

# TEMKIT FOR CHILDREN

## TEMKIT'S MISSION:

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

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### CREATION CORNER The Health Maker's Party

Dorothy and Don were pretending to have a party to invite all the Health Makers that they could think of. These health makers are the best kind of friends. They never spoil a single day. They never keep you from having a good time. They never do a thing to displease you. They add joy to any sport. They help to make all work easier. They bring good cheer wherever they go. They make every one feel comfortable and happy. What a delightful party it would be!

Do you know the health makers? No? That is too bad. You do not know what you are missing. Let me introduce them to you as they arrive.

The first one to come is Willie Water. "Water and plenty of it, inside and out" is his health motto.

He brings us a big glass of pure water about half an hour before each meal, and one about two hours after each meal. Just before each meal, he brings us warm water and soap for our hands. Every morning when we get up, he is ready with enough cool water for a brisk shower

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or pour or sponge for the whole body. A few times a week he fills the tub with nice hot water for a real all-over scrub. Willie Water is one of our very best health friends.

Here comes Tommie Toothbrush. He is a timid little fellow. He never puts himself forward. Perhaps that is why he is so often forgotten. But he is a loyal friend, one who can be a great help. He has a standing appointment with every friend of his twice a day- once after breakfast and again after supper. If you fail to meet his appointments with you, you will be the one to suffer.

The next to arrive are the twins, Harry Whole-Grain and Susie Soy-milk. They claim a place beside you at every meal. And they deserve this honor, for they will help every part of your body to do its best work.

Never push Harry Whole Grain aside for Clarence Cake, with his starched vest and stiff white collar. And it would be a great mistake to let those destructive twins, Tea and Coffee, take the place of Susie Soy-milk. They are among your worst enemies.

Here comes Rosie Apple. How do you do, Rosie? You are a true friend. I know your motto. "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." I want

all the boys and girls to know you. You help to kill the disease germ enemies that sometimes attack us.

We also want many others of the Fruit Family at our party. Benny Banana, Ollie Orange, Greta Grape and Polly Peach are just a few of this bright and happy group. It is always best to have the hearty Vegetable Family and the sweet Fruit Family separated and not mixed together.

The Vegetable Family is going to be well represented at our party. But we need plenty of them at a health party. Susie Spinach, with her ruffled green silk dress, is always on hand to help us. She is a famous health maker. Our party would be almost a failure without her. I heard once that she makes little girls' hair curly. But that isn't true. She does something much more valuable than that. She keeps the blood red and healthy. And she helps to keep the teeth strong and white.

How pretty Caroline Carrot looks in her bright orange suit! We are so glad you came, Caroline. I want every girl and boy here to know how useful you are. You help to keep the blood pure and strong.

Patrick Potato belongs to the Vegetable Family, too. Patrick is a real stand-by, and so well known that he hardly needs an introduction. He is a jolly little fellow, and does much to keep our bodies round and plump. One thing that spoils him though, is when people fry him in hot oil!

Here comes Betty Bean all by herself.

"Where is your little brother, Lennie Lentils, and your sister, Patty Peas?"

"Mother said it wasn't best for more than one of the Legume Family at a time to come to your party."

"She is right. But though there is but one of your family here, and though you are not so large in bulk as the children of the Vegetable Family, our health party would be sadly lacking without you. 'Valuable things are often done up in small parcels,' did you say? How true that is! A small amount of legumes at one time is enough. Although you are small, you have great strength to give us. We heartily welcome you to our party. Be sure you make a good impression on all the boys and girls, for they need the strength you can give them."

See these two trim little chaps! Boys and girls, meet my friends, Walter Walnut and Alfred

Almond. Don't they look dignified? And no wonder. They have serious work to do, and they feel its importance. They help to keep the body plump. They help to make the muscles hard and strong. Walter is especially good for brain power.

Another friend I have invited to our health party is Ernest Exercise. Sometimes he goes by the name of Honest Labor. He always finds many interesting things for us to do out in the healthful sunshine. He especially delights to be with us in the garden. He has a little sister named Polly Play. When they visit us, our blood cells fairly run race to see which can take the round trip through our bodies the fastest. They bound on their way as happy as birds.

Ernest Exercise breaks down the old worn-out tissues in the muscles, and shovels them out of the body. Then he builds up fresh new muscle tissue. He brings in a large supply of oxygen to light the bonfires he starts in the body. How warm he makes us! Then he opens the windows of the skin, and with the perspiration he washes out more dirt. He seems to be having a regular spring house cleaning inside our bodies! If we will spend an hour a day with this good health friend, he will keep our blood and muscles clean and strong, and we shall feel as good as new.

The last health maker to arrive at our party is Luther Longsleep. Longsleep always insists on bringing Frederick Fresh-air with him -says he can't half do his work without Fresh-air. They make me think of the Siamese twins, and they are the most soothing, comfortable friends we have. They will come regularly if we let them. If we sit up late at night or refuse to let them come at the right time and stay at least ten hours, they get quite cross with us. Then we are likely to get cross too, and everything seems to go wrong. Sometimes they go right away when we do not welcome them. Even our other health friends punish us if we mistreat Longsleep and Fresh-air.

Now, boys and girls, the only way for you to have these health makers for your friends, is to invite them to your home and treat them as friends. Health is ready to live with you and be your friend if you will let it. But no one can tell you what a wonderful friend it is. If you never ate a certain thing, you cannot know how it tastes. No one else can taste it for you. You must taste it yourself. So it is with health. To know

how fine it will make you feel, you must have a Health Maker Party for yourself. = ^ .. ^ =

## POEM

### Too Little to Come In

See if you can figure out the real message of this poem. Who are the lambs?

1. Dark fell the night and stormy,  
Sharp was the sleet and cold,  
And the timid sheep came flocking  
Into the sheltering fold.
2. Outside the wolves were howling,  
Outside the storm beat sore,  
But all was warmth and comfort  
Within the sheepfold's door.
3. The door was shut and bolted  
Against the raging night,  
But the smile of the Master Shepherd  
Made all the sheepfold bright.
4. "Where are My lambs?" He questioned,  
-"The lambs who need Me so?"  
Then the hireling slowly answered  
"They are out in the sleet and snow,  
Where the ravening wolves are howling  
In the midnight, wild and cold ;  
For the lambs are all too little  
To enter the sheltering fold."
5. Then out in the cold and the tempest  
Straightway the Master went,  
And through the sleet and darkness  
His loving call He sent.
6. And when, all drenched and bleeding,  
He reached again that door,  
Safe in His tender bosom  
The weakest lamb He bore.
7. Long He stood at the portal,  
Watching the wee ones come.  
Till every lamb was sheltered  
Safe in the sheepfold home.
8. "Go, feed My lambs," said the Master;  
"Forbid them not to come."  
And the hireling undershepherd  
Was stricken, shamed, and dumb.  
Anonymous.

## TRUE-STORY-TIME

### Proving the Bible Wrong?

**And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me. John 12:32**

The word 'infidel' is sometimes used to mean someone who does not believe in God. Two men who did not believe in God once sat in a railway car discussing Christ's wonderful life. One of them said, 'I think an interesting romance could be written about Christ.'

"The other replied, 'You are right; and you are just the man to write it. Set forth the correct view of His life and character. Tear down the idea that He is the Son of God, and paint Him as He was — a mere man among men.'

The other man began the project, and years later the romance appeared. The man who made the suggestion was Colonel Robert Ingersoll, the world-famous infidel; the author was General Lew Wallace; and the book was 'Ben Hur.'

In studying the Gospels for material to write the book, General Wallace found himself facing the unaccountable Man Jesus. The more he studied Christ's life and character, the more profoundly he was convinced that He was more than a man among men.

He was amazed by the fact that out of a village in Galilee, so unimportant and low that it was thought nothing good could come from there, came this young man, educated in neither Greek nor Hebrew — a young carpenter who had hardly been outside His province, but whose first public talk, the Sermon on the Mount, is the most wonderful address on right living the world has ever heard.

Lew Wallace, like the rest of the world, wondered at His words. Age has not dimmed their light, lessened their appealing sweetness, or lessened their force. His words shine out as the sweetest, calmest, wisest words ever spoken to men.

Lew Wallace discovered Christ to be the person that literature feels to be its highest ideal. He found Christ to be the great central fact in the world's history. To Him everything looks forward or backward; all lines of history converge in Him and radiate from Him. At last, unable to resist the evidence, Lew Wallace, the infidel friend of the infidel Ingersoll, had to admit, like the centurion under the cross, 'Truly

this was the Son of God.' So in the writing of 'Ben Hur,' a book that was to exhibit Christ merely as a human man, Lew Wallace was converted, and wrote of Him as the Son of God.

But I will now tell you about another unbeliever who startled the doubting as well as the Christian world by announcing that he was going to show that the Bible could not be true.

Sir William Mitchell Ramsay, in 1881, was a fine young man of good character, honesty, culture, and high education. He had a sincere desire to know the truth. He had grown up with those who did not believe the Bible and so he was sure the Bible was not true.

He spent years getting ready to go on his journey into Asia Minor and Palestine, the home of the Bible, where he would 'dig up the evidence' that the Book was not true but a fake, written by dishonest monks, and not the Book from heaven it claims to be.

He thought the weakest spot in the whole New Testament was the story of Paul's travels. These had never been thoroughly investigated by one on the spot. So he announced his plan to take the Book of Acts as a guide, and by trying to make the same journeys Paul made over the same routes that Paul followed, prove that the apostle could never have made them as described.

The enemies of the Bible were enthusiastic over what they were sure would prove the Book to be false; and even some believers trembled at the idea. For this was the boldest attempt to disprove the Bible since the days that Julian, the emperor of Rome in the fourth century, set himself with his wealth to break the prophecies and end belief in the Bible—a project that miserably failed.

This man Ramsay, was an intelligent and decent young man. Both believers and unbelievers felt he would do as he said he would. He was not a loud mouthed blasphemer, content to sit in Paris, London, or Berlin, and from these remote points attack a book that had its origin and setting in ancient Palestine.

He had the courage of his convictions and the intellect and physical equipment to carry out his purpose to investigate. So all parties believed in Ramsay, and when he said he would publish his findings just as he discovered things to be, his word was accepted.

Equipped as no other man had been, he went

to the home of the Bible. Here he spent fifteen years literally 'digging for the evidence.' Then in 1896 he published a large volume on 'St. Paul, the Traveler and the Roman Citizen.'

The book caused dismay among the skeptics of the world. It came out just the opposite from what they expected. It proved the Bible to be true instead of false. And for twenty years more, book after book from the same author came from the press, each filled with more evidence of the exact, minute truthfulness of the whole New Testament as tested by the spade on the spot.

The evidence was so great that many infidels turned from their unbelief and accepted Christianity. And these books have stood the test of time, not one having been proved untrue. No one has even tried to prove them wrong.

Here are a few words from his books. Speaking of the Book of Acts, Ramsay, on page 238 of his 'St. Paul,' says:

'The narrative never makes a false step amid all the many details, as the scene changes from city to city.' And on page 240: 'Every minute fact stated in Acts has its own significance.'

'The characterization of Paul in Acts,' says Ramsay on pages 21, 22, 'is so detailed and individualized as to prove the author's personal acquaintance.

'Such progress as the present writer has been enabled to make in discovery is largely due to the early appreciation of the fact that Luke is a safe guide.' (Page 259). 'Wherever the present writer followed Luke's authority absolutely, . . . he was right down to the last detail.' — Page 262. 'The Bearing of Recent Discovery on the Trustworthiness of the New Testament,' published in 1914.

And so it happened that Sir William Ramsay, who set out to destroy belief in the Bible, has done more than any other one man in modern times to establish, to demonstrate beyond possibility of doubt, the absolute, minute trustworthiness and truth of the New Testament.

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## STORY LESSON

### 'Borrowing' the Tithe

Trish and Maxwell were newlyweds who lived in a small house trailer on a college campus. Maxwell worked for one of the industries that helped to support the College and Trish had a part time job.

But Trish had been sick for a while and the cost of medicine had been rather high. The couple found themselves getting short of funds.

Now both these young people believed in paying an honest tithe. Trish had done so since a child and Maxwell, who had become an Adventist Christian as a teenager had also paid his regular tithe.

They knew that in the tithe box, there was a sum of money that had not yet been turned in. They talked it over and decided just for this one time, to borrow the money to help them get through to the next payday.

Now they kept careful track of how much they borrowed and fully intended to pay it all back very soon. But things went from bad to worse. When the time came that they meant to pay back the borrowed tithe, they had less than before and felt it was impossible to pay it back yet.

Week after week went on and still the borrowed tithe stayed borrowed and even more was borrowed and still Trish and Maxwell were in financial trouble. No matter how they planned, the trouble got worse and worse.

Finally the day came when they sat down together and talked it over. They decided that no matter what they had to do without, all that borrowed tithe had to be repaid first out of the very next money they would receive.

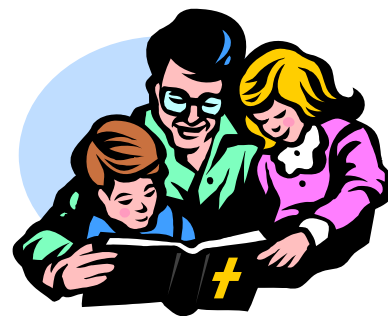
The paycheck came and they saw that to repay the tithe meant there would be no money at all for groceries. Trish looked at Maxwell and Maxwell looked at Trish. Then Trish looked at the food cupboard.

"Well it won't be fancy but we will just have to make do with the odds and ends we have here, God's tithe MUST be paid back." Trish said firmly. Maxwell agreed so the money was laid aside and turned in. It took a few weeks before the whole sum they had gradually borrowed was returned and the two of them vowed never to get into such a place again that they would borrow from the Lord's money, even if it seemed the only way out.

Now the strange thing is, that as soon as the money was repaid, things started to improve in their situation. They didn't get any extra money but somehow there was enough. The amount left over after the tithe was out seemed to go further and they never got into such a tight spot again. The lesson stayed with them.

Now God has promised that we will be blessed if we return to Him the tenth, the tithe of all our increase. He means it. But He does not always cause people who decide not to pay tithe to get into a bad spot. It really is a blessing when the Lord shows us by experience that it pays to obey Him. But it pleases Jesus more when we choose to love and obey Him, not just to keep out of trouble, but because we delight to do His will.

If we always remember that the Lord's Tithe is the FIRST tenth, not the LAST tenth, it helps us stay on track. We must also be careful to use the tithe to do only what the Bible says tithe is to do. We must give it only where we know it will be used to help preach the TRUE message to the world and support the honest ministers teaching the Bible message for these times. We must not use it to support those who are not teaching pure Bible Truth or for other projects. Even helping the poor must be done with offerings, not the Lord's Tithe. = ^ .. ^ =



**Year 3: 2nd Quarter:**

**"GIVE US A KING"**

**WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 7: "A  
KINDNESS & A GREAT SIN"**

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about Israel's Kings. 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: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalms 51:10**

### Sunday

**Text: 2 Samuel 9:6,7 "Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant! And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually."**

When David was king he remembered the promise that Jonathan and he had made to be kind to each other's families. He called for a man named Ziba, who had been a servant in Saul's palace. He asked him if there were any of Saul's family left alive so he could be kind to them for the memory of his dear friend Jonathan.

So he learned a sad story; when the word came that Saul and Jonathan had been killed in the battle, the servants at Jonathan's house were very afraid. They thought that David would come and kill all the descendants of king Saul for that was the way of things then.

There was a nurse caring for the baby son of Jonathan, Mephibosheth, (a big name for a little boy!) and she grabbed up the baby in great terror to run away with him and hide thinking he would be killed if she didn't hurry. She did not know that Jonathan and David were best friends.

As she was running away with the little child, she had an accident and dropped him. The poor little baby cried and cried as his both legs were broken from the fall. Never would he be able to walk properly.

When David heard about Mephibosheth, he sent for the boy, who was now a young man. When he was brought to the palace, David told him about the love he had for his father, Jonathan and gave him all the property that had belonged to King Saul. He told the boy that for his whole life he would live in the palace and eat at the king's table. His servants would take care of his lands and his family.

**Thought** - God blesses us when we keep our promises and also when we are kind to the

handicapped and poor.

### Monday

**Text: 2 Samuel 2:3,4 "And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabeshgilead were they that buried Saul."**

At first, King David always fought side by side with his men whenever they were in a battle. He did not think of himself too highly. But the time came when the idea of being a King started to affect even him. It is a terrible temptation for any man to have a lot of power and have people obeying his every whim. That is why God had never wanted Israel to have a human king.

The day came when David did a strange thing; instead of going out to battle with his forces, he got proud and lazy. He remained at home in his comfortable palace and SENT his general and his men to go fight his battles for him.

Soft living and the kingly life were getting to him. If he would have done his duty and not sent his army out alone to work for him, while he stayed in comfort, he would have avoided doing the most terrible sin of his whole life! A sin that even today causes unbelievers to smirk and make dirty jokes about the man God said "was after His own heart."

The idea was that Kings could get away with doing things that the ordinary man would be despised for doing, and this idea began very slowly to affect David. Satan does not just suddenly come in and attack, he gradually gets us thinking too much of self, and less about God and His holy laws. The man who had sung the psalm, "Oh how I love Thy law!" was ready for a fall.

Joab was off fighting but David had come home to the good life and was lounging around his palace, so he ran into another danger, idleness. Strolling about from one part of his lovely palace to another, he was thinking proud and selfish thoughts. He was almost getting to the place of Nebuchadnezzar when he said, "Is not this great Babylon which I have built?" Suddenly from his high palace roof, he saw a sight that

caught his attention.

**Thought** – We can see that shirking duty, pride, luxury and idleness paved the way for David's terrible sin. We can lose the Holy Spirit easily and not notice we have lost him!

## Tuesday

**Text: 2 Samuel 11:2,3** “And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?”

What did he see? He saw a beautiful lady having a bath perhaps on her rooftop, perhaps in her garden. Now it is interesting to think that maybe, Bathsheba, for that was her name, should have been much more careful about where she decided to have a bath. Sometimes, sad to say, people who know they are really good looking, tend to want to show off more than they should.

Many men have been tempted to sin either in thought or deed by a woman who was not careful to dress and act modestly. If we tempt others to sin, God holds us partly responsible for that sin. Maybe we didn't mean to be a temptation, but each of us should be very careful that our words, deeds, or appearance are not making it easy for others to be tempted to do wrong.

David suddenly had a very wrong thought; he called a servant and asked who was that beautiful lady down there. He was told that it was Bathsheba, the WIFE of one of his best soldiers, Uriah the Hittite.

Now that should have stopped David in his tracks, here was the wife of one of his faithful men and he knew he should respect that and there should be the end of it all.

But Satan was quick to whisper, “Hey, you are the KING! You can have whatever you want, after all, her husband won't be back for a while—you could at least invite her over for supper.”

The message was sent and the lady came. Now of course, people were used to obeying the King, but in this case Bathsheba should have refused and obeyed God instead. Maybe she was flattered that the King wanted her company. Sad to say relations happened between David and

Bathsheba that should only happen between a man and his wife.

**Thought** – If David thought he had gotten away with something, he soon learned differently!

## Wednesday

**Text: 2 Samuel 11:6,7** “And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.”

A few weeks later, David received the message that the lady was going to have a baby. Now there was a problem as her husband had been away for months. David, still thinking that he could lie and cheat his way out of a bad spot, sent a message to ask for Uriah to come home and tell him how the battle was doing.

When he came and reported, then David told him to go home and see his wife. He even sent a lovely meal over for them to enjoy. But Uriah was the kind of man that David used to be, he was faithful, and he said, “I can't go home and visit my wife when all the rest of the men are out there fighting!” So he didn't go.

For two nights David kept him in Jerusalem, hoping he would go home and stay with his wife, but he would not go. So David did a cruel mean trick, and sent back a letter with Uriah to General Joab. This letter told the General to see to it that Uriah would get killed in the battle!

Now another man needed to choose between right and wrong. Joab knew that to do this was wrong, he should have refused to sin like this, but he too, decided to obey the king rather than do what God would have him to do.

Soon after that a terrible battle happened and because of setting Uriah up to be killed, he and others as well, died needlessly. The message came back to David, and he was relieved to think that now at least, he was off the hook.

He waited the proper time and then sent for Bathsheba and married her. Now remember that David already had lots of wives, he had no need to have more, in fact he should have only had one!

Foolish, foolish man, did he think that he could even fool God in heaven?

*Thought* – How quickly one sin leads to another when we have turned our eyes away from God and started indulging our selfish desires!

### Thursday

**Text: 2 Samuel 12:4-6** “**And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man’s lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. And David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.**”

David, in his blindness thought all was settled now, but the thing he had done displeased God very much. God spoke to Nathan the Prophet and he rose early to hasten to the Kings court. He had a message to bring to David and was going to use a story to tell it.

When he appeared before David he told a story of a rich man who had many flocks of sheep, and a poor man that had one little pet lamb that he loved and cherished. He told how the rich man, when he needed a lamb to cook for some visitors, took the poor man’s pet lamb and killed it for dinner.

David was irate, “How could he have been so mean!” he cried out, “He deserves to die for this and had no pity! He shall repay the lamb four times over!”

Solemnly Nathan looked at David and pronounced in a clear ringing voice, “Thou art the man!” Then he told in detail of the wicked crime David had done and how the Lord said that because he had done this, the sword would never depart from his house, he would have trouble for the rest of his life and so it certainly was! He told the words of the Lord where He reminded David of all He had done for him and all the wives and riches he already had. “If this were not enough for you”, God said, “You could have asked Me and I would have given you more!”

He also said that someone would take his wives and also that he would pay four times, just as he had said the man in the story should pay. But there was mercy too, if David would truly repent, he would not die.

The mercy of God is so great, David was

forgiven, but still the results of his sin followed him the rest of his earthly life. The first repayment came when the baby boy that had been born to Bathsheba died. Later three more of David’s sons died, the last one just before David died himself.

David’s psalm of sorrow for his sin is Psalm 51, be sure to read it and see how truly sorry David was for his sin. Finally he was listening to God again and never again did he let pleasure-seeking come between him and God!

*Thought* – Sin can be forgiven, but there is no sin that does not bring sad bad effects into our lives! God does not perform a miracle to stop the results that come from our wrongdoing, but if we truly repent and turn from sin, He holds us up through our trials. We should never think that it is OK to sin as all we have to do is ask to be forgiven and it is all blotted out. Sins are NOT blotted out until the close of probation and the effects go on and on in our lives and the lives of others. Let us take hold of the Power of the Holy Spirit through the Name of Jesus and put away sin from our lives!

### Friday

**Text: Psalm 139:23,24** “**Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**”

When we begin to look to self and to our own pleasure and entertainment, we start to move away from the keeping power of the Holy Spirit. As soon as there is the least distance between our hearts and Jesus, Satan pushes himself into the gap. As soon as he is there, he works to blind our eyes so that we do not see Jesus clearly any more.

When this happens we loose the ability to clearly tell right from wrong. We don’t see our sins as being as evil and harmful as the really are. We begin to lie and blame others or excuse our sins. Satan is there to whisper that it is really perfectly all right to do this.

We hear things from people this is happening to such as; “Oh, I don’t think that God would keep me out of heaven for such a little thing,” or; “well I don’t think it really matters”, or “well, it isn’t my fault, if they had not done such and such I would not have done this,” “If I had a better time when I was growing up, I would not



do this,” “After all, it is the heart that matters, not the actions.”

It goes on and on, it is really amazing the excuses a person can come up with when he has let Satan come between him and Jesus for the sake of some sinful habit or practice.

David was blinded by Satan into thinking that it was OK to do whatever he felt like doing, and he did not even see how terrible the thing was until he heard the story of Nathan. Nathan knew he was risking his life to carry this message to the King, but the truth needed to be spoken or David was a lost man.

**Thought** - If God had not sent His prophet

to show David the truth about the sin he thought nobody knew about, David would not have been led to see and repent of his sin and would have been lost! We have a messenger in our day whose writings show us many hidden sins in our lives. Many people hate these writings as Ahab hated the true prophet: “There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.” 1Kings 22:8. The Lord loves us too much to lie to us and make us feel good about ourselves when we have sin in our lives! = ^ .. ^ =



### **FATHER, WE THANK THEE**

**Father, we thank Thee for the night,  
And for the pleasant morning light;  
For rest and food and loving care,  
And all that makes the world so fair.**

**Help us to do the things we should,  
To be to others kind and good;  
In all we do, in work or play,  
To love Thee better day by day.**