

# TEMKIT FOR CHILDREN

## TEMKIT'S MISSION:

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

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### CREATION CORNER

#### Silly Goose?

Have you ever called someone a “silly goose”? This widely used expression is strangely inappropriate, for geese usually seem to know just what they want and how to go about getting it. Some people contend that geese are among the smartest of all animals.

A goose named Simon who lived on a farm I often visited well deserved this reputation. He appointed himself guardian of the small boy of the family, he would take no nonsense from the dog, and he “policed” the barnyard in such a way that we liked to imagine him in a cap and badge. Even the adults of the family hesitated to do anything out of the ordinary routine for fear of provoking Simon’s displeasure.

Geese react resourcefully under danger. A goose is quick to dive under water if it is wounded. Then, with its body just below the surface and only its bill exposed, it heads for shore where it tries to hide among the brush and grass.

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Both goose and gander will defy a suspected enemy by opening the mouth and hissing violently. Nor is this loud “talk” a bluff. A gander is able to seize many smaller adversaries in his strong hard bill and beat them to death with his wings.

#### The Canada Goose:

There are several species of wild geese on the North American continent, but probably none are more widely known than the Canada goose. At one season or another this bird may be found from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic.

In the northern part of its range, when the days grow shorter and a hint of frost warns that winter is approaching, the leaders of the flocks spur their followers to action. These leaders are usually old ganders that have trekked down the continent and back many times.

The birds soar skyward. High above the ground they form two lines which join to form a large V, with the lead-gander at the forward point. His strength enables him to make the initial break, in the air mass. He starts off with spirited

honks and is frequently answered by the birds behind him as if by way of assurance that “all’s well!”

As a rule, migrating geese rest at night. As sundown approaches, the leader looks for a suitable lake and glides down to it in a long incline, followed by the flock. However, if no safe landing place’ is found, a flock of Canada geese may stay in the air for more than, twenty-four hours. It has been calculated that they sometimes fly a thousand miles without a stop!

### TRUE-STORY-TIME

#### “Season’s Greetings to the Class of 1949”

Dwain L. Ford. Recently I read Psalms 145 and meditated on the greatness and mighty acts of our loving Creator and Redeemer. Verse 4 caught my attention; “One generation shall praise Thy works to another and shall declare Thy mighty acts.” As I was contemplating our responsibility in this matter, I remembered how inspired I was more than 65 years ago when our Norwegian neighbor, David Gulbrandson shared some of his experiences.

Born October 20, 1885 he grew up in a fishing village Norway. In his teens he became a sailor on ships of many nations and sailed on the majority of seas and oceans on the world and crossed the Atlantic 23 times. On one of his trips he contracted a strange illness, which made it impossible for him to move or respond in any way, although he could still hear.

The captain and crew thought he was dead, and made preparation for his burial at sea. His body was placed in a body bag with weights to sink it to the bottom of the ocean and the bag was sewed shut. After a brief burial service, which he could hear, the bag was thrown overboard.

When his body bag struck the cold water, he suddenly became able to move. He knew that he had little time to live, unless a miracle happened. He prayed to God to save him, and then began searching for a way out. As he searched, he discovered that the man who sewed up the bag had left his knife in the bag. He immediately cut open the bag, swam to surface, was spotted and rescued by some of the crew who were still on deck.

David committed his life to the Lord and was baptized into the SDA Church and became a colporteur, Bible teacher and Academy Principal. God saved his life so that He could save him for

eternity.

We may not have as dramatic a story to tell of what God has done in our lives as did David Gulbrandson, but each of us has a unique experience that we can share of what God has done in answer to our prayers or in His efforts to save us. If we share what God has done for us, we may inspire others to commit their lives to Christ so that they can rejoice when they see Christ coming in the clouds in all His glory to take His faithful people home.

Ellen White wrote in Ministry of Healing, page 100: “Our confession of His faithfulness is Heaven’s chosen agency for revealing Christ to the world.”

### TRUE-STORY-TIME

#### Little Miss “Pretty Soon”

The little girl’s real name was a very pretty one, Evelyn, but her friends were in the habit of calling her “Miss Pretty Soon,” because those were the words she almost always spoke when she was asked to do anything.

“Please set the table for me, dear,” or, “I want a little girl to go to the store for me,” were some of the things her mother would say to her.

“Pretty soon,” Evelyn would answer, and then often forget all about it. This was, of course, a great trial to her kind mother, and the cause of many tears to the little girl.

Then sometimes mother would call, “Come here, Evelyn!”

“Pretty soon,” Evelyn would say. But when she finally came, she would find that she had lost a delightful ride or some long-desired treat.

Evelyn did not like to be called “Pretty Soon,” and would often say, “I am going to stop saying that.” But over and over again she would forget, and bring sorrow to herself and those who loved her by saying many times a day, “Pretty soon. Oh, pretty soon!”

One cold winter day, when the steps and walks were coated with ice, Evelyn’s mother started to the market. The little girl was busy making a fine dress for her doll, Belinda, which she wanted to finish before her cousin Grace came to spend the afternoon with her.

“Oh, Evelyn, come here quickly!” she heard her mother call faintly. She was wondering whether she should put two, or three, ruffles on Belinda’s dress.

“Yes, mother dear, pretty soon,” she answered. But she soon forgot that her mother

had called her.

After some minutes the door opened suddenly and her father came in with her mother, very white and still, in his arms. She had fallen on the icy steps and broken her hip, had called Evelyn, and then fainted from the pain. If father had not come home a half hour early, she might have frozen to death.

How sorry and frightened the little girl was as she hurried to get the doctor!

“Oh, if I had only gone at once when mother called! I will never, never say ‘pretty soon’ again!” she said over and over through her sobs.

It was many weary weeks before the dear mother was able to walk, and Evelyn found many chances to do things for her, but never once did she say, “Pretty soon.”

It was a hard lesson, and one that Evelyn remembered all her life. Whenever she was tempted to put off a duty, she would think of that terrible time when mother lay so white and still.

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## STORY LESSON

### Natural Remedies # 5

#### Epsom Salts

The technical name is magnesium sulfate, and although it should not be used internally, it is very valuable when correctly used, possessing the power to draw off poisons.

**EPSOM SALT GLOW** Take a container with 1-2 cups Epsom salts into an empty bathtub. Add a few drops of water to give a mixture like wet sand. Take this by handfuls and rub over the skin briskly until the whole body is done (avoid eyes) then rinse off in shower and towel dry. Done regularly it aids skin conditions, poor circulation, arthritis, headaches, stiffness etc.

**EPSOM SALT DRENCH** Useful for insomnia, high blood pressure, and bed-wetting.

Each evening take hot shower or bath to open pores. Have ready a quart of warm water with 2 oz. Epsom salts dissolved in it. After the shower, slowly pour the solution over your body and as far as possible cover each part. Then wait for a minute or two before patting dry with a towel. Do not rinse it off. Due to the powerful relaxing effect this helps people who have trouble sleeping.

However, each person will have to find out how

long to wait before drying and how thoroughly to dry. Some find they are so relaxed the limbs feel heavy and it's hard to move. Experiment with time waited and amount of drying to get a good sleep and fresh awakening in the morning.

Epsom salts baths are relaxing and useful but this is a more effective method due to the concentrated solution left on the skin.

Used regularly this treatment may lower high blood pressure and can help children with bed-wetting. Bath child and pour on solution as above. It may take a week of nightly treatments for desired results and continued treatment to maintain results.

**EPSOM SALTS AND BURNS** Keep a jar containing a saturated solution of Epsom salts in ‘fridge’ or medicine cupboard. (Make this solution by dissolving as much salts in the water as will dissolve)

When a burn happens, apply immediately by pouring onto a cloth or bandage and applying or, in case of fingers, dip them into the jar for a few minutes. This treatment is unbelievably effective.

**DEEPER BURNS** Wash and blend a raw potato, mix with Epsom salts and apply as a cold poultice. Treatment can be repeated regularly until healed.

**EPSOM SALT BATHS** Use for ‘Ache all over’ colds and flus: (hot) Rashes, bites and sunburns: (lukewarm or cool) Sore muscles, rheumatism, pain: (warm) Use 1-3 cups Epsom salts to tub of water. Soak 20-30 minutes, towel dry. = ^ .. ^ =

## MISSION STORY

### ‘Dr. Rabbit’ The Story of E. B. Hare: 1

In past issues of TEMKIT we have had stories by the wonderful storyteller E.B. Hare, now it is time for us to look at the story of his life, which is as exciting and amazing as any other one of his stories. We are going to be taking much of our information from the book, “Don’t You Know? Haven’t You Heard?” by R. C. Barger.

Eric B. Hare was born on October 12, 1894, in Melbourne Australia. He was one of 5 children in the family of Robert and Henrietta Hare. Remember in our story of John Fulton how he met Robert Hare?

“And when I grow up, may I be a missionary at one of the four corners of the earth, preaching the gospel!” As far back as Eric could remember he had repeated this prayer after his mother, as she taught him to pray. Later he learned to say his

own prayers, but even when he was in college, he still prayed this special prayer.

When he was young, his father, Robert would play a game with Eric and his little sister. "Shall we play church?" He would ask and Eric would dance for joy.

"I will be the horse and you be the preacher. I'll carry you to church!" And Eric would climb on his father's back and round and round the room he would go on his hands and knees. He would come to a big chair and say, "Now here is your church," and Eric would get situated on the chair while father gathered little sister Ruth, and several dolls, and the kitten. Then the 'horse' would join the congregation too.

Eric would sing and sing and preach and preach. After the service was over father would be the horse again and take Eric home. Then it was off to bed for the tired, little preacher.

Eric's parents encouraged a love for music. They provided instruments and teaching, so that each of their children learned to play at a very early age. Eric also remembered when his father and older brother, Reuben, joined the Bible Echo Publishing Company's brass band, Father with a big E-flat bass horn and Reuben with a baritone. Imagine mother trying to endure the loud, monotonous sounds of father and son practicing long each day on their big horns. But when she saw Eric trying to make sounds on the bass horn, it was not long before she had taught him to play hymns on a cornet. Before he was 5 years old the family had their own brass band.

The Robert Hare family was excited one day to receive a letter from Susie Fulton. Robert and Henrietta first knew John Fulton and Susie Newlon when they were fellow students at Healdsburg College, and since that time they had become the closest of friends. Now the Fultons were missionaries in Fiji. Susie's letter enclosed a family picture. There were the father, John; the mother, Susie; Jessie, 7 years old; Agnes, 5 1/2 years old; and Georgie, 2 years old.

Robert gazed fondly at the picture. "Fancy Susie and John having two girls and one boy." Eric looked at the picture frequently, until Jessie and Agnes and Georgie seemed to be a part of the family, especially when his mother told stories of school days at Healdsburg.

When on August 16, 1896, little Ruth came to join the Robert Hare family; there had been great joy. Now, as the months of May and June 1899,

went by, although Eric was not really aware of what was going on, his mother used every spare moment making little dresses and knitting booties.

Much to the disappointment of all, they learned that Robert must be away at a special conference all the last half of July, the very time when another "blessed event" was scheduled to take place. But Reuben had become a young man, 10 years old. He was the one who got to run the two miles to Nurse Green's house in the middle of the night to say she was needed immediately at the Hare house.

All went well. By 6:00 A.M. on that July day in 1899, another little sister came to join the happy family. Mother named her Roberta, after her husband, Robert. Father wanted to name the baby Henrietta, after her mother. In the end she became known as Nettie.

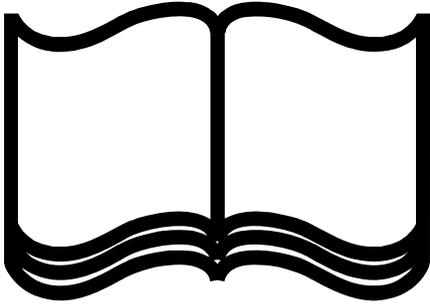
At the age of 6, Eric joined the Echo Publishing Company's brass band, standing on a box to play the cornet part. When the Duke of York, later to become the Prince of Wales and then King George V of England, visited Australia, the Echo Brass Band was given a place to perform on the procession route.

The band members practiced long and hard and were in their spot by 9:00 A.M. The procession was to start at ten o'clock, but it was after four in the afternoon when the Duke came by and the Echo Band performed. But the Duke, riding in the royal carriage, looked right at the band, tipped his hat, and smiled.

Eric declared that although they had waited so long and missed their lunch, they weren't tired anymore and they weren't hungry anymore. They had seen the Duke of York! Involvement in such activities at an early age, and being given responsibility for specific parts, did much to train Eric for a life of efficient, dedicated service.

One day his father said, "Eric, I want you to come with me to the city. I want you to help me choose a cornet for little Ruth to play." Eric felt pleased with his father's trust in him. Five-year-old Ruth did very well in learning to play, and it was not long until the Hare family had a five-piece brass band. = ^ .. ^ =





**Year 2: 3rd Quarter:  
“THE AMAZING EXODUS”  
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 7:  
“THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”**

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: “Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:” Exodus 19:5**

**Sunday**

**Text: Exodus 18:5,5 “And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God: And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.”**

The Children of Israel were now camping near to where he had lived with Jethro and now Moses' heart was made very glad by the kindness of his father-in-law. Jethro heard that Moses was there near Sinai, not far from where he lived, so he took Moses' wife and two boys and brought them to Moses.

What a happy time they had together and what a comfort it was for Moses to have his family back with him. They talked about all the wonderful things that God had been doing for His people. They had a wonderful prayer and praise session together.

But as Jethro stayed for a while in the camp, he saw that Moses was just swamped with work.

The people brought every little problem that they had, and every little question, all to Moses to answer. Poor Moses just sat there all day long and answered questions and solved problems.

Jethro, who also knew the Lord very well, got a good idea. He told Moses to choose some godly people to be assistants and set up a system. The way it worked was this. Every ten families would have one man who would be the helper. If these people had a question, a problem, or needed some help, they would come to him.

But if he did not know the answer, there would be a man that was over ten groups, and they could take the problem to him. Then if it was too hard for him, there would be a man over ten groups of a hundred, and they could go to him with the problem. If that man couldn't help, then the problem would come to Moses.

So you see, this way most of the little troubles and problems could be solved, and only a few things would have to come to Moses, for him to ask special counsel from God about.

**Thought** – Now some people try to tell us that this was a 'hierarchy' like the Church of Rome has and the people of the world use. A hierarchy has one man at the top, he tells the other people under him what to do and they tell the people under them and the poor guy at the bottom is just a slave. This is Satan's way.

This was not at all what Moses set up. It was opposite. These rulers were set up to assist the people, and to help them with problems and teach them the ways of God, not to boss them around. Moses and his assistants did not make up the 'rules' and command the people, they only used the Word of God to guide the people. In this plan the 'leaders' are servants, not kings. This is God's way.

**Monday**

**Text: Exodus 19:3-6 “And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a**

**kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel."**

The Children of Israel were now camping near to Sinai, which was also called the Mountain of the Lord. God had told Moses when he appeared in the burning bush that after the people came out of Egypt they were to come and camp near this mountain. Now they were camped there and Moses was given a special message for the people.

Our text tells us the deal or 'covenant' God wanted to make with them. He was going to teach them, and bless them and take care of them forever, if they would agree to listen to Him and obey Him. He was promising them wonderful blessings but He was not going to force Himself on them. They were to choose if they wanted to be His people or not.

This is the same deal that God makes with us today, only the people who agree to this 'Covenant' deal will be saved and go to heaven when Jesus returns. Many people are all mixed up about this idea of the 'Covenant', some think that the 'Old' covenant meant that the people had to keep God's Law, and the 'New' covenant means they don't have to keep the Law any more, but just 'believe' in Jesus. But really, the people back then were saved just the same way as we are to be saved today, by the Blood and intercession of Jesus our Savior.

The 'Old Covenant' was perfect obedience to God's Law, like Adam and Eve were to do in the beginning, and then they would always be in harmony with God and never die. But they broke that covenant, they broke God's Law and the Law had no way to forgive the sinner. So this is where God 'provided Himself a Lamb'. Jesus chose to become our Saviour.

This 'New Covenant' provides the power of Jesus' perfect life and victory over sin to be made available to anyone and everyone who chooses to have it. It also has the Blood of Jesus to wash away the sinner's sins when he repents and chooses to forsake them. This was the 'deal' God wanted to make with Israel.

Where before they fell, Adam and Eve had a sinless character, and they could choose to obey God's Law and had the power to do it; when they disobeyed, all they could pass to their children was the natural tendency to sin. In our own strength we turn to sinning just like water runs down-hill.

**Thought** – The Children of Israel made a mistake in their covenant; they thought they could

in their own strength keep God's Law, and that this was something they were going to do for God. They said, "All that the LORD hath spoken **we** will do." But the only way fallen man can obey God, is for Jesus to live His obedient life in us, when we choose to have Him do it. It is something God does for us, through the sacrifice Jesus made. It is impossible for us to do it for God.

## Tuesday

**Text: Exodus 16: 19:10-12 "And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death."**

Now God told Moses to tell the Children of Israel how to get ready for a special visit He was going to make to them in three days time. They were to wash their bodies and their clothes and have everything clean and neat.

They were also to search their hearts and put away all sin and be ready to hear what God was going to say to them. It was important that they should realize how HOLY God really is and how important are His laws.

Here Israel was to see the most wonderful revelation ever made by God to men. Here the Lord had gathered His people that He might show them the sacredness of His requirements by declaring with His own voice His holy law. Great changes needed to be created in them; for the bad behaviors they had gotten into as slaves and learned from their association with idolatry had affected their habits and character. God was working to lift them to a higher moral level by giving them knowledge of Himself. This is just how He wants to help us to get ready for heaven too.

A special fence was put around the base of the mountain and no body, not even an animal was to be allowed to go onto the mountain. After sin came into this world, it was impossible for man to be able to come close to the holy God without dying. Sin is a very serious thing; it is a death sentence to all who have it. That is why Jesus came as a man

so He can be the 'bridge' that allows us through the power of the plan of salvation, to put away sin and one day, come close to God again.

During these waiting days, all were to occupy the time in solemn preparation to appear before God. Their bodies and their clothing must be free from dirt. And as Moses should point out their sins, they were to humble their hearts with fasting and prayer to put away all sin.

**Thought** – Think about how we should get ready for the Sabbath each week, because it is a time when God wants to come close and visit His people. Also think about how clean and neat we should be when we go to worship God, and not just our bodies, but our hearts need to be prepared too. Then think about how we need to work with Jesus day by day, to get our hearts and characters ready for when Jesus comes; because then we are going to see Him face to face!

### Wednesday

**Text: Exodus 19:18** “And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.” **Exodus 20:18** ‘And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.’”

The third day came and early in the morning the people saw dense, dark clouds gather on the top of the mountain, which grew more black and dense, sweeping downward until the entire mountain was wrapped in darkness and awful mystery. Lightning flashed and thunder rolled, and then came the loud sound of a trumpet calling the people to come to the foot of the mountain and hear what God wanted to say to them.

Moses led them out to the foot of the mountain, staying away from the fence that was around the foot of the mountain.

The glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mountain. (see Exodus 24:17) in the sight of the people. And the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder. So terrible were the signs of God's presence that the people shook with fear, and fell upon their faces before the Lord. Even Moses exclaimed, “I exceedingly fear and quake.” Hebrews 12:21.

And now the thunders stopped; the trumpet was no longer heard; the earth was still. There was a period of solemn silence, and then the voice of God was heard. Speaking out of the thick darkness that enshrouded Him, as He stood upon the mount, surrounded by a retinue of angels, the Lord made known His law.

But now He told them first about His love for them; “I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.” Exodus 20:2. He whom they had already known as their Guide and Deliverer, who had brought them forth from Egypt, making a way for them through the sea, and overthrowing Pharaoh and his hosts, who had thus shown Himself to be above all the gods of Egypt—He it was who now spoke His law.

**Thought** – Always remember that what God wants us to do, is not so He can be bossy, it is because of His love for us. He wants us to live and be happy and knows the only way we can do that is to obey His Laws.

### Thursday

**Text: Exodus 20:3 FIRST:** “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

**4 SECOND:** Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

**5** Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

**6** And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

**7 THIRD:** Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

**8 FOURTH:** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**9** Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

**10** But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work,

thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

**11** For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

**12 FIFTH: Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.**

**13 SIXTH: Thou shalt not kill.**

**14 SEVENTH: Thou shalt not commit adultery.**

**15 EIGHTH: Thou shalt not steal.**

**16 NINTH: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.**

**17 TENTH: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."**

It is a very good idea to memorize these wonderful commandments! Learn them one by one and soon you will be able to say them all.

*Thought* – King David told us how good it is for us to think about God's Holy Law. "O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day." Psalms 119:97. Always remember that God promises to give us the power to obey His commandments if we choose to do so.

### Friday

**Text: Exodus 17: 20:18-21 "And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove**

**you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was."**

Now God was not doing all this only for the Children of Israel, oh no! He was giving them His Law and they were to teach it to all the people in the world. God's plan was that if Israel would obey Him, they would be such a blessed and happy people and so very wise that all the other people in the whole world would want to come and learn about the Great God in Heaven, so they could be happy serving Him too.

Sadly however, we see the people did not want to come close to God and learn from Him, they just wanted Moses to do that for them. This is what happens in these days also. People want to pay a minister or a priest, and that man is supposed to talk to God for them, so they don't have to come close to God.

Although it is part of God's plan for ministers and teachers to help the people to learn about God, it is not His plan that this is the only way they learn about Him. Everyone needs to have a special one-to-one relation with God for his or her self, through Jesus our Savior. Each one of us is to be in the 'School of Jesus' and learn from Him through the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy writings. He also uses the things that happen each day, to help us to learn more about Him, and trust Him more and more.

Sadly also, the Children of Israel more often wanted to follow the ways of the heathen, and refused to do what God had tried to teach them, so His special plan to bless them and help everybody in the world, did not come true in the way He wanted it to happen. God does not force people to obey Him.

*Thought* – When God led out the Advent people from the other churches; He gave us very special information through the writings of Ellen White, who was a special messenger for us in these last days. If we would have listened to these special directions and obeyed them, we would have been the happiest, healthiest and wisest people in the whole world. All the other people would have wanted to learn from us. But sadly, we have done what Israel of old did; we have more often chosen to follow the ways of the world. Choose today to follow God's ways, and learn about Him, and He will bless you! = ^ .. ^ =