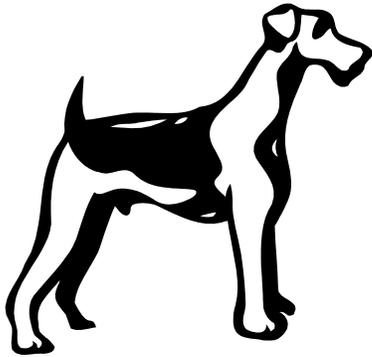


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CREATION CORNER THE DOG THAT TELEPHONED

REX was the brightest, tiniest little terrier you have ever seen. His young master, Fred, had taught him many funny tricks.

He could show his teeth and sneeze and bark when you told him to do so, and even wiggle his nose in the drollest way. He knew how to play hide and seek, could catch a ball, and could run and fetch a stick. Rex and Fred were great chums, and went everywhere together.

So when Fred went to visit his aunt and cousins in the country, he took his little dog along. In his aunt's front yard there was a big tree full of ripe cherries. Of course, Fred had to climb up to the very top, to pick the largest ones. Just as he was reaching away out, the branch on which he was standing cracked, and he came tumbling to the ground.

Fred was so badly hurt that he was taken to the hospital. Soon Rex began to wonder where his little master was. When a whole day had passed and he had not come home, the little dog could stand it no longer. He whined and cried, and ran all over the house, hunting and sniffing for Fred.

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The next morning, Rex wouldn't touch his breakfast. At the end of two days, he had cried and fretted himself sick. So Fred's parents sent for the doctor. But the doctor shook his head, and said:

"He'll have to see his little master, if we ever hope to save him."

"But he can't," Fred's mother explained. "Our boy is in the hospital, and they won't let us take Rex down there."

"Something must be done at once," said the kind old doctor. Then an idea came to him. "Let me talk to the hospital a minute. Where's your phone?" he asked.

He talked to them for several moments, then hung up the receiver with a smile. "I think I've fixed it," he said. "They're going to wheel Fred to the phone at the hospital. Then he's going to ring us up, and talk to Rex over the telephone."

In a few minutes, the phone rang, and the doctor put the receiver to Rex's tiny ear. For a second, the little dog did not pay any attention. Then suddenly he let out the shrillest little bark you ever heard. His ears went up, while his tail wagged back and forth as if it would wag off.

That evening, Rex ate a big supper of milk and mush. Then he curled up in his little box, and didn't even open an eye all night long.

Every day after that, until his little master came home, Rex talked to him over the phone. But to this day, nobody knows what the little boy said to the dog, or what the little dog said to the boy. Corona Remington - Feb. 13, 1925 = ^..^ =

IT SINGS INSIDE

My little kitty sings inside
In such a funny way;
And what is strange, she keeps it up
Through all the whole long day.
So when I grumbly, growly grow,
And fret at this and that,
Then mother says, "You'd better sing
Inside, like pussy cat."

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TRUE-STORY-TIME

What It Cost to Be a Drunkard

Mrs. Alice Owen-Rittenhouse 1919

HELEN! Helen!" The voice came from the rough, dirty bed in the corner of the room, where Helen's father was lying. He was wild and raging with a craving thirst for whisky.

Little Helen was a sad-faced child of six. Her father had not always looked as he did there in the dingy room. Helen could well re-member when her father was a minister. He had been a rich man, too, and had everything he wanted.

"Helen," he screamed, "I tell you to come to me."

"Yes, father, what can I do for you?"

"Take this pail, and go to the corner store. Get me drink, or I shall die."

"Oh, father, I cannot. Oh, I cannot."

He answered, "Go! I tell you, go!"

"No, father, I cannot. I promised mother, before she died, that I would try to help you to be a better man, so we might be happy, and have a home again. And then mamma said that Jesus would not want me to get drink for you, and that Jesus would see me do it, if I did."

Her father was very cross because his little girl would not get him whisky. But Helen stood true to what she thought was right, even though she was weak and sick herself because she did not have enough to eat.

Before long, Helen died, too. Then her father went away to another town.

One day he stood on a bridge at Niagara Falls in despair. As he looked into the water below, he wished he could die. He wanted to jump into the

water to end his life. He wanted to end his trouble.

As he was about to do the awful deed, the words of little Helen seemed to come to him, "Jesus would see me do it, if I did." The poor man turned away; and a few days later, as he walked the streets of a large city, he heard some one singing. He heard the name of Jesus. He went into the mission, and there he told how much it had cost him to be a drunkard.

It cost him his money.

It cost him his happiness.

It cost him his home.

It cost him his dear wife.

It cost him his sweet little girl.

He made up his mind that it cost too much to be a drunkard. He gave his heart to Jesus. Now he lives to gain eternal life, and have a heavenly home with Helen and her mother. = ^..^ =

Foolishness

MUST a child be damaged in order to be happy? Must an apple be spoiled to be tasty? Can a dog run better on three legs than on four? Is it better to be sick than well? Is black smoke better than pure air? If not, how foolish it is to smoke cigarettes! = ^..^ =

STORY LESSON

COUNTERFEITS 5

The Truth About Harry Potter

What is the false idea that leads God's children to go after worldly or pagan teachings and ideas? Perhaps if we take a good look at it, we can get the very root of the tree and cut it down.

I am going to tell you exactly what it is. Are you ready? It is the idea that there are some good things, some special good things, out in these false religions that would be a great help to us to know about. It really says that there are good things in Satan's realm that God has not given to us, and the only way we can learn them is to go study heathen teachings and learn about what other religions believe.

We actually feel, when we think this way, that God's Word to us in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, is not complete. There are other real valuable things that we have to go after, and then when we learn them, we can bring them back and put them with our religion to make it even better.

Notice two verses with me, before we continue our story: "For I testify unto every man that heareth

the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:" Revelation 22:18.

Most people think it is Okay to add something to their religion that is not mentioned in the inspired writings, but what does God say? He says "No! Don't do it!" He even says that those who do it will receive the plagues! And that means they will be lost with the wicked!

"Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen,..." Jeremiah 10:2.

We hear so many people today teaching that we need to study other religions, even non-Christian religions, so we can better help them to see truth. Some also feel that each religion has some good things, that we can gather up and add to our religion to make it even better. They will tell you that God didn't give all His truth to just one group.

Didn't He? He most certainly did! He did it with Israel and he did it also with the Advent Movement. Both times he wanted them to share it with the world, but He was very clear that we are not to go searching for what we think are missing pieces, and try to add them in. There are no missing pieces, boys and girls, none at all!

Does that mean that no other religion has any truth? They all have some truth; Satan has to mix some truth with his lies or nobody would believe it. But; and this is very important; there is no Truth that God has not already given us!

There is certainly some good food in the dumpster at the back of my building, but I don't have to wade through the garbage for the sake of a bit of food, when I have a cupboard full of pure, clean food to eat!

You see, poison mixed with food is much more dangerous than poison by itself, labeled 'Poison'. It is the mix of truth and lies that Satan always uses to catch everybody, and sad to say, he does catch most people. I think we need to remember that. Most people are going to be fooled by Satan and end up lost! Jesus says so. And one of the reasons this is happening is that people are not content to stick with what God gives them and tells them about salvation; they want to add their own ideas onto it to make it 'better'.

This warning that God had John write in the end of the book of Revelation is a very important one. Even at that very time, people were coming into the early Christian church, bringing the idea that they needed to 'make it better' by adding ideas

from other religions. In the 100s and 200s AD many Pagan scholars and priests came into the Christian faith.

Some of them were not like the people at Ephesus, who burned their books of magic and paganism, and followed God's truth only. Oh, no! They were looked up to in their heathen religions as learned men, and they were not happy to throw all that away and just follow the teaching of the Bible. They did not want to sit down and learn like a mere beginner! They felt they were smarter than God, and they could make Christianity even better than Jesus had made it, by adding their own ideas to it. And so they did.

They added and added and changed and changed. They even rewrote the Bible, mixing in their heathen ideas. (This changed Bible is the one that all the modern popular versions like NIV and others are from!) And what grew out of their mixtures? The great system of religion we know as the Papacy, which the Bible shows us is a vicious Beast-power!

Years ago I made this same mistake. I had not really studied the things of God as deeply as I should have. I thought I knew it all, and the Bible or Spirit of Prophecy didn't have anything new and wonderful to teach me. Now this was my first mistake! I now know that you can study the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy all your life, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and you will Never, Never run out of new and wonderful things to learn! But these things never contradict each other.

Then I easily made the second mistake, I thought pagan religions had ideas and information that God had not given to His people, and I needed to go and gather them up and mix them in with my religion.

Now, boys and girls, I want to tell you that it is often on the subject of Health that Adventist's get the idea they need to study worldly things to learn more, and have an even better health message than God gave to us. I want to tell you, this is not true. Our health message as it was given to us is complete, and wonderful. Our problem is that it has been so mixed with worldly medicine now, that most of us don't know the real message any more.

So it is often through things like Yoga and New Age and Oriental medicine and Martial Arts that Adventists get lured into mixing and studying Pagan religions. You see, boys and girls, all these things are really pagan, spiritist religions! You can't learn them without learning spiritualism.

Satan is so happy when one of God's children wanders in and sits down at his feet to learn from him! Oh yes indeed! And he moves in to give you wonderful feelings and experiences so that you are truly sure that, yes, there is really something good here that I need to learn and bring back to Adventism; something that God didn't give me.

Some of these things sound so good, and you see people who claim to be really blessed by these things. You see them do amazing things that you feel you want to do too. And when you start learning it, you feel that you are Oh, so much smarter than those other dummies in the church that say, "Don't mess with that, it is from the devil!"

You laugh at them, and all the time the devil is having the biggest laugh! And he is binding his ropes around you and leading you further and further away from God, all the time telling you that soon, if you just keep studying and practicing, you will do wonderful things and have perfect health. But God is the Life-Giver! And as you move away from Him you loose life bit by bit.

You see there is something very important we all need to learn if we would understand God's ways; It does not matter what a person says, he may claim the most wonderful set of beliefs and rules for himself and urge you to have them too. But man's word has No Power in it! God's Word has Power! When God says; 'Thou shalt', or 'Thou shalt not', there is the very power in those words to allow you to obey, if you take hold of them and say, 'I will do it!' Man's words have No such power.

Someday I will tell you more about my journey into darkness looking for light; but right here I want to say, when by the wonderful kindness of Jesus, I did escape and return to His Word; I found there everything that I had thought I could find in spiritualism, and didn't. I found the most complete and wonderful truth ever given to mankind. Boys and girls, there is nothing in this whole wide world, that is good, that God has not already given to us in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

Never let Satan fool you into thinking there is something wonderful in spiritualist books and religions that you don't have far better with God. Never forget Satan is a cheat and a liar, and his only real goal is to get you destroyed forever!
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TRUE-STORY-TIME

When the Lord brought Israel through the Red Sea, he had a great plan for that people, and wanted to make them the greatest nation in the world. But sadly, these people afterward turned to serve idols.

Prophets were sent to them to tell them that they would be taken captives, and that their beautiful cities would be taken from them unless they obeyed the Lord. But the people would not hear the words, which Jesus sent to them by the prophets and other good men. Instead, they misused them, and some they put to death.

It was even worse with the people of Israel when Jesus Himself came to talk to them. They would not listen to what He said, nor would they do what He said. When Peter, Paul, Barnabas, and other good men were sent to tell them what to do, they abused them as they had Jesus.

They were like Fred and his little brother. Joe. Fred was out one winter day with the other boys, building a snow fort. While he was playing, mamma said to little Joe, "Go and call Fred now, and tell him it is time to come and bring in the wood and the coal."

Joe ran across the street, and called, "Fred, Fred, it's time to come in."

Fred did not answer. "Fred, mother says come home now," Joe called again.

"I'm not going to do what you say, Joe. You run home and keep still."

"But, Fred, it's mamma, and she says come right away. You've got to come, for she says so."

Then, what do you think? Fred became cross, and he knocked Joe down into the snow, and said: "I tell you I'll come when I get ready. I'm not going to mind a baby like you."

Joe went home crying. By and by, Fred came; but he found his work done, and the supper had been eaten by those who were at home when it was ready. There was none in sight for him. After he sat around a while, he ventured to ask, "Can't I have any supper, mamma?"

"There is none for you to-night, Fred. Can you think why?"

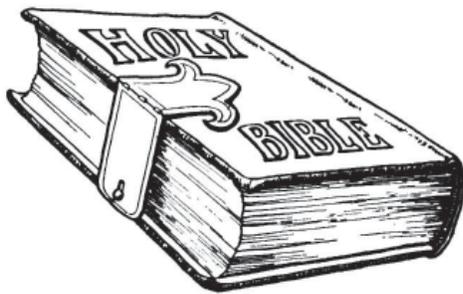
"But why should I do as Joe says, mother? I can't stand his ordering me around."

"But the word he took you was from your mother, Fred. Joe was my messenger, and you disobeyed me when you did not come, just as

much as though I had called you myself," replied mamma.

In the Bible, we learn how Apostles and prophets carried glad tidings, a loving message from Jesus to the Jews, but they would not listen. Instead of believing what the messengers said, they were full of envy and hate. They talked back; then they persecuted the Lord's messengers. After that, they drove them out of their country, and would not let them stay there.

We must be careful how we treat those who speak to us in the name of the Lord. Adapted Our Little Friend - Dec 16, 1916 = ^ .. ^ =



Year 2: 4th Quarter:
"FROM THE WILDERNESS TO CANAAN"
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 8:
"LAND OF GIANTS"

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: "Some trust in chariots,
 and some in horses: but we will remember
 the name of the LORD our God."**

Psalms 20:7

Sunday

Text: Joshua 11:18, 23 "Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. 23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war."

After Israel had destroyed the five kings that came to attack the people of Gibeon, the rest of the kings in Canaan were really afraid and got together in one army to try and defeat Joshua and his army.

The leader of this group was Jabin, king of Hazor. "And they went out, they and all their hosts with them." This army was much larger than any that the Israelites had fought before in Canaan; "much people, even as the sand that is upon the seashore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel."

Again God told Joshua: "Be not afraid because of them: for tomorrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel."

Near Lake Merom Joshua attacked the camp of the allies and soon they were running away. "The Lord delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them . . . until they left them none remaining."

The chariots and horses that had been the pride and boast of the Canaanites were not to be used by Israel. God told Joshua to burn the chariots and make the horses lame, so they could be used for work, but not for battle. Israel was not to put their trust in chariots or horses, but "in the name of the Lord their God."

The Lord was with the hosts of Israel and city after city and land after land was captured until all the middle part of Canaan was conquered. There were still lands all around that God wanted Israel to capture and have for their own, but Joshua was now an old man and there was another important job to do.

The different tribes were to be given their own lands and cities to live in. Before Moses died he had made a map that showed where each tribe was to have their lands.

Thought - It is far more important to trust in God's than to have help from people.

Monday

Text: Joshua 14:10-12 "And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses

sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said."

You remember that there were two faithful spies way back when the 12 spies were sent to see the land? They were Joshua and Caleb. We have been hearing lots about Joshua, but what about dear old Caleb?

When Israel had to go back into the wilderness for forty years, Caleb had remained faithful. He did not grumble that he had to suffer along with the guilty; he just kept on serving the Lord. Now he comes to Joshua, who was in the same tribe as himself, the tribe of Judah, and he asks to be given for his tribe the part of the land where the giants still lived that had caused the other spies to feel like 'grasshoppers'!

Imagine the faith of this man, now 85 years old! He wanted to honor God by showing once and for all that Israel need not have been afraid, and they could have had the land forty years before! He was going to show them that with God, even an old man could whip the giants and destroy them all!

He also honored God by telling how the Lord had kept him and he was just as strong then at 85 and he was at 45, when he brought back the faithful report along with Joshua.

Joshua knew he could safely give this land to Caleb, and he would be sure to conquer and destroy the wicked giants that lived there; he gladly agreed to give him that land. This was a special part of Canaan that had been for many years the home of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and here, in the cave of Machpelah, they were buried.

All through the hardships of his long time in the wilderness, Caleb kept his hope on the mountain he would one day have for his own, because God had promised it to him.

So you see, the ones who did not believe, never got to eat of the fruit of the land; but those who believed and obeyed, did. So they each got according to their faith. The ten believed they couldn't, and they didn't; the two believed with God they could, and they did!

Thought – We need to keep our hopes on the wonderful new earth that Jesus has promised will one day be ours.

Tuesday

Text: Joshua 17:14-15 "And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto? And Joshua answered them, If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee."

Now came a very different kind of request from Ephraim, who were part of the children of Joseph. They came to Joshua demanding that because they were bigger and more important than the other tribes, they should have two parts of the land and not just one part.

But Joshua had a good answer for them; his answer was, "If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if Mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee."

Their reply showed the real cause of complaint. They didn't have faith and courage to drive out the Canaanites. "The hill is not enough for us," they said; "and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron."

The power of the God of Israel had been pledged to His people, and had the children of Ephraim possessed the courage and faith of Caleb, no enemy could have stood before them. They wanted to have things easy and just handed to them with no effort. But Joshua said, "Thou art a great people, and hast great power, thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they be strong."

Thus their own arguments were turned against them. Being a great people, as they claimed, they were fully able to make their own way, as did their brethren. With the help of God they need not fear the chariots of iron.

See the difference, Caleb had faith and he was not afraid of giants, even at 85 years old. The younger people of Ephraim were afraid of iron chariots, because they did not put their faith in God.

Thought – What man cannot believe, God cannot do for them.

Wednesday

Text: Joshua 18:1 “And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.”

Up until now in our story, Gilgal had been the headquarters of Israel, this was where the tabernacle tent was and where the Ark of God was. Now as the people prepared to go and settle in their own lands given to them, they moved the tabernacle to the place chosen for it.

The place was called Shiloh, in the area of Ephraim. Maybe God chose to put the tabernacle in Ephraim to help those people have more faith? It was also near the center of Israel and so easy for all tribes to come to. They had made sure all the enemies were driven out of that area, so people coming there to worship God, did not have to be afraid of being attacked.

“And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there.” The tribes that were still encamped when the tabernacle was removed from Gilgal followed it, and camped near Shiloh. Here these tribes stayed until they went to their lands.

The ark remained at Shiloh for three hundred years, until, because of the sins of Eli’s house, it fell into the hands of the Philistines, and Shiloh was ruined. The ark was never came back to the tabernacle here, the sanctuary service was finally moved to the temple at Jerusalem, and Shiloh fell into unimportance. There are only ruins to mark the spot where it once stood.

Thought – God warns that if His people refuse to obey Him, they shall be like Shiloh, forgotten and destroyed.

Thursday

Text: Joshua 19:49,50 “When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them: According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnathserah in mount

Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.”

Now, after all the other tribes had been given their lands, Joshua finally asked for something for himself. But this unselfish man did not ask for much, only one city, and he had to build it up himself. And when they gave it to him it was called Timnath-serah, which means ‘What remains’ or ‘What was left over’.

So after everybody else had their portions, then Joshua humbly asked for what was left, and was happy with that.

Now there was one tribe that did not receive any section of land to be their own. This was the tribe of Levi. God had chosen them to be the priests and teachers of the law for Israel. God was to be their inheritance.

But in each of the lands of the different tribes, some cities with grazing land around them were given to the Levites. This was so they would be found in each part of the land, and could set up schools and teach the people.

Now six of the cities that were given to the Levites were to be something very special to Israel. Three on each side of the Jordan river were chosen and they were called ‘cities of refuge’.

Thought – Today we are to be ‘a royal Priesthood’; God is our inheritance!

Friday

Text: Joshua 20:2-4 “Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses: That the slayer that killeth any person unawares and unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.”

These ‘Cities of Refuge’ represented what Jesus is to the sinner. When someone accidentally killed a person, he had to run very fast to one of the cities of refuge. If he did not go right away, the relatives of the dead person could catch him and kill him.

When he got to the city of refuge, he was taken in and no one could harm him while he was there. He was also given a trial to see if it was really an

accident that he killed someone. If it wasn't, then he was not allowed to stay, but would be executed. If it was an accident, he had to stay in the city until the death of the High Priest, then he could be free.

This is like the sinner and Jesus. We must run quickly to Jesus who is our City of refuge. It is the same merciful Saviour, who set up those cities of refuge, Who has by the shedding of His own blood made a refuge for us, where we may flee for safety from the second death. No power can take out of His hands the souls that go to Jesus for pardon.

He who fled to the city of refuge had to hurry. Family and job were left behind. There was no time to say goodbye to loved ones. His life was at stake, and all that mattered was to reach the place of safety. Weariness was forgotten, difficulties were unheeded. He dared not for one moment slow

down until he was within the wall of the city.

We too must not allow anything to keep us from going to Jesus and giving our hearts over to Him and asking Him to forgive all our sins. Satan, is on the track of every transgressor of God's holy law, if they don't run to Jesus they will get caught by the destroyer.

The prisoner, who at any time went outside the city of refuge, could be killed by the avenger of blood. Even so with us, it is not enough for the sinner to believe in Christ for the pardon of sin; he must, by faith and obedience, abide in Him. We are to live each day trusting and obeying Jesus. If we leave Him and wander out into the world, we will be in great danger.

Thought – No power can take us out of the hands of Jesus our Saviour- if we choose to stay there. = ^ .. ^ =

