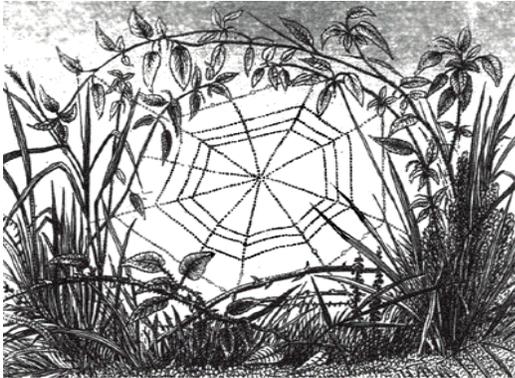


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CHATS ON GREEN LANE DOORSTEPS 1

These are entertaining little sketches of our outdoor friends with whom every boy and girl wants to become better acquainted.

On Wonder Web's Doorstep,
The spider in the bramble vine
A lovely silken web has spun;
Then, while she waits to catch a fly,
Sits on her doorstep, in the sun.

THERE! My beautiful web is finished, and I must wait now for it to catch me a fly or bug for my dinner. So I shall sit down here while I'm waiting, and rest on my doorstep in the middle of my web. I have been spinning hard for two hours or more; and now that my web is finished, I feel that I have earned the right to enjoy it quietly a little while.

I declare! Am I to have callers already this morning? That looks like some one turning into the Green Lane, by the big mulberry tree. It is! Susie and Bobby are out early, and are coming straight this way. Susie and Bobby are the two children who live in the small farmhouse over there. Their home is not fine, and they do not have beautiful clothes nor many play-things; but they are as happy as

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children can be, for all that. You see, they love the great outdoor world and the many wonderful things God has placed there, and are always out looking for those wonderful things. They have many exciting hunts for them. There is no end to the beautiful things God has placed in the great outdoor world; and Susie and Bobby always have something new to look for and something pleasing to find.

Here they come, peeping into the bushes in search of bird homes, and looking under weed and grass clumps for whatever they may see. Now they stop before this bramble vine in the rickety old fence corner, where I sit on the doorstep of my home. Ah, they have spied me and my beautiful web!

Good morning, children! Do you wish to make my acquaintance? I am Wonder Web, the garden spider; and I see you are interested in my web. Isn't it a beauty? What's that you say, Susie? It looks like a big ring of white silk lace? It does, indeed. And you think it looks like a little bicycle wheel, do you, Bobby? Yes; there are its hub and its spokes. But look, also, at the threads running from spoke to spoke, around and around and around. These brace the spokes and make the wheel strong; while these long threads, fastened to the edges of the wheel and tied to nearby branches, spread the wheel out straight and hold it tightly so.

My web is considered one of the most perfect and wonderful things in all God's great outdoor world. Many of my relatives spin beautiful webs, of many kinds; but mine is the most beautiful of them all. Usually our webs are made as traps for catching our food; but they serve as our homes also, and as beds for the baby spiders. One of my relatives rolls a leaf into a tube open at both ends, lines it with silk for his house, and spreads a net in front to catch his food. Another cousin makes a silk-lined home five or six inches deep, in a cleft of an old wall. Another makes a silk lined tunnel in the ground, with a little trapdoor to open and shut. The door is made of cemented earth, lined with silk. It fits perfectly, and has strings with which to pull it down tight, from the inside.

Cousin Gossamer Spider spins a little silk balloon, and goes sailing gaily through the air on it. He is the only real aviator of the spider family; but a very large number of us are perfectly at home hanging in the air on a thread, swinging back and forth on it till we catch hold somewhere to fasten it, or going up and down on it as easily as if running on the ground. Coming down, we spin a fresh thread, and drop as we spin; going up, we roll the thread into a ball as we climb, and when we reach the top, we throw the ball away.

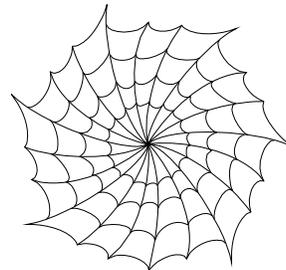
No, indeed! We never use a thread the second time. We never use a soiled thread, either. If your eyes were sharp enough, children, you would see that I have little combs on my feet. When dirt gets on my thread, I comb it off with my combs. If the dirt will not comb off, I break the thread and throw the soiled piece away. One spider can spin silk enough for only six or seven webs. When we can spin no more, we often go and take possession of some neighbor's web, leaving her to spin another for herself.

Next to our webs, children, probably the most remarkable things about our family are our eyes. Each of us has eight eyes, which shine like polished jewels, in the front of our heads. Those of us, like myself, who live out in the open daylight, have their eyes spread somewhat apart on their foreheads, so that they may see all around; but those who live in burrows and other dark places have eyes set closely together, for strong sight straight ahead, which is the direction they are usually looking. Some spiders roam about at night; and their eyes glow like coals of fire in the dark, just like the eyes of a pussycat.

I see a bluebottle fly coming this way; and if

you children stay with me a little longer, I may be able to show you how I catch a meal when I am hungry. I make the round-and-round threads of my web wheel moist and sticky; but its spoke threads I make dry, for little pathways by which I can run comfortably to all parts of my web. See! Now I'll go down one of them and sit quietly in the middle of the wheel again. The fly is very near now. Ah, I thought so! His wings have brushed the sticky strands and are fast. He struggles, and now his legs also are sticking fast. Watch me dart along this little dry pathway and quickly spin more sticky threads to throw around him.

There, Mr. Bluebottle! I have you tied now till you can struggle no more; and, children, if you'll excuse me, I'll eat my dinner at once. I hope you will come often to the Green Lane, and will visit me again. I have many interesting neighbors, too, whom I am sure you would like to know; and if you come to visit them, they will sit on their little doorsteps and talk to you about themselves, just as I have done. MINNIE ROSILLA STEVENS. From *Our Little Friend* Jan. 4, 1924 = ^..^ =



TRUE-STORY-TIME

MOTORCYCLE MIRACLE

Ever take a ride on a Motorcycle? What happens when the driver leans to one side? About leaning on a motorcycle—when you lean, the motorcycle has to turn, right? It can't help it. Except that one time it didn't for my husband. It wouldn't turn at all, no matter how much he leaned!

It was many years ago. We were a young couple with three little girls. I was a Christian, but he was not. One day we went on a picnic. I drove the station wagon with the children, and he rode his Harley. On the way home, it was dusk. We were driving along a two-lane country road, about to turn left into our driveway. He was just ahead of me, on the motorcycle.

He leaned to make the turn—and nothing

happened. He had just time to register absolute amazement and disbelief at this impossible turn of events, when Whoosh! A car shot by, passing the station wagon and motorcycle, and disappeared into the night.

Then the motorcycle turned just as it should, and we were safe in our driveway. But had that motorcycle turned when he leaned, as all good motorcycles do, he would have been splattered all over the road in front of his wife and little girls!

In his heart, he had no doubt that the God of heaven had intervened to save his life. It did make an impression, and today he is a dedicated Christian and an elder of the church. But had God not worked a miracle that day, his life would have ended back on that country road in Tennessee. Jeannie

MERRY-GO-ROUND NIGHTMARE

Bobby had just come home from school all excited. "Guess what?" he shouted almost before he came through the door.

"What?" mother replied from the kitchen where she was fixing supper.

"Well on the way home I saw a Merry-go-round at the mall in town. I'm going right over there for a ride!"

"Hey, wait a minute", mother said firmly, "I saw that Merry-go-round too, and I don't want you riding it or even going near it. It doesn't look safe to me and I want you to stay away from it."

"Awe Mom!" Bobby started to protest, "Of course it is Okay to ride it..."

"Now Bobby," answered Mom in her 'no nonsense' voice, "I don't want to hear any more about it. You are not to go and ride that Merry-go-round, you are to stay away from it. Understand?"

"Oh, all right", Bobby grumbled and went off outside to think things over.

The next evening when Bobby was on his way home from school, again he saw the Merry-go-round. Children were lined up for rides and it looked like such fun.

"Say", Bobby thought, "I have some of my lunch money left over and I could go and have a ride!" But what about what Mom had said? His conscience prompted him. "Awe, Mom would never

know anything about it." His mind made up he raced over to the line up and waited a turn.

He could not help but notice though that the Merry-go-round did not look as good up close as from a distance. Some of the paint was flaking off the horses and the guy running it looked nervous.

"Oh", he thought, "I'm just letting Mom get to me that's all." So determined to have his ride, he waited in line until his turn and he and several other boys and girls paid their money and raced to get the best horses.

The music started up and the horses started going up and down, round and round. Oh, what fun! Bobby was just thinking that it was sure that his Mom was just a worry-wart, when suddenly there was a funny clanking noise from inside the Merry-go-round.

The music began to sound weird and funny and the horses began to speed up! Up and down, round and round, faster and faster and the music got all out of tune, like a record when you turn it too fast with your finger.

Bobby was white as a sheet, and so were the other children. "Let me get off!" cried one as the speeding horses whirled around. Bobby thought he was going to throw up if it did not soon stop. As he whirled past, he saw the man pulling at the levers frantically and he realized the guy did not seem to know what to do.

Oh how he wished he had listened to his worry-wart Mom! Then suddenly there was a loud crash. The machine broke apart and the children and some of the horses were thrown through the air. Bobby hit the ground hard and soon the noise of an ambulance was heard racing to the scene.

Some of the children had broken bones and Bobby had quite a few bumps and bruises, but the hardest part was seeing Mom's pale, worried face when she came rushing into his room at the emergency ward.

Later they found out that the man had stolen the Merry-go-round and was traveling around trying to make money with it, while he did not really know anything about caring for it or running it properly. Bobby had a new respect for his Mom's 'worries' after that day. = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON

“Our Amazing Health Message!” Part 2

Wherever the True Faith of the Bible grows strong we always see an interest in healthful living, healing and teaching better living habits. Obeying the Lord brings better health for many reasons; one is that the Christian turns away from many hurtful habits and sinful ways that always harm the body. Another is that as we come closer to God, the Great Life Giver, we feel better and stronger.

As we said last week the health knowledge of the early Christians was mostly all lost through the Dark Ages when people turned to pagan ideas. When they believed that the best way to get closer to God was to harm their bodies, then good health was not important in their thoughts. In fact the idea was common that if a person was interested in keeping dirt free and having a fresh sanitary house, then he was proud and not godly. Having lots of fleas and lice living on ones body was a sure sign they were close to God.

Now in 1844, after the people were disappointed that Jesus had not come on October 22, and the few that kept their faith started to search the Bible to really learn Truth, Jesus looked with love on this little group. He was raising up a group that He would give more of His Truth to than any other group ever in history, but they had a long way to go.

So he gave a Special Messenger to them by giving the gift of Prophecy to young Ellen Harmon who would later marry James White. They were guided in their study and helped to learn until they discovered the Sabbath truth through Bible Study after being shown about it by a Sabbath keeping Baptist lady, Rachael Oaks Preston. What a surprise and a shock it was to this little group to realize they had been breaking God's 10 Commandments when they thought they were keeping them!

Jesus was teaching His people but He did not give them too much to learn at a time. It was in 1848 when Ellen was shown in vision that tobacco, coffee and tea were harmful and she began to show this to the Advent believers. Then in 1851 she told someone that wrote to her about this that, “I have seen in vision that tobacco was a filthy weed, and that it must be laid aside or given up. Said my accompanying angel, “If it is an idol it is high time it was given up, and unless it is given up the frown of God will be upon the one that uses it, and he cannot be sealed with the seal of the living God.” To Brother Barnes, December 14, 1851.

It took a few years before the believers really

took a stand against the use of tobacco, tea and coffee. But many articles appeared in the early church papers about how wrong and harmful these things were.

The next thing shown by Jesus that called for changes in the habits of the believers was cleanliness. “I then saw a lack of cleanliness among Sabbathkeepers. ... I saw that God was purifying unto Himself a peculiar people. He will have a clean and a holy people in whom He can delight... I saw that the houses of the saints should be kept tidy and neat, free from dirt and filth and all uncleanness.” Manuscript 3, 1854.

How is it with you, boys and girls? Do you keep your rooms clean and tidy and help keep the house and yard nice too? These things are important to Jesus and they help us to be happier also.

At the same time Jesus showed Ellen that the people should not use grease and lard in their cooking and should not eat rich fatty foods and a lot of pies and cakes, but have plain, simple food and not eat too much. She wrote that we should not make an idol out of our bellies by eating things that are not good for us, just because we like them. Bit by bit she was shown that fruits, vegetables and simple grains and nuts were the best foods.

Then in 1863 there came a most wonderful vision at a meeting of the believers. More clearly than ever before Jesus showed us the way to live for Him and how to be a happy, healthy and holy people.

It was a very large message, not only were we shown that meat is bad for our health and we should not eat it, but we were shown we should not overwork, use harmful things at all, or even overeat on good food. We were shown we were to use pure soft water (distilled or rain water) to drink and also to treat the sick.

You see, when people were sick with fevers back then, the doctors told them they were never to drink water and they were given nothing to drink except brandy. Can you imagine how they suffered? If you have ever had a high fever you know how thirsty you get because your body needs water. If you had only alcohol to drink it would just burn the body up. No wonder most people who got bad fevers back then died!

Already the Adventist believers had begun to use water inside and out for fevers and diseases and many people got well who would have died with the old ways. Now in 1863 even more information was given to the church in this vision.

It is sad today that the doctors and most people

are almost going back to the old dark days of wrong treatment for fevers. When people get a fever today, or a child gets sick, instead of using pure soft water to bath and drink and help their body to cleanse, people give Temptra and Tylenol which does not help the body clean out but gives it another poison to get rid of and gets in the way of fighting the sickness.

Also, more and more people drink soda pop instead of water and that is almost as bad for the sick body as alcohol! In fact diet soda pop has aspartame, which changes to wood alcohol in your body and most other soda pops are loaded with caffeine!

God does not just work for one group of people, he wants all to have health. Here and there all over the world as people looked for better ways, bits of light about how to live better and use natural ways to help the body were being discovered. When Ellen White was asked if she got her ideas from the papers of some people who were teaching these things, she said she had never read any of them.

This is an important point for us to remember because even though some of the things we were shown by Jesus in the health visions were also known by other people, some of them were not. Also some of these other people had some good ideas but mixed with them some wrong ideas. The visions of Jesus to Ellen White allowed her to stay away from the wrong ideas even when they were mixed in with good ideas. To be continued.
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TOBACCO is a filthy weed
Twas the devil who sowed the seed,
It empties your pockets, stinks up your clothes,
And makes a chimney of your nose.
- Selected.



Year 3: 1st Quarter:
“GO YE...AND PREACH THE GOSPEL”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 5:
“THE GOSPEL TO THE GENTILES”

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about the wonderful adventures of the apostles. 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: “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.” Acts 10:34

Sunday

Text: “Acts 9:26,27 “And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.”

When Saul left Damascus he first fled into Arabia where he spent about three years in study and communicating with the Lord. Then for a while he returned to Jerusalem, but when he went to talk to the believers, they were afraid he was trying to trick them and would not even let him in. After awhile he met Barnabas and he told him the trouble he was having to see the believers and talk with them.

Barnabas took Saul and went to the believers and explained how Saul had seen the Lord and been changed and was no longer the wicked enemy any more. So they accepted Saul as one of them.

Right away Saul kept trying to show the Jews from the scriptures that Jesus was the true Messiah. He also showed the ones who had studied Greek philosophy and mixed it in with the scriptures, that they were wrong in doing this. He thought that some of his former friends were like he had been, and if he showed them the truth they would be happy and believe too.

But they didn't, instead they got more and more angry until they decided to kill Saul. So the church sneaked him out and helped him to go on his way towards his hometown of Tarsus.

Then for a while things were quiet for the believers. This gave them a time of peace to study and learn more about Jesus before trouble hit them again.

Thought - Jesus is very kind that although he allows persecution to come to His followers to help them get rid of sin, He also gives them times of peace so they can learn and study His truth. It is important to use our time well and study and learn when we can, as hard times will soon come and we need to be ready. Jesus will help us get ready if we ask Him but if we waste our time with entertainment, we will not be ready.

Monday

Text: Acts 9:36 “Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.”

Peter began to travel around and visit the areas where the believers had moved. In the city of Lydda, there was a man who had been sick and in bed for 8 years. Peter, impressed by the Holy Spirit said to this man, “Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed.” And right away the poor sick man was well and able to walk.

In Joppa lived a very kind lady named Dorcas or Tabitha, which means ‘doe’ a female deer. She worked hard making clothes for the poor and helping widows and orphans. But one day she got sick and died.

The people were so sad and they called for Peter to come right away. When he came he was taken to the room where the body was. So many people were there weeping and showing the lovely cloths and

things she had made for them.

Peter asked them to go out of the room and then he quietly kneeled down and prayed. He knew from the Holy Spirit that Jesus was going to raise Dorcas so he turned and said, “Tabitha arise.” She opened her eyes and sat up and was surprised to see Peter there. Then Peter gave her a hand and she got up and came down to the people. All were so happy to have the kind lady back with them again.

Peter then stayed for a while at Joppa with another believer, Simon the tanner.

Thought – We are told about Dorcas that her fingers were busier making clothes and helping people than her tongue was in talking. That is a good idea. Sometimes we spend ever so much time talking and chatting when we could be finding ways to help others and learn more about Jesus.

Tuesday

Text: Acts 10:1, 2 “There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.”

Cornelius was a Roman centurion. He was a man of wealth and noble birth, and his position was one of trust and honor. He had learned about the True God of Heaven from the Jews and worshipped Him with an honest heart. He tried to show his love for God by helping the poor and giving to the needy.

One day he was praying earnestly and all at once an angel appeared to him. When he saw him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? The angel said, “Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. . . send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose last name is Peter: who is staying with Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou should do.”

Cornelius right away called for two trusted servants and sent them as the angel had said.

In the mean time Peter had gone up to the rooftop to pray and study when all at once he felt very hungry. While they were making the lunch ready, he had a vision. He saw a big sheet come down and in it was all sorts of unclean animals and birds.

A voice said to him, "Arise Peter, kill and eat."

Peter answered right away, "Oh, no, Lord, I have never eaten anything common or unclean."

The voice told him, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common." This happened three times and then went away. Now Peter was wondering what this meant when the word came to him that two men were at the gate asking for him.

Thought – Now some people use this vision to say that it is now alright to eat pigs and unclean things. But if they keep reading in their Bibles they will see that Peter said himself what the vision meant. Jesus did not die to cleanse a pig so we can eat it!

Wednesday

Text: Acts 10:19, 20 "While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them."

Peter went down to talk to the men from Cornelius; and said, I am Peter, who you are looking for: what do you want? They told Peter that Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that fears God, was told by a holy angel to ask him to come to his house, to talk to him.

So Peter invited them in and let them stay overnight at the house where he was. The next day he went with the men and took some of the brethren from Joppa with them as witnesses to what would happen.

When they got to Cornelius' house in Caesarea, there they found he had gathered together all his family and friends to hear what Peter was going to teach them.

The first thing he did when he saw Peter was to fall down to worship him. Peter helped him up and quickly told him, "No, stand on your feet, I am also a man."

When he got into the house and saw the people all waiting to hear his message, he told them, "You know that it is against the Jew's law for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Now why did you send for me?"

Here you see that Peter knew that his vision was not to tell him it was alright to eat a pig, but

that God wanted the Gentiles to hear the gospel too.

Thought – Notice that Peter knew some of the believers would not understand this so he took witnesses to see what happened and report on it.

Thursday

Text: Acts 10:33-35 "Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God. Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

Cornelius told how the angel in bright clothing appeared to him as he prayed and told him to send for Peter to come and tell him what he should do.

Peter told about the vision he had seen and how he saw plainly that God made no difference between Jews or Gentiles but wanted everybody to be saved by the gospel of Jesus. Then Peter told the whole group the story of Jesus and His death and resurrection and how these things fulfilled the prophecies of old times. Now Jesus was in heaven and was to be the judge of all men and would one day come back and take those who gave their hearts to Him to heaven.

The people gathered there were so happy to hear the wonderful Truth about Jesus and their hearts just soaked it up. All at once a wonderful thing happened. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit down to these people. They were able to speak other languages and praised God with holy joy.

Peter and the other believers with him were just amazed. Then Peter said, "Can anyone forbid water that these should be baptized? They have already received the Holy Spirit like us!" So they went that day and baptized the whole group. Peter stayed with them for a while to teach them.

Thought – This gift of tongues was the ability to speak real languages. This was a sign to Peter that Jesus did indeed accept the Gentiles the same as the Jews. But it would also be a wonderful help to these dear people to preach the gospel in their area as people from all over the world were found there.

Friday

Text: Acts 9: 11:2-3 “And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.”

After he left Cornelius and the happy group of new believers, Peter headed for Jerusalem. But gossip got there first and when he arrived a group of the Jewish believers had complaints about what he had done. Peter knew this would happen and this was why he wisely had taken witnesses with him.

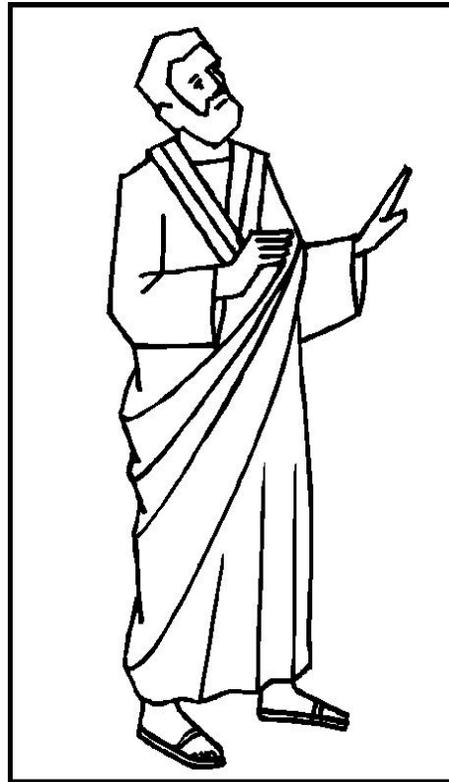
So Peter told them the whole story about the vision he had been shown and the vision Cornelius had and all the rest. When he got to the place about how the Holy Spirit was given to the gentiles, the ones listening to him were just amazed.

He told them, “Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?” Acts 11:16,17

After this a change came over the believers. Instead of just preaching to the Jews, they began to preach to the gentiles too, and mostly they found the Gentiles more ready to believe than the Jews. Jesus says He pours water on the thirsty ground. He means that He gives His truth to those who are glad to hear it.

People who are too smart and important in their own eyes, and just want to argue about the truth are often left behind while the Holy Spirit goes to poor, humble people who are so happy to accept the Gospel.

Thought - We have to be careful that we don't get feeling that if people are not in our group, they are not important to Jesus too! There is no human being on earth that Jesus does not want to save. Most will not choose to be saved, but Jesus will save all who will come to Him. Poor people and those not very smart are just as precious to Jesus as rich people and those with big educations.
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THERE'S a little proverb true,
From the land of Spain,
But in Northland, as in Southland,
Is its meaning plain.
Lock it up within your heart ;
Neither lose nor lend it,
Two it takes to make a quarrel;
One can always end it.

Try it well in every way,
Still you'll find it true.
In a fight without a foe,
Pray what can we do?
If the wrath is yours alone,
Soon you will expend it.
Two it takes to make a quarrel ;
One can always end it.

Let's suppose that both are wroth,
And the strife begun,
If one voice shall cry for "peace,"
Soon it will be done.
If but one should span the breach,
He will quickly mend it.
Two it takes to make a quarrel;
One can always end it.