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The Father's Love

A long while back we had a story called 'I remember Daddy's Feet', about how the emperor penguin fathers stand for weeks in the frozen Antarctic to hatch out the eggs their wives laid on their feet.

In the pages of nature, we find many cases where it is the father that either incubates the eggs, protects them, or even carries them with him. Some frogs carry their eggs in pockets on the father's back; some fish even hold the eggs in their mouths, going without eating the whole time until the eggs hatch out.

I think God wanted us to see something about His love and sacrifice for us, as our Heavenly Father. We have the story also of huAman fathers, who have made great sacrifices for their children.

Once, on one of the back streets of Paris, a house was in flames. The top stories overhung the lower, so the topmost story was near to that of the next house, which was built in the same way.

On the top floor of the burning house a father was sleeping with his four boys. Awakened by smoke and flames, he sprang out of bed, rushed

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to the window, and leaped across to the opposite window of the next house. Then he turned, planted his feet firmly on the windowsill, and let the upper part of his body fall to ward his own window until he was able to grasp the windowsill tightly.

Then he cried out to his oldest boy, who was intently watching him, "Now, my son, make haste! Crawl over my body!" He did, and the second and third boys followed him. But it took considerable persuasion to get the youngest boy, only a little fellow, to do the same. As he was making his way across, the father cried out, "Quick! Quick! Quick! I cannot hold on much longer!"

Then when he realized that his little boy also was safe, he was unable to hold on any longer, and he fell to the ground and was killed. Love for his children led that dear father to bridge the gap between life and death with his own body.

Likewise, Jesus has bridged the gap between sin and salvation with His own body at the cost of His life. In the story, the boys also had to risk their lives in crossing over to safety on the body of their father. It was scary for them, but the only way to safety.

So also at times it is not easy for some to depend wholly on Christ for salvation, but those who choose to do this, succeed. They become true

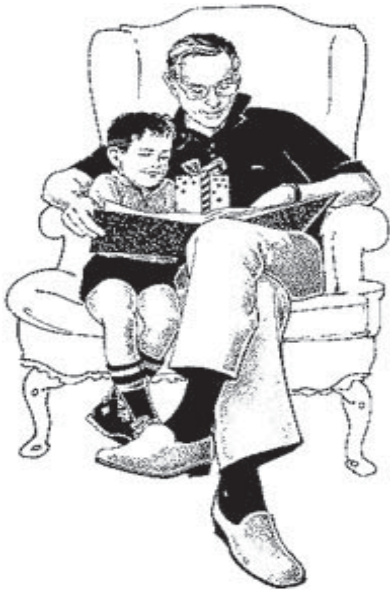
children of God and are safe.

Likewise, the heavenly Father gave His all in Jesus, through whom God had created all things; for we read, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself." 2 Corinthians 5:19.

Christ willingly sacrificed Himself. We read of Him that He has the love of a father: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6.

How the heavenly Father makes His anxious appeal to His wandering children on earth: "Hasten, My son! Hasten, My daughter! Be quick to accept Jesus while you may! Oh, be quick! Be quick!"

Many a straying child of God, and many a deep-dyed sinner, has heard God's loving call and has hastened to respond. The most important step is deciding to serve God, and this is made in a moment. There may be a long time spent thinking about it, but the decision to surrender to God takes but a moment. How wonderful it is that we may choose to serve God in a moment of time, and that God accepts us just as quickly when we do!
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HISTORY

Pioneers of The Advent 6 Stockbridge Howland and his 'Fort'

Topsham Maine, was the home of Stockbridge Howland, and his house, for his sturdy defense of truth and his ready succor to the needs of the cause, was called by James White and those who fought by his side, Fort Howland.

It was a large and sturdy New England house. Here, in this house, lived Stockbridge Howland, a workman of the class that is now called civil engineer, builder of bridges and mills, road maker, planner of public works.

In the 1844 movement he accepted the views of William Miller, and became a believer and teacher of the Second Advent of Jesus. Taking an active part, he rode horseback over several counties, distributing literature and teaching his faith.

But the unbelieving enemies of the Advent message thought they had a way to stop him. They took him to the magistrate and telling how that he was neglecting his business, claimed he was insane and needed to be committed to the care of a guardian.

Was Stockbridge Howland discouraged by this? Not at all! The Lord worked it all out to His honor. This guardian shortly found his hands more than full, for Howland referred to him all his business affairs, which were many, while he took all his time to preach the Second Advent and give out literature.

The day soon came that the county wished to build a new and better bridge across the Kennebec River, and they decided there was no one who could do the job but Stockbridge Howland. But when they came to him, he said, "Gentlemen, you will have to see my guardian. You know I am not considered competent to attend to my own business; and do you come to me to build your bridge?" After this, the guardianship suddenly ended and no more was said of his being insane.

It was Stockbridge Howland and his wife who gave free use of rooms, in 1847 to the young couple, James and Ellen White, with their baby, where they set up housekeeping with borrowed furniture.

Stockbridge Howland was one of the first to accept the seventh-day Sabbath, even before James and Ellen White, perhaps as early as Joseph Bates and John Andrews. His obituary states that he began to keep the Sabbath "in the spring of 1845." It would seem probable, therefore, that like Bates

and Andrews he got the message from Preble's article in 'The Hope of Israel' or from the reprint in tract form in that year.

The first recorded visit to Topsham of Mrs. White, then still a girl, Ellen Harmon, was in the spring of 1845. She states that Stockbridge Howland's eldest daughter, Frances, who was so sick and who at that time was healed by prayer, was a very dear friend of hers. It is evident; therefore, that they had met and become friends before that, and it is quite likely that Ellen had previously visited her friend Frances in Topsham.

Stockbridge Howland did not always remain within his 'Fort'. We read of his journeys and his labors in other places in Maine. In September of 1849 we see him, with others, at a meeting in Paris, where the little band had been torn by the work of fanatics, Jesse Stephens and F. T. Howland. (who was no relation to Stockbridge)

When this man insisted upon interrupting the meeting, Stockbridge arose from prayer, as the Spirit of the Lord rested upon him. His face was white, and a light seemed to rest upon it. He went toward F. T. Howland, and in the name of the Lord bade him leave the assembly of the saints. Said he, 'You have torn the hearts of God's children, and made them bleed. Leave the house, or God will smite you!' That rebellious spirit, never before known to fear or to yield, sprang for his hat, and in terror left the house.

The power of the fanatics was broken and the meetings were successful. It was at that very meeting that the young John N. Andrews, then just twenty years old, made his final decision for the truth, which started him upon his notable career. Andrews later became the first foreign missionary for the Seventh day Adventist church. = ^ .. ^ =



TRUE-STORY-TIME

Hanging Out with Bad Guys

It is very strange how often people who would not do wicked deeds themselves, will still admire and like to 'hang around' those who do. As sure as there is a bully in a school class, there will be others who just love to admire him. Yet these boys or girls would probably never do bad things on their own.

The Bible warns us about this dangerous habit. It says about the wicked: "My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood." Proverbs 1:15, 16

The date was Valentine's Day, February 14, 1929. The location was a red-brick warehouse known as the S-M-C Cartage Company at 2122 North Clark Street in Chicago.

It was during the time when selling alcohol had been made illegal and many wicked men were getting rich by bringing it in from other countries or making it and selling it. This allowed gangs of wicked men to become rich and powerful. In Chicago, there were two main groups of gangsters, one was Al Capone's gang and the other was Bugs Moran's.

Some of Moran's gangsters were there waiting for some trucks to come and bring some liquor to this garage. Now we are not interested in the doings of these wicked men, but there were two men there that day, which had no business to be there.

Al Weinschank, was not a gang member, and Reinhardt Schwimmer, who was a young optometrist (eye doctor) who was also not a member of the gang. What was this young doctor doing there with these wicked men? Well it seems these people were just like the ones who like to 'hang around' with bullies, they admired these hoodlums and got a thrill out of "rubbing shoulders" with gangsters.

All at once a car, disguised as a police car pulled up, and soon some men wearing police uniforms came in with guns and shot all these men. They were not police, but instead, other gangsters who wanted to have more of the dirty work for themselves and so shot the other gangsters. To this day it is not known for sure who had decided to do this cruel deed.

But what about our two men who liked to hang around bullies? They died there that morning in a rain of machine gun bullets. This was what their admiration for cruel and wicked men got for them, they died like the wicked. They lost everything!

But did their foolishness only hurt themselves? What about their families? What do you suppose the mother of that young doctor felt like when she learned her son, whom she was so proud of, was found dead with a bunch of wicked gangsters?

Did you know that the commandment that says, 'Honor your father and your mother', means more than just being obedient when you are a child? Yes, it includes living your life in a way that you will not bring disgrace or shame to your parents. It includes doing right and honorable deeds.

Yes, families were disgraced and two useful lives ended just because men, who would probably never think themselves of breaking the law, liked to admire and hang around wicked gangsters.

The Bible warns: "The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted." Psalms 12:8. Yes, we would have a lot less crime around us today if people would see evil for what it is, and stop admiring those who do it.

Boys and girls, if you ever find yourself admiring a 'bad' person, a doer of cruel and lawless deeds, whether for real, or in a story or movie, I urge you to go to Jesus right away and ask Him to forgive you, and take away this foolish admiration. Ask Him to give you His mind, so that you will love what is good, and never 'hang around' or admire evil! = ^ .. ^ =



Year 3: 3rd Quarter:
"JESUS OUR SAVIOR"
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 8:
"LOVE'S POWER"

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about Jesus. 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: "His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." John 2:5

Sunday

Text: John 2:2-4 "And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come."

When Jesus began His ministry many miracles were done. It is interesting that in all the years before His ministry, he did no miracles, and even in His ministry, His miracles were not to exalt Himself or to help Himself, but always to show the love of the Heavenly Father to the people.

It was at the wedding at Cana that His first miracle was done. It was there that Mary spoke the words I like to call the 'Gospel according to Mary', 'His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.' Good advice, isn't it?

Running out of grape juice at the wedding feast was a real problem for the wedding party. It would have seemed like an insult to the guests. But what could be done? There was a need and no one knew what to do.

But Mary did what we should all learn to do when we have problems, she took it to Jesus. He showed her that He must follow the will of His heavenly Father and that she was not to try to direct His mission. But she had faith and turning to the servants told them that they should do whatever Jesus would tell them to do.

But though Mary had not a right understanding of Christ's mission, she trusted Him implicitly. To this faith Jesus responded. It was to honor Mary's trust, and to strengthen the faith of His disciples, that the first miracle was performed.

Nearby were six large water pots. Jesus told them to take these and fill them with water. When they did this, He told them to draw some out and carry it to the governor of the feast.

When they poured out some of the 'water' they found it was very fine grape juice. The governor commented to the Bridegroom, "Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now."

There are many lessons in this first miracle for us. It is the way of this world, that many things seem good at first, and later not so good; but with the things of God, blessings just get better and better.

Thought - People try to tell us that this was alcoholic wine, but it was not. We know that Jesus would not have given to the people something His own word says is 'a mocker'. Proverbs 20:1.

Monday

Text: John 4:49,50 "The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way."

Later when Jesus returned to the area of Cana again, a certain nobleman met him, and asked Him to please come and heal his son, who was sick.

We are told that this man had made up his mind that unless Jesus healed his son, he would not believe He was the Messiah, even though the scriptures said so. While the nobleman waited

anxiously, Jesus showed that He knew the inner thoughts of this man. Jesus said to him, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe."

Like a flash of light, the Saviour's words to the nobleman laid bare his heart. He saw that his motives in seeking Jesus were selfish. He saw his own unbelieving heart. In deep distress he realized that his doubt might cost the life of his son. He knew that he was in the presence of One who could read the thoughts, and to whom all things were possible.

Earnestly he cried, "Sir, come down ere my child die." His faith took hold upon Christ as did Jacob, when, wrestling with the Angel, he cried, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." Genesis 32:26.

Then Jesus said to him, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

He was no longer anxious and worried, no longer hurried or fearful. How do we know this? Because he didn't even get back to his home until the next day.

Servants had been sent to meet him to tell him the good news that the boy was well. When they met the father, he asked them what time the boy began to get well. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

This was one o'clock, right at the hottest time of the day that the fever left the boy. The father knew it was the very time that Jesus had said, "Thy son liveth:" and himself believed, and his whole house.

Thought – God does not want us to base our faith on seeing miracles happen, or on whether or not God answers a certain prayer for us, but on the Living Word of God.

Tuesday

Text: Matthew 19:13, 14 "Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

All too often it seems that important people are considered much too busy to bother with children. Sadly, even many parents seem to think that everything else is more important than spending time with their children.

The disciples sure thought this way, because one day when some mothers wanted to bring their little ones to Jesus for a blessing, the disciples were all set to drive them away. But how did Jesus relate to children? I found this from one of Ellen White's special talks:

"As the children gathered the wild flowers growing so abundantly around them, and crowded up to present to Him their little offerings, He received them gladly, smiled upon them, and expressed His joy at seeing so many varieties of flowers.

"These children were His heritage. He knew that He had come to ransom them from the enemy by dying on the cross of Calvary. He spoke words to them that ever after they carried in their hearts. They were delighted to think that He appreciated their gifts and spoke so lovingly to them.

"Christ watched children at their play, and often expressed His approval when they gained an innocent victory over something they were determined to do. He sang to children in sweet and blessed words. They knew that He loved them. He never frowned on them. He shared their childish joys and sorrows. Often He would gather flowers, and after pointing out their beauties to the children, would leave them with them as a gift. He had made the flowers, and He delighted to point out their beauties.

"It has been said that Jesus never smiled. This is not correct. A child in its innocence and purity called forth from His lips a joyous song." {2SAT 191}

Thought – Wouldn't you have loved to be there and hear Jesus sing to the children? I sure would! But if we are faithful, we shall hear Him one day, for the Bible says: "The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing." Zephaniah 3:17

Wednesday

Text: John 5:19, 20 "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel." John

14:11 "Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake."

Jesus declared that His miracles were given by the Heavenly Father to show His love to mankind. Everywhere that Jesus went, He healed the sick and cast out devils, which were tormenting people's minds. Indeed sometimes when he passed through a village, every sick person in the whole area was healed!

One day Jesus was teaching in the synagogue and the people were listening with great interest. He did not teach like the Pharisees and scribes, but it says, 'for he taught them as one that had authority'.

You see, the church leaders had gotten to the place where they no longer spoke the Word of God with power. Oh no, not at all. Instead they presented man's ideas. They would say something might be this way, or it might be that way, or they would talk about what some long dead Rabbi said about it. But because Jesus spoke from the Holy Word of God, the scriptures, His words had power and authority.

Now the devil wanted to stop this teaching, so he had one of his victims come to church that day. This was a man who had played around with sin until he was totally devil possessed.

As the people were listening, some with interest and others scowling with anger, suddenly this madman burst into the room shrieking out, "Let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee who Thou art; the Holy One of God."

Everything was confusion and alarm. Satan has succeeded in distracting the people. But Jesus rebuked the demon, saying, "Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not."

The devil tried hard to hold onto this poor man, but Jesus' word of authority drove him away. Soon the man was in his right mind, praising God, and so happy to be free!

Thought – You will find today also that those who truly believe and speak from the inspired writings will speak with authority. And this authority makes the false leaders and people who want to follow their own ideas, angry, just like it did in Jesus' day.

Thursday

Text: Mark 1:40,41 “And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.”

Leprosy was a terrible and dreaded disease in the land of Judah. It was considered the result of sin and was called ‘the Stroke’ or the ‘Finger of God’. Anyone suspected of having it had to go to the priest and if he said it was leprosy, that person had to leave his home and family and live only with other lepers.

Away from his friends and his loved ones, the leper must bear the curse of his illness. Everywhere he went he had to cry out to warn others. The cry, “Unclean! unclean!” coming in mournful tones from the lonely exile, was a signal heard with fear and abhorrence.

Not since the days of Elisha had this disease ever been cured. But there was one leper, who when he heard about Jesus, felt in his heart that Jesus could heal even him. The problem was, how could he ever get close to Jesus when he was not allowed to come near the towns or villages? But maybe he could find Jesus when He was traveling in the desert areas.

One day he learned that Jesus was preaching by the lake and determined to go to him he headed to the spot. Standing far away from the crowd he hears a few words from the lips of Jesus. He sees people being healed. All at once he determines to go and cast himself on the mercy of this man of Galilee.

He is a loathsome spectacle. The disease has made frightful inroads, and his decaying body is horrible to look upon. At sight of him the people fall back in terror. They step on each other to get away from him. Some try to prevent him from approaching Jesus, but in vain. He neither sees nor hears them. Their expressions of loathing are lost upon him. He sees only the Son of God. He hears only the voice that speaks life to the dying. Pressing to Jesus, he casts himself at His feet with the cry, “Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean.”

And Jesus put out his hand, and touched him, and said, “I will; be thou clean.”

Immediately a change passed over the leper. His flesh became healthy, the nerves sensitive, the

muscles firm. The rough, scaly surface peculiar to leprosy disappeared, and a soft glow, like that upon the skin of a healthy child, took its place. The people watched with wonder.

Then Jesus told him to hurry and go to the priests and take the offering for healing of leprosy. He could not be restored to his family unless the priest pronounced him clean. Jesus was afraid if the priests found out how he was healed they would refuse to pronounce him healed out of jealousy to Jesus.

He also told him not to talk about it to anyone. He did not obey this request but told everyone about it. This caused problems for Jesus as the crowds that pressed around Him became so great He could not go into the city but had to stay out in the wilderness and people came to Him from all around.

Thought – The offering for the cleansing of leprosy included two sparrows. One of them would be offered as an offering and the other sprinkled with the blood and water and set free. There had not been much sale for sparrows until Jesus started healing lepers. This was a parable about the Saviour; His blood allows us to be set free from sin.

Friday

Text: Luke 17:12-14 “And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.”

Later on in Jesus ministry we hear of ten men who were lepers. They too wanted to be healed and they had heard about how Jesus had healed lepers. They went together to the place where Jesus was preaching to the people.

Standing far away from the crowd they shouted to Jesus, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

When Jesus saw them, he said unto them, “Go show yourselves unto the priests.” And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

Of course, they might have refused to go and show themselves to the priests. They might have said, “What good will that do? We know we are lepers!” But they obeyed the words of Jesus and went and as they were on their way, they found

they were healed.

Now one man, when he found he was healed, turned right around and ran back to Jesus. Throwing himself at His feet he thanked Him and praised God with a loud voice. This man was a Samaritan.

Jesus was happy that the man returned to say 'Thank you'. But sadly he asked, "Were there not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" The others thinking only of themselves had hurried on their way, not even thinking about being thankful to God for this great blessing.

How about you and I? Do we remember to thank the Lord for all the wonderful blessings He gives us every day? Especially do we remember to be thankful for the great sacrifice that Jesus and the Heavenly Father made so that we can be cleansed of the leprosy of sin?

Thought - When we have a thankful heart, remembering to show our gratitude for what others do for us, and especially for what God does for us, we will find it makes us joyful and helps our faith grow stronger.

You can easily find out that when you grumble and complain, you make yourself miserable and all around you. But when you are grateful and show it, it lets the sunshine of heaven shine on your life.

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