks that lay beneath. Ships that passed in the night sailed in safety into the harbor. When their captains saw the light they knew that all was well.

Winter and summer the light blazed on. Through long, calm, starlit nights, through storm and tempest, it never went out. The deeper the darkness, the more brilliant it shone; the more terrible the tempest, the more welcome were its warning beams.

In that far-off, lonely lighthouse lived a man, his wife, and two children, Paul and Rene. It was a quiet and strange life for them. Their home was the tall, narrow lighthouse. Their life centered in the light above them. They were there for the one purpose of keeping the light burning.

One evening, as dusk was falling, Father climbed up the steep, narrow staircase, as he had done so many times before, to kindle the light. In a few moments he returned looking pale and sick.

"I am ill," he said, and collapsed in a chair.

Mother ran to him in deep distress, for it was clear he was dying. For a moment all was confusion, and the children stood by, anxious and worried.

After a little while, when Father had been put to bed, Paul spoke.

"Mother," he said, "what about the light?"

"Go and see," she said; "I cannot go now."

So Paul and Rene crept softly out of the little room and climbed up the cold, dark staircase. Night had fallen. A storm was blowing up; dark clouds scudded across the pale moon. Below, great waves boomed on the rocks, the spray hissing as it curled back into the wild, raging sea.

The light was burning, but there was something wrong. Over the sea all was darkness, and the great beam from the light-house shone only toward the land.

"Rene!" cried Paul, "the shade is not turning. The ships will not see the light. What shall we do?"

"Can you start the machinery?" asked Rene. "I'll try," said Paul.

Paul had seen his father do it many times, and thought he could do it now. But he soon found that something serious was the matter; something had gone wrong. The machinery was broken, and he could not mend it.

"What shall we do?" cried Rene.

"There is the hand wheel," said Paul.

"But you could not turn that alone."

"No, but we could turn it together," said Paul. "Remember, Rene, we are the children of the light."

"I'll help you," cried Rene.

Seizing the great hand wheel, they began to turn it. The shade moved, and they were very glad. The ships would see the light after all.

Hour after hour they toiled on. No night had ever seemed so long. Their arms grew tired. Their hands became sore and blistered. Minutes seemed like hours, and hours were like years.

They grew so weary that they wept as they turned. Outside the storm broke and raged in fury around them. Below, Father was dying and Mother was weeping in sorrow over him. But still these children of the light kept turning, turning, turning. In utter weariness they carried on until a faint gray light in the east told them that their task was done.

Captains saw the light that night—and thanked God for it. Yet they never knew what was happening in the lighthouse, nor of the heroism of those two little children who were faithful to their trust.

Just as Paul and Rene kept the light burning through that long, stormy night, so God wants every child of His to keep the light of His love and truth shining out into the cold, dark world.

The darker our surroundings, the more brightly our light should shine. The worse the storm, the more constant it should be. Neither sorrow nor weariness should be allowed to put it out. There are many ships passing, looking to us for comfort and guidance and friendliness. So we who are children of the light must keep it burning through the night. = ^ .. ^ =





Year 1: 4th Quarter:
“BIBLE PICTURE STORIES”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 8: “BUILDING”

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: “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:”
Matthew 7:24

Sunday

Text: Matthew 7:26 “And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand.”

This is a very important story that Jesus told to us. I'm sure most of you know it quite well because of the little song boys and girls love to sing, about the wise and foolish men and their houses. They especially like the 'fall down' part.

But I want you to think today about the meaning. By “houses”, Jesus meant our lives. And He told us that we must build our lives on a solid rock. The “solid rock” is Jesus and His Words of Truth found in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy writings.

You know, before the storm hit, both of those houses probably looked the same. They both looked safe. The people in the house on the sand thought they were safe.

Most of the people in the Christian world today have their houses built on the shifting sand of men's ideas. They go to church and they hear what the ministers say, and they love the ministers who tell them that they don't have to worry—all they have to do is just ‘accept’ Jesus, believe in Him and join the church, and they will be sure to go to heaven.

This is shifty sand indeed! Then there are some that say, as long as you read your Bible each day and pray and go to church, you are Alright. it doesn't matter if you keep sins in your life, Jesus will take them all away when He returns! This is a terrible lie!

When Jesus comes, only those who have allowed Him to remove all sins from their lives and give them power to live a life like Jesus; only they will be able to live in His presence.

When the priest in old Israel had to go into the Most Holy Place where Jesus' presence was; if he had sin in his life he would die! Some say that's why they tied a long rope to one of his ankles so he could be pulled out of there if he died before the Lord.

Jesus accepts sinners who choose to give up their sins, but we can't hang on to them and think it's just fine, and we will be saved. This is the worst kind of sinking sand.

Thought - There is a ‘storm’ coming that is going to hit all our ‘houses’; we must be sure we are on the Rock!

Monday

Text: Luke 6:48 “He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.”

We saw some of the sand, people have their life ‘houses’ built on; now let's see the Rock. The Rock is Jesus, our Saviour, all our hopes to be saved and enter heaven at last, center around Him.

To understand how Jesus saves us, first look at how man got lost to start with—Adam and Eve chose to believe a lie and not believe God, and then they chose to disobey the command of God and do what they felt like doing.

Nobody will be lost because they were fooled and believed a lie. They will be lost because they chose to believe the lie—instead of God's truth. When people are fooled, God sends truth to them in some way, and then it is up to them to accept it

and obey it. But all too many say, “I like to believe this better [the lie], I won’t believe the Word of God, after all, all the people in my church believe what I do, and most of the other churches believe it also. All those people and ministers can’t be wrong.”

So they reject truth and keep on with the lie; the house is on the sand—and the storm is on its way!

Thought - Notice the man in the story had to ‘dig deep’ to put his house on the Rock. If we are not willing to study for ourselves from inspired writings and learn and obey truth, we won’t even find the Rock! So after we find the Rock, we fall on Jesus, and our faith house is built on Him.

Tuesday

Text: Matthew 21:42, 44 “Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? ...And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.”

Here Jesus is talking to the church leaders and what He said made them so mad, they wanted to kill Him! Some people like to tell you that Jesus always said nice, sweet things and Jesus never criticized anybody, this is just not true at all. Jesus put forth the Truth and the Truth always upsets people who want to believe lies and not obey God.

He was telling them here about a Rock, and they knew that Rock meant Jesus Himself. He was telling them if they did not humble themselves and come and accept Him, that one-day He would have to destroy them.

Falling on the Rock and being ‘broken’ means that we come to Jesus and admit that we are lost sinners, we cannot save ourselves, there is No Good in us at all. If you fall hard on a big Rock, you are going to have broken bones! You will need someone to pick you up and put you back together.

This is just what Jesus does when we ask Him to, not only forgive our sins, but to take them away, out of our lives. We ask Him to come and live His life in us.

He does this by the Holy Spirit and then when temptation comes and we choose to resist it, the

Power of God in the Holy Spirit gives us victory over sin. This is how we ‘build on the Rock’—day by day we keep ‘falling’ on Him and depending on Him, and trusting in Him, and choosing to obey Him—and so our ‘houses’ get built onto that solid Rock.

Thought - Building on the Rock seems hard sometimes, and building on the sand seems easier, but when the storm comes, the houses on the Rock will have it easier, and the sand houses will have a terrible, horrible shock!

Wednesday

Text: Psalm 118:22 “The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.”

When the wonderful temple of Solomon was being built, all the stones for it were prepared far away from where it would be built. Every stone had its place and when all was ready the temple was to be built without the sound of hammers and chisels. Sort of like a giant Lego-set. It was the most wonderful building ever built on this earth.

The story goes, that as the builders were putting the building together, they came upon a stone that was very large and strangely shaped. It just did not seem to fit in with the plans anywhere! So they moved it to one side and went on building.

When they got to the place where they had to have a very special and strong stone to use as the main stone to hold the building together, the ‘capstone’, they could not find one strong enough. Then someone remembered the strange stone that they had set aside. They looked at it and tested it. Sure enough, it was the right one and when placed into the building it kept it all together.

Jesus is not only the Rock foundation for our house, He is also the One who keeps it all together and gives strength to keep it from falling down. He is the ‘First and the Last’, we come to Him when we are poor lost sinners and He saves us and we keep coming to Him and He builds us and finally, when the storm hits, we can depend on Him to keep us safe and strong in Him.

Thought - Never be discouraged when you see sins in your life, take hold of Jesus’ Power and you can be free of every one of them! If anyone tells you that you have no choice, but must go on sinning until Jesus comes; they are telling you Satan’s lies—no matter who they are, they are wrong!

Thursday

Text: Luke 14:28-30 “For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.”

Jesus was here telling a very important lesson to the Pharisees and to us all. In the sacrifices and ceremonies that pointed to Jesus, the Jewish nation had been laying the foundation of their religious faith, and they had come to the place where they could advance no farther. They had to have that ‘chief cornerstone’ to finish their tower.

But the Stone, Jesus, was a ‘Rock of Offence’ to them. They would not accept Him even though He clearly was the only one Who could ‘fit’ and had stood every test.

Jesus was the one predicted in all their sacrificial services, He alone could make atonement for their sins, and He was among them and they would not believe Him. He who alone could give power and meaning to their faith was refused. And their refusal to receive the world’s Redeemer left them with their salvation incomplete; without Christ they were a ruin.

In order to accept Jesus, they would have had to obey Him, to come down from the throne and let Him rule. They would not fall on the Rock!

Thought - We too, have to turn the ‘throne of our lives’ over to Jesus. If we don’t make Him ‘King of All’ in our life, our lives will be only a ruin at last.

Friday

Text: 1 Peter 2:4-8 “To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief

corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.”

Peter listened very closely to Jesus’ lessons about building and the important foundation and cornerstone, and he talks about them here.

He is also pointing out that each one of us is also like a stone that Jesus uses to build up His ‘Temple’ on earth. Now when a stone, even a jewel, is first dug out of the ground, it is dirty and rough. In order to be a useful and worthwhile stone, it has to be cut and polished. It has to be shaped so it will fit into God’s plans. (Remember the ‘place’ in heaven that Jesus is preparing for us?)

If a stone had feelings, it might not like to be cut and polished and shaped, just so, sometimes when things are hard and not the way we like them to be, we might be tempted to grumble.

But Jesus knows what He is doing and if we choose to obey Him and be faithful, no matter what—in eternity we will be pleased with all God has done for us. No one in heaven will say to God; “I wish You had done things different for me!” All will declare that His ways are right and perfect.

Thought - “Those who believe in Christ must be willing, if necessary, to forsake father and mother, sisters and brothers, and, if need be, sacrifice their own lives, in order to be doers of the Word, Those who refuse to do this, who refuse to lift the cross, can not be Christ’s disciples.” The Signs of the Times 07-21-98-7 = ^ .. ^ =

