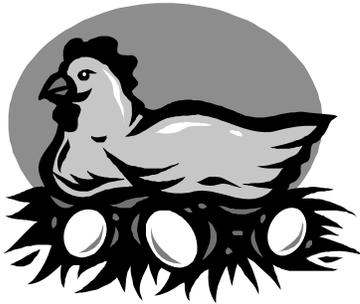


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To provide Bible based, true reading material for children and youth.

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### CREATION CORNER

#### Under His Wings

This story has been told often, but just in case you haven't heard it, here it is. It has such a lesson in it that it is good to hear it again.

After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree.

Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings.

The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety but refused to abandon her babies.

When the blaze had arrived and the heat

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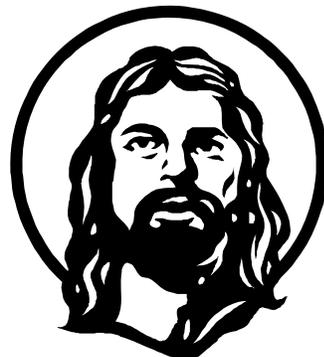
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had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings would live.

**"He will cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust."**

**Psalm 91:4.** Being loved this much should make a difference in your life. Remember the One who loves you—He could have stayed in safety, but because He was willing to die, we can be saved under His wings! = ^ .. ^ =



## HISTORY

### JESUITS IN CHINA

In the 700s there were probably more Sabbath Keeping Christians in China, than there are today. The true gospel message was carried early to China and many believed in Jesus.

Also from Old Testament times, the Sabbath was known in China. In 781 an amazing stone was carved and set up for a memorial of the wonderful religion. It told the story in both Chinese writing and ancient Syriac. Through the ages it got buried but in 1625 it was found again near the city of Changan.

The early true Christian religion in China gave great wisdom and progress to that nation and this stone gratefully told the tale.

But by the time this stone was found, there were others in China who were determined to destroy the true church. The famous pioneer Jesuit, Francis Xavier, sailed for Japan in 1549. Later he came into China. His stay in China, however, was short. His successors had a hard time with the mandarins.

It was not until January 1601, that Matteo Ricci, a Jesuit priest from Portugal, succeeded in getting influence in Peking, principally through his skill in mathematics, the building of war engines, and astronomy. Backed by the power of Portugal and Spain, the Jesuits gained great prestige with the educated class and the imperial court.

In 1615 Chinese rulers ask the emperor to have the Jesuits translate the best European books into Chinese. Of course the Jesuits supported heathen practices and sought to destroy the truth and they didn't mind lying. You can be sure the books they translated were all Catholic ones.

When the wonderful stone was discovered, both the Jesuits and the ruling Mandarins were worried. The Jesuits saw quickly that the historic monument proclaimed the early entrance into China of the Church of the East, which had been excommunicated about A.D. 200 by the bishop of Rome. The Jesuits did not want anyone to know that they were not the true apostolic church, and this stone showed clearly that their ways were false.

The Mandarins did not want the people to know

there had been changes through the ages in how the Chinese language was written down. They had lied to the people telling them that the letter characters were the same from ancient times. So both decided to do a very wicked and dishonest thing.

They destroyed the Chinese writing and put new writing there that supported Catholicism.

But certain things happened to give us the truth today. They could not read Syriac so they left that part alone. Today we see the Syriac part tells the truth and does not agree with the Jesuit corruption.

A Chinese governor went quickly to see the stone as soon as it was found. He had a book made to honour it and ordered an exact copy of the stone to be made. But on this stone the false Jesuit inscription was made and that was shown to the people.

When the stone was found there was a great interest among the people and so both sides in this wicked plan had to work fast to hide the truth, or be proved to be liars.

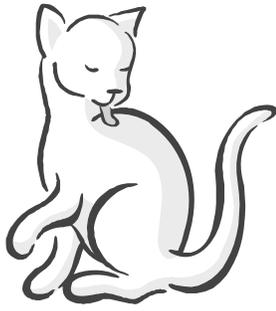
But the Syriac inscription upon the stone is genuine. It shows definitely the year in which the stone was erected.

Secondly, it states clearly and correctly the name of the head over the Church of the East in China. It gives also clearly and correctly the name of the father of fathers, supreme head over the Church of the East throughout the world, allowing no doubt that the monument was a memorial to that church and to its triumph in China.

The Syriac also states definitely that on this stone was the doctrine of Him who was our Redeemer and the teaching that was preached by their forefathers to the kings of China.

From the statements chiseled centuries ago in the Syrian language upon this remarkable table, the story of the outstanding work accomplished by the Church of the East in China is continued.

An unnumbered throng who have been converted to Christ in China through the efforts of the true Church of the Wilderness will stand victorious on the sea of glass redeemed from the earth. = ^ .. ^ =



## TRUE-STORY-TIME

### CATS TO THE RESCUE part 1

We all know about guard dogs that protect people but are there really guard cats?

On her way home from working late at the TV studio, Sally was more than a little anxious. All she could think of was the diabolical night stalker who had already claimed eight victims in her neighborhood, all young women about Sally's age.

About a block from her apartment building, Sally was surprised to find her cat, Caramel, meowing frantically in the street just ahead of her.

Normally, the five-year-old tabby awaited Sally's return from the comfort of her apartment arm-chair. Puzzled at seeing Caramel in the street, Sally paused. Just before the cat could reach her, Sally was grabbed violently from behind and roughly dragged toward a waiting car.

Caramel's ear-splitting yowls distracted the attacker, who momentarily released his grip just long enough for Sally to scream for help at the top of her lungs. The attacker fled.

Did Caramel leave the apartment to meet Sally because an angel guided her to save her mistress? God can work through the animals He made.

Frances Louise Martin lived alone in a remote area with her cat, Mouse. Mouse got her name because she was, well, a scaredy cat. Martin was sound asleep one night, with Mouse snoozing on the pillow next to her. Suddenly she was jarred awake. She saw a shadowy male figure looming over her so closely that she could smell the alcohol on his breath.

Just as the intruder started to speak (and who knows what he would have said?) Mouse came flying through the air, a spitting, clawing mass of fur who attached herself to the intruder's face. In panic and pain, the man careened around the room, with Mouse in tow. The would-be attacker upended furniture, flew through the house, found

the front door and scrambled out. And the courageous cat never let go till he was out the door!

In her heroic effort, Mouse lost only one claw. But because she left it in her victim's tattered face, it was that much easier for the police to identify and arrest the intruder. = ^ .. ^ =

## STORY LESSON

### My Body Temple - Circulation

While the blood is passing through the small blood vessels in the various parts of the body, each part takes out just what it needs to build up its own tissues. At the same time, the tissues give out their worn-out or waste matters. The red blood cells (corpuscles) in the capillaries give up their oxygen, and the blood receives in its stead a poisonous substance called carbon-dioxide.

While in the arteries the blood is of a bright red color; but while it is passing through the capillaries the color changes to a bluish red, or purple, color. The red blood is called arterial blood, because it is found in the arteries. The purple blood is called venous blood, because it is found in the veins. The loss of oxygen in the cells causes the change of color.

Exactly the opposite happens in the blood when it passes through the lungs. The blood, which has been gathered from the various parts of the body, is dark, impure blood. In the lungs this dark blood is spread out in very tiny capillaries and exposed to the air.

While passing through the capillaries of the lungs, the blood gives up some of its impurities in exchange for oxygen from the air. The red cells absorb the oxygen and the color of the blood changes from dark purple to bright red again. The purified blood is then carried back to the upper chamber of the left side of the heart through four large veins. The blood is now ready to begin another journey around the body.

If you place your finger on your wrist at just the right spot, you can feel a slight beating. This beating is called the pulse. It is caused by the movement of the blood in the artery of the wrist at each beat of the heart. The pulse can be felt at the neck and in other parts of the body where an artery comes near to the surface.

The heart is a small organ, only about as large as your fist, and yet it does an amazing amount of

work. Each time it beats, it does as much work as your arm would do in lifting a large apple from the ground to your mouth. It beats when we are asleep as well as when we are awake. When we run it beats very fast. A ton is 2,000 pounds; in twenty-four hours the heart does as much work as a man would do in lifting stones enough to weigh more than one hundred and twenty tons.

While the blood is passing through the capillaries, some of the white cells escape from the blood vessels. What do you suppose becomes of these run-away cells? Nature has provided a way by which they can get back to the heart. In the little spaces among the tissues outside of the blood vessels very tiny channels called lymph channels or lymphatics (lym-pha't-ics) begin. The whole body is filled with these small channels, which run together like a net. In the center of the body the small lymphatics run into large ones, which empty into the veins near the heart. This is how the stray white blood cells get back into the blood.

In the lymph channels the white cells float in a colorless fluid called lymph. The lymph is plasma from the blood, which has soaked through the walls of the small vessels. The chief purpose of the lymphatics is to carry the lymph from the tissues back to the heart.

Here and there, scattered through the body, are oval structures where many lymphatic vessels connect. These are called lymph nodes. In these, germs and foreign matter are trapped and eaten up by the white blood cells. The heart and blood vessels are among the most wonderful structures in the body. = ^ .. ^ =

## MISSION STORY

### “MASTER ON TOP, HE STRONG”

The book of Acts tells the story of the early Christian missions, but the same God is with all true missionaries. We are going to look at stories from the early days of Protestant and SDA missions.

The story was told by Missionary J. D. Anderson, of the Australasian Seventh-day Adventist missions in the New Hebrides. The missionary, with a crew of six boys of Malekula, was on a 260-mile journey to meet the steamer at Tulagi, and return to his station.

“After a very pleasant run of five hours, a heavy storm broke upon us just as we were about to enter an opening in one of the reefs to anchor for a short time. The wind blew fiercely, and the rain was so heavy that we were unable to see any more than the length of the boat. Charlie, my native helper, who has had much experience with boats, was acting as captain, and gave orders to put to sea. I immediately went to the engine, and being assured that all was well there, I came on deck, but at once felt that we were in danger, so again disappeared below to place the position before the Lord.

“Up to this time we had been steering by the land, but while I was on my knees, almost audible words said to me, ‘Get out your compass.’ This I did, and found we were going straight for the reef; so we put to sea. After about half an hour the storm lifted, and we were able to get in through the reef to a safe anchorage, and just in time, for a heavier storm came on, and continued all the afternoon and well into the night.

Next morning they left again and after struggling through heavy seas they made it to Gala, and then the next day Tulagi, where the steamer was met. After the weekend at Tulagi, the homeward run was begun. Storms delayed them, but on Wednesday morning they were again on their way.

“By 7:30 the wind again arose, and it was not very long before we were in a heavy sea. Up to this time the engine had been running nicely, and our sails were folded. A voice seemed to say, ‘Put up your sails.’ But I felt that it was safer to run along under engine power. Almost immediately the words again came, ‘The engine is going to give out, so you will have to put up the sails.’ Scarcely had these words been spoken when a small piece in the engine broke, so I gave orders to set sail and run with the storm.

“This done, we were going along at a fair speed when the thought came to me, ‘What would you do if the boat went over?’ Then a voice seemed to say again, ‘You are going to turn over, but angels will lift the boat up, and you will speak, and the waves will be calm.’ I said in prayer, ‘O Lord, it is too much.’ But again the voice said, ‘Why be afraid? The angels will help you, and this will take place to show the boys that the God whom you serve is able to deliver.’ I again said in prayer, ‘Thy will be done, O Lord, not mine.’

“We had not proceeded far when two large waves came . . . The boat was turned to meet the first wave all right, but was not able to right herself

again before the second wave caught her and seemed to stand her almost mastward. All hands on deck were thrown into the sea. At the time, I was standing in the cabin with my head out, but was thrown headlong into the water. I cannot recollect what happened to me then, but I do know that, although the worst swimmer of all, I was the first on deck. When I did recollect myself, I was sitting on the side of the boat.

“As I sat there, the boat began in a miraculous way to right herself, notwithstanding the fact that everything was against her. Everything inside the boat was thrown to one side, and some of the boys were hanging on to the sunken side. One boy came up on the boom as the boat came up. As she righted, I remembered the words spoken to me regarding the waves, - ‘You will speak, and the waves will be calm,’—so I prayed and lifted up my hand to God, which was noticed by some of the boys; and for about fifty yards back from the boat the water appeared as smooth as a pool, nor did any waves of any size reach us again until we had everything righted and were well under sail.

“Charlie and I went into the cabin and thanked the Lord for the wonderful deliverance. The other five boys, who had never shown any interest in things of God, were astonished. On arriving at a safe anchorage, they could not talk quickly enough about it. They said, ‘Truly your Chief is strong. If this had been any other boat, we would have all been drowned today.’ We had been from fifteen to twenty miles from land at the time.

“On reaching their homes the boys related their experiences during the trip, but many of the old folks would not believe what was told them. So I was called to the island where they lived, as an authority, and there asked to relate everything—what was spoken to me before the accident, and everything that occurred at that time and afterward. If I forgot anything, the boys would prompt me, and when I was through they said, ‘True, it was this Master up on top that helped us.’ Most of the old folks then also said, ‘Master above, He strong!’

Amid the dashing spray that swept the deck in the Bible story, an angel stood, saying to the apostle Paul, “Fear not.” The same angels are with the missionaries today. = ^ .. ^ =



**Year 2: 1st Quarter:  
“THE WONDERS OF REVELATION”  
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 1:  
“JOHN ON PATMOS”**

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: “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8**

**“THE WONDERS OF REVELATION”  
INTRODUCTION:**

For this quarter we are going to look at some of the wonderful lessons in Revelation. This is a very special book to us, as it tells about all the happenings that effect God's people until Jesus comes again. Of course, like we did with the book of Daniel, we have to just look at the main parts. We could spend a whole year on the lessons in Revelation.

There are many people talking about Revelation these days and most of what they are saying is not true. Why is this? There are many reasons; one of the main ones is that Satan knows that the great prophetic message that is soon going to shake the world and drive back the darkness of his lies, is from prophecy, mostly Daniel and Revelation, just like it was in the 1840's when the Adventists, the ‘people of prophecy’ spread the news everywhere that the prophecy of Daniel 8: 14 was soon to end. In fact, it's the same prophecies, only with a bit more added!

Just like back there, Satan is raising up people in the popular churches to preach false ideas, which they claim, come from the Bible, so that it will get people so mixed up that they won't believe the real message.

When the popular churches refused to believe the Advent message and the Sabbath message in the 1840's, they lost the ability to really understand the prophecies; so even when they want to, they don't get them right.

Another reason for false prophecy ideas is because people have changed from what our prophet told us was a right meaning, to whatever they want to believe. If you take a wrong turn at the beginning of a long trip, you will never get to the right place at the end of it.

We can never take the ideas of the churches that the Bible tells us have fallen and can't know the prophecies, and think that we should copy their ideas to know the truth. They refused the truth, so they don't have it now!

Some people make up wrong ideas of prophecy or avoid it altogether because it sounds scary to them. Well, it is meant to sound scary, because Jesus wants all of us to wake up and come close to Him and work with Him to get all the sins out of our lives so we can go home with Him. He doesn't want any of us to be missing. If we listen to Him and give our hearts to Him, then we don't feel afraid anymore; but if we don't, we need to feel afraid so we will run to Him!

How will we know that **we** are getting them right? Well, we will use the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy writings to explain the prophecies. Ellen White told us that certain of the understandings the early pioneers (before 1850) had about prophecy were correct and would be taught again just before Jesus returns. So we will not follow ideas, which don't agree with these pioneers.

When we do this, we will find that all the prophecies fit together in a wonderful way that gives a clear picture of what Jesus wants to tell us. It won't be hard to understand or figure out and it will give us courage as we see how Jesus is in charge of His children, and will care for them in spite of all the tricks Satan can use to try to harm them.

In the last days Satan is going to use all the tricks he knows but always remember, Jesus defeated all of Satan's tricks, he can never fool Jesus, nor can he take us away from Jesus if we choose to stay with Jesus and His truth.

But, some may say, "I am just 'a kid', I can't

understand these things." Oh, yes you can! If you are almost 10 years old or more, you can probably learn to understand them easier than older people.

If you want to be really smart, start reading the book 'Great Controversy', if it is hard at first, don't give up! Ask Jesus to send angels and the Holy Spirit to help you. If you find words you don't know, ask someone, or look them up in a dictionary. It will get easier and you will be surprised how much wonderful truth you will soon know. Remember, Satan hates that book and the Bible so he will try in dozens of ways to discourage you; don't let him win! Keep going until you read it all, and then read it again!

It was the children in Jesus' day that sang His praises when the adults rejected Him; it was children who preached in the 1840s when adults were forbidden to; and in the future it will be children who will give the message, when again adults will not be able to. There's no such thing as 'just a kid' in the sight of Jesus!

**"But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak." Jeremiah 1:7**

### Read Revelation 1:

#### Sunday

**Text: Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:"**

The word 'Revelation' means something revealed or shown to us. Yet many people say it can't be understood. This is not true at all!

This verse shows us that it is Jesus who sent this message to us and John was the one who wrote it down. It also tells us that the things were to happen soon. We know that the messages in Revelation began to happen even while John was still alive.

Look at verses 5 and 6; see the wonderful words here—"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so!

"And hath made us kings and priests unto God"; we are to be kings and priests; children of the heavenly King, helping others to learn about Jesus!

There is another unique thing about this book; it has a special blessing in it! No other book has

this blessing. Verse 3 “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.”

There are 3 blessings: for those who read; but some refuse to read it; they won't have a blessing. For those who hear the words of the prophecy; but some will not listen to it; they will have no blessing. And for those who will keep the things written in this book; but many will not keep them; they will have no blessing.

**Thought** - I want those blessings, don't you? We will read the book, listen to it and with the power of Jesus keep what we learn here!

### Monday

**Text: Revelation 1:7** “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”

Here is another place where Jesus is promising to come back to take His children home. “Jesus is coming in clouds of pure white, to take His children home! I must be ready when Jesus comes, to take His children home!”

But here we also learn of groups that see Jesus coming and are not happy at all! It says they will wail, that means they will scream and cry. It says first, those that pierced Him. The wicked men who tortured and killed Jesus will be raised from their graves to see Him come. How will they feel when they see the marks of what they did on the great King of the universe!

The other group are those who have loved the worldly things and have not given their hearts to Jesus and are full of sin and selfishness. At this time they will have been planning to kill all of God's people who would not disobey Jesus. But Jesus will put an end to their cruel plans.

In verse 8 he says, “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”

In the Greek alphabet, Alpha was the first letter and Omega, which looked like a round horseshoe, was the last letter. So Jesus here is telling us He is there for us at the beginning, and will be there at the end, and all the time in between. We would say He is the A-Z.

**Thought** - Jesus will be with us when we come to Him and give our hearts to Him; when we live day by day; and all the way to the time when He comes to take us home with Him.

### Tuesday

**Text: Revelation 1:9** “I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

How did John, the dear old man who loved Jesus so much and taught people about Jesus' love, end up on that rocky, rough island of Patmos, where the Romans sent their criminals? Well, it is an interesting story.

The Roman Emperor was trying hard to get rid of all the Christians. He thought if he caught John, who was the last of Jesus' disciples that was still alive, and killed him in a horrible way, that would scare the Christians enough to make them stop talking about Jesus and worship the emperor.

So he sent soldiers who caught the old man and threw him into prison. Then he ordered him to be boiled in oil! Have you ever dropped a potato chip into boiling oil and seen it sizzle and turn brown and crisp? Well, that is what the Romans wanted to do with dear old John.

They threw him into the huge pot of boiling oil, but he didn't sizzle, he didn't die, in fact he wasn't even hurt! Just like the 3 Hebrews in the fiery furnace, he was quite safe there in the kettle.

They did not know what to do with this man they could not kill, so they sent him to Patmos with the criminals. They were sure they had put an end to his work. But there, on that rocky, barren island, Jesus came to visit him and gave him the Revelation.

John probably felt his work was nearly ended when he ended up on Patmos, but do you know that later he was set free, and it was then that he wrote Revelation. Later on he wrote the wonderful book of John, where he tells the story of Jesus, giving us special information we don't find in the other gospels. His most important work was after Patmos.

**Thought** - I sort of think that many of the criminals on Patmos, would have learned about Jesus and His love, while on that island with dear old John, don't you?

### Wednesday

**Text: Revelation 1:10,12, 13** “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, And I turned to see the

**voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle."**

It was the Sabbath day and John had gone off alone to worship his Lord in nature. As he sat thinking on spiritual things and praying, he was given a vision. That is what he means when he says, "I was in the Spirit".

One of the most important things about understanding prophecy, is that you must use the Bible to tell you what the Bible means, you must never guess or put your own ideas in there!

Some people try to tell us that when John said 'the Lord's Day', that he meant Sunday. There is nowhere in the whole Bible where Sunday is called 'the Lord's Day'. In fact Sunday is never called anything in the Bible except the 'First Day' of the week. But the Bible does have a day it calls the Lord's Day, in lots of places—It is the Sabbath day! **"Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Mark 2:28.**

All at once John heard a voice, an amazing voice! And he turned quickly to see what it was. There he saw his dear Lord, but not toil-worn and poor as He was on earth, He appeared bright and glorious. Let's read what John saw;

**Verses 14-16: "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."**

Do you know what the 'two-edged sword' is that went out of His mouth? It means the Word of God—the Bible! The Bible is the Christian's sword. With it we defeat the cruel enemy, Satan.

**Thought** - Think about what an amazing sight that John saw. This is what Jesus will look like when He comes in the clouds to take us home!

### Thursday

**Text: Revelation 1:17 "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:"**

John was so overwhelmed from seeing Jesus that he fell on his face on the ground. This is a very important point. When a messenger from heaven comes close to a person, he is so overcome with his own unworthiness that he will fall to the ground. He will feel very humble; he will not be bold or proud.

But it was the same Jesus who John had so loved when He was on earth, and now He came over to the dear old man and gently laid His hand on John to strengthen him. How precious to Jesus was that dear old disciple that had grown old in His service!

When we learned about Daniel, we read that he also fell on his face when he saw the heavenly beings. Even when God's Holy Spirit comes especially close to us, in prayer or in a worship meeting, you will find that people will become very quiet, and want to bow down humbly. Sometimes they will quietly weep as they feel how sinful they are. Even heavenly angels bow down and show reverence to Jesus.

This is why we should always be reverent and quiet in church or worship. The Holy Spirit is never found where there is noise, loud, heavy beat music, clapping or shouting. He will not be present where people are all excited, jumping around and dancing. There might be a 'spirit' there, but it is a demon spirit, not a holy one.

**Thought** - If you meet people who are boastful and proud and talk a lot about how much they know God; you can be sure they really don't know Him at all.

### Friday

**Text: Revelation 1:18, 19 "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter:"**

These words of Jesus are so wonderful to us. Jesus lives! He died for us, and He rose again and now He tells us that He has the keys of death. Have you ever had someone you love die? If they are very close to you, it makes you feel so sad and lonely.

But down through the ages, Christians have had a precious hope; Jesus was dead—and He rose again! And now He has the keys—the keys to let His dear people out of the prison of death and the

grave. When someone dies in Jesus; we know they will come out of that grave again. When Jesus comes, they will rise again, because Jesus has the keys!

Did you know there is a man on earth today that claims he has those keys? Yes, the pope claims that he has the keys of heaven and hell. If you look on the Vatican flag, you will see a picture of two big old keys, crossed on there. But we know that Jesus has the keys, nobody else has them.

Now Jesus tells John to write down all that He is going to show him. He tells him to write down

what he has seen, what is right then and also what is going to happen in the future! Now only God really knows what will happen in the future, and this is what that book of Revelation is all about.

When John wrote it, most of it had not yet happened; but now when we read it, most of it has already happened; some of it is happening now, and the rest is soon going to happen.

**Thought** – How wonderful it must have been for John to see all those wonderful things, but I think what made him the happiest, was to see dear Jesus, don't you? = ^ .. ^ =

