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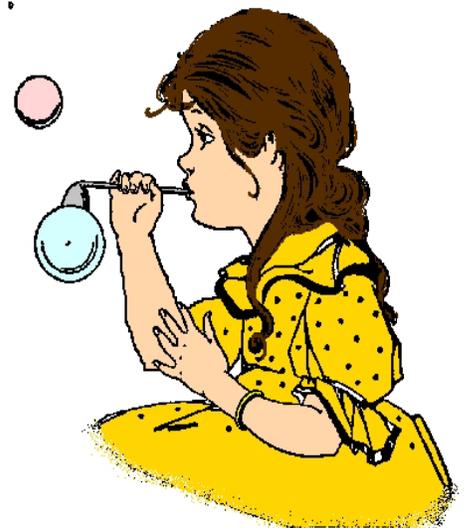
POEM

Are All the Children In?

1. Are all the children in? The night is falling,
And storm clouds gather in the threatening west;
The lowing cattle seek a friendly shelter;
The bird hies to her nest:
The thunder crashes; wilder grows the tempest,
And darkness settles o'er the fearful din;
Come, shut the door, and gather round the hearth-stone:
Are all the children in?

2. Are all the children in? 'The night is falling
When gilded sin doth walk about the streets.
'At last, it biteth like a serpent,'
Poisoned are stolen sweets.
Oh, mothers, guard the feet of inexperience,
Too prone to wander in the paths of sin!
Oh, shut the door of love against temptation !
Are all the children in?

3. Are all the children in? The night is falling,
The night of death is hastening on apace;
The Lord is calling, "Enter thou thy chamber,
And tarry there a space."
And when He comes, the King in all His glory,
Who died the shameful death our hearts to win,
Oh, may the gates of heaven shut about us,
With all the children in!
Elizabeth Rosser. =^..^=



TRUE-STORY-TIME

The Man that Drove a Cow

In the great country of Russia, early in the twentieth century, there lived some of the descendents of a people known as Anabaptists. They, like the Waldenses, traced their history far back into the shadows of the past. They were a simple people and believed in serving the Lord with all their hearts and trusting in Him to guide them through the Holy Spirit.

In Russia they had a reasonable amount of religious freedom, lived in peace, and worked hard on their farms to earn their living. But a change was coming.

A godly man named Ivan, which means John in English, lived in the central Ukraine. He helped teach his village about the Lord. This was about 1932 and rumors were flying that soon something terrible was about to happen that would affect even these scattered farmers. He was a man of prayer and the Lord was teaching him.

The time was coming for the great crush upon Russia, their homes and animals would be taken away, people would be killed. Shot for no reason, or sent to Siberia to die. Soon the communists would have full control in Russia.

So this brother was praying to the Lord, "Lord, you know what the people are talking about here. There are rumors that we will be persecuted and killed. So help us Lord, protect us and save us."

One of the nights when he was praying, the Lord said to him - "My son Ivan, I'll lead you into the country of China. Get ready for journeying." And the Lord set him a night. "On such and such a night you are going to leave this village." And the Lord told him what to do. He was quite well off because he had eight cows and two purebred horses. And to have eight cows in Russia in those days, with chickens and so forth, was quite a rich farm.

So the Lord said, "You leave your house and leave your cattle, leave your purebred horses, and leave everything. And put your milk cow in your horse cart, harness her and put her in the horse cart. Take a couple bags of millet grain and some other food and leave this village at dusk, in the darkness. And leave on such and such a road." The Lord told him to take a side road out of the village. And the Lord gave the name of the village he was to go to next.

So, this brother was puzzled. "Lord, I have good transportation. My horses are good." But, because

he was a man of prayer and a man of obedience, he decided to obey the Lord. When the night came, he harnessed his cow. The Lord even told him the name of the cow. So he harnessed her in the horse cart, he turned on the lights in the house, he fed his cattle, fed his horses, and then he put his children and wife on the horse cart and he quietly left.

As he was passing through his village, people saw them traveling in the dusk of the evening and they said, "Oh no, we have another gypsy coming to our village." Gypsies would travel throughout all Russia. They were stealing, doing witchcraft, and all kinds of things and begging, they never worked in Russia.

There were many, many gypsies traveling in Russia for many centuries. So, because it was a common sight to see a gypsy traveling on a cow, the people thought this brother was a gypsy.

Now, why did the Lord do this? Because at that time there was very strict control. People could not move freely in and out of their villages because the government was already gaining control over all the people. If the neighbors saw them moving, they would tell on them to get a reward. So if he had left on horses, it would have been known immediately that he was leaving the village.

So this brother left quietly. He was taken for a gypsy. The Lord sent him on a side road. And at midnight of the night he left, the KGB officers came to take him to Siberia because he was proclaimed an enemy of the people, because he was a 'rich man' with 8 cows. His farm would have been taken and he killed or sent to Siberia and gotten rid of. Of those taken to Siberia, many were killed.

Some were needed for labor. Many rich people were simply shot; taken outside of villages and shot with machine guns or whatever. They killed many millions of people in Russia from 1933 on.

But Ivan left and when they came to pick him up there was no man. The family had disappeared. And they didn't know what to do, or what happened. The horses were there. Everything was there. And the lights were on in the house. But no man and no family. They were amazed.

They waited for morning and they saw the tracks leaving through the gate. They saw the direction he went. So they harnessed his horses and made a big chase along that main road. And of course, they were chasing for a long time, because the Lord sent him on a side road and he traveled to that village that the Lord told him to go to.

The Lord told Ivan He would take him to China. But, of course, he hardly had any education and he had no road maps or road signs, nothing. They had to totally depend upon the Lord. All he knew was the name of the next village. He knew that one. And he was praying each time, and he was praying at night; it was summer time. So they traveled with the cow. They would pasture the cow and milk the cow, and make porridge with the millet for the children.

They praised God because they knew if they had traveled on horses, they couldn't milk horses. But they could milk a cow. So, the Lord uses the simple, the uneducated, the unwise of this world, to confound the wise and prudent. And the Lord put the KGB to shame by simply leading this man out to security and safety, to China on the cow.

When he came to the next village, which wasn't very far, he prayed with his family, "Lord, is this China?" The Lord said, "My son Ivan, this is not China yet. I will take you to China." Then the Lord told him the name of the next village. And he just moved on. And the Lord gave the next address and so on, he had to ask people where the village was. He had no map.

He was like Abraham. Did Abraham know the address, did he know where he went? The Bible says Abraham left his country and didn't know where he was going. So this brother was just traveling on, and before he knew, by the end of summer - it took him all summer - he had traveled from the middle of Russia to the border of China.

Then came a shock, he came to the border and the Lord told him to move on and so he went on, by the direction of the Lord, very close to the border. The Russian border at that time was already heavily guarded, with German Shepherd dogs and guards on horseback. So it was already an iron curtain at that time. It was severely controlled because they did not want people to leave.

When they saw this strange sight, a man with a family traveling in the direction of China, they caught him. They took his cow, and his cart away, and they made him a prisoner. They caught other people as well, and they made them cut dry grass along the border for hay for their horses.

So Ivan was weeping in prayer at night, "Lord, what is this? You told me you would lead me to safety, you would lead me to China. Here I am, I left everything as you told me, and now I've lost my cow, I've lost my horse cart, I have nothing left, Lord. What is going on?" And the Lord was comforting

him saying, "My son, cheer up and don't worry. I will take you yet to China. Just trust me. I will take you to China."

He was a prisoner. So they put his family and the others right by the border in tents, as a temporary dwelling place. And the men were made to work with scythes cutting hay, dry hay. But one of the days when they were working, fire broke out on the Russian side of the border. A big fire. Then the wind started blowing, and this dry hay started burning very quickly. The fire moved onto the group that was working, and onto the tents.

The border guards started to panic and run for their lives, yelling orders. The workers dropped their scythes and ran for the tents to get their families. They wanted to run to safety. But the wind was increasing in force and the fire was moving very fast toward them. So everyone started to run for their lives, with their children. And this brother grabbed his wife and children and they were running away from the fire. They were running and running and crying, "Lord, what is this?" And they just ran and ran. They ran for a long time.

Eventually, when they were exhausted and had run far enough away from the fire to be safe, they fell down in the grass, totally exhausted. They started to weep and this man said, "Lord, here's my family running, and we're in a desperate situation. What is this? Why is this happening to me? Lord, where am I?" And the Lord said to him, "My son, this is China." He came to China. So the Lord deported him from prison into China by fire. And this man and his wife started to praise the Lord and rejoice and thank the Lord. And the Lord told them where to go, and so they found other faithful Christians that had already arrived so they joined them. They praised the Lord for his guidance and protection.

And so these people, these simple people, who believed and trusted the Lord and his leadership, they never saw the starvation in the Ukraine. They never saw the persecution and trials. They never saw their children being taken away. They never saw Siberia and all those things that happened to Russia.

It was a drastic, terrible time in Russia from 1933 on. Many millions of people died. And also, the Lord saved them from the great war. And that Second World War took twenty million lives from Russia and the Ukraine. That's a big number. Six million died in the Ukraine from starvation in 1933.

So whatever the Lord promised them, it came

to pass. He delivered them from that country, from starvation and from those troubles, from the war, as He promised. And because there was no communication, there was no radio, and no mail going through to China in those desolate areas, those secluded areas in the mountains, they never knew there was starvation in Russia, which took away many millions.

But these simple people were protected and saved by the Lord, led out from the area of calamity, and were living a very blessed life. It was a land of plenty because it was very rich soil, and the Lord blessed the fruits of their labors. Of course, they weren't rich by American standards, no. They were still simple farmers. But they had their cattle, they had their milk. And that brother who lost his house, built a good house in China and lots more cows and lots more horses.

So the Lord returned to him much more than he lost, for his obedience. He would have lost it the next night anyhow. But for obedience to the Lord, he was richly repaid. Because the Lord is faithful and willing to bless his people if they obey his voice and follow Him. = ^ .. ^ =



STORY LESSON

The Story That Killed

It was just after the 2nd World War, in September of 1946. A man who had served in the armed forces of Canada had returned home to face the problem of finding work in a time when thousands were doing the same and very few jobs were available. His name was John Shaback, he was of Russian descent and spoke that language. His wife had a job and he felt very bad to have to be dependant on her, especially as she didn't mind nagging him about it either.

Walking the streets of Edmonton, he found himself across the street from a pub where many of his army buddies often gathered. Thinking that

one of them might have heard of some work he could get, he decided to drop in and ask.

A stranger was there and was loudly telling a story of how he had made a fortune the winter before in the Yukon by running a trap line to catch animals for fur. Fur was quite valuable at that time and a good living could be earned by trapping.

Now that part of the man's story was true, but he made a very untrue picture by not telling of the terrible hardships, the bitter cold, the vast loneliness and discomfort, the terrible risk and the need to be well set up, experienced and organized in order to do such a task. He just spouted off as if it was the easy way to make a fortune and the people listening to him just ate it up.

John was very interested. He asked the man how you could get to where one could make such easy money. The man just said he flew into the Yukon and had a cabin on a lake where he stayed and trapped for the winter. He was very vague about it, but John thought the Yukon was just a small area and the lake and cabin should not be hard to find.

By asking around soon he found a bush pilot who was willing to fly him to the Yukon to find the lake. John bought some traps and a small supply of food and loading it all aboard the plane they headed into the Yukon.

The pilot never dreamed that John knew nothing about where he was headed and when he was asked to settle on a lonely lake in the middle of nowhere, felt sure his passenger must know where he was heading.

John was worried when he did not find a cabin on the lake, but he organized his supplies and started to build a rough cabin to shelter him. He did his best, but in just a couple days there was snow to his knees and the biting cold of the north settled in. Not only cold, but dark, as the sun does not rise much in the winter. He set his traps but caught very little and had the animals stolen by a wolverine. He shot a few wild birds but they were soon eaten up.

Finally he decided his only hope for life was to leave his little shelter and using a sled he had made by hand to carry his small supplies of food and a few traps, he would have to try and find his way to help. It was Old Christmas day. (January 5) He sang carols as he walked and when he camped he read his Russian Bible by firelight. The temperature was 35 below zero F.

He traveled on as best he could for 28 days,

rationing his meager food supply. Finally, his supplies exhausted, he found a rude shelter the Indians used while hunting up that way and huddled sadly within, he wrote his last few entries in his diary. Taking a piece of wood, he carved two forlorn words and made it into a rough cross. He struggled to place it outside as a marker. The words read "Deadman Here", and he hung his cap on the top.

His last entry told of how he had run out of food, and could go no further, the ends of his fingers were frozen off, he was suffering greatly, but expressed his faith in God. He died on Feb. 3, 1947. It was through his diary that we know his story. Later when the RCMP located his remains, the Russian diary was sent to an interpreter and the whole sad story unfolded. John had been a brave man, but he had false information.

We need to be careful when telling tales to be truthful. Exaggerating or leaving out parts to show off, could lead someone to make a sad mistake. Also, it is important when making plans to consult with others who know the facts before making a hasty decision. And for those of us who know the Lord, we can pray and ask Him for guidance as well. = ^ .. ^ =

POEM LITTLE THINGS

LITTLE drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean,
And the pleasant land.

And the little moments,
Humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages
Of eternity.

Thus our little errors
Lead the soul away
From the path of virtue
Oft in sin to stray.

Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Make the earth an Eden,
Like the heaven above.
Selected.



Year 3: 2nd Quarter: "GIVE US A KING" WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 5: "SAUL AND THE WITCH"

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: "And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?" Isaiah 8:19

Sunday

Text: 1 Samuel 26:7,8 "So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him. Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time."

After David had spared his life and it was proven that Saul was wrong in trying to kill David, you would think that he would stop chasing David. But no way, it was not long before he was out in the hills where the wild goats lived; trying to hunt down the one he knew God had chosen for the next king.

Saul came to a place and he and his army camped and settled down to sleep. Now if you know

anything about armies, they never go to sleep without leave some to stay awake and guard. But God caused it to be that all of the men fell asleep, the king, the captain and all the soldiers.

David looked down into the valley to see if it was really Saul come out against him again and he saw it was. "Who will come with me and we will sneak down into their camp?" he asked his men and one of them said he would come.

Soon there they were in the middle of the camp and there was king Saul sound asleep with his spear stuck in the ground beside him and all his whole army fast asleep.

David's friend Abishai wanted to kill Saul, David said no, but he took his spear and his water pot and then he went back up into the mountain area. When he was a long ways away, he started to yell to Abner, the captain of the king's army. He asked Abner why he was not guarding the king better. Then he told them that he had been there in the camp and taken away the king's spear and water pot from beside his pillow!

Now again Saul was forced to see he was doing wrong and he seemed to repent as David asked him why he was trying to kill him. Saul admitted for the time that he was wrong and then he returned back to his palace.

Thought - Even the strongest men are helpless when God fights against them!

Monday

Text: 1 Samuel 27:1,2 "And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand. And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath."

Time after time God had shown David that He was well able to protect him from Saul, but one day David allowed self-pity and doubts to rise up in his mind and he did not drive them out right away. This was the time he should have prayed or took his harp and sang praises to God to drive away the evil spirits that were tricking him into doubting God.

Instead, David gave into to making his own plans

again without talking to God about it. You see, one of the first things the devil does when he brings doubts like this, is he makes us feel like we don't want to pray! Of course! Because he knows when we pray - he is out of there!

So David headed off to go and stay with the Lord's enemies in Gath. When Saul heard David was gone he stopped hunting him and David asked king Achish to give him a city out in the country for he and his men to dwell in and he did this and gave him Ziklag.

Now David did some very dishonest things, he would go out and attack the friends of the Philistines, which were the enemies of Israel and he would get the King to think he was attacking his own people. Really what David had done was to trade the protection of God for the protection of God's enemy. Not a good trade at all.

David stayed in enemy country for a year and 4 months and the day came when Achish was going to attack Israel. Now David was in a bad spot. The king expected him to come and help him attack the Lord's people! Lying always gets us into trouble.

David and his men showed up at the gathering of the army for the battle and the king was intending to have him go with them. But the other captains did not want this to happen. "In the middle of the battle he will attack us!" they said. So David and his men turned back.

Thought - This is a very important lesson to learn; any time we have thoughts of doubt, feeling sorry for our selves, or thinking 'Why does this have to happen to me?' we need to push those thoughts out right away! Call out to the Lord in prayer and ask Him to take such evil thoughts out of our minds and give us the mind of Jesus. Singing true hymns to the Lord also drives the dark angels away.

Tuesday

Text: 1 Samuel 30:1-3 "And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way. So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives."

God cannot bless and protect his people when they lie and cheat and don't trust in Him. While David and his men were away a roving band of Amalekites that had escaped being killed by King Saul, attacked David's city and burned it to the ground. They took all the wives and children and supplies and ran off with them.

When David's men saw this they wept and were so upset because of David's unwise doings, they were about to stone him. But it was at this time that David realized his wrongdoing and repented and asked the Lord what they should do. He got the High Priest to bring the Ephod and ask God if they could get their families back.

God said they should go after the Amalekites and they would get all back again. They did chase after the raiders and they caught up with them when they were having a big, drunken party. They soon overcame them all and got back all their belongings, their families and even more stuff from the raiders.

After the battle was over, David and his men determined to trust in the Lord and David sent presents to his friends, the elders of Israel, so that they would know he did not fight against them.

Thought – Proverbs 3:5, 6 says, “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” No doubt Solomon learned the truth of this from his father David!

Wednesday

Text: 1 Samuel 28:5,6 “And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.”

Poor, stubborn king Saul. He had heard that the Philistines were coming up to attack Israel with a huge army. He also was doubly afraid because he was sure that David would fight with them and attack him too. Samuel was dead and he could not get help from him. The shadows of doom gathered dark about Saul and he was afraid and wanted to talk to the Lord and ask for help.

He longed for help and guidance. But it was in vain that he sought counsel from God. “The Lord answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.”

The Lord never turned away a soul that came to Him in sincerity and humility. Why did he turn Saul away unanswered? The king had by his own act cut off the benefits of all the methods of inquiring of God. He had rejected the counsel of Samuel the prophet; he had exiled David, the chosen of God; he had slain the priests of the Lord. Could he expect to be answered by God?

He had sinned away the Holy Spirit, and could he be answered by dreams and revelations from the Lord? Saul did not turn to God with humility and repentance. It was not pardon for sin that he wanted. He just wanted God to rescue him from his enemies.

He was not sorry for his sins, he was only sorry for the mess he was now in. By his own stubbornness and rebellion he had cut himself off from God. There could be no return but by the way of repentance; but the proud monarch, in his despair, determined to seek help from another source.

He soon showed that his rebellion against the Lord had not stopped at all. In fact he should have known better than what he decided to do; God's people know that dead people don't come back as ghosts!

Thought – We must always remember that Ecclesiastes 9:5 tells us plainly the dead don't know anything. We should stay away from anyone who claims to talk to the dead and not read or watch any stories about ghosts or witches.

Thursday

Text: 1 Samuel 28:7,8 “Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.”

Saul decided to go and see a witch! Now when Samuel had been alive, Saul had followed the orders of the Lord and had all the people who claimed to be witches and wizards executed. You see, this is not just another religion like people today want to tell us. People who do this are controlled and used by Satan whether they know it or not. Satan works

through them to ensnare and trick other people.

Saul's men told him that they had found out there was a witch living in a secret place in Endor and so Saul and two men with him, disguised himself and went to ask the witch to help him. I want you to notice the foolishness of a person that refuses to follow the Lord. Saul was going to ask someone for help whom he thought had special powers and yet he thought he could fool that person by a disguise!

Off they went into the darkness of night. It reminds us of Judas, where the Bible says that he went out--and it was night. Saul went into darkness because he would not admit he needed to return to the light.

What bondage is so terrible as that of him who is given over to the control of the worst of tyrants—himself! Trust in God and obedience to His will were the only conditions upon which Saul could be king of Israel. Had he followed these conditions, his kingdom would have been safe; God would have been his guide and his shield.

God had been patient with Saul; he still could have repented and been accepted. But now when he turned from God to get help from a servant of Satan, he had cut the last tie that bound him to his Maker. He placed himself fully under the control of that demon power which for years had been tormenting him. Satan was laughing and the angels wept as Saul trudged the path to Endor.

When he got there he asked the witch to bring him up the spirit of Samuel. As the witch began her spells, the evil spirit she worked for told her it was King Saul. She was very afraid, but Saul told her that she would not be harmed if she would do what he wanted and bring up Samuel.

Thought – How mixed up sin makes people to be! Saul would not listen to Samuel while he was alive and now he wanted to talk to him when asleep in the grave. Romans 1:22 “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.”

Friday

Text: 1 Samuel 28:13,14 “And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.”

Now there are many people who will try to tell you that this really was Samuel that came up, because the Bible calls it Samuel. But the Bible does not contradict itself and if God would not speak himself to the rebellious Saul, it is certain he would not raise the dead to speak to him! Always remember that Satan's angels can appear like a dead person, but Satan cannot raise the dead.

The witch said she saw ‘gods ascending out of the earth’. When Saul asked what it looked like, she said, ‘An old man with a mantle’. Right away Saul was sure it was Samuel. Now Satan had the foolish king right where he wanted him. He gave him a message that was so depressing that Saul was brought to despair and fainted away.

Read the words in 1 Samuel 28:16-19, and see how they would take away any hope at all from the heart of the king. They also make God to sound like a revengeful tyrant. God was not Saul's enemy, if he would have come back to God and repented, God would have saved him out of his trouble.

The evil spirit told Saul that the next day he and all his sons would ‘be with me’. As Saul was so faint from hunger the witch prepared food for him and begged him to eat something. So he did and went sadly on his way.

The next day the battle was fought and the dejected attitude of the King did not help the men of Israel to have any courage. Soon they were fleeing before the Philistines and all of Saul's sons in the battle with him, were killed.

Saul was wounded by an arrow and now as he saw the battle lost, he begged his armor bearer to kill him. He would not do this and so finally Saul fell on his own sword and killed himself. You see when once the evil spirits have control in the life of a person that once was a servant of God, they often hurry them on to suicide, before they do get a chance to repent and return to God.

So the Philistines did not kill Saul, he died from despair cause by the message of a witch!

Thought - If we look further in the Bible we see clearly who this was Saul got the message from; “So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it;” 1 Chronicles 10:13. = ^ .. ^ =