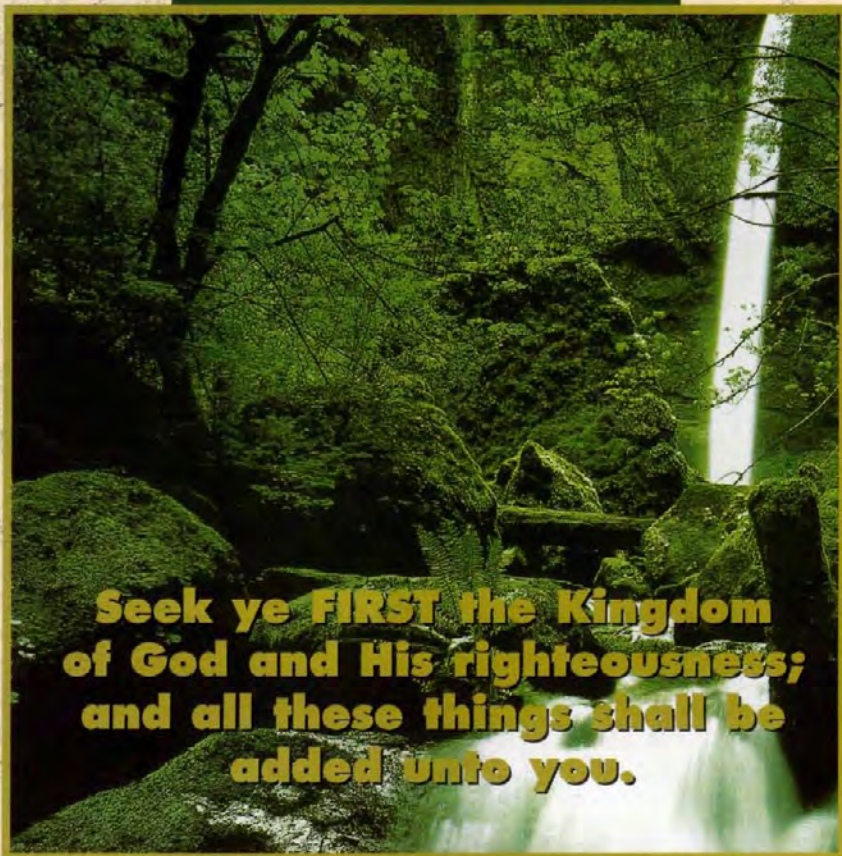


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Good Company Diary



**Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom
of God and His righteousness;
and all these things shall be
added unto you.**

Special Events

Yahweh is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him. It is good that man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Yahweh.

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Return, O Yahweh, how long?... O satisfy us early with Thy mercy;
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days (Psa. 90).

1998 at a glance

The days of our years are threescore years and ten... so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom (Psa. 90).

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**Cause me to hear Thy
lovingkindness in the
morning; for in Thee do I
trust: cause me to know the
way wherein I should walk;
for I lift up my soul unto
Thee. Psalm 143:8**

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Dear Boys and Girls,

One of the relaxing activities many adults enjoy is the occasional slipping on of gloves, jumping into rubber boots and "pottering" around the back-garden. Many profitable hours are spent, whipping out the weeds, spraying the shrubs, fertilising the flowers, pruning the plants, squashing snails, and all those "pleasurable" duties gardeners happily perform. Perhaps one of the most "enjoyable" tasks constantly needing to be done, is the mowing and edging of the lawn, sweeping the paths, and all the "little trimmings" that make the garden look neat and tidy.

Unfortunately, however, some gardeners look at this part of gardening as a painful chore, mumbling and grumbling when the suggestion is made that the childrens' swing seems to have disappeared somewhere down the backyard, and they cannot play outside because they would get lost in the jungle of high grass that is thriving everywhere!

This, of course, never happens in our plot, for Auntie Trish is regularly out there with scissors, clipping off any grass tops that poke their heads up higher than the rest. She really does a great job, but that is only to be expected from a former country-girl who grew up on a wheat farm where she had plenty of practice perfecting her style in the paddocks.

It is quite refreshing to sit back and enjoy the neat picture and fragrance of our freshly clipped lawn — especially when it starts to rain. Not that I like to see Auntie Trish getting wet, but it is nice to see the rain gently dropping on our carpet of green, with the sun's rays sparkling on the raindrops, reminding us of God's great goodness.

In his last words, King David described a wonderful picture of the coming reign of the world's greatest king, that it would be like ... *"the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain."* He described the effects of this great king's influence as *"coming down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth."*

How this dry and dusty world needs this *"time of refreshing"* that shall come from the presence of the Lord, when like the soft gentle rain, his influence will encourage the tender grass to burst forth with praise and glory to our Great Creator. That day is certainly soon to be here.

Your friend,
Uncle Philip

P.S. Someone did suggest buying Auntie Trish a lawnmower, but it wouldn't help really because she still would get wet!

our

Amazing World

THE SUN

On the fourth day of the creation week, recorded in the first chapter of Genesis, two great lights were appointed to rule in the heavens above. The Sun was made to rule by day, and the Moon was ordered to rule by night. There were other heavenly bodies called Stars that also appeared on the fourth day, and lit up the night with their glory.

Hundreds of years ago, men believed that the sun and the moon and the other planets of our solar system, all revolved around the earth. We now know that to be false and there are some good reasons why it is untrue. We will write about that a little later.

There are two ingredients, which are necessary for life to exist. The first one is water, which we have considered in a previous issue of *Good Company* and the other is light. Of course, there are other things as well, such as food and air, but we would like to concentrate on light for a few moments.

Light is not solid, so we cannot touch it to see if it is rough or smooth, and light is a very fast mover! It travels at nearly 300,000 kilometres per second, so that the light which comes from the sun takes only about four and a half minutes to reach us!

Light is truly amazing to observe in its many changing moods and colours. Actually, light is made up of seven colours. Do you know what those colours are? Some objects are a source of light in themselves, but others only reflect light from their surface — like mirrors.

In the great wisdom of the Creator, He made the sun a source of light, but the moon only a reflector of the sun's rays. Some far-distant stars are light-givers, but others are only light-reflecting bodies.

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The "copying" of the light by a mirror is never as strong as the source of light itself. When some silly person reflects the sun's light into our eyes with a mirror, and we are terribly blinded, we may not believe this, because the mirror, though only small, concentrates the reflected light which seems so much brighter. Unless we are careful, it can certainly damage our eyes! If the mirror was very large it would only be the same as simply looking straight at the sun, which would soon make us completely blind.

In one of my favourite Psalms, King David, inspired by the Holy Spirit power, wrote "The heavens are declaring the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). Verse 4-5 state: "In them (the heavens) He hath set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race" This reminds us of the breathtaking experience of watching a sunrise in the morning. As we see the eastern sky awaken to the first penetrating golden rays of the sun, we can imagine a big round happy face, with great strength blowing away the darkness of night! Just like a young bridegroom joyfully watching his bride coming up the aisle at their wedding! No-one could be brighter!

Have you ever watched the sun in all its radiant glory and strength make a foggy morning evaporate? That powerful sun soaks up millions of tons of water vapour in a very short time, so that its life-giving rays can bring joy and warmth to all under its influence. Or have you ever watched from a safe shelter the dark, thunderous clouds of a storm impact and then see the sun in all its brightness suddenly and briefly illuminate the birds and plants below? It seems almost like magic!

This majestic sun represents the Great Creator Himself.

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Psalm 84:11 says that "Yahweh is a sun" and that as the natural sun does not withhold its goodness, so our God will not keep back His benefits. But what are they?

Psalm 119:130 shows the way of receiving heavenly gifts. It says "the entrance of Thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding unto the simple," and in verse 105: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." **Isaiah** says that if people "speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them" (**Isa 8:20**), and that we have no light (that is, "wisdom") if we do not speak accordingly to God's Word. The Psalmist teaches that the way to wisdom is through God's principles entering into our minds so that we can walk by its teachings. The picture of **Psa 119:105** is of a person travelling at night, maybe in stormy conditions, carrying the lamp so low to the ground that the pathway for the feet is made visible. The Psalmist is very diligent to guide his feet by the Word and very careful that the elements of wind and rain (persecution and pressure) do not extinguish his lamp. The deceitfulness of wanting more than God has given us can easily choke the Word's effect on us, especially in these last days of Egyptian darkness, when wickedness is everywhere.

The apostle Paul prayed that "the God (Sun) of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; The eyes of your understanding being enlightened that ye may know what is the hope of His calling and the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints" (**Eph 1:17-18**). The consistent teaching of God is that we are in darkness without Him, and we who are on the earth and "of the earth" need His light so that we may "see."

If all the planets revolved around the earth, they would be dependent upon the earth, not heaven, and it would suggest that we are able to know right ways without the Word of God (the Sun) guiding us. May the light of His Word be sweet and satisfying for us as we walk in its heavenly wisdom, as children of light.

— Colin Hollamby.



A Well of Wisdom...

Wherever there is the most intense light, there we find near it the blackest shadows. The highest mountains project around them the broadest shadows; the greatest truths have around them the greatest darkness.

Hebrew

For Pleasure and Profit

LAMED

This letter called *Lamed*, represents an Ox-goad. The old Hebrew form of the letter looks more like an ox-goad than the present one. You doubtless wonder what I mean by "old Hebrew" in contrast to "new" Hebrew. The Hebrew letters that you might see in books from Israel today, or in which the Hebrew Bible is printed, is what is called *square character* writing. This differs from the shape of original Hebrew letters such as were used in the ninth and eighth centuries before Christ. Gradually, a more convenient form of writing was evolved, and by about the third century BC the square character letters were in general use.



The letter *Lamed* means "to goad," and thus by implication, to "teach," the rod being used as an incentive for learning in ancient time, though, unfortunately, it has gone out of fashion in these days!!

The word is rendered *expert* in Song 3:8. From this verse we learn that the associates of King Solomon (who in this book of the Bible types the Lord Jesus Christ) are "expert in war." Of course, the warfare in which they are particularly skilled, is the warfare of faith, to which Paul alludes in Eph 6:10-17, and in the principles of which we must be taught.

Again the word is translated *instruct* in Song 8:2, and here the Bride (representing the Bride of Christ — Rev 19:8) declares that her "mother would instruct" her. Who is the "mother" of the Bride of Christ? Paul declares that "Jerusalem which is above (i.e., the covenants of promise creating faith) is the mother of us all" (Gal. 4:26). These covenants of faith and the example of faithful men and women associated therewith, are as goads, teaching us and prodding us into action.

The word has been translated frequently as *teach*. Here are a few examples:

Psa 25:4-5 — "Shew me Thy ways, O Yahweh; **TEACH** me Thy paths. Lead

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Auntie Liz's Junior Story

One evening, as the family was doing the Bible readings, Jenny read the words in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be condemned."

"Those words are very important for us all to remember," said Daddy, "in fact, they are very important to everyone." "But sadly, many people will not listen to the words God speaks in His book, the Bible, and those people who will not listen to God's Word, do not have a hope of being in God's wonderful kingdom. It is only those who are baptised who shall receive eternal life when Jesus Christ returns."

"Baptism means to go right under the water, doesn't it, Daddy," said Samuel. "Yes," said Daddy. "And the person who is being baptised must then try to follow in the ways of Jesus Christ, who pleased God always, in all his life."

"Baptised people can ask God to forgive them when they do wrong things though, can't they," said Paul. "Yes, they can," said Daddy, "and it is very important to ask God to forgive us every day, because every day we do some things with which God would not be pleased. Even while you are very young, you can ask God each day to help you to learn to be good, and then, when you are older and hopefully, baptised, God will forgive you for the wrong things you do."

"Let us all try to remember each day to forgive people when they do wrong things to us, so that God will then forgive us our mistakes, as our Lord Jesus Christ said."

8 and under Junior Activity

Name

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He that
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9 and over Senior Activity

Name

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True or False about Jesus' Life • 5 marks

Sent by Benjamin Link • circle the correct answer

Jesus' parents travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover

TRUE • FALSE

Jesus was 13 when he went to Jerusalem

TRUE • FALSE

When Jesus' parents returned to Jerusalem looking for him, they found him in the temple

TRUE • FALSE

John the Baptist baptised Jesus

TRUE • FALSE

After Jesus healed the 10 lepers, only 8 thanked him

TRUE • FALSE

Word Code • 4 marks

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me in Thy truth, and **TEACH** me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day."

- **Psa 119:12** — "Blessed art Thou, O Yahweh; **TEACH** me Thy statutes."

Psa 119:33 — "**TEACH** me, O Yahweh, the way of Thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end."

Judges 3:31 records that Shamgar slew six hundred Philistines with an "ox-goad" and so "delivered Israel." The *goad* is from the Hebrew *malmad* which is directly derived from *lamed* as your Strong's Concordance will show.

From there, move over to Acts 26:14, and hearken to the voice of the Lord, addressing Saul who was later known as Paul: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me; it is hard for thee to kick against the *goad*." (RV).

- The same verse says that Paul heard that statement in the Hebrew tongue. That being the case, his attention would have been directed to *Lamed* or *Malmad*, which, in this case, comprised a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ himself.

He is the goad, that urges us along the path towards the Kingdom of God. Paul learned that lesson, and came to appreciate that the events of his life, with all their pin-pricking frustrations, were as the jabbing of an ox-goad urging him along the course that he should take.

Thus again this month our letter directs us to the Lord Jesus, the "Word made flesh" the alphabet of grace.

Finally, the letter *Lamed*, stands for the number *thirty* when it is taken as a number, as are the characters in the Hebrew alphabet.

So now get out your concordance, and check up on further references to this word, and let me know your exciting discoveries.



The Power of Thoughts

Watch your thoughts

... they may become words.

Watch your words

...they may become actions.

Watch your actions

...they may become habits.

Watch your habits

...they may become character.

Watch your character

...for it becomes your destiny.



"The Wonderful Counsellor"

Written by Shane Kingsbury Illustrated by Bethany Matthews

In our last issue, we emphasised the need for a Counsellor to be able to enter into the feelings of the person being counselled. For this, the Lord Jesus is best qualified. *"We have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Heb.4:15, RSV).*

I first realised the magnitude of the Lord as a WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR when I was deep in the study of the letters to the seven ecclesias, in the book of Revelation, the *last* book of the Bible!! Coming to the seventh and the laziest, most careless of the seven ecclesias, Laodicea, I was impressed with the marvellous role of the Lord Jesus Christ as COUNSELLOR. True, there is some condemnation in the early part of the letter, but the wording in the main takes on the form of COUNSELLING, beginning with: *"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see" (Rev.3:18).* The Lord went further! He said to all the members of this careless ecclesia: *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (v. 20).*

Despite the shameful and blind ways of the Laodicean Ecclesia, the Lord Jesus had not forsaken them. As a true Counsellor, he stands ready with advice, offering guidance and compassion. He is dedicated to lead people through the maze of fleshly thinking which generates from sinful human nature, declaring the most basic truths of the Father, that all people might understand that *"God is right"*. Those three simple words will come up again and again as we follow the *Wonderful Counsellor*, for this is the basis of all his teaching.

Not only did the Lord *counsel* Laodicea to "buy of him gold tried in the fire" which is a way of saying "to obtain from me, faith (symbolised by gold) which has been tried in the fire", being *purified* through suffering and obedience. Some might wonder at this, feeling that the Laodicean Ecclesia was past help. Not so!

This *Wonderful Counsellor* will never forsake anyone, so long as there is the possibilities that they might overcome their blindness and hardness of heart. The Lord made this point clear during his ministry: *"For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost" (Mat.18:11).* As the "Good Shepherd" to those who were lost, he illustrated this principle: *"When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost" (John 6:12).* And again in *John 17:12, "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name: those that Thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost..."*

So the Lord continued to *counsel* the Laodiceans: *"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent" (Rev.3:19).* The Lord reminds these disobedient people that the "arm of the Lord is stretched out still." He continued with the members of the Laodicean ecclesia, because his love is far deeper than we could understand. His counsel continued: *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock..." (Rev.3:20).* The Lord has *not* gone away.

Because we ourselves, often act as did the Laodiceans, we should stand at *his* door and knock!

You think of a person who might respond to a knock on his door! One brother put it this way: "If our meeting, which has over 200 members, decided that we would individually knocked on a wayward brother's door, don't you think he would be overcome with the feeling that *he* is

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wanted"? Imagine such a group of people knocking on your door, one after the other, saying: "Please come back; we miss you!"

Now, the Wonderful Counsellor is not finished yet with Laodicea! He has more words of encouragement: **"if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev.3:20)**. Let us look at each phrase, to see the *Wonder* of his *Counsel*. **"if any man hear my voice, and open the door..."** Regardless of what a person may have thought or done in the past, providing he approaches the Lord with true repentance, and dedication, the *Wonderful Counsellor* will come straight in to him. Notice that the Counsellor does not remain on the threshold arguing about the faults of the man who finally opened that door! No, he comes straight in! This is one of the most thrilling experiences of the lovely character of the *Wonderful Counsellor*!

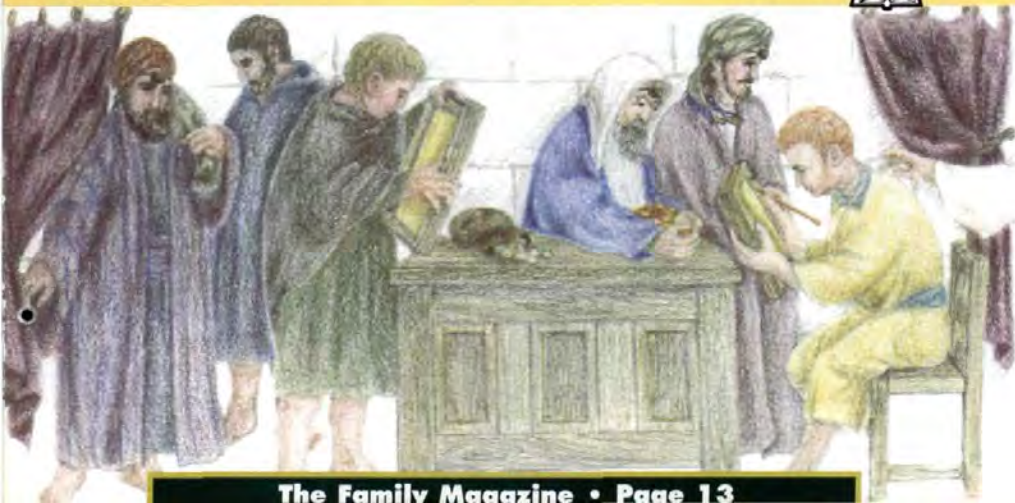
Obviously the person in Laodicea (or anywhere else) who was to open that door, must first *hear* the voice of the Counsellor, the man in whom the Lord's advice and *counsel* has **"sunk down into [his] ears"** (Luke.9:44).

Just imagine for a moment that the Lord Jesus Christ stood outside *your* room and knocked. Would *you* feel too embarrassed to open that door? Perhaps you might! Those at Laodicea were. The Lord *knew* what was inside. But if any man is prepared to "clean up his room", the Lord is prepared to come in and sup (have fellowship) with him.

Consider the parable the Lord spoke concerning those men who had been called to the "Great Supper" (an invitation to the kingdom of God) in **Luke.14:16, "Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many..."** These people had been notified of this Supper, but when the time came to attend, they came up with all sorts of excuses! They were certainly not going to open their door to the host! **Verse 18** continues: **"they all with one [consent] began to make excuse."** One man had bought a "yoke of oxen" (today we would say: a big tractor) and had *never* even seen it, so he had to go and try it out. Another man had bought a "piece of land" (such as a farm) *without having ever seen it* and now had to go and plan his work. And the third man said "I have married a wife" (and *she* won't let me go!). All these men had a *door* they firmly shut to the Lord's invitation!

But there were others who *were* prepared to open their doors. Peter and Andrew just walked away from a good fishing business to follow the Lord. Matthew, the Chief Customs Officer in the busy trade city of Capernaum, just got up from his position and followed as the Lord instructed him. All of these men (and women) opened that door to the *Wonderful Counsellor*.

To be continued



Camera Corner *around the world*



From top left: Mark Lunn, Kim Turci, Bethany Matthews, Hannah Lloyd, Jon Smith, Mark Pearce, Adrian Pike, Esther Thompson, Sally Pitt, Michelle Cheek, Debbie Robson, Jacob Cheek, Lydia Knowles, Sarah Rogers, Jeremy Lunn.

Dear Fellow Young People,

We are a group of young people from several ecclesias in South Australia, ranging in age from 15-21. Every Sunday night after the lecture (give or take a few here and there) we meet together to read something profitable. At the moment we are reading *Principles and Proverbs*, and are learning many profitable lessons, which we thought we would like to share with Good Company readers.

We just finished the chapter on "The Blessedness of Giving". As young people, you

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might feel there is not much you can **give** to your ecclesia, such as speaking, reading, chairmanship, and even the collection bag may be out of reach. But, look around, for you're sure to find elderly or lonely members, who would certainly appreciate a friendly chat or some practical help. Just think for a moment of those in your ecclesia who you can **give** to: the middle-aged brother who lost his wife and family for the sake of the Truth; the older widow who is new in the ecclesia and perhaps a bit lonely; the husband with the unbelieving wife who must get home quickly on Sundays to avoid upsetting her, and yet longs to get to know people and to feel a part of the ecclesia; the elderly brother who stands around looking lost and the out-going, friendly couple in their 60-70s who love talking to young people; the brother with an injury that has been there so long that we have forgotten to care about it (and do you think it hurts him any less, just because we have forgotten about it?)

Some of these brethren and sisters are easy to talk to and leave you feeling refreshed and encouraged. Some take a lot of effort and perseverance to get to know. They might be very shy and scarcely able to manage a "*Fine, thanks, how are you?*" The important thing is to *put in* effort and perseverance (tactfully, without being pushy) even if you don't *see* the results, and you will be in a position to find out what they really need — which you can't if you never speak to them. A quick "*Hello, how are you?*" as you dash past on your way to talk to your friends, will just not do! Once you have found out what it is they need the most, you can go about doing something about it. This is precisely what the Lord Jesus Christ did, while he was on earth.

Lastly, I'd like to share a few thoughts some of us wrote down regarding "**The Blessedness of Giving**".

A fantastic way to develop closer relationships with fellow young people and, more importantly, with our God, which helps to bring out the real character and is excellent for continuing friendships and making new ones.

Our class is very helpful to make our walk to the Kingdom easier, and to work out how we can assist others towards this goal also.

It gives us a goal to put into practice for the rest of the week.

It's a great way to be stimulated and to encourage those around you, ready for the week ahead.

Sis. Bethany Matthews.

**When life is a window, we see beauty, opportunity,
and the needs of others.
When life is a mirror, we see only ourselves.**

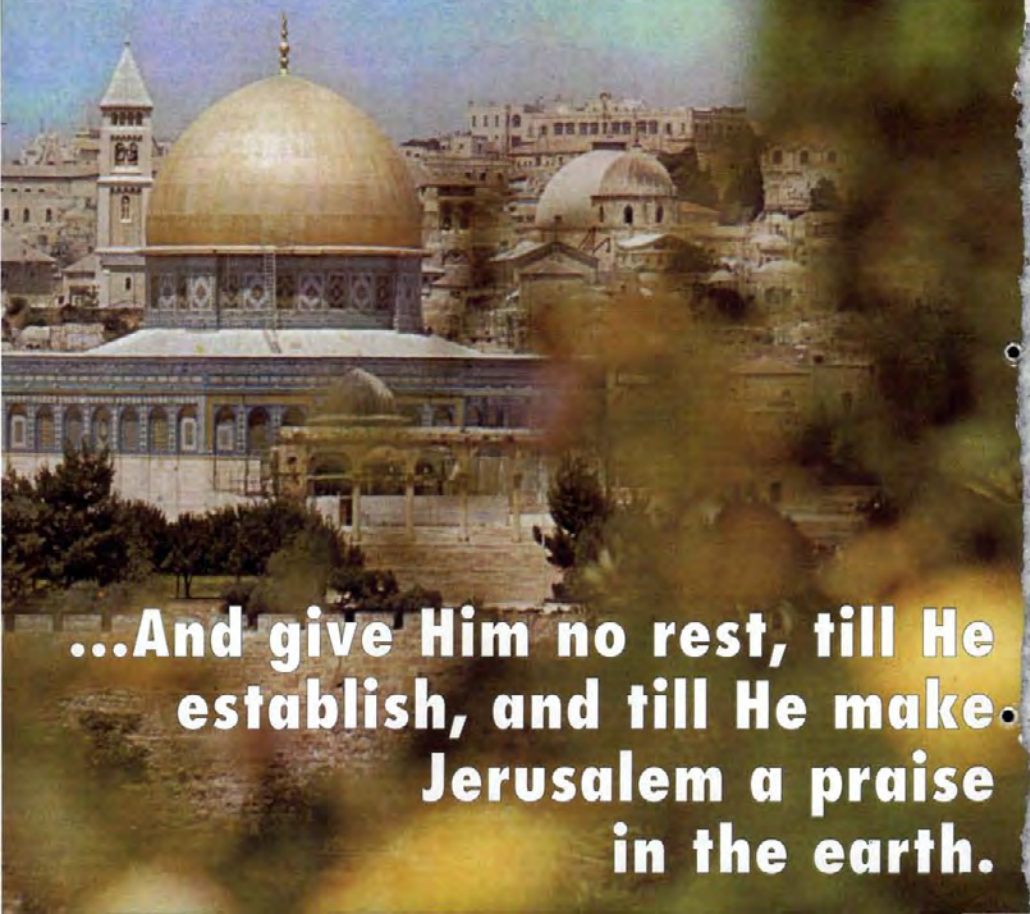
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**For Zion's sake will I not hold
My peace, and for Jerusalem's
sake I will not rest, until the
righteousness thereof go
forth as brightness, and the
salvation thereof as a lamp
that burneth...**



**...And give Him no rest, till He
establish, and till He make
Jerusalem a praise
in the earth.**

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***From the rising of
the sun unto the
going down of the
same Yahwehs Name
is to be praised.***

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Hi!—Boys and Girls,

Glenlock 1998! — what an experience — but for those of you who don't know much about "Glenlock," I will explain: Many Christadelphians from all over Australia and beyond, gather each year for a profitable weekend around God's Word during the Easter holiday period, at a place called Glenlock, near Waikerie, South Australia, by the picturesque River Murray, Australia's longest river, and one of the slowest in the world. Generally about 1,000 attend the camp. This year was the 36th time that the camp was held, and the studies were led by Brother Roger Lewis, on *The Life and Times of Phinehas the High Priest*. Many encouraging lessons were drawn from the example of this great man Phinehas, whose character can be summarised as a remarkable "man of zeal."

Whilst we were soaking up the enjoyable spiritual atmosphere at the camp, on the second day, the natural atmosphere took a sudden and unexpected change! It commenced with just a few spots of rain that casually splashed down upon us, and many campers were pleased, as this light sprinkle of rain helps to settle the dust stirred up by the many feet trampling around the camp — and settle the dust it did. But as the day continued, the "light rain" didn't stop — in fact, it became heavier rain — and the dusty ground rapidly turned into slushy puddles, and in some areas into a muddy, boggy mess! Apparently it was the first time in the long history of the camp that such a downpour ever occurred. The area is known for its warm, sunny, dry autumn days, so it was hard to believe it would rain at this time.

As you could imagine, the sudden downpour caused two conflicting reactions in those at the camp. The younger in years seemed to relish the opportunity to splash and slide and squirm around in the mud, skating with glee down the muddy roadtracks, up to their knees in slosh — much to the dismay of their parents. Those a little older seemed rather concerned about the amount of cleaning that would have to be done, as the muddy water made its way uninvitedly into many tents. But "what can't be cured must be endured," so the camp continued to paddle on during the weekend with many natural and spiritual lessons learnt by this experience!

Whilst contemplating these unusual circumstances, I recalled the miraculous incident when the Israelites escaped the clutches of the Egyptians, through the Red Sea, for God had caused a great winter storm to part and freeze the waters; instead of tramping through sloppy mud they walked through on "dry ground," as recorded four times. What a truly amazing miracle — and it happened again when the Jews crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land (Josh. 3:17), and will yet occur in that great and glorious day when the Lord Jesus Christ returns to the earth to save his people (Isa. 11:12-15, Zech. 10:11) as is described in Jer. 16:14-15.

Your friend,

Uncle Philip



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His Majesty

THE SUN

Continued from our last issue.

There he rules in his lofty dwelling place, having all things under his burning, penetrating gaze and powerful control. Without him life could not exist upon the earth; therefore his position is exactly the right distance from the earth so that his rays are beneficial, not destructive. If he was a fraction closer to the earth he would scorch us, and if he was a little further away all would freeze. This great sun is an illustration of what God Himself can do. The High God is far above us in righteousness and holiness. The Bible says that "God is of purer eyes than to behold evil and cannot look upon sin" (Hab. 1:13). That means He is so holy and pure that He finds it impossible to have direct dealings with sinful, death-smitten creatures, for "He is a consuming fire" to those who sin. So He has made an arrangement by which He can have contact with us without defiling Himself, and at the same time show kindness and compassion to us.

The sun is the largest body in the Solar System, being 1,392,140 kms (865,036 miles) in diameter, with an temperature of 25,000,000° F, which is equal to 495.4 million billion billion watts!

He provided His only begotten and sinless Son to fill the gap between Himself and us. This Son, Jesus Christ, is a mediator: he represents God's part to us, and our case to Him. In Malachi 4:2 Jesus Christ is likened to the "Sun of Righteousness." There are not two suns in our heaven but only one. Yet in the Scriptures God is presented to us as a Sun and Jesus Christ is also described as a Sun. While on earth, Jesus said: "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). This does not mean they are one

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The sun gives off more energy in one second than the explosion of 1.5 billion of the largest hydrogen bombs ever built. That's more than seven such bombs for every square mile of earth's surface, including all the oceans, going off every second!

person, or one in being, but it means they are one in thinking and purpose. They see things in the same way. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ who was one of Adam's sons, can help us in our sinful condition, whereas his Holy Father will not be identified with sin. Today, Jesus Christ is in heaven to act on his Father's behalf for our needs. That is why he is also called a SUN: a "sun with healing in his beams", as Malachi 4:2 describes it. Just as the literal sun spreads forth lifegiving rays, so our Lord Jesus Christ extends light and

warmth to all those who read his teachings with enthusiasm, and desire to obey him.

Just as the sun sheds light on the moon and the earth, and planets of our solar system, so the *Sun of Righteousness*, as a great light-giving body, spreads his illuminating rays to all other bodies capable of reflecting his way of life. The apostle Paul wrote "God (the Great Sun) who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts (*in which is no source of light*) to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2Cor. 4:6). Since in Jesus Christ is no sin (or darkness) his reflecting ability is perfect. The light comes from God to His Son (who is the "light of the world") and from him to us, lighting up the dark surfaces of our heart and mind.

Did you notice that God was intent on "shining into our hearts through the face of Jesus Christ"? It is the knowledge of the glory of God, isn't it? In this way God does His work through someone else, because He cannot approach sinful men directly. When God works through His Son it does not weaken His work, because there is no darkness (sin) in Christ, and he is the appointed mediator between God and men (1Tim. 2:5).

The appointment of Jesus Christ by God, to the position of "Sun of Righteousness" means that there must be a moon and stars in His realm, and in our next *Lesson from Nature* (God willing) we will discover what the Bible has to say about "the moon and the stars also."

— Colin Hollamby.



...from henceforth thou shalt catch men

Christ's commandment to his disciples in Luke 5:10 should not be lost on us today. As followers of our Lord and of the apostle Paul, are we prepared to endure what he did, whilst spreading the Word of

Life to those about us?

Read in Matthew 4:18-19 what Peter and Andrew were to become. They were instructed that all followers of Christ must be "*fishers of men.*"

But what do we know about fishing? Often there is a lot of effort with little result. We can increase our success in fishing by making sure that we choose the right bait, the right fishing spot, the right tide, the right weather conditions and the right time of day – all of which also applies to the preaching of the Truth to others. Much greater success can be obtained by going about our gospel proclamation in the right way and saying the right thing at the right time.

But fish (like men) might be caught at any time, as both are unpredictable! Therefore we also need to: [1] Be constant. [2] Present the bait properly (see 1Peter 3:15) and [3] Use different types of bait, for not all fish are attracted by prawns; some prefer squid!

In case you think that to present the Truth we must go out and be involved in the things of the world to show them what we have to offer — we are told not to do this! When Jesus went to teach the people, he got into a ship and "thrust out a little from the land" (Luke 5:1-6). Whilst maintaining a distance from earthly ways, we are to draw men and women out from the world to higher standards – to show them by example in the way we act and live, that God's ways are higher than man's.

From time to time we have all types of men and women (or unusual fish!) come into the gospel net, and we might wonder why they, with rather shabby or "weird" appearance, turn up at our lecture! We must remember that the power of God's Word is able to change a person's life and appearance, and it is not what people are that God considers important,

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but *what they can become*. See 1Cor. 6:9-11.

Luke 5:6 describes the net of the disciples as breaking – similarly, not all “fish” who come to a lecture or make some contact, will stay in the net – some will return to the “sea of nations.” The

important thing to remember is that in Revelation 2:1 the ecclesia is styled a *lightstand* – is our ecclesia fulfilling that role? Are we there to assist with pamphleting, attending lectures, praying that God’s Word will prosper?

When we go off to fish, we sit patiently with our fishing rod ready for the first little nibble or sign of response from the unseen fish. Not supporting the lectures at our meeting is like putting bait on the line and casting it out into the water, then putting the rod in the sand and going off and doing something else! We have to be there minding the rod — or — *no fish!*

After an initial response, the utmost care is still needed before our fish can be safely drawn onto the bank. Let us look at two different types of fish: with Taylor fish, for example, the fisherman must jerk the rod quickly to hook them onto the bait after they have nibbled a while, whereas Black Brim fish must be left to take two lots of bait off the hook before you finally jerk the rod to catch them.

So, care is needed! And what an important work there is to be done in bringing fish out of the sea of nations before our Lord’s return. Think about what you would do if someone fell down in the street and looked in danger of dying – surely you would quickly call an ambulance and do everything possible to save them! Do we tell the great things of the Truth to our neighbours, teachers at school, our employer, our grocer, the people with whom we work, our accountant, our doctor, our chemist — to save them?

Matthew 10:33 reminds us that we have to “confess *in*” the Lord before men so that he will “confess *in*” us to the Father. Galatians 2:20 tells us why: the only reason why we have life is through Christ, therefore Christ should live *in* us. We may feel unworthy, sometimes, like Isaiah (ch 6:5), but the reason we have the great treasure of God’s Word in “earthen vessels,” is so that the excellency must be of God (see 2Cor. 4:6-8. see also John 15:3). If we want to be able to speak of God’s Word and the glorious plan of salvation to those about us, we have to let the Word of Christ dwell in us “richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another... and whatsoever we do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” (Colossians 3:16-17).



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Aunty Liz's Junior Story

It was Sunday, and when Samuel came home from Sunday School he had some important news to tell Mummy. "During the end of year break, my Sunday School teacher, Aunty Mary, is going to be married!"

"Well, that is very nice," said Mummy, "but did you know that her name will be no longer Auntie Mary James, but when she is married she will be called by the surname of her husband."

"There were some people in the Bible who had their names changed, weren't there? Abram and Sarai both had their names changed by God, and Saul of Tarsus had his name changed to Paul."

"God had very special reasons for changing the names of these people because He had a very special work for them to do, and so God gave them names with very special meanings."

"Samuel didn't have his name changed though, did he, Mummy?" "No he didn't, but do you know what his name means?" "Yes, it means 'Asked or Named of God', doesn't it" said Samuel. "That is right, and although Samuel's name wasn't changed, he did special work in his life for God, and served Him faithfully and well."

So really, whatever our name is, the important thing for us to do in our lives, is to work in a way that is pleasing to God, learning all we can about Him and His ways, so that as we grow older, we might be a people for God's Name, showing by what we do that we want to love and obey Him.

8 and under Junior Activity

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Sunday School Age.....

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9 and over Senior Activity

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Sunday School Age

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EHIRRB OAZLSHISHAS
WUPIEESMEAAIJOHNI
TSRSMKEPKTMRSAULA
IJSTIAS EIEUPHBSJH
MJONAHEJARE DENHEC
OGLAHBLAHULAMECHJ
TLOTOFICJTAVHRPOE
HEMHJEA OAHNIEMEIH
YNOAHSD BMANDRATAO
ESNNVTAMESAEOREKA
PHEBEUMJSASLDYRIS
HAMJOSEPHGERSHOMH

Abraham	Hezekiah	Malchus
Ahaz	Hoshea	Nathan
Asa	Isaac	Noah
Amaziah	James	Paul
Abner	John	Peter
Annas	Judah	Philip
Adam	Jacob	Phebe
Andrew	Jared	Rebekah
Boaz	Jehoash	Ruth
Christ	Jeremiah	Simon
David	Jonah	Samuel
Elihu	Jehoiakim	Solomon
Festus	Joab	Shisha
Gershom	Joseph	Saul
Hothir	Lot	Shem
Herod	Moses	Timothy
Ham	Mary	Uriah

UNJUMBLE THE PLACE - 5 MARKS

Submitted by Eleonor Brumby

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NAME CHANGE - 2 MARKS

Abram - Who changed Abram's name?

Simon the fisherman - Who changed Simon's name?

Hebrew

For Pleasure and Profit

MEM

The thirteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is *Mem*. Its numerical value is 40, the number of probation.

Mem signifies *water*. The Scriptures only use the plural form of the word *mayim*, the significance of which we will consider later. If you use your imagination a little, you can see the waves shaped in the letter *mem*. Now consider the letter "M" in our language. Write it in its lower case script form. Doesn't it look like waves of the sea? The ancestor of our "M" developed from the *mem* of Hebrew. Learned scholars would dispute this point, and claim that the earliest form of writing was Phoenician and not Hebrew, but ultimately facts will come to light (as they already are through the spade of the archaeologist) to prove that this is not true. Hebrew was the original language designed by God, and we believe it will constitute the universal language when the kingdom of God is again set up on earth (Zeph 3:9).

The Water of Life

From previous articles we have discovered that every letter in this wonderful Hebrew alphabet points forward to Christ in some way.

Certainly *mem*, signifying *water*, does. It is through water, in baptism, that we become joined to him, and he covers us (Gal. 3:26-28); it is through water, by the refreshing life-giving Truth we receive through him, that we are sustained in our walk toward the kingdom of God. He declared:

"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

The singular form of this word never occurs in Scripture, except as part of a proper noun, but the plural form *mayim* frequently does.

There are also related words. For example, *matar* signifies *to rain*. But the word is used in relation to many things; some to sustain, and some to rebuke. In judgment, God rained fire, brimstone, and hail; and to sustain, He



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rained dew or manna upon the earth. Christ, too, can be a saviour or a destroyer. Paul wrote: **"We are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life"** (2Cor. 2:15-16).

Consider God's use of rain. The waters destroyed life upon the earth in the days of Noah, but those very same waters bore up the ark to save him and his family (1Peter 3:20).

What is the effect of the waters of baptism? It destroys the power of King Sin, and assists to life eternal. It puts us into covenant-relationship with God in hope of the divine nature (2Pet. 1:4).

In Psalm 1:3, the righteous person is likened to a tree planted by "the rivers of water" (*mayim*), that "bringeth forth fruit." The Lord declared: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14). "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). Truly the Lord Jesus is as a well of living water.

Israel was saved from the wrath of Pharaoh by the waters of the Red Sea. On the other side, the people, led by Moses, sang *The Song of Deliverance* (Exo. 15). Miriam, Moses' sister, led the women of Israel in their rejoicing before Yahweh, and in singing the refrain of Moses' song (vv. 20-21).

Miriam's name is significant. According to *Strong's Concordance* it signifies *bitterness* or *rebellion*. But others derive it from *mar*, "a drop" (as in Isaiah 40:15), and *yam*, "the sea." As such she represents those saved from the sea, those taken out of the sea of nations (Isa. 57:20 cp Acts 15:14), or the Bride of Christ, symbolised in Rev 1:7 as a cloud and as a rainbow in Rev. 4:3.

In the Age to come, that cloud of witnesses (Heb. 12:1) will "drop down rain" in dispensing the teachings of Christ (Deu. 32:2) and in doing so will "come down as rain upon the mown grass" (Psa. 72:6), reviving the nations after Armageddon (Isa. 2:2-4).

Thus a lot of meaning is packed into this little Hebrew letter, which is the name given to the thirteenth letter in the alphabet.



BETTER to end up with a pile of expressive letters than a stack of expensive phone bills.

"The Wonderful Counsellor"

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In our last issue we saw Matthew, the Chief Customs Officer in the busy trade city of Capernaum, arise to open a door to the *Wonderful Counsellor*! That door is represented in Acts.14:27 (concerning the work of Paul and Barnabas) as the entrance to FAITH in a person! "When they were come, and had gathered the ecclesia together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the *door of faith* unto the Gentiles."

Once God provides the gospel key, the *Wonderful Counsellor* enters through the door of any man's heart if he has opened it truly in faith. Further, the letter to the Laodiceans says that the *Wonderful Counsellor* will sit DOWN in FELLOWSHIP with ANY MAN who is prepared to honour his presence.

The saving work of the *Wonderful Counsellor* had been the subject of God's Counsel for a long time and can be traced as far back as Gen.3:15 — "I will put enmity between thee [*the serpent*] and the woman [*Eve*], and between thy seed [*those who do not honour God*] and her seed [*those who seek to obey God*]; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

To fully appreciate God's counsel from the beginning, let us look again at the events that occurred in the early chapters of Genesis, and define what exactly is meant by the word

"*Counsellor*." The Concise Oxford Dictionary gives "*counsellor*" the primary meaning of an "*adviser* (especially to those learning)." That is certainly the role of God after the creation of Adam and Eve. He gave them very clear advice. The *first divine counsel* is given as early as Genesis Chapter One: "God blessed them, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" (Gen.1:28).

You might wonder in what way this is *COUNSEL*! Here is the first segment of God's counsel that man must recognise and obey. When God said "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth," He gave clear guidelines that Adam and Eve were to fill the earth with people, who, like them, would have a close





and intimate fellowship with the Elohim (the angels), so that the earth might be a splendid jewel in the universe, and a building block for God's further creative work. That *counsel* has never changed. But there are clear conditions that even today are not recognised.

Remember that God's command was: "*subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*"

Take careful note of the two statements emphasised. So the need for man to *rule* over the animal world is a basic concept in creation. Here is the first mention of a kingdom, for the word "dominion" has to do with that over which a king rules. If you were to ask your friends "where is the first mention of the *kingdom* in the Bible?" you would find that very few would go back to Genesis 1! Try it on your friends!

This *counsel* of Gen.1:28 is so important that we will consider it further. Gen.1:28 places certain responsibilities on Adam and Eve and their descendants. Firstly, they had to "*SUBDU*". Subdue what? And why? The *counsel* of God is specific and clear: "over the fish of

the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" (v. 28). But why is this? The answer is: our sinful natures must be subdued. Young people are generally not aware of the deceptful nature they bear.

Perhaps sin is a huge Black Bear rising out of the grass beside them, roaring with feaceful ly! Or they might imagine it is like a fishing crane hoisting aboard a thrashing 5 meter Tiger Shark (as I often saw as a teenager, helping my dad run his game fishing business on a 50' Charter Boat in Sydney).

We have a sinful nature that always questions God's instructions. It leads us astray, and brings us into difficult, sometimes threatening circumstances. We need to understand the dangers we face, and how to overcome them. God was going to show Adam "Why" in due course, and we can find the answer to that question also. For the moment all that was needed was to **obey**, to accept whatever God commanded. **He is right**. Those three little words were, and still are, all that God desires from man — to accept and declare in word and deed that **God is right!**

The Bible has been written and myriads of prophets, servants, handmaids and freemen have filled its pages with lessons about the issues in life, but one principle reigns supreme: **God is always right!**



Be an "Optometrist" The reason people see well with their glasses is that the optometrist started with that person's perspective and vision, not with his or her own. It is much more difficult to do this in regular life. We rarely start with what the other person sees. Rather we insist that he or she should see the way we do. During this month try to be an optometrist. Try to be interested enough in other people that you actually start with what you imagine they see.



Townsville Sunday School

Pictured above is a delightful group from Townsville Sunday School in Queensland, Australia. L to R: David DuKamp, Michael Pullella, Jonathan Caltabiano, Elizabeth Caltabiano, Natasia Pullella, Sarah Caltabiano, Joshua Caltabiano and Matthew Pullella. The tiny tots in the pram are Daniel and James Pullella and sitting beside the pram is little Jessica DuKamp.



Invercargill Sunday School

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The Terrible Ten Plagues.



Wicked Pharaoh wouldn't let God's people go free,
God would show His power for all Egypt to see,
Water into blood was terrifying *Plague One*,
The terrible ten plagues had only just begun.
Frogs in everything was terrible *Plague Two*,
With Pharaoh's punishment, God was nowhere through.
Plague Three was crawling lice, crawling everywhere,
All crawling in their beds or crawling in their hair.
Beetles came and covered the land, in *Plague number Four*,
They crawled everywhere in houses, or outdoor.
Disease—killing cattle was the *Plague number Five*,
Only of Israelites did all cattle survive.
Plague number Six: boils were all throughout the land,
the magicians could not before Moses stand.
Terrible *Plague Seven* was a big storm of hail;
to save Israel, His people, God would not fail.
Plague Eight was locusts that ate every green tree,
still Pharaoh refused to let Israel go free.
Darkness filled the land in *Plague number Nine*,
Of God's great power this was a sure sign.
All the firstborn were killed by God's hand,
Leave Egypt quickly, was Pharaoh's command!

Tamara Pitt, Tea Tree Gully.

Good Company

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He that ruleth over men must be just,
ruling in the fear of God. And he shall
be as the light of the morning, when
the sun riseth, even a morning
without clouds; as the tender grass
springing out of the earth by clear
shining after rain.

Hi!—Boys and Girls,

All parents would agree that, at time, having children can be expensive, especially when you have to buy shoes for them all! In our family, we have six sets of feet that all need shoes. Sometimes we seem to have so many shoes lined up outside our back door that I think, maybe we are in competition with a notable lady (Mrs. Marcos, wife of the former Philippine President) who had over 1,000 pairs of shoes!

However, it was necessary to buy shoes for one of our daughters, and so we set off to the shops. In my day the selection of shoes was simple, either brown or black — but now things are different, even in size and shape. Some have heavy thick heels that seem to clomp around like a bucket on the foot, and others have fine, thin heels so fragile that they look like drinking straws. At long last, the selection was happily made, and home we went with these funny black things called "shoes."

Did you know that shoes are mentioned many times in the Bible, and in unusual circumstances? The first time was when Moses lived in Midian. He was told by the angel to "take off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." It was considered to be a mark of respect. He had been walking around in the dry dusty desert and his shoes were dirty from walking. But now he was in the presence of God, and the ground was "sanctified," made holy ground, or "separated" (as the word "holy" means) for divine worship. Dirty shoes are a symbol of walking in the way of sin (see Josh. 9:5), so when Moses was asked to take his dirty shoes off, he was obeying the angel, for God is holy and cannot look upon sin. We must obey God and discard those things that can align us to sin, to earthly things, and walk in a way of life that is pleasing to Him.

Later, Moses reminded the people of Israel of an amazing miracle. God said that He had "led them forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot" (Deu. 29:5). But the remarkable fact about this, when we read Deu. 8:4, is that the people of Israel, with all their walking, never got any blisters from ill-fitting shoes. God cared for all their needs in the wilderness wanderings, and will care for us if we our feet are "shod

with the preparation of the gospel of peace." This means walking in a way that is pleasing to God, showing we care about and believe in the wonderful truths of His gospel. Let us so walk that we may have a place in His glorious Kingdom.

from Your Friend,

Uncle Philip



"GOOD COMPANY and GOOD CONVERSATION are the very sinews of GOOD CHARACTER"

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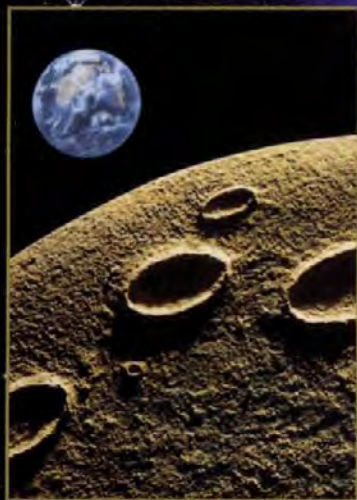
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Amazing World

"God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth:' and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made the stars also."

There is a lovely softness about the soft light of the moon. Whereas nothing can withstand

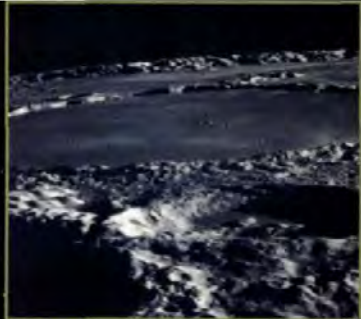


the blazing, scorching sun, the moon has a very beautiful, attractive and harmless glow. Genesis 1:16 instructs us that the lesser light was "to rule the night." Since the moon is only a reflecting body and not a source of light, it is most appropriate as a symbol of the ecclesia, and especially of the ecclesia in the dark night of Gentile times.

The moon was designed to give light in the night. In what way does the ecclesia "hold sway" in these dark Gentile times?

The sun presents a glowing picture of strength, power and burning zeal, but the moon gives a very soft caring and docile light, because the moon's light is not its own; it reflects the sun's light.

Remember how Psalm 19 sets forth the majestic sun as a Bridegroom? Therefore the moon must represent the Bride. A true Bride seeks to display the glory of her Bridegroom. She will be ready to acknowledge that she is totally dependent upon the life-giving "rays" of the Bridegroom for her life, security, name and substance.



She sees in him the altogether lovely qualities which she desires to reflect to the very best of her ability. The moon (as the Bride) represents the idea of total co-operation with the sun (Groom) whose light it reflects. Since the moon has no light of her own; the true Bride will always reflect the authority and wisdom of her Bridegroom. When we offer the Lord's prayer "Thy kingdom come," we are really co-operating with the divine Sun (the Bridegroom, the Lord Jesus Christ) whose illuminating rays witness that he will return to the earth to establish the kingdom.



The apostle said "If we pray according to His will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14-15). We might be inclined to think, "why should we pray for the kingdom to come, when it is promised anyway"! It is true that it will come, but if no one was praying for it, the Gentile darkness would not even have a moon to give light upon the earth. No one would be able to see the soft clear glow of the Truth illuminate people's minds and

lives. So our prayers for the coming kingdom not only express our longing desire, but also reveal that we are speaking consistently with our calling, as the ecclesial "moon."

It is very important for us to develop a mental outlook like that of Jesus Christ. If we do this, we will be with him in thought as we see prophecies coming to pass.

At the present time, Israel has just passed its 50th National Anniversary. We can be reflecting the light of the Bridegroom by telling people about the significance of that event, that Israel's present political existence is only a mere shadow of what God will do with the nation in the

The Titles of Christ.

Christ the Cornerstone

In order for a building to be properly and permanently constructed, the correct materials are required. In olden times, special stones were used for various parts of the building so that the whole structure was bound together, and not in danger of collapsing. The builder carefully laid the foundations, then selected a large, firm, well-formed stone for the corner. Each of the other stones were then placed against the cornerstone, and, fitting into the shape of the building, the edifice was erected. On top, another stone, called the "headstone" was placed, so sealing the construction.

All these different stones are symbolically featured in the spiritual building which God is erecting: *"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."*

Figuratively, a stone denotes hardness or insensibility (1Sam. 25:37, Eze. 36:26), firmness or strength (Job 6:12, 41:24). When a builder selected a stone for the cornerstone, he made sure that it was one upon which the whole structure could rest. It would be a solid, firm, dependable stone, and all others were chipped into shape

according to the form of the cornerstone: *"Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded"* (1Pet. 2:6; Isa. 28:16).

Jesus Christ is of great importance in the building. Upon him all others rest. He binds together the sides of the structure, and holds in place other important stones which *"are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone"* (Eph 2:20).

It is upon the truth expressed by Jesus Christ and repeated by the apostles and prophets, that we must be built as "living" stones (the word "lively" in 1Peter 2:5 should be translated "living"). A living stone is one in its natural condition, sound, and not disintegrating. It has not been destroyed by man's handling, but has been formed by the power of the Creator. Peter says that we must all manifest this characteristic, and seek to be chosen by God to form part of His glorious building. We will be chosen if we conform to the cornerstone already provided: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Next issue, God willing, we will outline features concerning
CHRIST: THE HEADSTONE.



CAMERA CORNER



Last July about 30 Russian and East European brethren and sisters, along with several brethren from England attended a Bible School in Russia. What would interest our

Bible School in Kazan Russia

readers is that the young man in the front

of the photo was baptised on that occasion, as was the girl sitting behind him with her mother and a deaf brother from Latvia. Both these young people are only 13 years old, and they were very keen to hear all the talks (translated by Russian brethren) and to participate in the Bible readings each day. The whole week represented a very inspiring time of fellowship and intense concentration on the Word.

If readers would like to write to any Russian young people, just drop a line to Bro Martin and Sister Lois Webster, 1562 Holborn Rd. East, R.R.1 Queensville, Ont, L0G 1R0, Canada, and they will gladly supply the addresses.

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Aunty Liz's Junior Story

One fine Saturday morning, Daddy suggested that the family should have a picnic lunch by the river. Paul, Jenny and Samuel thought that was a wonderful idea, so they all made plans to get ready. Jenny helped Mummy to get the picnic lunch, and Paul and Samuel helped Daddy to get the other things they would need.

It certainly was a beautiful day, and the whole family were thankful for it. "We thank Thee, O God, for this lovely day..." said Daddy in the prayer before they ate their lunch.

Suddenly, as they were all looking towards the river, a fish jumped out of the water, then plopped back in again. "That fish reminds me of something we will learn about today in our Bible reading," said Daddy. "As soon as we have finished our lunch, look at Matthew chapter 17, and you will see where the fish is spoken about."

After lunch the children, with Daddy and Mummy, opened their Bibles at Matthew chapter 17. As each verse was read, the children were looking for the verse about the fish, and right in the last verse Mummy read "...go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money."

"What a strange thing to find a piece of money in the mouth of the first fish you pull out of the sea," said Daddy, "but the important thing is to see who told Peter to catch this fish. It was the Lord Jesus, and because it was the Master who told Peter to do it, the money in the fish's mouth was a miracle by God to teach Jesus' disciples, that if they had faith, God could provide all things to help them in their daily lives."

We too must learn to trust in God as did the Lord Jesus, for God will look after us, and provide for us every day of our lives.

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How Many Years?

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How many years did David reign in
Jerusalem? (1 Kings 2)

How old was Manasseh when he
began to reign? (2 Kings 21)

How many years did Solomon reign
in Jerusalem? (1 Kings 11)

The height of Noah's ark in
cubits (Gen 6)

The days of our years
(Psalm 90)

Second stone in the third row of the
High Priest's Breastplate (Exo 28)

Ten things the ten maidens had
(Matt 25)

A very sharp sword may have two of these
(Prov 5:4)

future. Through the work of the Bridegroom and the Bride they are soon "to become a people, a nation, a praise and a glory for Yahweh" (Jer 13:11).

In its cycle the moon becomes full, then wanes, and at last is hardly seen at all, so it is with the ecclesia. The ecclesial cycle goes from full strength and activity to a weaker spiritual life and service, until it seems almost non-existent, and then regains strength. The moon has tremendous power over the oceans of this world, directing

high and low tides. The oceans represent the peoples of the world (Rev 17:15). So the teachings of the ecclesia can influence peoples and nations for good.

I wonder how the Bridegroom views us right now? Are we receiving the light from his Word, and reflecting that light to others in this Gentile darkness? Are we truly familiar with his ways and doings on earth now, and cooperating with him in his work? Let us keep the light of Truth shining brightly!

— Colin Hollamby. 

"The Wonderful Counsellor"

Written by Shane Kingsbury • Illustrated by Bethany Matthews

In Genesis Ch. 2, God begins to explain the reasons for, and the urgency of, obeying these two basic commands. *"God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth"* (Gen. 1:28). Then we read that *"Yahweh God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed"* (Gen. 2:8).

In Elpis Israel, Bro. Thomas

points out that God created the garden in Eden as a very special and exclusive spot for Adam and Eve. Here was their (a) *enclosed*, (b) *separate* place from which they were to rule the earth. Bro. Thomas was able to explain this because of the very word that is used for "garden." The Hebrew word specifically means "an enclosed garden," and the importance of this will be shown shortly in the further counsel of God.

This Hebrew word for "enclosed garden" in Eden is *gan*

and is used only 37 times in the Old Testament, 6 of which are in the Song of Solomon alone! The word is used in Genesis ch. 2 and ch. 3 twelve times, and all signify "an enclosed garden".

Here are some of the places where the word appears: *"The city was broken up, and all the men of war [fled] by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which [is] by the king's garden"* (2 Kings 25:4).

"It came to pass, [that] when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain" (Jeremiah 39:4).

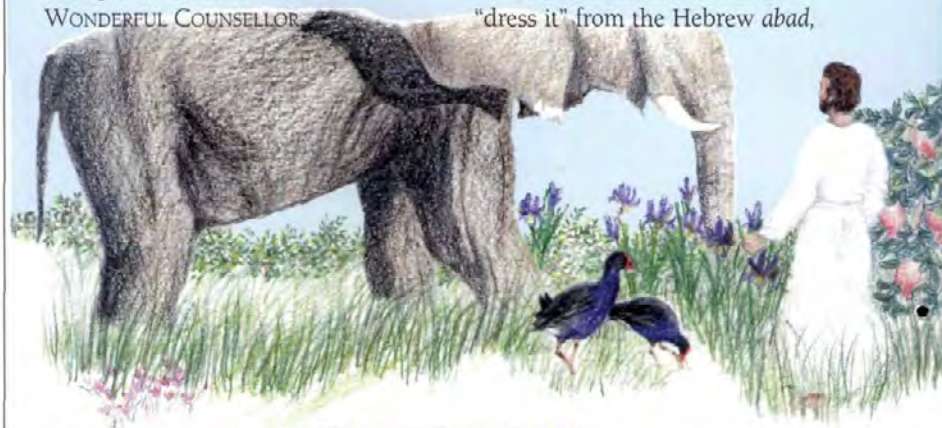
"A garden enclosed [is] my sister, [my] spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed" (Song of Solomon 4:12).

We will find that the establishment and maintenance of such fertile ground is vitally important to the counsel of God and has lessons that point to the Lord Jesus Christ as the
WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR

Most of us would know how hard it is to keep a special garden protected. As a boy when I played sports at home, my cricket-ball had an amazing habit of sailing over the fence and into the beautiful rose garden of our neighbour. No matter how careful I was climbing the fence, taking a leap into the rose garden, *always* caused me to lose balance and crash into the immaculate roses! Our neighbour was very kind about it — he only beat me with his walking stick — it could have been a baseball bat!!

So in the early pages of Genesis, we learn that Adam was created and placed into God's special, enclosed garden that was *eastward* in Eden. Adam was given two further responsibilities concerning this garden: *"Yahweh God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."* These two responsibilities formed a vital part in God's counsel concerning Adam's future.

In the Hebrew, the words "dress it" from the Hebrew *abad*,



mean "to serve," and *shamar* means "to guard." So Adam was to "learn obedience" as God's *servant* and to "guard," thereby learning the principle of *responsibility*. The Lord Jesus Christ came as the WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR, teaching all people the *responsibility* of being God's *servants*.

We may ask, "if Adam was given these tasks, why was it necessary for the Lord Jesus Christ to come and teach these principles again?" The reason is that Eve listened to the words of the serpent, and *questioned* whether God's counsel was right. She *ignored* the responsibilities placed upon her and her husband Adam, and induced her husband to *disobey* God, bringing upon them and their posterity, the judgment of God.

I was ignorant of the Truth, existing in the darkness of the world for 20 years. But when I did learn the first principles of the Truth at 20 years of age, one thing stood out for me like a beacon. That was the principle that *GOD IS RIGHT!* Now why was that such an outstanding matter? Because I was very fortunate in having a father who, though he did not have the Truth, believed in warning me about the pitfalls

of life before I came across them. I can recall one of his detailed talks about what I would encounter in life, which happened before I started High School. My Dad listed off the things that I would have to deal with at High School. Some of the things he warned me about were so serious that I was aghast! He recounted to me about things that happened to *him* in 1929, when the world was quite different from what it is today!

What has all this to do with the principle that "*God is Right*"? As I went through High School, I ticked off that mental check-list my father had left with me, one after another. It was with some astonishment each time, I thought to myself "he was right!" One event after another would occur and I would think to myself again, "he was right!" And eventually I concluded that in all these observations he had made about the waywardness of humanity... "he was right!!" That laid for me a firm basis for the recognition and acceptance of the basic principle of *Right-eousness!*

For, when I learnt the Truth, I went through that mental check-list process, step by step, and by one thing after another, I had to admit that "God is Right!" 





Hebrew

For Pleasure and Profit

NUN

The fourteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is *Nun*. Its numerical value is 50, the number of grace extended to a multitude, and the significance of the Hebrew letter illustrates this very point. The letter *Nun*, therefore suggests the Jubilee under the law; the year of Release or Liberty (Lev. 25:10). The Jubilee points forward to the liberty found in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1), and, as we shall see, this Hebrew consonant, when considered in relation to the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Word made flesh, has this signification.

- *Nun* signifies FISH. The original form of the letter suggested the shape of a fish; and even the modern letter recalls the appearance of a fish with its tail bent inward.

SYMBOL OF PROLIFICACY

In Scripture, the fish is noted for its ability to propagate. The very Hebrew word, *dag* suggests the idea of being prolific. It is



from a root word signifying to resprout, propagate, perpetuate, and emphasising the principle of continuance. *Non* or *Nuwn* was the name of Joshua's father (1Chr. 7:27). The word is used in connection with the Lord Jesus Christ, for in Psalm 72:17 David declared of his glorious Son,

"His name shall be *continued* as long as the sun". In this statement the word "*continued*" is *Nun*.

Proverbs 29:21 refers to a servant who is carefully trained from childhood to become ultimately a son. The word for son is not *ben* as normally used, but *manuwn* derived from *nawn*, or *nun*, signifying "*continuator*." Thus, the servant becomes a son to continue on the name of the father of the household, in a prolific seed.

This illustrates David's comment in relation to Christ found in Psalm 72:17 quoted above. It also has relation to the

prophecy of Isaiah 53:10-11 concerning the suffering Servant, who was elevated to become the Son of Yahweh's right hand: *"He shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Yahweh shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he hath poured out his soul unto death."*

SYMBOL OF ENDURANCE

The fish is not only noted for being prolific, but also for its determination and strength in battling against the stream. A dead fish will float with the current, but a living fish will strive against it, and develop itself in so doing. How like the Lord Jesus Christ, in his striving against sin! He endured the cross, and despised the shame. He endured the contradiction of sinners against himself, and encouraged others to do likewise.

In all those ways, as well in his ability to propagate the seed of the righteous, the Lord manifested the qualities of the fish. Indeed, in the first century, the fish was commonly used as a symbol of Christ and Christianity; probably because the birth to the new life is through baptism, but also because the Greek word for "fish," *ichthus* is an acrostic of the

initials of the five words *Iesous Christos Theos Huios Soter* – "Jesus Christ Son of God, Saviour."

Therefore in a remarkable manner, the Hebrew alphabet sets forth a hidden prophecy of things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

NUMERICAL VALUE

Now consider the numerical value of this letter in the light of our comments above. Its numerical value is fifty. This is made up of 5×10 . Five is the number of grace, ten signifies a large undisclosed number: a "great multitude which no man could number" (Rev 7:9). It suggests the swarming fish in the sea of life, and certainly points forward to those who will experience the grace of Yahweh through the ministrations of His Servant-Son, through passing through the waters of baptism.

In the Bible, you will find *Nun* on top of the section of Psalm 119:105. In the course of that stanza the Psalmist, foreshadowing Christ, declares: *"The wicked have laid a snare for me; Yet I erred not from Thy precepts."* The word "snare" is the Hebrew *pac*, from *pachach*, to spread a net, and therefore is appropriate to the letter *nun* that, in the Hebrew, commences every line of this section of the Psalm. Its fulfillment is found in the Lord Jesus Christ, and those "fish" that the gospel net has drawn unto him (see Mat 13:47-48, Jn. 21:11).



COMMANDMENTS

Now will you please listen
Listen and follow

—Sarah Halpin, Lismore Ecclesia.



**"Thou shalt have no other god before Me
And no graven images, for I am Holy
My Name shall not be taken in vain
Saith the God that doth send the rain"**

**"Remember to keep the Sabbath day
Thy Father and thy Mother thou must obey
Thou shalt not kill or commit adultery
Neither shouldst thou steal from others or from Me"**

**"False witness thou shalt not bear unto thy neighbour
It would be better to do him a favour
So covet not thy neighbour's house or possessions
Now out of all these we draw many lessons"**

**So these are the Commandments
Ten in a row
I hope you have listened
Listened and followed**



**THEY THAT WAIT UPON YAHWEH
SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY
SHALL MOUNT UP AS EAGLES; THEY
SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY;
THEY SHALL WALK AND NOT FAINT.**

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THE STARS



our Amazing World

Our last "Amazing World" article explained that the light of the moon represents the collective reflection of Truth in the members of the ecclesia. We now turn our attention to what appear to our sight to be the smaller lights of heaven (although in fact they are quite large), and learn of their significance in the Bible. For "Yahweh Elohim made the stars also."

Have you ever tried to count the stars? Not only

does God know their number, He also calls them by their names (Isa 40:26). The Psalmist of Israel, was attracted to the stars and intrigued about the greatness of their Creator compared with the smallness and insignificance of mankind (Psa 8:3-4). And what a glorious curtain stars make for the windows of the dwelling place of the Almighty God (Isa 40:22)!

The Solar System in which the earth forms a part, is really a very small

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area in the mighty heavens. When we look at the stars from earth, they all look very small, but they really are gigantic. The sun is 150,000,000 kms from the earth and is 104 times its diameter, and the sun is about average size for a star.

You could do a little exercise with a coin. If the coin you select represents the size of the earth, you would need many more of the same size coins to plot the size of an average star! You would need to place one coin down as the star's centre, and lines of 52 coins

twinkling effect. Some stars are quite bright, while others are hard to discern, especially with the naked eye. When we go camping we love to gaze at the stars, and never fail to see some "shooting stars." Some are very bright and have long "tails," sometimes ending in an explosion of lights, while others only appear for a split second and are quite dim.

In the Bible stars represent individuals; the moon speaks of groups of people. Daniel 12:3 declares: "They that be wise

shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars..."

Stars are here used to illustrate a multitude of wise teachers, all of whom are enlightening

going out in all directions from the centre coin to plot the diameter of the star.

There are millions of stars in the heavens, but greater than all is their Designer and Maker.

The stars we see at night seem to twinkle at us. That is not what they are actually doing, for it is the earth's atmosphere that causes the

others by the Truth. In 1 Cor 15:41, we have a picture of the Sun, (God and Christ) the Moon (the collective light of the Ecclesia) and the differing degrees of radiance from the stars showing the greater and lesser luminaries of the Age to Come. Abraham, Moses and David will be very bright "stars" in the





out their own wisdom and not God's. They are unstable and out of place in God's arrangements.

When Yahweh made promises to Abraham, He said He would make Abraham's seed as many as the stars of heaven. We can all become one of these "stars" by having the same kind of "light" as Abraham, for he reflected God's "light of Truth." We need to

kingdom. Others, not so bright "stars," will have rule over smaller parts of the earth. When we look at the vast array of stars in the heavens, some are shown as brilliant and some not so prominent. So it will be in the Kingdom of God.

But what about shooting stars? Their light does not continue but quickly goes out. In the epistle of Jude v. 13 we are warned about "wandering stars" which do not stay in their God-appointed place, "to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever." Those stars are teachers who give

have the stable and clear light of faith with which we can guide a lost traveller. There are many "shooting stars" who cannot provide true teaching and are only mere flashes. They will not be teaching "stars" in the Kingdom.

The majesty of the heavens above will so impress the mind of faith, that we will humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and He will exalt us and cause us to shine as the stars for ever and ever.

— C. Hollamby



Did you Know this!!

If all the oceans dried up, the rock salt remaining would be enough to build a wall 1 mile thick and 180 miles high all around the equator!

The Titles of Christ.

Christ the Headstone

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head (stone) of the corner" (Psalm 118:22).

Our last article described how buildings were constructed in olden times. The builders first carefully selected the foundation stone to suit the particular type of building they were constructing. Then, other stones would be formed upon that foundation stone. Often the foundation stone would not be easily seen. Although it provided strength to the construction, around it would be formed the other sections of building, thus hiding, to some extent, the foundation. But the stone was there all the same – otherwise the building would soon become shaky, scared by cracks, and eventually fall.

But as the building developed, and the walls stretched upwards, it was necessary for the builders to "tie-in" the construction, and so bind together the work that they had done. They then selected a "headstone,"

usually for beauty and character, and, placing this on top of the wall, it effectively held together the whole construction.

Therefore, the two major stones in the building were the *foundation stone* and the *headstone*. Commenting upon Psalm 118:22, the next verse states: "This is the Lord's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes."

A Jewish comment on this verse mentions that the stone spoken of here as the headstone, was frequently offered by the stonemasons for the building of the wall, but being found too long or too short, was rejected by them as unfit. However, if, when the structure was completed, in the coupling of the two walls, the stone was found to fit, it was then considered "a marvellous thing." Unless the headstone properly fitted the top of the arch, the whole of the structure was useless. Each stone had to complement the other. Thus the building was "fitly fashioned together" (Eph 2:21), as a great

monument to the architect and builder.

So it is with the Ecclesia. It is figuratively represented as a building composed of living stones (1Pet 2:5), which has a foundation stone, wall-stones and a headstone. The foundation, or corner stone, and the headstone are always associated together. They are the necessary stones, which hold in place all others — the first and the last stones of the building. In the Bible, Jesus Christ is portrayed as both. He is the corner stone (Isa 28:16; Eph 2:20), because the Divine Builder has set him down as the mould upon which His spiritual building will be formed. All other stones must conform to that pattern. In the Lord's first advent he displayed the great example that we must follow. God revealed in His Son (1Cor 5:19) the type of spiritual building that He desires. If we desire to be involved in God's great work, we must allow our will to be "chiselled" and shaped into the form that He desires!

When the Lord Jesus Christ returns, he will complete the spiritual temple and appear as the great Headstone of glory, gracing the whole Ecclesial edifice. He is the "author [cornerstone] and finisher [headstone] of our faith" (Heb

12:2). As the "head" of the ecclesia (Eph 4:15-16), he holds it together, binding all the "stones" into one unity, so that the building stands erect.

Zechariah 4:7 speaks prophetically of the Lord Jesus: "He shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, grace, grace, unto it. The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of this house; his hands shall also finish it." As the antitype of Zerubbabel, the Lord Jesus, having already established the foundation of the ecclesia, will, at his return, manifest the crowning glory of the immortal throng of saints, so that the whole house will conform to his pattern, being an extension of himself (John 17:21-23). Thus the title of Christ: THE HEADSTONE is a prophecy of what he will yet be. Already he is the CORNERSTONE, and the building is gradually being developed upon him. He is yet to be the HEADSTONE of glory. The Jewish people, who earlier rejected him as being unfit for their purposes (Matt 21:42), will soon realize that they have been mistaken, and that in fact, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is the crowning glory of the Israelitish House. And they will exclaim: "This is Yahweh's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!"



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Auntie Liz's Junior Story

During the New Testament daily readings one evening, the family read about the twelve helpers or disciples of Jesus. The children at Sunday School had learnt a song to help them remember the names of these disciples. It was so much easier to remember the names in the song and music than it was to try to think of the names one by one.

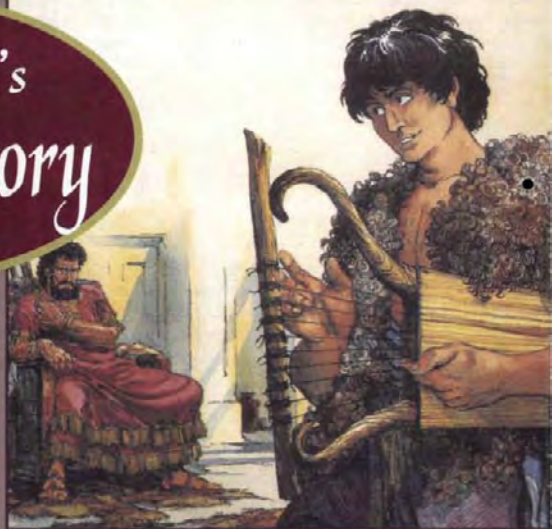
In Bible times musical instruments were used to play music too, to help people remember the words of some very special songs.

"David played a harp before Saul didn't he," said Paul. "Yes," said Daddy, "the music David played was supposed to make Saul happy, but Saul hated David and tried to kill him with a spear."

"David probably learned to play his harp while he was watching over the sheep, and he became a very good player of the harp. Can you think of any other musical instruments mentioned in the Bible?" asked Daddy.

"I remember that Miriam had a tambourine or timbrel, and played when the people had passed through the Red Sea. In this way Miriam and the other women thanked God for caring for them." "That's right," said Daddy. "We can see that instruments were used in other ways too. The rams horn was used sometimes to call the people to war and two silver trumpets were used to call the people to the tabernacle in the wilderness."

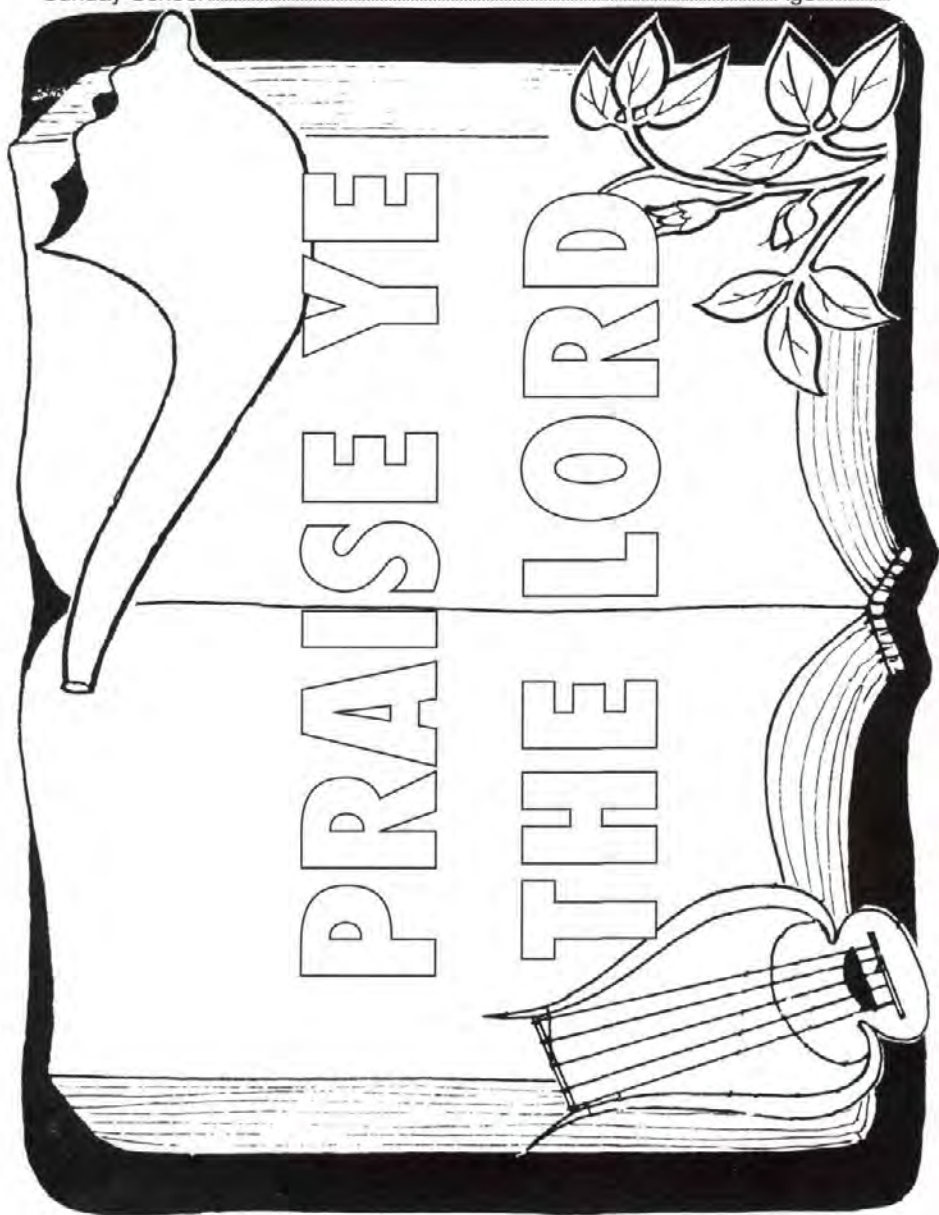
"Today we have the piano and organ to help us in our praise to God, and many other instruments as well at times, but let it be sweet quiet music that we listen to or play, with words that will help us to remember things about the Bible and Gods wonderful promises to those who love and serve Him. Won't it be wonderful when all of the earth will one day be filled with God's Glory."



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MISSING VOWELS

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Below are phrases about Bible verses containing numbers. Vowels are left out of some of the words. Solve the missing vowels and write the corrected words in the blank spaces.



1. Ten homers of **qls** (Num 11:32)
2. Forty thousand **stlls** of **hrss** (1 Kings 4:26)
3. Zedekiah **rgnd** eleven years in **Jrslm**. (Jer 52:1)
4. Solomon **spk** three thousand **proverbs**. (1 Kin 4:32)
5. They sacrificed seven hundred **xn**. (2Chr 15:11)
6. Jacob took Esau two hundred **ws**. (Gen 32:14)

TWELVE APOSTLES

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- Son of Zebedee
- The Betrayer
- The Publican Tax Gatherer
- Simon
- Son of Zebedee
- From Bethsadia
- Lebbaeus
- Also called Nathanael
- Simon the
- Peters brother
- Son of Alphaeus
- John 20:24

"The Wonderful Counsellor"

In our last article we considered the events in the garden of Eden where Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command. We need to spend a few moments looking at exactly what happened in this matter of the transgression and judgment of Adam and Eve, to fully appreciate the words of the WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR who is called by the apostle Paul "The last ADAM" 1 Cor. 15: 45 declares *"So it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit."* In Rom. 5:17 (RSV), Paul explains: *"If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ."*

Paul points out that there is a direct link between the disobedience of Adam and the obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ. Yet in a way, Adam and Eve questioned the counsel of God - by a simple re-arrangement of our three key words. Being swayed by the

random mutterings of the serpent Eve said, in effect, **"IS God right?"** and thus disobeyed. In contrast the Lord **believed** the counsel of God (by saying, God **IS** right) and was perfectly obedient. You will appreciate the importance of listening to and looking at, the work, not just of a COUNSELLOR but THE WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR!

We need to complete our consideration of the errors of the First Adam, that we might better appreciate the counsel of the Last Adam.

In that special, enclosed garden Adam had to learn those two principles of SERVICE and OBEDIENCE.

Now God took Adam another step along the pathway to fulfilling those original objectives of Gen. 1:28 "to SUBDUE and have DOMINION." This is done by a very important process wherein all the animals which he was to **subdue** and over which he was to have **dominion**, were BROUGHT TO HIM in the garden. It would seem that they are then taken away again, as they are afterwards referred to as the "Beasts of the FIELD." not

Beasts of the GARDEN: ***"Out of the ground Yahweh Elohim formed every BEAST OF THE FIELD, and every fowl of the air; and BROUGHT [THEM] UNTO ADAM to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that [was] the name thereof"*** (Gen.2:19). This exercise enabled Adam to reach one undeniable conclusion: ***"...but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him"*** (Gen.2:20).

Let us talk for a moment about that all important phrase ***"an help meet for him."*** You will probably be aware that the "Authorised Version" of the Bible was translated almost 400 years ago in the year of AD1611. It is a constant wonder how little our English language has changed over that time, thus making the Authorised version not only readable, but retaining a style of language that has an element of reverence for God.

But there are some phrases that have been dropped from our language of today. We still use the word "meet" but in a slightly different sense, yet which still retains some of its original meaning. The word "meet" as used in Gen.2:20 when translated in the year 1611, had the idea of "suitable" or "helpful." It is the Hebrew word *etser*, which literally means "helpful." We still use the word "meet" today but in a slightly different sense. If we arrange to "meet" someone, it

is our idea that we plan to "join" up with or "come face to face" with a friend. It has the idea of "coming close" to that person to perhaps talk in confidence or to do something together! That is not far from the original meaning of the word in the Authorised Version.

So in Gen. ch.2 Adam had to learn from "meeting" with the animals. Here is one of the most important and long-lasting lessons that the Bible has to teach – that BEASTS have no ability to make moral decisions. Therefore man who is called upon to make moral decisions has nothing in common with the beasts in this regard.

The whole purpose of bringing the animals to Adam was not just to give NAMES, but to realise that in the whole of the animal realm there was *not one* that could act as a "help" meet for him! It appears that the beasts were brought into the garden for this purpose (they were not there dwelling with Adam in the Garden, but in the field) and then taken back out of the garden into the field, for it is recorded that in the garden, Adam had his own exclusive dominion.

"Yahweh Elohim said, [It is] not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Gen.2:18). So Eve, being "bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh," was created from him as "an help, meet for him."





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At the Moinabad end of year studies 120 people gathered including children. Pictured is the children's presentation of a play "King Josiah – Good Kings Come in Small Packages".





Hebrew

For Pleasure and Profit

SAMECH.

This name is given to the fifteenth letter in the alphabet. It is a most interesting and significant word and letter, and like all the other consonants in Hebrew, foreshadows the Lord Jesus Christ, who is described as "The Word of God", and who personifies the alphabet of grace.

Samech signifies, something to lean or rest upon; and therefore a support, or a prop. It aptly describes the Lord Jesus, for he is a support, a prop and a strength to all those who seek him. Concerning the problems he faced, Paul wrote: "I can do all things through Christ which *strengtheneth me*" (Phil. 4:13).

The very shape of the letter suggests a support, for it reminds one of a hammock or chair. Older forms of the letter provide

even a more vivid picture of a support or a prop.

The numerical value of this letter is sixty, and this is a significant number. In Bible numerics, 6 is the number of flesh, and 10 is the number of a large undisclosed multitude. Therefore, 60, combined with



a word that means support, seems to point forward to that "great multitude, which no man could number, out of all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues" referred to in Rev 7:9. They are represented as praising the Lamb because of the help and support they received from him (cp vv. 14-17).

Samech is pronounced as we would pronounce "c" in "cymbal" like an "s" but a little sharper and crisper.

The Hebrew has another letter, called *schin* which is pronounced either “sh” or “s” according as to where a dot is placed above the letter. We will consider this more when we come to treat with that letter, but we can discern the distinction between *schin* and *samech* in the incident recorded in Judges 12:6. The Ephramites had attacked Jephthah and were defeated. They endeavored to escape capture by claiming that they were not Ephramites. But the men of Gilead put them to the test. They called upon those whom they captured to say “*shibboleth*,” but instead, the men of Ephraim, because of their accent, pronounced it as *sibboleth*, and instantly the Gileadites knew that they were of Ephraim. Now, *shibboleth* is spelt with a *schin*, whereas *sibboleth* is spelt with *samech*. In this instance, *samech* was no help to the liars of Ephraim, but it was a guide and support to the men of Jephthah!

You will find the letter *samech* above Psalm 119:113. This is to indicate that in this section of this acrostic Psalm, each line of

vv. 113-120 in the Hebrew commences with different words beginning with this letter.

We have said that *samech* means to “prop, support or rest.” It appears in Psalm 119:116 as “uphold,” thus: “Uphold me with Thy word.” In Exodus 29:10 it is rendered “put” in describing the manner in which the priests identified themselves with a sacrifice by “putting” their hands upon it (vv. 10, 15, 19). In Psalm 37:17 it is rendered “upholdeth.” “Yahweh upholdeth the righteous” (cp also v. 24 and Psa 54:4). In Isaiah 63:5 it is identified with the work of Christ: “I looked, and there was none to uphold.” Other places where it is used significantly are in Psa 71:6, Isa 48:2, Song 2:5, Isa 26:3.

The Lord Jesus comprises a prop, a support, a stay for those who approach the Father through him.

Once again, therefore, this letter in the Hebrew alphabet foreshadows the work of the great Redeemer upon whom we can rest or lean with every confidence.



Abraham left home one day,
with donkey wood and son;
His heart was cold within him
for the deed which must be done.

Beloved and only begotten son
Burnt offering he must be!
Yet they went the two together,
Rising early – eagerly.

Redemption through the blood of Christ!
This the tale foretold;
The Lamb of God's providing
In promised seed unfolds.

Actual faith in resurrection
Was shown when he proclaimed
to waiting servants, "The lad and I
to you will come again."

Hope of Israel here confirmed
Because his faith was strong;
He staggered not, though God had asked
The slaying of his son.

Arm raised as in a covenant,
Sun gleamed on sharpened knife;
But angel's call of "Abraham!"
Stopped the downward flight.

Mountain in Moriah, the
providing place of Yah;
A three days' journey to sacrifice
A ram in Golgotha



"O Yahweh, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts."

Psalms 104.



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Hi!—Boys and Girls,

Over our back fence is a large reserve, filled with gum trees and shrubs, and with a little creek winding its way down through the valley. It is a delightful setting with many wild flowers dotting the countryside, and birds merrily singing in the trees. It was on such a wonderful day that Aunty Trish decided to go for a walk with our children to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of nature that God has created.



So off she went with our four children, whilst I settled down with a cup of tea and a biscuit, to read in peace and quiet! I hadn't even read the first page of my book, when I heard a bloodcurdling scream coming from the reserve. It gave me such a shock that I dropped my biscuit in the teacup and rushed out to see what had happened.

In the distance I caught sight of Aunty Trish, her face white as snow and shaking all over like a leaf. With one mighty leap I jumped the fence and raced over to see what was wrong. After calming her down a little, she explained that she had nearly stepped on a snake, and with that, not wasting any time, we all sought the safety of our house!

Not many people really enjoy the company of snakes, and even less enjoy treading on them! This is because of the deadly venom or poison that snakes have, for they can kill with one bite. Very important spiritual lessons can be learnt from such experiences.

Genesis 3 introduces a very cunning animal to which God had given the power of speech. It was a serpent. This serpent had overheard the angels talking to Adam, warning him not to eat from the tree in the midst of the garden, "**for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**" When talking to Eve a little later, he told a shocking lie: "**Ye shall not surely die.**" This reasoning poisoned Eve's mind, causing both Adam and herself to disobey God's law.

This serpent lie is the origin of the spiritual poison that has continued down to our times, for even today the churches teach that man does not really die, but at death goes to heaven to live as gods. However the truth of God's Word is that Jesus shall return to the earth (**Acts 1:11**), to raise the responsible dead (**Jn. 11:24**) and reward with eternal life those who have been faithful (**Dan. 12:2; 2Tim. 4:8**). That day is very near.

Meanwhile, beware of snakes!

From your friend,

Uncle Philip

*P.S. If a serpent represents the ways of sin, why does the Lord say in **Mat. 10:16** "Be ye therefore wise as serpents?" If you know it, send in your answer.*

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Amazing World

Symbiosis

One of the simplest and strongest proofs that the teaching of evolution is entirely erroneous, is found in God's method of SYMBIOSIS in His living world. This word is pronounced SIM-BE-O-SIS. It may sound an awkward word, but it does explain the way that the animal and plant kingdoms are made to exist together and depend upon each other for their wellbeing. Webster's Dictionary gives the following meaning for *symbiosis*: "The living together of organisms of different species, each helpful to, or dependent upon the other, or in some cases one acting as host."

Our amazing world has some wonderful examples of living together and hosting. Let us look at the two great

departments of living organisms: the animal world and the vegetable world. Genesis 1 clearly sets out the work of creation in six literal days, each of twenty-four hours. We accept this record in simple faith as little children accept parental guidance. But faith is not just a blind acceptance of matters presented as "facts." And here is where *symbiosis* comes into play.

The scientist has long known that all of the members of the plant kingdom are breathing forms of life. Their wellbeing depends on their ability to obtain from the atmosphere a gas known as carbon dioxide. Plants, trees and weeds, whether on land or under water, need carbon dioxide — as much as all animal life, including mankind, need oxygen. The amazing thing about these factors is that in the process of living and breathing, all members of the plant world breathe out oxygen, and all members of the animal world breathe out carbon dioxide.





If there were only plants and trees on the earth, they would soon use up all of the carbon dioxide, and then poison themselves with the oxygen they breathed out!

And if there were only animals on the earth, then they would use up all the oxygen and poison themselves with the carbon dioxide they made by breathing! Not only so, but what would animals eat *if* there was no plant world!?

So here is a remarkable symbiosis — As plants breathe out, animals breathe in. And even more amazingly, animals depend on plants by eating them, and plants depend on animals to make sure their flowers are pollinated and new seeds will grow.

It is impossible and unthinkable that plants and animals could survive for any time at all without each other. The days of Genesis 1 could only be literal days as the Bible describes them!

Here is a little exercise for us. On a warm, sunny day, walk to the nearest body of water, a pond, a lake, or a river and find a place where the water is calm and where some weeds are growing. Now just sit and watch carefully. Soon you will see

small bubbles coming up from the weeds. They are little bubbles of oxygen being breathed out by the plant. This helps our mind's eye to imagine the bubbles of oxygen being produced by the plant world. It is very easy to understand that animals (including ourselves) breathe, but not so easy to "see" plants breathing.

The Designer of all these amazing things is teaching us a grand lesson. Just as all His creation co-operates together with Him for survival, so He desires us to work with Him. And if we are co-operating with God, we will also help others who are in harmony with Him.

Of course, we can work together with each other without being in harmony with Him, but if we are individually striving to be at one with Yahweh the Great Creator, then we will be at one with all those who are doing the same.

Symbiosis at its highest level is seen in the Family of God.

C. Hollamby.





Hebrew

For Pleasure and Profit

Ayin

The sixteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is called Ayin. It is an interesting letter, which can mean both eye or spring. In either case it points to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, whose eyes are constantly upon his followers, and who provides a fountain of living water for their eternal refreshment.



If you turn to Psalm 119, you will find the letter ayin above v. 121. As we have learnt from previous articles, this means that every line of the stanzas commencing at that point, begins with a word starting with this letter.

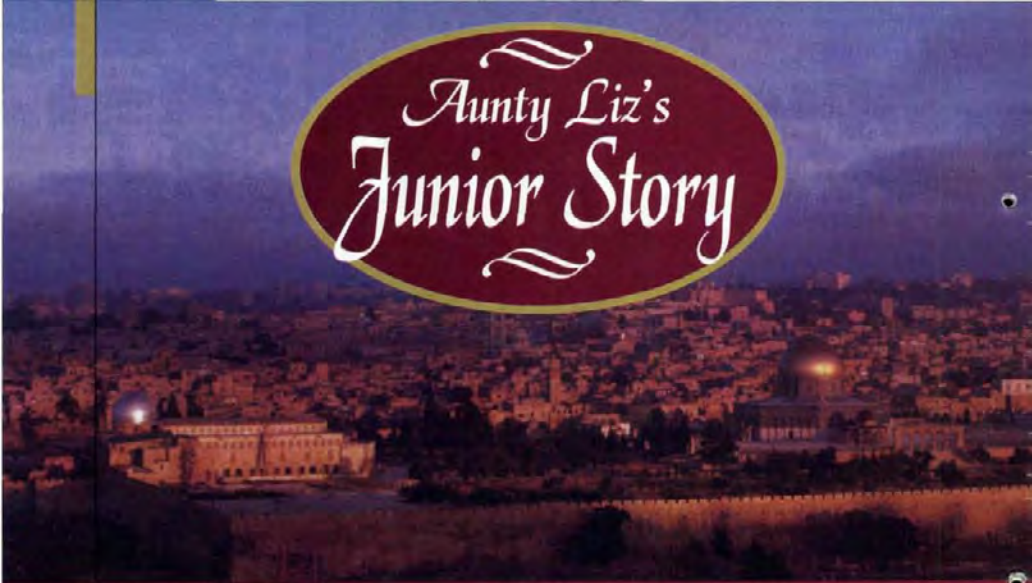
In v. 123, the Psalmist declares: "Mine eyes fail for Thy salvation." The Hebrew word for "eyes" is the plural form of *ayin*.

The numerical value of the letter is 70. This too, is a significant number, for seven is the number of a covenant, and ten is the number of a large undisclosed multitude, expressing the idea of completeness. Seventy, therefore can represent that "great multitude, which no man could number, out of all nations, kindreds, people, and tongues," who shall "stand before the Lamb" in the future (Rev. 7:9).

What has *ayin* to do with them? Everything! They are the people upon whom the "eyes of Yahweh" have been focussed from the very beginning of time (2 Chr. 16:9), and who have drunk deeply from the well of living water provided by the Lord (Jn. 4:14). In Revelation 7, we notice that they are the "sealed of God;" therefore His eyes are upon them; they drink from the "living fountains of waters" (v. 17), and, in consequence, "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

THE SHAPE OF THE LETTER

Our drawing shows that the letter takes the form of two eyes, connected together. What the eyes see is conveyed to the brain, and frequently dictates the words spoken by the mouth. It is wonderfully significant, therefore, that the next letter in the Hebrew



Aunty Liz's Junior Story

At Sunday School, Samuel made a crown, and decorated it. Sometimes he put the crown on his head and pretended that he was a king. "I hope you are a good king, and do the things which please God," said Daddy. "In the Bible we read of some good kings, and some bad kings. The good kings helped the people to obey God, and God was pleased with them. But if a bad king ruled over the people, the people didn't do the things that pleased God, and God became angry and sent other people from the countries round about to fight against Israel.

"There was a time in the land of Israel when two kings ruled over the people. One was called Rehoboam, and he ruled over the people of Judah. The other king was called Jeroboam, who ruled over the rest of Israel. Jeroboam was a very wicked king, and taught the people to gather in another place than Jerusalem, and to worship idols instead of the true God, and God was not pleased when they did this.

"Let us try to remember at all times that God will only be pleased with our worship of Him, if we do it in exactly the way that He has told us in the Bible.

"Soon Jesus Christ will come and set up God's wonderful kingdom on the earth. Then there will be a perfect King ruling over all the world, from God's chosen city, Jerusalem, and all people will come to worship there. What a wonderful time to which we can look forward!"

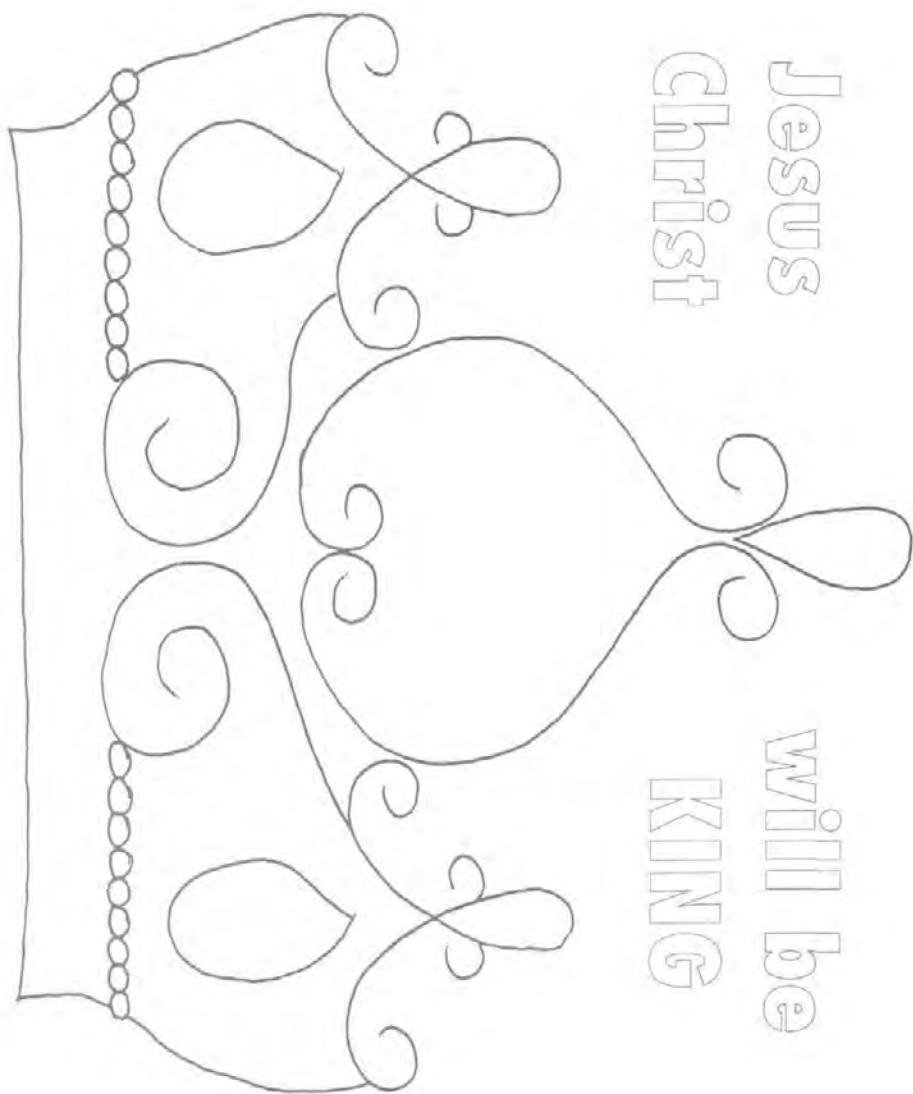
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is often allowed overshadowing what was in effect a wonderful, free, Paradise!

"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen.2:17).

So here was the exception, enabling Adam and Eve to make that vital decision of their own free will. With the command concerning this ONE TREE they could still enjoy all the marvellous beauty, freedom and fellowship with God and the Paradise into which they had been placed.

But, when she listened to and accepted the thoughts of an animal with which they had nothing in common, Eve commenced on the road of disobedience with each terrible step drawing her downward to

eventually call God's ruling into question. This ALWAYS leads to disaster!

All Eve had to say were those three words! GOD IS RIGHT. But she didn't, and all the consequences of that failure came to pass as recorded in Genesis Chapter Three.

But, what has this to do with the Lord Jesus Christ in our story? This is a valid question and one that we will answer plainly later in this series.

The fact that God is right is the very first issue that the Lord Jesus Christ, as our Wonderful Counsellor, addresses in a most remarkable way.

It is the vital teaching of the three and a half years of Wonderful Counsel that has turned the world upside down! And those words come from the Lord's greatest enemies! *"The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him" (John.12: 19).*

The Bible has a great deal to say about the value of God's counsel which reached its highest level in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ who was the "Word made flesh", and as such, was not only to teach the Counsel of God but to show that counsel, by his actions! Consider the words of Luke.8:1, *"It came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and*

the twelve [were] with him." So the Wonderful Counsellor was not only such in words, but also in deeds. It is certainly true that we might misunderstand what a person says, but rarely misunderstand what they do!

Consider the words of John in ch. 2:11, where he chooses a special word to describe the miracles of the Lord. We will take the RSV translation: "*This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory; and his disciples believed in him.*"

The special word in the Greek translated "miracles" (*semeion*) really means "signs" as shown by the RSV translation. These represented grand spiritual lessons! And great things resulted from those signs for they: "*manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.*" There was glorious power in the counsel of the Lord. This special Greek word *semeion* is used NINE times in John's Gospel record!

We will now see the marvellous way in which the Lord Jesus Christ rescued the forsaken, retrieved the lost, converted the enemy, guided the blind, convinced the skeptics, revived the exhausted, loosed the afflicted, forgave the sinner, comforted the brokenhearted, and released those bound by sin, disease and death! And never once did he compromise the Truth of God, or ignore the complete heretic or the wicked blasphemer. He was in all ways, THE

WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR!

David was aware of the wonderful counsel of God, "I bless Yahweh who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me" (Ps.16:7; RSV). David describes an experience that many of our older readers would know to be true. During the day we devote our attention to serving God in our own various situations in life, and part of this is doing our Bible readings daily. Then, when we go to bed at night we take with us thoughts of thankfulness to God, and turn over in our mind the



things that have happened to us and others during the day — then we find that all that the Word has said is true! Many, particularly the elderly, find sleep does not come easily, and can profitably spend a considerable part of the night hours, with their "heart instructing them."

Before we leave the marvellous prophecy of Isa. 9:6, let us just think a little more about the wording: "*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, Counsellor, The*

mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." We may have overlooked the significance of the early part of the verse: "unto us a *child* is born." Now that might seem obvious! One is physically born as a *child* and not an *adult*. But that basic fact is not just what is being expressed. We are told a great deal concerning this WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR — for, though he was God's Son, he had to experience, as a child, the commitment of spiritual development, that would help him understand the importance of individuals to be *born* into God's family (Gal. 3:27-29; Mat. 3:13-17).

The child Jesus was particularly aware of his responsibility to obey Joseph and Mary, and through them, to honour Almighty God, his Father: "*he went down with them [Mary and Joseph], and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them*" (Lk. 2: 51).

If a child is to grow up obedient to God, he or she must first learn to be obedient to their parents. And the Wonderful Counsellor was an obedient

child, because he learnt well all the lessons that are involved in growing up.

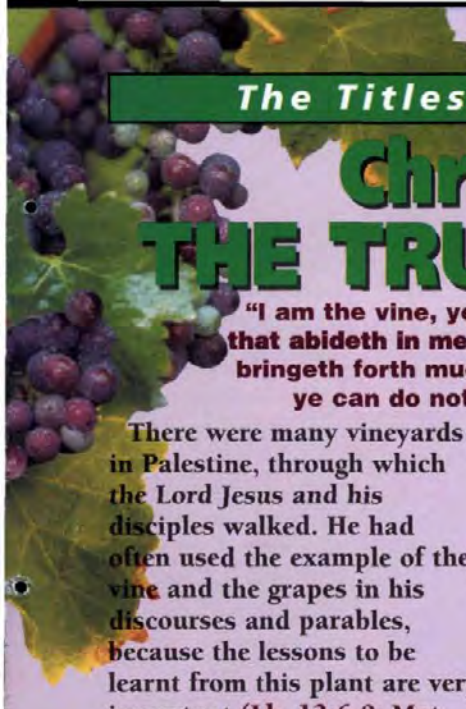
His mother Mary was a wonderfully spiritual woman, as can be seen by her response to the news that she was to be the mother of Messiah. See her reaction to the news of the angel: "*Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her*" (Lk. 1:38). Of Joseph who was appointed his guardian during those growing years, it is recorded: "*Joseph her husband, being a just [man]...*" (Mat. 1:19).

These comments teach us that the Lord Jesus Christ was in good hands during his early formative years.

John the Baptist, his cousin (Luke.1:36), would have enriched the Lord's life also during those growing years, although he did not know that he was the Messiah, until it was revealed to him. A man of John's wonderful and firm characteristics would have been the ideal touchstone for the young Jesus.



Crabs have an interesting instinct to pull each other back. When catching crabs on the beach, you don't need a high-sided bucket to put them in. A shallow pan will do — as long as you have at least two crabs in it. If one tries to climb out, the other will instinctively reach up and pull him back. People often behave much like crabs. If someone gets ahead of us, or seems more popular, our instinct is to pull him down in some way — perhaps by gossip or by rationalising that whatever they have done is not important.



The Titles of Christ

Christ THE TRUE VINE

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

There were many vineyards in Palestine, through which the Lord Jesus and his disciples walked. He had often used the example of the vine and the grapes in his discourses and parables, because the lessons to be learnt from this plant are very important (Lk. 13:6-9; Mat. 20:1-6; 9:1; 21:28-40).

The vine has a gnarled, twisted trunk and branches. Because of its formation, the vine is useful for only one purpose: that of producing fruit. It is no good for furniture, for its wood is knotty and twisted. It is useless for building, because it lacks the strength to hold up heavy rafters and structure work. Its purpose, therefore, is to bear fruit — and if it does not do this, then it is fit only for burning in a fire!

Israel was termed the "vine" of God which He had obtained from Egypt (Psa 80:8). But the people failed to produce that which God expected from them: fruit to His glory. Therefore He

permitted it to be cut down and burned (v. 16; Jer. 2:21). However, the Psalmist prophesied of a "strengthened vine" which God would plant, and which would bring forth the fruit of righteousness and faith in which He delighted (Psa. 80:17).

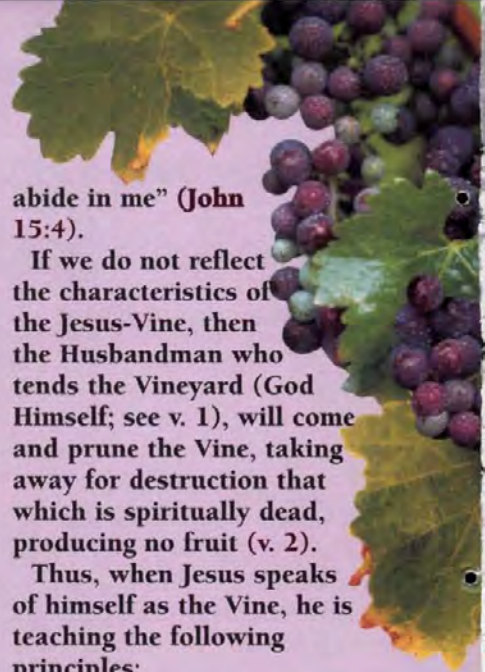
When Jesus appeared, he declared himself the manifestation of the promised vine: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman" (John 15:1).

As vines require constant care to keep them productive, so Jesus allowed the divine guidance to mould his life. Through this means he was able to reveal the "works of God" (John



10:25) in all that he did and said. As vineyards are pruned every spring, and the ground is ploughed and kept free of weeds, so Jesus underwent trial and testing, and by the strength of God that permitted him to overcome, he kept his life free from sin. As a result, he was the Vine that pleased his Father, and produced the "fruit of the Spirit" (Gal 5:22-23).

In John 15, Jesus gave a wonderful representation of himself as the TRUE VINE. He spoke of how his Father was "glorified" by "bearing of much fruit" and that as he had done this, so those who are associated with him are also given the ability to produce fruit. "Abide in me," he said, "and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye



abide in me" (John 15:4).

If we do not reflect the characteristics of the Jesus-Vine, then the Husbandman who tends the Vineyard (God Himself; see v. 1), will come and prune the Vine, taking away for destruction that which is spiritually dead, producing no fruit (v. 2).

Thus, when Jesus speaks of himself as the Vine, he is teaching the following principles:

- [1] He has been planted, cultivated, strengthened and pruned by God.
- [2] He reveals the fruit that is pleasing to the Father, in his acts of goodness and truth.
- [3] He will give strength and encouragement to those who are styled "the branches," and provide them with the nourishment necessary to produce "good fruit."
- [4] To do so, the "branches" must be joined to the vine, and they must be productive — otherwise they will be cut off and destroyed.

There are many other lessons associated with this wonderful figure.

Perhaps if you can think of some, you could send them in for publication in our next issue.



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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.

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Yahweh is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Yahweh.

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Pesach: 1st Day of
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Numbers 15
Proverbs 11
Luke 24

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2nd Day of Passover

Numbers 16
Proverbs 12
Galatians 12

3

3rd Day of Passover

Numbers 17-18
Proverbs 13
Galatians 3-4

4

4th Day of Passover

Numbers 19
Proverbs 14
Galatians 5-6

5

5th Day of Passover

Numbers 20-21
Proverbs 15
Ephesians 12

6

6th Day of Passover

Numbers 22-23
Proverbs 16
Ephesians 3-4

7

7th Day of Passover

Numbers 24-25
Proverbs 17
Ephesians 5-6

8



1839
Robert Roberts born

1859 married
Jane Norris

Numbers 26
Proverbs 18
Philippians 12

9

Numbers 27
Proverbs 19
Philippians 3-4

10

Numbers 28
Proverbs 20
John 1

11

Numbers 29-30
Proverbs 21
John 2-3

12



1805
John Thomas born

Numbers 31
Proverbs 22
John 4

13

Numbers 32
Proverbs 23
John 5

14

Yom Ha' Sho'ah
Holocaust
Remembrance Day

Numbers 33
Proverbs 24
John 6

15

Numbers 34
Proverbs 25
John 7

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Numbers 35
Proverbs 26
John 8

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Numbers 36
Proverbs 27
John 9-10

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Deuteronomy 1
Proverbs 28
John 11

19

Deuteronomy 2
Proverbs 29
John 12

20

IDF Memorial Day

Deuteronomy 3
Proverbs 30
John 13-14

21

Yom ha' Azma' ut
Independence Day

Deuteronomy 4
Proverbs 31
John 15-16

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Deuteronomy 5
Ecclesiastes 1
John 17-18

23

Deuteronomy 6-7
Ecclesiastes 2
John 19

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Deuteronomy 8-9
Ecclesiastes 3
John 20-21

25

Deuteronomy 10-11
Ecclesiastes 4
Acts 1

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Deuteronomy 12
Ecclesiastes 5
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Deuteronomy 13-14
Ecclesiastes 6
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Deuteronomy 15
Ecclesiastes 7
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Joshua 16
Isaiah 22
Hebrews 12

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Joshua 17
Isaiah 23
Hebrews 13



1

1832 Marquis of
Wellesley leaves
London to New York
with John Thomas

Deuteronomy 18
Ecclesiastes 10
Acts 9

2

1860 Theodor
Hertzl born

Deuteronomy 19
Ecclesiastes 11
Acts 10

3

Deuteronomy 20
Ecclesiastes 12
Acts 11-12

4

Deuteronomy 21
Song 1
Acts 13

5

Deuteronomy 22
Song 2
Acts 14-15

6

Deuteronomy 23
Song 3
Acts 16-17

7

1945 World War 2
ends in Europe

Deuteronomy 24
Song 4
Acts 18-19

8

Deuteronomy 25
Song 5
Acts 20

9

Deuteronomy 26
Song 6
Acts 21-22

10

1933 Jewish books
burnt in Germany

Deuteronomy 27
Song 7
Acts 23-24

11

Deuteronomy 28
Song 8
Acts 25-26

12

Deuteronomy 29
Isaiah 1
Acts 27

13

Deuteronomy 30
Isaiah 2
Acts 28

14

Anniversary
Declaration of the State
of Israel

Deuteronomy 31
Isaiah 34
Colossians 1

15

Deuteronomy 32
Isaiah 5
Colossians 2

16

Deuteronomy 33-34
Isaiah 6
Colossians 3-4

17

Joshua 1
Isaiah 7
1 Thessalonians 12

18

1804 Napoleon
proclaimed emperor
by the French
Republic

Joshua 2
Isaiah 8
1 Thessalonians 3-4

19

Joshua 3-4
Isaiah 9
1 Thessalonians 5

20

Joshua 5-6
Isaiah 10
2 Thessalonians 12

21

Shavuot
Feast of Pentecost
from 21st - 22nd

Joshua 7
Isaiah 11
2 Thessalonians 3

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Joshua 8
Isaiah 12
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Joshua 9
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Joshua 11
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Isaiah 17-18
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Joshua 14
Isaiah 19
Titus 1-3

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1453
Constantinople fell to
Ottoman Turks
(6th Trumpet)

Joshua 15
Isaiah 20-21
Philemon

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20 Ruth 1-2 Isaiah 44 Jude	21 Ruth 3-4 Isaiah 45 Revelation 1-2	22 1 Samuel 1 Isaiah 46-47 Revelation 3-4	23 1 Samuel 2 Isaiah 48 Revelation 5-6	24 1 Samuel 3 Isaiah 49 Revelation 7-9	25 1 Samuel 4 Isaiah 50 Revelation 10-11	26 1 Samuel 5-6 Isaiah 51 Revelation 12-13
27 1 Samuel 7-8 Isaiah 52 Revelation 14	28 1967 Reunification of Jerusalem after Six Day War 1 Samuel 9 Isaiah 53 Revelation 15-16	29 1 Samuel 10 Isaiah 54 Revelation 17-18	30 1 Samuel 11-12 Isaiah 55 Revelation 19-20			

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1Samuel 13
Isaiah 76-97
Revelation 21:22

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1Samuel 14
Isaiah 58
Matthew 12

3

1904 Theodor
Hertzl died

1Samuel 15
Isaiah 59
Matthew 3:4

4

1Samuel 16
Isaiah 60
Matthew 5

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1Samuel 17
Isaiah 61
Matthew 6

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1Samuel 18
Isaiah 62
Matthew 7

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1Samuel 19
Isaiah 63
Matthew 8

8

1Samuel 20
Isaiah 64
Matthew 9

9

1Samuel 21:22
Isaiah 65
Matthew 10

10

1Samuel 23
Isaiah 66
Matthew 11

11

1Samuel 24
Jeremiah 1
Matthew 12

12

1Samuel 25
Jeremiah 2
Matthew 13

13

1Samuel 26-27
Jeremiah 3
Matthew 14

14

1789 Storming of
Bastille. Beginning
of French Revolution

1Samuel 28
Jeremiah 4
Matthew 15

15

1Samuel 29-30
Jeremiah 5
Matthew 16

16

1Samuel 31
Jeremiah 6
Matthew 17

17

2Samuel 1
Jeremiah 7
Matthew 18

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2Samuel 2
Jeremiah 8
Matthew 19

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2Samuel 3
Jeremiah 9
Matthew 20

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2Samuel 4:5
Jeremiah 10
Matthew 21

21

2Samuel 6
Jeremiah 11
Matthew 22

22

2Samuel 7
Jeremiah 12
Matthew 23

23

2Samuel 8:9
Jeremiah 13
Matthew 24

24

1922 Britain given
mandate over
Palestine by League
of Nations

2Samuel 10
Jeremiah 14
Matthew 25

25

1994 Peace
formally established
between Israel and
Jordan

2Samuel 11
Jeremiah 15
Matthew 26

26

2Samuel 12
Jeremiah 16
Matthew 27

27

1897 Bro Roberts
commences Second
journey to Australia
with his family

2Samuel 13
Jeremiah 17
Matthew 28

28

2Samuel 14
Jeremiah 18
Romans 12

29

2Samuel 15
Jeremiah 19
Romans 3:4

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2Samuel 16
Jeremiah 20
Romans 5:6

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2Samuel 17
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15 1Kings 10 Jeremiah 36 Mark 10	16 1Kings 11 Jeremiah 37 Mark 11	17 1Kings 12 Jeremiah 38 Mark 12	18 1Kings 13 Jeremiah 39 Mark 13	19 1Kings 14 Jeremiah 40 Mark 14	20 1Kings 15 Jeremiah 41 Mark 15	21 1895 Bro Roberts commences First journey to Australia. Returned 19th August 1896 1Kings 16 Jeremiah 42 Mark 16
22 1Kings 17 Jeremiah 43 1Corinthians 12	23 1Kings 18 Jeremiah 44 1Corinthians 13	24 1972 Massacre St Bartholomew	25 1Kings 20 Jeremiah 47 1Corinthians 16	26 1Kings 21 Jeremiah 48 1Corinthians 17	27 1Kings 22 Jeremiah 49 1Corinthians 18	28 2Kings 12 Jeremiah 50 1Corinthians 19
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12 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah 2 Kings 18 Ezekiel 8 Luke 4	13 1993 Peace agreement signed: Rabin, Arafat, Clinton 2 Kings 19 Ezekiel 9 Luke 5	14 2 Kings 20 Ezekiel 10 Luke 6	15 2 Kings 21 Ezekiel 11 Luke 7	16 2 Kings 22-23 Ezekiel 12 Luke 8	17 2 Kings 24-25 Ezekiel 13 Luke 9	18 1 Chronicles 1 Ezekiel 14 Luke 10
19 1 Chronicles 2 Ezekiel 15 Luke 11	20 1898 1st edition "Law of Moses" by Bro Roberts Evening: Yom Kippur 1 Chronicles 3 Ezekiel 16 Luke 12	21 Yom Kippur Day of Atonement 1 Chronicles 4 Ezekiel 17 Luke 13-14	22 1 Chronicles 5 Ezekiel 18 Luke 15	23  1898 Death of Robert Roberts 1 Chronicles 6 Ezekiel 19 Luke 16	24 1 Chronicles 7 Ezekiel 20 Luke 17	25 Sukkot Feast of Tabernacles 25th - Oct 3rd 1 Chronicles 8 Ezekiel 21 Luke 18
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2 Chronicles 29
Daniel 9
Acts 9



1

Hoshanah Rabba
The Great Hoshana

2

1923
Britain left Turkey

Shimhat Torah
Rejoicing of the
Torah

1 Chronicles 16
Ezekiel 28
Colossians 12

3

1 Chronicles 17
Ezekiel 29
Galatians 34

4

1 Chronicles 18:19
Ezekiel 30
Colossians 56

5

1 Chronicles 20:21
Ezekiel 31
Ephesians 12

6

1973 Beginning of
the Yom Kippur War

1 Chronicles 22
Ezekiel 32
Ephesians 34

7

1 Chronicles 23
Ezekiel 33
Ephesians 56

8

1 Chronicles 24:25
Ezekiel 34
Philippians 12

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1 Chronicles 26
Ezekiel 35
Philippians 34

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1 Chronicles 27
Ezekiel 36
John 1

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1 Chronicles 28
Ezekiel 37
John 23

12

1 Chronicles 29
Ezekiel 38
John 4

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2 Chronicles 12
Ezekiel 39
John 5

14

2 Chronicles 34
Ezekiel 40
John 6

15

2 Chronicles 36
Ezekiel 41
John 7

16

1886 David Ben
Gurion born,
First Prime Minister
of Israel

2 Chronicles 7
Ezekiel 42
John 8

17

2 Chronicles 8
Ezekiel 43
John 9-10

18

2 Chronicles 9
Ezekiel 44
John 11

19

2 Chronicles 10:11
Ezekiel 45
John 12

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2 Chronicles 12:15
Ezekiel 46
John 13:14

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2 Chronicles 14:15
Ezekiel 47
John 15:16

22

2 Chronicles 16:17
Ezekiel 48
John 17:18

23

2 Chronicles 18:19
Daniel 1
John 19

24

1883 1st Edition
"Visible Hand of
God" Bro. Roberts

2 Chronicles 20
Daniel 2
John 20:21

25

2 Chronicles 21:22
Daniel 3
Acts 1

26

2 Chronicles 23
Daniel 4
Acts 2

27

2 Chronicles 24
Daniel 5
Acts 34

28

1948 Zionist flag
becomes the official
Israeli flag

2 Chronicles 25
Daniel 6
Acts 56

29

1923 Ottoman
Empire ends. Turkey
becomes a Republic

1956 Sinai
Campaign begins

2 Chronicles 26:27
Daniel 7
Acts 7

30

2 Chronicles 28
Daniel 8
Acts 8

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2Chronicles 30
Daniel 10
Acts 10

2

1917
Balfour Declaration
published.

2Chronicles 31
Daniel 11
Acts 11-12

3

2Chronicles 32
Daniel 12
Acts 13

4

1995 Yitzhak
Rabin, Prime
Minister of Israel
assassinated

2Chronicles 33
Hosea 1
Acts 14-15

5

2Chronicles 34
Hosea 2
Acts 16-17

6

2Chronicles 35
Hosea 3
Acts 18-19

7

1917
Bolshevik Revolution

2Chronicles 36
Hosea 4
Acts 20

8

Ezra 12
Hosea 5
Acts 21-22

9

1938
German violence
against Jews begins

1952 Death of
Chaim Weizman.

Ezra 3-4
Hosea 6
Acts 23-24

10

Ezra 5-6
Hosea 7
Acts 25-26

11

1918 Surrender
Signal by Germany
ends World War I.

Ezra 7
Hosea 8
Acts 27

12

Ezra 8
Hosea 9
Acts 28

13

1805 Napoleon
entered Vienna
(seat of the Beast)

Ezra 9
Hosea 10
Colossians 1

14

Ezra 10
Hosea 11
Colossians 2

15

Nehemiah 12
Hosea 12
Colossians 3-4

16

Nehemiah 3
Hosea 13
Thessalonians 1-2

17

1874
Chaim Weizman,
First President of
Israel is born

Nehemiah 4
Hosea 14
Thessalonians 3-4

18

Nehemiah 5-6
Joel 1
Thessalonians 5

19

Nehemiah 7
Joel 2
Thessalonians 1-2

20

Nehemiah 8
Joel 3
Thessalonians 3

21

Nehemiah 9
Amos 1
Timothy 1-3

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Nehemiah 10
Amos 2
Timothy 4-5

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Nehemiah 11
Amos 3
Timothy 6

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Nehemiah 12
Amos 4
Timothy 1

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Nehemiah 13
Amos 5
Timothy 2

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Esther 1
Amos 6
Timothy 3-4

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Esther 2
Amos 7
Titus 1-3

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Esther 3-4
Amos 8
Philemon

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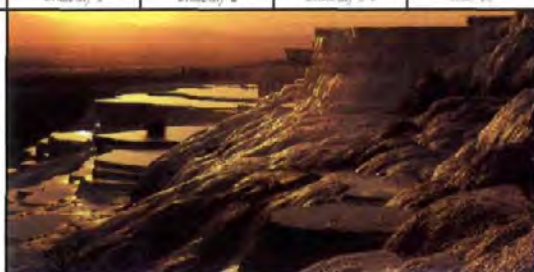
1947 UNO
Resolution Palestine,
a homeland for Jews

Esther 5-6
Amos 9
Hebrews 1-2

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1948
Commencement of
the Israeli War of
Independence

Esther 7-8
Cbediah
Hebrews 3-5



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Kislev

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			1 1861 1st of "Twelve Lectures" by Bro. Roberts 1973 Death of David Ben Gurion Ezther 9:10 Jonah 1 Hebrews 6:7	2 Job 12 Jonah 2:3 Hebrews 8:9	3 Job 34 Jonah 4 Hebrews 10	4 Hanukkah 4th-11th Feast of Dedication (John 10:22) Job 5 Micah 1 Hebrews 11
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12 Job 14 Habakkuk 1 Ezther 2	13 Job 15 Habakkuk 2 Ezther 3:5	14 Job 16-17 Habakkuk 3 Ezther 4:2	15 Job 18-19 Zephaniah 1 Ezther 5	16 Job 20 Zephaniah 2 John 12	17 Job 21 Zephaniah 3 John 3:4	18 Job 22 Haggai 1:2 John 5
19 Job 23-24 Zechariah 1 2:3, John	20 Job 25-27 Zechariah 2:3 Jude	21 Job 28 Zechariah 4:5 Revelation 1:2	22 Job 29-30 Zechariah 6:7 Revelation 3:4	23 Job 31-32 Zechariah 8 Revelation 5:6	24 Job 33 Zechariah 9 Revelation 7:9	25 Job 34 Zechariah 10 Revelation 10:11
26 Job 35-36 Zechariah 11 Revelation 12:13	27 Job 37 Zechariah 12 Revelation 14	28 Job 38 Zechariah 13:14 Revelation 15:6	29 Job 39 Malachi 1 Revelation 17:18	30 Job 40 Malachi 2 Revelation 19:20	31 Job 41-42 Malachi 3:4 Revelation 21:22	



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Return, O Yahweh, how long?... O satisfy us early with Thy mercy;
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days (Psa. 90).

Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom

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THE CURING OF NAAMAN'S LEPROSY

Leprosy is a Disease,
That you wouldn't like to get,
It is the plague that Naaman had,
So to Israel he went.

He came to King Jehoram,
With a letter from his king,
Asking to be cured
From this great and dreadful thing.

Israel's king was troubled,
For he thought this meant a war.
He rent his clothes in great distress,
Because he could take no more.

When news came to Elisha,
He said, "To me, send this man,"
So Naaman came with his chariots,
And his faithful band.

Elisha sent a servant,
With this message from God,
He said, "Go wash in Jordan,
Seven times without a stop."

Naaman scowled at the
prophet's words,
And turned to go on his way,
Then some of the men of his band,
Asked, "Do what the prophet says."

Naaman heeded those faithful
words,
To the River Jordan he came,
And when he had washed seven
times,
His leprosy did not remain.

To Elisha he offered great gifts,
That the prophet would not take,
"The gifts belong to Yahweh,
Thy skin clean He did make."

Naaman continued on his way,
With the gifts and his servants too,
But Elisha's servant followed,
This also Elisha knew.

Gehazi was the servant's name,
He coveted the gifts,
He claimed Elisha wanted them,
With that lie upon his lips.

He returned to where Elisha was,
The question was waiting him there,
"Where hast thou been, Gehazi?"
He said, "I went nowhere."

Then, because he told a lie,
The leprosy came to him,
And to his seed forever,
All because of his sin!

So there are many lessons,
To learn from this great story,
Of Naaman, Gehazi, Elisha,
The kings — and God's glory.

So let us be like Naaman,
In changing all our ways,
Going through baptism,
And giving God the praise.

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Amazing World

...after their own kind.

One of the most amazing features of life on earth, is the way in which all seeds bring forth vegetation, "after their own kind." Each different seed grows into exactly the same sort of plant from which the seed came! Yet, the question remains: How do these seeds "know" what they are to become?

A previous chapter in this series pointed out the way in which different elements of our amazing world are dependent upon each other. Can you remember the scientific word which describes the harmonious co-operation of the different components of God's creation?

Yes, it is *Symbiosis*!

Consider the way in which seeds of various plants are produced. This includes the way in which plants and insects depend on each other for survival.

There are numerous insects involved in the myriads of processes of pollination, the most common of which is the family of bees. Bees range from colonies of many thousands of highly organized creatures, to



single individuals.

Yet even more amazing than the skills of the bees, are the methods designed for different flowers, ensuring that they are fertilized for the reproduction of their own kind.

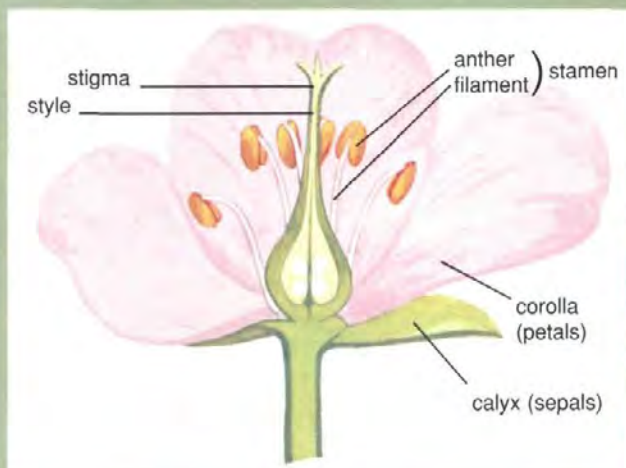
Imagine ourselves being out in a field covered with various types of flowers.

Buzzing, fluttering and silently flying or hopping, are scores of different insects, from one flower to another. We need to stop to examine them, and even use a magnifying glass to see the smaller ones. There

is, seemingly, a haphazard and aimless drifting about by the butterflies, bees, wasps, and other insects — but take a closer look! The bees carefully discriminate between even the most look-alike flowers. There is scientific precision in all their movements.

Every flower is beautifully designed for the important purpose of reproducing its own kind. Each aspect of the flower, its colour, its scent, its size and shape is marvellously and purposefully crafted with this one end in view. The problem which would face each flower, under normal breeding conditions, is quite significant, because in all departments of nature

inbreeding weakens the species. Only cross-breeding will bring healthy survival. How then does a flower make



sure that it becomes pollinated from flower to flower of the *same* species? We must first understand the parts of a flower.

The illustration shows the *stigma* which is the female part, *stamens*, the male part, each having a bunch of pollen. Notice, also the style or shape and size of the stigma; the petals; the petal covers (sepals); the seeds and the seed box. The pollen is as fine as dust and some of these tiny grains must somehow find their way to the stigma of another flower of the *same kind* of plant, and must join together with little undeveloped seeds in the seed box.

But here is the problem for the flower: pollen only lives

for an hour or two after leaving the stamen! Within that short time it must find its pin-head sized target at exactly the right time!

Enter now the wasps, flies, bees, butterflies, birds, moths and an host of other tiny insects, to provide the solution. Bees are responsible for about half the world's pollination of flowers, and during any one journey from the hive, they only work on one kind of flower, thus making sure the task of cross-pollination. All of the agents in this process are rewarded by a rich supply of sweet nectar, while doing their work in plant reproduction.

One kind of flower has only a small opening through which a bee must force its way. As soon as it is inside the flower, the opening closes. The bee then finds another way out at the end of the flower. To squeeze out, it

must pass under a stigma that comes in contact with pollen on the bee's back. The pathway becomes even smaller, crowded in by pollen bearing stamens, that drop their loot on his back. He is all ready to invade the next flower.

The order, the complexity, the design and craftsmanship all shout in one unending chorus, "The Hand that made us is divine" Let us always remember that greater than nature is God its maker. And what a lesson in harmonious working for the good of others and ourselves!

Dependence upon Yahweh and His Son is necessary today and in the future.

Independence is the spirit of the flesh which strives to be "self-made." The lesson is to trust in Yahweh with all our heart and to lean not upon our own understanding, (Proverbs 3:5-6).

— C. Hollamby.



"The Wonderful Counsellor"

JOSEPH of Nazareth was a carpenter and Jesus was called by the people "the carpenter's son" (Mat. 13:55), but he was also regarded in his own right as "a carpenter," for the people declared: "Is not this *the carpenter*, the son of Mary?" (Mark. 6:3). This can tell us a great deal about the early years of the Lord, as he laboured alongside his foster-father in their carpentry shop, learning the manual skills of a Master Carpenter, and observing the way in which a plain piece of wood was slowly crafted into an object of great beauty. Jesus would have learnt the skills of planning and estimating, of the careful selection of suitable material, and the need for patience. Calling Jesus "the carpenter," implies that Joseph had died, and that, as the eldest son in the family, Jesus carried on the work and responsibility. The skills acquired in his work were put to great use by the Lord as he later worked with people who were like those rough pieces of wood, but eventually turned into vessels fit for the house of God. These early



childhood experiences were important for Jesus. He was able to draw upon his trade so as to carefully shape people spiritually, by using the "craftsman's" skills. He told the disciples: "*Suffer little children*, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Mat. 19:14). Jesus knew exactly how important it is for disciples to be like little children, eager to please their parents, and to learn all things. Later, Paul reminded young Timothy that "*from a child* thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim.3:15).

Jesus wanted to teach his disciples about humility and to do this he "called a *little child* unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as *little children*, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this *little child*, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." This is important advice from the WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR!

What prompted the Lord to enact this lesson?

Because he learned from life's experiences, just as you and I must do! In so doing, he developed a *compassion* and *understanding* of our nature, and experiences, and this qualifies him all the more for his role as the WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR! Consider the words of

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Shaun van Rooyen (Salisbury).

Aunty Liz's Junior Story

One Sunday, Paul's Sunday School lesson was about a man named Nehemiah. Nehemiah lived a long time ago, but in the Bible, God has left us the story of Nehemiah's life to read.

Nehemiah lived in the country of Persia as a servant to the king. One day the king noticed that Nehemiah was looking very sad. Some men who had been to the city of Jerusalem had seen that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and that the gates were burnt. Nehemiah loved Jerusalem, and so when he thought about that city, he became very sad.

Nehemiah even prayed to God that the city of Jerusalem might be built again. The king noticed that Nehemiah was very sad, and he asked why he was so upset. When he told the king about the state of Jerusalem, the king asked his servant what would he like to do. Nehemiah told him that he wanted to go to Jerusalem to repair the walls of the city. So the king decided to let Nehemiah return to Jerusalem. Remember how Nehemiah had prayed to God? Now God had answered Nehemiah's prayer.

It took many days for the walls to be built up again, but all the families each worked on a part of the wall. They worked hard, day and night, to get the work done.

It is like the work we have to do in the ecclesia and Sunday School, isn't it? Everyone must learn to work together that the Truth might be built up, stronger and stronger. We might think of everyone in Sunday School and at the meeting as a brick to be built upon the wall.

Jesus Christ is the foundation upon which the wall is built, and each brick or person is built upon that strong base. It would not be any good if one or two bricks in the middle of the wall fell out, for then the wall would become weak. Every brick is needed to keep the walls strong.

Let us make very sure to build good things into our lives, that we might become strong parts of the wall in our ecclesias and Sunday Schools.

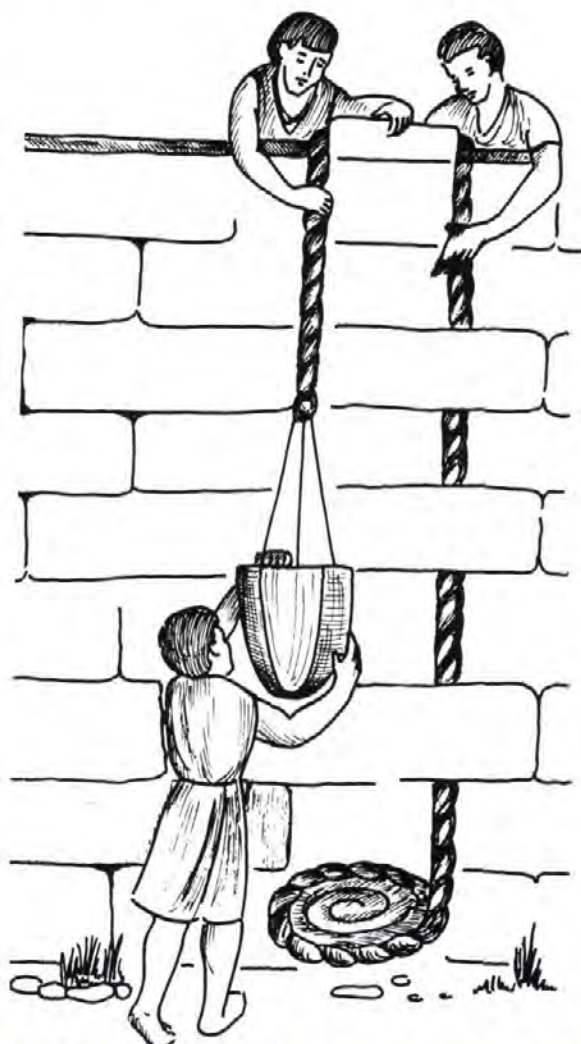


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Name

Sunday School Age.....



**7-8 yrs. How many days did it take
the people to build the wall?**

days

**Write your name on one
of the bricks**



Hebrew

For Pleasure and Profit

Peh – the mouth

Our last article revealed how appropriate it is that the letter *peh* should follow *ayin* in the Hebrew alphabet, for *peh* signifies *mouth* whereas *ayin* signifies *eye*; and both are closely related in nature.

In spiritual matters they are even more closely connected. The Lord declared: *"Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh"* (Mat. 12:34). Therefore, what a person "sees" or physically or mentally comprehends, he will speak about. And the letter considered this month, describes a *speaking mouth*, not one closed.

Observe its shape. It roughly represents an open mouth showing the tongue. When the tongue is active the mouth speaks. You will find this word rendered *mouth* in Psalm 119:131, three verses under the letter heading that section. Notice too that the mouth is open:

*"I
opened
my
mouth
and
panted."*

The word is frequently used throughout the Old Testament, and is found in the following places: Job 23:4, 12; Psa 8:2, 37:30, 63:5 and so on. In Genesis 29:2, 3, 10 reference is made to the well's *mouth*. Imagine the wide open mouth of the well with its life-giving water, as indicative of an open mouth with its tongue speaking words of life.

The word is also rendered *"edge,"* when used in relation to the *edge* of a sword as in Gen. 34:26, Deu. 13:15, etc. This suggests the wide mouth of the sword and its activity in operation. Heb. 4:12 declares: *"The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any twoedged sword..."* Figuratively, the



sword has a mouth that speaks!

The numerical value of the letter *peh* is 80. This is most significant. *Eighty* is made up of *ten* and *eight*. In Bible numerics, *ten* stands for a large, undisclosed number; *eight* is the number of perfection. It was on the eighth day that the rite of circumcision was performed, teaching the Israelite that there should be a striving for perfection by denying the flesh. It will be in the eighth millennium that the purpose of God shall be brought to completion and perfection.

Now when *ten* and *eight* are joined as with an open mouth in which the tongue can be seen protruding, what does it suggest? Why, a

great multitude, related to the *perfection* of the gospel, those busily engaged in the work of proclaiming it! Consider the use of the word in Isaiah 59:21. "As for Me, this is My covenant with them, saith Yahweh; My spirit that is upon thee, and My words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith Yahweh, from henceforth and for ever."

Paul sought the prayers of his brethren "*that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel*" (Eph. 6:19).

The most active part of the body is the tongue. It is



constantly wagging – but mostly to the discredit of its possessor. James speaks concerning this in his third chapter, making the point that the tongue is capable of great good and great evil. Unfortunately the tendency of flesh, is to use it for the latter more than the former (cp vv. 8-12).

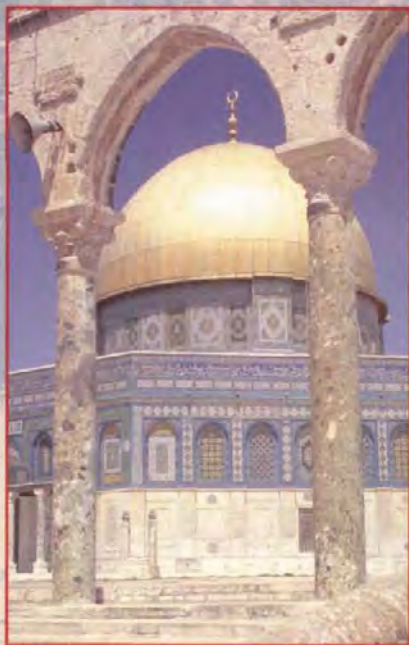
James concludes: “Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom” (v. 13).

Originally the serpent had a mouth that spoke, but because it was used to discredit God, the ability of speech was taken from the animal. We need to exercise care as to how we use our mouths, for this could govern our eternal future. Christ warned: “every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Mat. 12:36-37).

It is interesting to look at Hebrew words, and build up a story around the letters used. Consider the word *Joppa*, from whence the gospel went forth to the Gentiles. In Hebrew, it is formed of three letters, with *peh* in the centre. The letters

are *yod*, *peh*, and *vav*. The first represents the pointing hand; the second, the speaking mouth, the third, the hook as the means of support. The word itself signifies *Beautiful*, and this is significant, for from Joppa there sounded forth to the Gentiles the beautiful doctrine of grace by Peter. He pointed to the way of salvation, proclaiming its message and supplying the hook upon which Cornelius was able to draw himself out of his previously hopeless state.

What an important letter is *Peh*, the name given to the *seventeenth* letter of the Hebrew alphabet.



Christ

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

A shepherd in the days of the Lord, was generally a kind, thoughtful, considerate

person. His occupation differed greatly from that seen in the

Australian outback today.

Instead of roughly driving

and herding the flocks with snapping dogs and cracking whips, the shepherd in Israel would lead and carefully move his flock, personally tending to each animal as necessary, and seeking green pastures for them in which to graze. He would lead his sheep safely through rough, mountainous country, watching over them by night to prevent any wild beast harming his flock.

David was one such shepherd. He learned the qualities that made him into a "good" shepherd, so that when a lion or bear attacked, he was ready to protect the sheep in his

charge (1Sam. 17:34-36).

Sometimes, when crossing a stream, the frail or foolish

sheep in a flock would slip into the rushing waters and be carried downstream. The shepherd is then ready with his staff



to rescue the desperate animal from destruction.

He would know each animal, calling them by name, and care for their welfare.

The Lord Jesus Christ is a shepherd, caring for the ecclesia (1Pet. 2:25; Heb. 13:20), revealing himself as a tender, loving overseer of our lives, with a personal interest in our spiritual wellbeing. As a "good" shepherd, he was prepared to give his life for the protection of the flock — to sacrifice himself for the benefit of others.

In the quotation above from John 10, he reminded

his disciples that he would give his life for the sheep, and in ch 6:51 he claimed that his life was given "for the world." The "world" here relates to the Jewish world, the flock which had the opportunity to remain within the fold of God and thus obtain His salvation. In the Age to come, the Lord will be manifested as the Great Shepherd (Isa. 40:11; Eze. 37:24; 34:23) leading all mankind to the green pastures of Truth and Life, by the instruction that he shall give them.

In the Lord Jesus Christ we see a perfect reflection of his Father's character, for he is revealed in Psalms 80:1, and Psalm 23, as the "Great Shepherd of Israel." In his wonderful prayer (John 17) the Lord Jesus acknowledged that he worked on behalf of God, and sought His continued blessing on the chosen flock (cp v. 15).

Today, we are part of the chosen flock if we heed the words of the shepherd: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this [Jewish] fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" (John 10:16).

Unfortunately there are false shepherds, who do not care for the flock under their control. They are

spoken of in Eze. 34; Isa. 56:11-12; Jer. 50:6 and John 10:12-13, and reveal characteristics of selfishness, greed, covetousness, violence and cruel oppression, with no concern for the physical, and spiritual welfare of the flock of God. We must avoid such men.

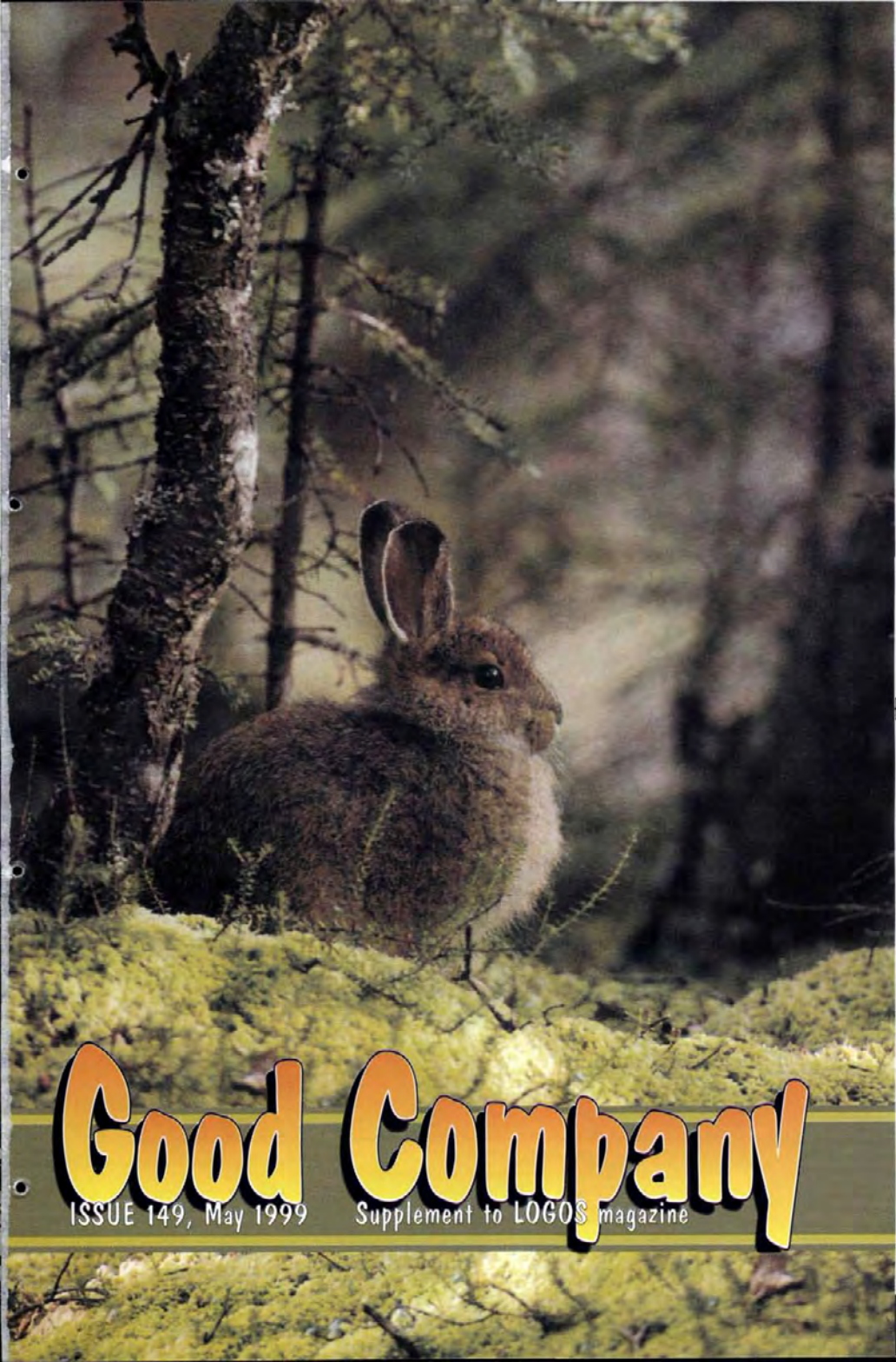
The apostles were constituted "under-shepherds" who tended the sheep in the absence of their Master.

Peter exhorted others to labour with him by "feeding" (or shepherding)



the flock of God (1Pet. 5:2), so that when the Chief Shepherd (v. 4) appears, they will receive his approval.

Today, we must train ourselves to imitate the wonderful shepherd-like qualities of the Lord Jesus Christ, caring for others, helping them in their difficulties, consoling them in their sorrows, leading them into paths of truth and righteousness, and so be well-pleasing in the sight of the Lord.



Good Company

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Dear Boys and Girls,

There can be nothing more annoying than a sticky fly that keeps buzzing round one's head! Each time you make a swipe, it somehow manages to fly off and escape to some obscure corner of the room – leaving you hot and frustrated. But recently I discovered that there is something worse than the annoying simple house fly!



We have an invasion of millipedes throughout our street and the house where we live. Millipedes are tiny little black worms that have too many legs, allowing them to crawl everywhere, especially where they are not wanted! In fact our neighbourhood is full of these little black creepy-crawlers slowly marching across the floors, up the walls, or huddling in a corner. I quite like them because they do not actually harm anyone, and they are so much quieter than the buzzing flies.



However, one night when walking round our house without shoes, Aunt Trish happened to step on two big juicy black millipedes, and let out such a yell, that I'm sure any millipede within our whole neighbourhood would have dived for cover! I felt slightly sorry for those which didn't, because immediately Aunt Trish went straight into action with the vacuum cleaner, sucking up any thing that looked like a millipede.

As I sat back surveying the scene and quietly chuckling at all the little escapades happening around me, I realised how



the "little things" in life sometimes seem to cause us the most problems, but in reality are

most important to control.

We can try to ignore the "little things" that happen but we need to remember that the "little things" which nobody else notices, are the "little things" that God closely observes in our lives. Such things like obeying our parents, listening to the Sunday School lessons, learning quotes from the Bible, are just a few little things. Let us always remember that when Jesus gave the parable of the pounds in Luke 19, he commended the wise servants, not for the great success or the huge activities that they performed, but for the insignificant, yet important, faithful works: "...Well, thou good servant: thou hast been faithful in a very little..." (Luke 19:17).



Your Friend,

Uncle Philip



P.S. Aunt Trish now wears shoes everywhere!



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THE STORY OF A MAN who was swallowed by a whale and lived to tell the tale!

A seaman, in the days of sailing ships last century, had a hazardous occupation at the best of times — still, forming part of the crew of a whaling ship was even worse! It was the most dangerous occupation for a mariner to hold! Death by drowning, being injured or swallowed by an enraged sperm whale was not infrequent. In fact, instances where men have survived to recount their tales are rare, a few are said to have lived, but one tale bears listening to above all others. Its hero was not only knocked overboard by an enraged whale, but he had a similar experience to Jonah the prophet. He was the man who lived in a whale and remained to tell of his gruelling experience...

In February 1891, the English whaling ship, *Star of the East*, was sailing near the Falkland Islands, seeking barrel-headed sperm whales, 60-70 feet long. Suddenly, from the mainmast, a sailor spotted a large whale surfacing, some three miles away. Two small whale boats were lowered in

an effort to catch this huge prey. Eventually one of the harpooners in the first boat sank his lance into the creature's side. In agony, it suddenly curved over to dive, thrashing its 12 foot wide tail out of the water, upsetting the second boat and crew. Subsequently, one man was drowned and another remained unaccounted for.



our Amazing World

The Rainbow Bee-Eater

Endless variety, beauty in colours, richly adorned species, superb technology, is the order of creation. There is certainly nothing mechanical or repetitive about the wonders which unlimited Wisdom and Power have produced. Everything is designed to reflect the glory of its Maker.

Let us look at one of the most beautiful birds God has made: the Rainbow Bee-Eater.

This small bird is a migratory species only about 220mm (8 inches) long, but is richly coloured with all the hues of the

rainbow. It is related to the Kingfisher family and has a long, sharp and downward-curving bill.

Over at least twenty-five years the writer has noted the migratory pattern of the birds' arrival in his home district, and their departure to fly north to warmer zones. Arrival in Australia should be at the beginning of October (never later than the 8th) but over many years the arrival time has continually varied in sequence according to changes in summer weather

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9 and over Senior Activity

Name

Sunday School Age

Find the words, fill them in, and then you'll see the key words down the middle.

8 marks

CLUES

1. Luke 1:33 (16th word)
2. Isa. 2:2 (20th word)
3. Amos 1:14 (15th word)
4. Gen. 17:6 (16th word)
5. Eze. 21:26 (8th word)
6. Acts 1:6 (19th word)
7. Mic. 4:7 (24th word)
8. Isa. 24:23 (13th word)
9. Rev. 20:6 (16th word)
10. Exo. 19:6 (8th word)
11. Mat. 3:2 (5th word)
12. Dan. 2:44 (28th word)
13. Rev. 1:6 (12th word)
14. 2Sam. 7:13 (19th word)
15. Oba. 1:21 (2nd word)
16. Dan. 4:34 (35th word)
17. Lk. 14:15 (25th word)
18. Dan. 4:3 (5th word)

Bible Quiz Questions

By **Rosanne Smith** — *Launceston Sunday School* 5 marks

1. What is the seventh word of Acts 1:11?
2. How many verses are there in the 23rd Psalm?
3. How old was Abram when he left Ur? (Gen. 12)
4. (a) What is the longest chapter in the Bible? (Clue: Look between Psalm 110 to Psalm 130)
(b) How many verses does it have?
5. When Jesus went to raise Lazarus, Mary came to meet him first. True, or false? (Jn. 11)
6. When Paul sailed to Rome, what was the name of the centurion in charge? (Acts 27)
7. There are 52 books in the Bible. True, or false?
8. How many letters are in the shortest verse in the Bible? (Jn. 11)
9. In the gospel of Matthew, a lady poured some expensive oil on Jesus' feet. What was her name? (Jn. 11:2)
10. How many times is the word "faith" mentioned in the "Faith Chapter?" (Heb. 11)

patterns. The birds have arrived as early as September 23rd, and when this occurs, abnormal weather follows, although the birds' arrival time is no indicator of the type of weather is to come, whether hotter, colder, wetter or drier than normal!

Our beautiful little Rainbow bird has some very important spiritual messages for us as we merge the natural brilliance of its many colours with some lessons the apostle Peter reveals in his second epistle,

ch. 1:5-7, "Beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, charity (agape)..."

These verses confirm what Paul wrote in Heb. 11:6, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him..."

Faith is the very basis of our acceptance before the all-wise, all-powerful Creator. We are going to liken "Faith" to the "whiteness" of light. When we pass the clear brilliance of the light through a glass prism or through

water droplets under certain conditions, seven pure colours appear. Count up the things Peter says we should add to faith, and see how many you can find!

They represent none of those things we can afford to be



without. Peter is not telling us to obtain one of these virtues and then move on to the next one, and so on. He says, "If these things (i.e., all of the seven colours of the rainbow) be in you and abound, they shall make you neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things (i.e., any of them) he is blind and cannot see afar off, and hath

forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

The Rainbow bird is a spectacular illustration of these seven qualities which spring from faith. We must become rich in the vivid hues of God's goodness and beauty



that our faith refracts into all aspects of our life, a living and vibrant faith, the basis of doing all things heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men. Above all, we must rise above the difficulties of life, and, believing every word of God's inspired record, set our compass on a fixed course, never wavering. Then our walk in the Truth will develop into a pilgrimage to the glory of God, and our characters showing godly hues shall be clothed with a body of unfading glory.

In its long migratory flight from Southern Australia to New Guinea, the

Solomon Islands, and other places, this little bird feeds while on the wing. Large clouds of insects at high altitudes provide the necessary high-protein diet for the birds where energy output is large.

Arriving in our home district in mid-spring, they pair off and select an appropriate site where they burrow into the ground to make their nest. The burrows are up to 1.5m (5ft.) long, with a longer chamber at the end where the five or six eggs are laid and a hungry brood is raised. When the young take to the wing they are almost undistinguishable from the adult birds, who themselves differ very little in appearance. In the next *Good Company* we hope to look at the Rainbow itself. We shall find a real treasure chest of lessons there!

C. Hollamby





Hebrew

For Pleasure and Profit

Tzaddi - Our Righteousness

The eighteenth letter in the Hebrew Alphabet (צ) is given the name of *Tsade* or *Tzaddi* as found in the heading of Psalm 119:137-144. As we have learnt previously, the Hebrew consonants are also used as numerals, and the numerical value of *tzaddi* is ninety. When the letter occurs at the end of a word, its shape is changed, and it appears like this with its tail straightened: ץ

Davidson's *Hebrew Grammar* suggests (with a question mark) that *Tsaddi* signifies *fish-hook*, perhaps identifying the word with the root *Tsuwd*; "to lie in wait, to catch." Those who adopt this suggestion, see in the shape of the letter the form of a fish-hook, aligning this interpretation with its appearance.

Others, however, draw its meaning from the root *tsadaq*, "to make right, to justify." The Hebrew *tsaddiyyq*, translated "righteous," is derived from this root.

Significantly, this word commences the stanza in Psalm 119:137, under the heading of this letter, which, to us, gives



preference for identifying it with "righteousness" rather than "fish-hook."

In any case, both meanings apply to Christ, the "Word of God made flesh." He is represented as a fisher of men (Mk.

1:17) who is drawing out of the sea of nations a "people for His name" (Acts 15:14). On the other hand, he is given the title of *Yahweh Tzidkenu*: "Yahweh our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:6). Paul states: "Of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30).

These are the four essential steps to salvation. First comes "wisdom" — we must learn the Truth. Second comes "righteousness" — we must be justified by the forgiveness of sins through baptism. Third comes "sanctification" — there must be the manifestation of separateness from sin in action through following the ways of Christ. Finally there comes "redemption" — the change to immortality at the coming of Christ

The Hebrew term *tsadaq*,

which many identify with the letter we are considering, denotes that which is perfectly straight. Its equivalent in Greek and Latin is *dike* and *jus* respectively. A consideration of these three words will show how much more profound and expressive is the Hebrew root word than the Latin or Greek. The Latin *jus* is from *judeo* and means that which is commanded. The Greek *dike* signifies to divide equally, apportioning to each one his due. Compare these meanings with that of the Hebrew, which signifies that which is straight, and you see the difference!

The Romans were a war-like people, and their idea of righteousness was giving strict obedience to orders. The Greeks were a cultural people, and their idea of righteousness was to give everyone what was appropriate. But to the Hebrew, righteousness was a firmly established divine principle, the eternal distinction between right and wrong, as represented by the straight line (𐤍) of God's commandments and teaching. It was a straight connection to Yahweh, aiming at complete identification with Him; and the shortest route to eternal life!

On the other hand, the usual Hebrew word for sin: *chata*, not only signifies missing the mark, but also swerving from this straight line, and thereby making the sinner's journey towards the goal and aim of his existence so much longer.

How much deeper, therefore, is, the root word conveying the Hebrew idea of righteousness in comparison with the others. Mere obedience to commands, or

convenience concerning right and wrong, as expressed by these Gentile languages, is contrasted with straight access to God manifestation set forth in the Hebrew. To the Jew, of course, the attainment of righteousness was dependent upon the forgiveness of sins. To seek righteousness in the absence of justification will never lead us to God!

Some have traced the meaning of this eighteenth letter to the Hebrew word *tzad*. This word signifies the side; and particularly the side where children are carried (see Isa. 60:4; 66:12). They see the shape of the letter as indicating the side, with the arms extended to help and carry. They point out that the Hebrew word for "hosts" is *tzavaoth*, indicating hosts for assistance. Paul quotes the words of the Old Testament: "Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma and been made like unto Gomorrha" (Rom. 11:29). Yahweh, through His hosts (see Josh. 5:14-15), has frequently moved to the side of His people to help them. He has done so in providing a Commander in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ (Isa. 55:4).

Select any one of these meanings for the letter *tsade*, and it takes us to Christ our Righteousness, the Fisher who has drawn us out of Gentile darkness, the Redeemer who has hastened to our side to sustain us in our helplessness.

Thus, once again, the Hebrew alphabet wonderfully focuses attention on the Lord Jesus Christ.



The onderful Counsellor

"The counsel of Yahweh standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations" - Psalm 33:11.

The Psalms are full of references concerning the COUNSEL of Yahweh. This is because the Psalmists learnt through life's experiences that the only true, reliable instruction in life is the COUNSEL OF GOD. For our eternal benefit, He has recorded the very words, deeds and ministry of the WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR.

Moses was a remarkable type of this WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR, as God said: "Yahweh thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto Me; unto him ye shall hearken" (Deu.18:15), pointing forward to Christ.

Sadly, in Psa. 106:13-14, the impatience and wilfulness of Israel in the wilderness is recorded: "They soon forgot His works; they waited not for His counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert."

There is a very significant reference in this Psalm concerning the Lord's trial in the desert. Following his baptism, having received the power of the Holy Spirit, he went into the wilderness knowing exactly his Father's instruction, and so did not repeat

the failure of Israel in their wilderness!

Now consider the emphasis placed on God's *counsel* in the book of Proverbs. Most of this book was written by Solomon towards the end of his life, when he looked back at all the fruitless things he had done, and the useless things in which he had become ensnared. His words have the forcefulness and urgency of an experienced father speaking to his son: "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother" (Pro. 1:8). With feelings of great urgency he also declared: "A wise [man] will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels" (Pro. 1:5).

Solomon gives *Wisdom* a personality in this book, showing that *Wisdom* is like a faithful woman who cries in the market place so that all may hear: "*Counsel* [is] mine, and sound wisdom: I [am] understanding; I have strength" (ch. 8:14). And later he says: "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end" (ch. 19: 20).

If we were to deal with all of the

Old Testament references to prove the reliability of God's Counsel, we would take a very long time! But let us *not lose sight of our objective*. Primarily we are going to look at the Lord Jesus Christ as the *WONDERFUL* Counsellor! This suggests that there is something especially wonderful about his counsel. And so it is! Let us go back again to Isa. 9:6 - "For

of "unto us a *Son is given*"!

This is remarkable. God had sent prophets and holy men to deliver His Word, but now we have that Word delivered by GOD'S OWN SON! That relationship gives a unique, special urgency and clarity to the Word because this man was "the Word made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

Now all generations can see the wonder of God's *Counsel* reflected as through a mirror in the Lord's own person as well as in the prophetic Word.

We all appreciate the difference that comes when the reality of things is shown. Consider plays you might have practised for prize nights and special occasions. When you first get the script, all seems strange and unco-ordinated. Even when you begin to memorise the lines they are still a bit strange and unclear. But when the time comes on prize night to present the actions fully rehearsed and understood,

what a difference!! Many a nervous "play co-ordinator" has stood in wonderment at the drama and power of the final presentation on stage! This is the difference between just reading a script, and transforming it into vibrant, visible demonstration. In this way we can share in the drama of the life and ministry of the *Wonderful Counsellor*, our Lord Jesus Christ.



Illustration: Bethany Matthews

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, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

We know these words of Isaiah apply directly to the Lord Jesus Christ, for we have considered the significance of "a child is born." But consider the even deeper meaning



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Dear Boys and Girls,

The more we learn about the amazing way God has created our bodies with all its complex and intricate design, the more we can appreciate the words of the Psalmist when he wrote **"I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made"**.

Did you know that adults have about 206 bones in their bodies (we have about 300 when born). Each bone has a very important duty to do. Not only do they protect our vital organs, but if it wasn't for our bones that together make up our skeleton, we would all fall into a wobbly, floppy mess, like a jellyfish, on the ground, unable to walk or do anything.

It is this thought that reminds me of an incident that occurred at our home the other night. Everything seemed normal, I arrived home from work, tea was on time and hot, whilst I was quietly doing the dishes after the meal there came a terrified scream from our garage. We all ran down to the garage, only to see our youngest son, Mason, on the ground, with his hand that looked like a floppy rubber glove, all twisted and out of shape. As you might have guessed it was broken at the wrist. So, off to the hospital we raced, and after a two day stay in hospital, home he came, with his arm bound up in a plaster cast.

This would never have happened if he had listened to his mother's words of wisdom. She told him never to swing off the rafter in the garage because he would be certain to slip off and fall. "Oh! I would never fall off, Mum" had been his reply. But once again her words proved true. Fortunately, some broken bones can be mended with time, but a valuable lesson is always learnt.

Broken bones in the Bible represent the results of sin. They are referred to many times, you will however remember that with the Passover Lamb, none of his bones were to be broken (Num. 9:12). The same was said of the Lord (John 19:36). But we sin, and become like broken bones... useless, unable to support ourselves. It is only after we have mended our ways that we can truly be healed.

There are some people however who will never be healed and the words of the Psalmist remind us that "the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but Yahweh upholdeth the righteous." God certainly will help and uphold us if we try to obey His Word at all times.

Your Friend,

Uncle Philip

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our Amazing World

Amazing Colours of the Rainbow

What a spectacular thunderstorm it must have been when God sent the flood of waters upon the earth in the days of Noah, for the rain to continue for forty days and nights!

Have you ever noticed how bright the light and how vivid are the colours of the rainbow before and after a thunderstorm? What a wonderful opportunity to take scenic photographs! But we are rarely at the right spot at the right time — and the magical moment escapes the photographer's record.

Let us look at Genesis 9:8-17 and read carefully

what it says. It tells of God's covenant with Noah and his family, and all other living creatures. We so easily take for granted the glorious sight of the rainbow. Have you ever seen a rainbow in the sky at night? Not really a rainbow, but some nights you can see a faintly coloured ring around the moon.

Occasionally we might see two complete rainbow arcs in the sky and if we are close to its end we might see the sunlight glistening on the individual droplets of water as they "hang" in the air.

Have you ever seen a

rainbow on a clear blue sky? Of course not. It is only seen after rain. Therefore God told Noah: "I do set My bow in the cloud... when I bring a cloud over the earth, the bow shall be seen in the cloud... and the bow shall be in the cloud..." (Gen. 9:13-14, 16). These verses clearly show that the bow cannot exist without clouds. And since we do not see them at night, the sun is also an indispensable factor to their glory.

A rainbow is formed when the sun shines through myriads of tiny water droplets suspended in the air. The darker the

clouds behind the rainbow, the more vivid and beautiful the colours. The more electrified the storm, the more glorious is the bow. The atmosphere is never clearer than after a storm!

We can make our own "rainbow" by allowing light rays to pass through a glass prism, and watch the white light become divided into the spectrum of colours we call after the rainbow.

These things are not



merely as a token or sign of Yahweh's promise never again to destroy all flesh, but are also symbolic, containing some important teachings.

The great storm of God's judgments in Armageddon

will begin to clean the world's atmosphere of all the physical and moral pollutions with which mankind has filled the earth. Just as the awe-inspiring electrical storm is followed by the brilliance of the sun's rays refracting into the beautiful spectrum of the rainbow, so the judgments of God must precede the peace as the effect of the Sun of Righteousness, in the earth again. Isaiah says: "when Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness" (26:9) and again in 32:17, "the work [fruit] of

righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."

First the storm, then the



unique moment of the brilliant light glistening on a myriad of drops

(representing

the saints), rained down as it were, from heaven refreshed and becoming fruitful as the blessings of life to the residue of mankind. David exclaimed "he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds, as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clean shining after rain."

In our last issue we spoke of the seven pure virtues of life that will ultimately fill the earth as "the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh covering the earth as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

C. Hollamby





The Wonderful Counsellor



Consider for a moment the significant use of the word "COUNSEL" as used in the New Testament. We have already pointed out the amazing usage of the role of the Lord Jesus Christ as a Wonderful Counsellor in that section of his letter to Laodicea, revealed in his words: *"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see"* (Rev. 3:18).

We wrote earlier, that this counsel was to "buy of me gold tried in the fire," pointing out

that, despite the wayward state of the Laodicean Ecclesia, the Wonderful Counsellor still considered them as belonging to the Household of God, and in need of heeding the *counsel* of their Lord. In the first instance this meant seeking the precious *faith* of the Lord who was more tried by the fires of affliction, than any other. But the Wonderful Counsellor had more to say to the Laodicean Ecclesia! *"...and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear;"*

In the same Book of Revelation (containing the messages of the Wonderful Counsellor), "white raiment" represents the covering of God provided to those who declare that "God is right" (and therefore "righteous"). See its use in ch. 19:8, *"To her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."*

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Aunty Liz's Junior Story

It was almost time for school holidays again, and Daddy had decided to take the family on a holiday to some places where they had not been before. Daddy had the roadmap book out on the table, and the children were trying to find on the map some of the places that they would be visiting.

"It is easy for us to travel from one place to another," said Daddy, "We just get in our car and away we go! Not like Bible times, when people had to walk or to ride animals from one place to the next. It would have taken them many days to travel from one place to another, and there weren't many towns in between either."

During the Bible readings that evening, Samuel wanted to know how far it was from Haran to Gilead, for Laban had chased after Jacob for seven days before he finally caught up with him (Gen. 31:23). Daddy wasn't quite sure how far that would be, but when he had looked at some of the maps in the Bible Atlas, he said, he thought it would be about three hundred miles, or five hundred kilometres. Quite a long way when you were travelling with a family of wives and children, and with animals as well! No cars in those days, remember!

The children enjoyed looking at the Bible maps when they were doing the daily readings. It helped them to realize that the places they read about in the Bible were real places, towns or cities, not just words on the page. "Before we go on our holiday, perhaps we could find out more about some of the distances between the towns and cities in the Bible," said Daddy, "and then as we travel along, we can try to understand how far people travelled in Bible times. I wonder whether we would want to travel so far, if we had to walk, or ride on a camel's back."

The children remembered the camel ride they had when visiting their friends in the country the year before — and they weren't really sure that they would want to travel five hundred kilometres on a camel's back. Would you?

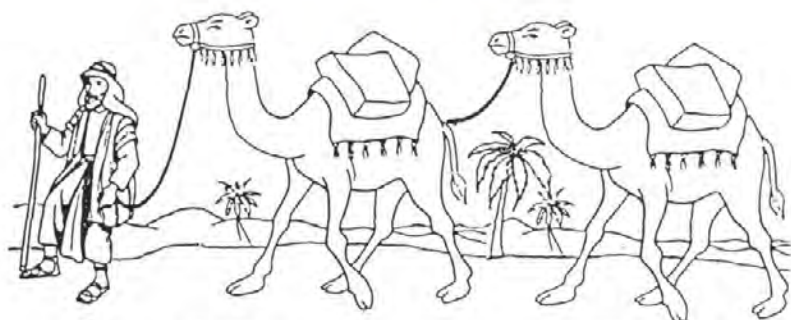


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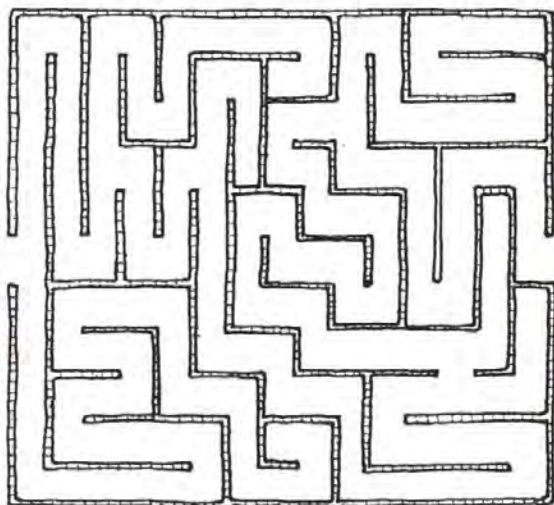
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**Colour the pictures, and then
help Jacob find his way
from Haran to Gilead.**



HARAN



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The Apostle Paul summarises his work when he bids farewell to the Ephesian Ecclesia, declaring: ***"For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God"***

(Acts 20:27). Paul does not just say "I have taught you the Truth" or "I have explained the gospel," but that what he taught them about the TRUTH and the GOSPEL, was in effect ***"all the counsel of God"*** - the complete Truth!

When giving his address on the Day of Pentecost, Peter stated concerning the life and death of the Lord Jesus Christ: ***"Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain"*** (Acts 2:23). Peter was refuting the idea that the death of Jesus was "all a terrible mistake or accident." It was neither! Here, God, who has always given man the right of exercising his freewill, showed to the world that the Jews would rather have a "thief and a robber" (Barabbas, in John 18:40) than a WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR!

We will find that as we progress through our journey with the WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR, that Paul's words to the Hebrews take on a real meaning: ***"Wherein God, willing more abundantly to***



shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed [it] by an oath" (Hebrews 6:17).

We come to one of the most tragic and heart-rending situations in the whole ministry of the Lord as described by Luke: ***"The Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him"*** (Luke 7:30).

Ultimately we will discover that though Jesus knew that he was to be taken and crucified, God was still going to provide His Counsel as described in: John 14:16-17 (RSV) ***"I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you."*** So we have in our hands the Bible, which is that "other Counsellor" of which he spoke! Combined with the constant oversight of our affairs by the Son of God who now sits at the right hand of the Father, we have access to a WONDERFUL COUNSEL by reading the Bible.

John says more about the power of the Truth in



John.15:26 (RSV), *"When the Counsellor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me."*

It is by our heavenly Father's blessing that we can watch and listen and think about the words and deeds of the WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR, our Lord Jesus Christ.



Hebrew

For Pleasure and Profit

Koph - Our Head

The nineteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet introduces us to a most interesting subject. It is given the name of *koph*, and appears at the head of Psalm 119:145-152.

In the *Oxford Gesenius*, the meaning of *koph* is given as *to go around*. It forms the root of such words as *nakaph* which occurs in Lev. 19:27, "Ye shall not round the corners of your heads," which Gesenius renders as: "Ye shall not go in circle (in shaving) the outer part of the head." It is rendered *round* in Josh. 6:3, and *compass* in 2Kgs. 11:8; 2Chr. 23:7; Psa. 17:9; 2King 6:14.

We have seen in earlier studies, that the original form of the letters picture the words that are given to describe them. Accordingly, Davidson, in his *Lexicon*, gives the meaning of this letter as "the eye of a needle," or *the back of the head*. Have a look at the letter again, and

you can see how that it does, indeed, suggest the back of the head, the occiput, or cranium, which encases the emotional part of the brain.

We have suggested that all the letters point forward to the Lord Jesus Christ in some particular, emphasising the title given to him in the New Testament: *The Word Made Flesh*.

Certainly this letter is appropriate to him, for he constitutes the "brain" of the Multitudinous Christ. Hence Paul wrote: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). He told the Ephesians that

Christ should be their head (Eph. 4:15), and warned the Colossians that they were "not holding the head" (Col. 2:19).

Because such was the spiritual state of the ecclesia in Colosse, they walked disjointedly, without proper balance.



In contrast, Christ has a perfect mind, able to completely absorb the things of Yahweh; in full accord with the mind of his Father. Unfortunately, ours are not quite as "balanced" as was his, and therefore we lack the quality and control of thought such as he was able to manifest.

The Most Marvellous Act of Creation

In the beginning, God made man in His "image and likeness." "Image" relates to *shape*; but "likeness" concerns *capacity*. Adam possessed a brain capable of absorbing divine ideas, and of reflecting them in action.

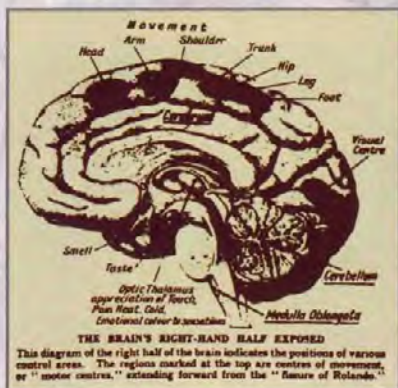
Of all the works of creation, the human brain is the most marvellous. It consists of a mass of nerve material which not only works with great skill in regulating the various movements of the body, but determines those things which are called "the conscious personality," including all thoughts, feelings, desires and hopes.

Though man knows much about the human body, there are aspects of the brain that completely elude him. Specialists still do not completely understand how it works.

However, three distinct parts, each having particular work to perform, can be recognised. The large portion, occupying all the upper and front two-thirds of the cranium, is called the *cerebrum*. Here the will, thoughts, and feelings have their origin. Toward the back of the head, and below the *cerebrum*, is the smaller brain, called the *cerebellum*, the duty of which is to control what are called "reflex actions." An illustration of what are called reflex actions, is seen in the ability to balance

oneself when walking. This is done unconsciously, for one may be deep in thought about something else whilst walking along!

The third distinct portion of the brain is, as shown in our diagram, situated lower, more



centrally, at the end of that great bundle of nerves called the spinal cord, which passes up through the body to the brain. This part is called the "bulb" or *medulla oblongata*, and its work consists of regulating those organs of the body which act as automatically, operating day and night without conscious effort, even while we are asleep — such as the beating of the heart, the breathing of the lungs, the digesting of the stomach. The back of the head also includes the visual centre of the brain, for the eyes are the only means by which sight enters the body.

How important, then, is the *back of the head*! How vital the letter *koph* when applied to Christ in his relationship to believers! He will give them proper balance; he will cause their spiritual reflexes to act consistently and properly; he will give true vision.

So we re-echo the words of Paul: "Let *this mind* be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."



The Land of Promise.

Some fascinating facts about Abraham's Country

The Sea of Galilee...

possesses a rare beauty that is ever-changing. In the clear bright light of an early winter morning, in the shimmering sunlight of a hot summer afternoon, on a misty evening in spring, in sunset or full moon — always reflecting the hills of Galilee and the Golan in its waters.

The Sea of Galilee is 20 kilometres (13 miles) long, 11 kilometres (7 miles) wide, 40-48 metres (130-157 feet) deep and lies at 210 kilometres (686 feet) below sea level. The water is pure and generally calm, but sometimes sudden and dangerous storms turn it into a raging fury with high waves. It is thought that the lake's oval shape gave rise to the name "*Kinnereth*," from the Hebrew word *kinnor*, which signifies "lute or harp."

At the time of Jesus, Galilee was the main artery of roads crossing in all directions. The good communications, extreme fertility of the valley, and beauty of the landscape, drew a considerable population. The sea of Galilee, as a central feature, was surrounded

by nine cities, each with not less than 15,000 inhabitants. It was on the slopes of this beautiful lake, described as the "ambition of nature," that Jesus began to preach the Kingdom of God. Here, he passed most of his public life, gave most of his teachings, and worked most of his miracles. On the sea shore he called Peter, Andrew, James John, and other apostles (Mat. 4:18-20). Here he healed a leper (Mat 8:1-4); spoke to the multitude from Peter's boat (Mark 3:7-12); commanded the violent storm to be calm and still (Mat. 8:23-27); walked on the stormy water (Mat. 14:122-26). The sea of Galilee provided the backdrop to many wonderful and inspiring expressions by Jesus to his disciples.



Faith is the Best Way of Life.

Faith brightens our lives
in a wonderful way
bringing quiet and peace
to a troubled day.

Faith is believing
that after the rain
birds will be singing
in sunshine again.

Faith lets us know
that the darkness of the night
is followed each morning
by dawn's glowing light

So if you should feel
that you're troubled by strife
remember that Faith
is the Best Way of Life.

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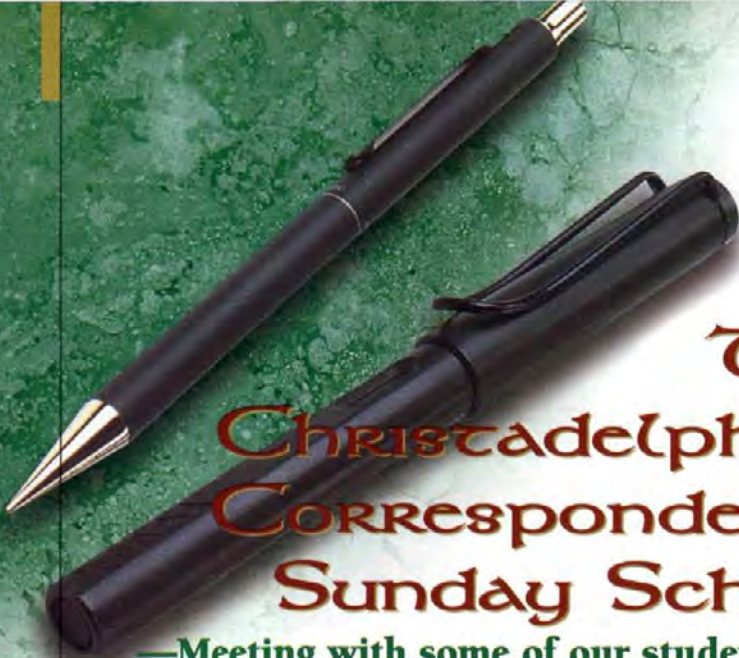




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The CHRISTADELPHIAN CORRESPONDENCE Sunday School

—Meeting with some of our students in
Singapore and Malaysia.

What is The Correspondence Sunday School? It is just what its name means: a Sunday School which is held by correspondence. The children in our Sunday School are scattered all around Australia, mostly in country districts, but we do have some within city areas, because of special circumstances. We have students in many overseas countries as well, in Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, America, Ireland and New Zealand.

All our students are very special people, and have requested to have Sunday School by correspondence lessons; it

is amazing how we receive these requests at times – because some of the parents were once students themselves! Not everyone knows that such a Sunday School is available, so if you hear of any in a position where our very special Sunday School is needed, please let them know that we are



*The Sunday School Group at the
Malacca (Malaysia) Bible Camp*

available to help them, in just the same ways that any ordinary Sunday School would.

We have 54 students in Australia, and 20 students overseas. These students are just like the boys and girls in the ecclesias, they do their lessons, and activity sheets, the Sunday School project, the Sunday School examination, and quite a few even send in Good Company entries. Maybe more will do this after reading about their Sunday School in this article.

Our teachers are also very special people. (We have 14 of these special people). They diligently send off four lessons of homework, with a letter, on the first Wednesday of each month. When the children have completed their homework, they send it back to our post office, where it is collected, noted in our records, and sent for marking to their set teacher. When he or she has checked it (and put stickers and/or appropriate comments on it), it is sent back to the student, to keep. Many of these children also include a letter with their homework, which is always a thrill for the teacher, because that is the only way they can get to know their students, other than by photograph.

Recently, we were privileged to be able to visit all of our students in Malaysia and Singapore. It was a wonderful experience for us, to personally meet all these children and parents with whom we have been corresponding for so long.

We flew to Singapore, and at the meeting there we met the Lee



Bro. Cheeyuen, Samuel, Sis. Grace (Lee) - Singapore

family (Samuel, Bro. Cheeyuen and Sis. Grace), and both Bounaparte families (Natasha, Bro. Allen and Sis. Michelle), and (Samantha, Bro. John and Sis. Violet). We even received four new Correspondence Sunday School students in the Singapore meeting – Sis. Hazel Knowles has four children, Sydney, Tiffany, James and Daniel, who now wish to have our lessons.

We travelled by train to Kuala Lumpur, (we went by train and bus in these countries, so that we could see more of the country side, and how the people live). Here, we met the Tham family (Cheu-Ling, Reyah, Emunah, Bro. Kah-Fook and Sis. Tina). In Kuala Lumpur the Truth is spreading.

Sis. Michelle, Natasha, Bro. Allan (Bounaparte) - Singapore



Three months ago two young men were baptised, now Brethren Alex Moi and Alex Kok, whilst we were there, another baptism took place, of Karen Lim. There is also another young lady, Samantha Chong, who is very interested in the Truth.

Whilst we were in Malaysia,

▼ *Emunah, Sis. Tina, Reyah,
Bro. Kah-Fook, Cheu-Ling (Tham)
- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*



we were asked to place an advertisement for the Bible Course in one of the local papers. We did this, advertising in one of the national English papers and, up to the time of the writing of this article, approximately 250 enquiries were received.

The main religions of this region are Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and Cantonese Chinese. The temples of these religions are very decorative, the Buddhist, Hindu and Cantonese Chinese temples are full of idols, and the rituals are all outward show. But generally, these people seem much more religious and interested in the Bible than the average Australians.

We then travelled to Penang, which is in West Malaysia. Here we met with the Kanniah family.

They have been living in this area for the past five years, and Brian and Edgar have very diligently done their lessons, projects and exams, but, until recently they have not been visited by any Christadelphians. It is a wonderful example for all of us, to see them still stand firm in the Truth, being so diligent, even without the encouragement of others.

We then returned to Kuala Lumpur, where the examination and baptism of Karen Lim took place, on the day before we



↑ *Sis. Amy, Edgar, Brian, Bro. Samuel
(Kanniah) - Penang, Malaysia*

travelled to the very first combined Malaysian and Singapore Bible Camp. This was held at Malacca, a very historical part of Malaysia. In this area there are many ruins, etc., of early Dutch and Portuguese settlements. Have you ever heard of the pirates of the Straits of Malacca who lived in this part of the country?

At the Bible Camp, we held Sunday School sessions whilst the adult sessions were in progress, with the help of Sisters Jill Davis

(Enfield) and Kate Papowski (Wilston). We studied lessons from the Stage 2 Book, and the appropriate pages in the children's projects. Samantha and Natasha Bounaparte did Bible Marking from the Stage 1 and 2 Bible Marking Sheets. During this time, we also taught the younger children some Sunday School songs, and on our last day, we held a Prize Giving Evening and Presentation, and the children sang their songs and presented poems, etc. The adults thoroughly enjoyed this, as well as seeing the work that the children had done during the adult sessions. This was especially exciting for us, because when we first arrived in Kuala Lumpur, we were told, "You won't get our children to sing in public" — but they did!

After the Bible Camp, we

Sis. Violet, Bro. John, Samantha
(Bounaparte) - Singapore



returned to Kuala Lumpur for a short while before travelling to Singapore for a few days, and meeting up again with the Singapore Ecclesia. We thoroughly enjoyed our time in

these places. Everything is lovely, and green and lush because they get so much rainfall, also it is very interesting to see how different nationalities live their lives. There are lots of things to see, and it is a shopper's paradise! The weather is not like we are used to in Adelaide, it is very hot and humid — when we came home, it was really wet and cold — a very great contrast! We thoroughly enjoyed their food which was very tasty, even if it was hot and spicy, (except for cuttlefish tentacles and durian fruit). Durian fruit is in season at the moment, and is a great delicacy, but to us it was prickly, smelly, and we did not enjoy the bland texture or taste of it. Sorry, everyone else did in Singapore and Malaysia!

Above all, it was wonderful to meet with our brethren and sisters and their children and to enjoy fellowship with them; we hope, God Willing, to be able to see them again, if our Lord has not returned.

Bro. Reg and Sis. Liz Smith.

Are you as Busy as a Bee?



What a remarkable insect is the humble bee!

He has five eyes, three simple ones on the top of his head, and two more complicated ones made up of thousands of lenses. He has 5000 nostrils – enough nose power to smell an apple tree three kilometers away. He has two sets of wings which can be hooked together in flight, so that they flap as one, 16,000 times a minute. No matter how he zig-zags his dizzy dance of the flowers, he always bee-lines it back home to his hive and his job there. He may be a street cleaner, a water carrier, a nurse, a sentry, a mason, an engineer, or a bee-air conditioner. For example, as an air conditioner, he may fan 12 hours at a time, in the hive, on top of 12 hours spent gathering nectar outside. The description, “busy as a bee” is no overstatement! He literally works himself to death – all for a teaspoon of honey spread on your breakfast toast – that is the whole quota of his few short weeks of life! A half-kilo jar of honey represents 80,000 kilometers (as the bee flies), or enough kilometers to go round the whole globe twice.

Let us not take the bee too much for granted. All his dipping into dandelions and daisies is no joyous game, but obedience to “instinct” and ordinance of nature that commands, “while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest shall not cease” There are 100,000 kinds of plants which could never properly form seeds without the bee. How wise and wonderful is the Creator of all things!

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200 MARKS

Julia King - Mittagong

Aunty Liz's Junior Story

Paul, Jenny and Samuel always love to go to Sunday School each week, spending time with their friends, and to learn more about the Word of God. One Sunday they heard the story of the lost sheep.

In Bible times, the shepherds had to stay out in the fields, even at night, to watch over the sheep, to protect them from being hurt or killed. Sometimes at night, the shepherd would put the sheep in a sheep fold. This would be an enclosure surrounded with a stone fence, to keep the sheep all safe together. In the morning the sheep would be let out through the gateway or door to eat the grass in the fields during the day. The shepherd had many sheep to look after, but sometimes one of the sheep might stray, away from the rest of the flock, and become lost.

The parable Jesus told was about a shepherd who did lose one sheep which had wandered away from the flock. But this shepherd really loved all of his sheep and looked everywhere, till he found that one sheep which was lost.

This shepherd was so happy that he had found his lost sheep, that he carefully lifted up the sheep and put it on his shoulders, and carried it back to be with the rest of the flock.

What a lovely ending to the story, isn't it! We must remember though that all of Jesus' parables have a special meaning. People are at times just like sheep, and they need someone to care for them and guide them. We know that God cares for all of us, but we must learn to trust and obey Him. Also our parents and Sunday School teachers show their love and care for us by teaching us to follow in the steps of Jesus Christ.

In the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd. People can learn to follow Jesus Christ by reading the Word of God. But sometimes they may wander away, like that little sheep, from the Ecclesial Meetings and Sunday School, and think they can love God in their own way. While we stay safe within the (sheep) fold of ecclesial activities, we are safe from the world outside, and we can show our love and care for each other by helping each other towards God's Kingdom, watching over those who may wander away, and rejoicing when they return to the safety of the fold once more.



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Name

Sunday School Age



The shepherd
had..... sheep

He could only find
..... sheep

How many were
lost?

Did the shepherd
go and look for the
lost sheep?

Yes No

When the shepherd
found the lost sheep
he was kind, and
carried it home.
true..... false.....

Luke 15

9 and over Senior Activity

Name

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Friends and Enemies • 7 Marks

Submitted by **Jared Bates** • Christchurch Suburban Sunday School

He loved David as his own soul (1 Samuel 18)

Job's three "friends" (Job 2)

David's "familiar friend" whose counsel was rejected by Absalom, and who then hanged himself (2 Samuel 17:23, Psa 41:9)

Helped Jeremiah ascend from the miry dungeon (Jeremiah 38)

Three men who were enemies of Nehemiah (Nehemiah 6)

Jesus said we should our enemies

Put a ring around the quotations which prove this.

Matthew 5:44, Genesis 27:41, Luke 6:27, 1 John 3:15, Luke 6:35, Judges 11:7

Bible Addition • 6 Marks

Number of times a day Daniel prayed (Daniel 6:10)

+ the number of sons Job had at first (Job 1)

answer: + =

Number of the Psalm that starts "The Lord is My Shepherd"

+ number of commandments in the "Law of Moses" (Exo. 34:28)

answer: + =

Number of Jesus' disciples

+ the number of Job's friends (Job 2:11)

answer: + =

our

Amazing World



The Fantastic Feather

~ Nature's own insulation

Have you ever wondered why the feathers of so many male birds have brilliant colours, while those of the hen bird are predominantly grey, brown, and light pastel shades? Have you ever pondered why birds should have brightly coloured feathers at all? And, have you ever considered closely the marvels of a single feather? How silly are those foolish scientists who try to have us believe that millions of years ago lizards with scales rubbed against the rocks and against the wood on trees, and that this slowly frayed the edges of the scales. They pretend that so, over millions of years, this caused the scales to fluff out into feathers and lizards gradually turned into birds!



A feather is really a marvel of skilful engineering, it is extremely light and flexible, yet structurally very strong so as to allow for the stress of flying. There are basically three types of feathers, each perfectly designed to perform a special function. There are "contoured" feathers which are the ones easily seen, then there are the "downy" feathers, and lastly the "filoplumes", which are generally scattered among the others on the bird's body. Most remarkable of all, is the way the tiny hooks and barbs interlock so neatly together that air does not pass through them, and so flight becomes possible. Perhaps we should all find a feather and a good

magnifying glass, and examine the wonderful precision of this lovely instrument.

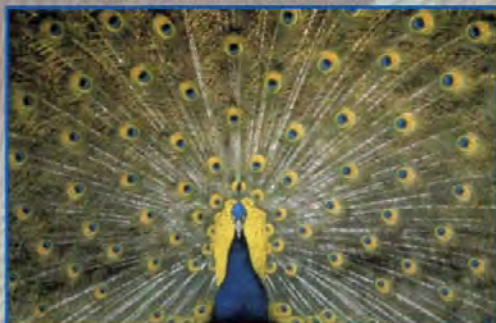
The blood temperature of birds is generally higher than that of humans, and their feathers keep their bodies at 40-43c (104-109f). Feathers are

every different coat of feathers was firstly for His honour and glory. In the same way, variety, with similarity in construction, makes His Word so wondrous, and so much more interesting and exciting!

In the Authorised Version of the Bible, feathers are only mentioned nine times, and the English word has been translated from several Hebrew



excellent insulators, and the birds' frequent pruning coats their feathers with oil which comes from a gland near the birds' tail. This has the effect of making the feathers waterproof. Colourful feathers which decorate many male birds are used in courtship to attract the hen birds; but the less coloured feathers of the female protect her from prowlers, being much harder to see as she sits on the nest. Yet, if God was only interested in breeding all the different kinds of birds, He could have done so by making them all unattractive, and dull in colour, so that enemies would not easily find them. His purpose in designing each and



words. The two occurrences of "feathers" which we would like to think about are in Psalms 68:13 and 91:4. What purpose do feathers have? They are a covering for the birds' body. Psalm 91:4 shows us



that the protection of Yahweh presents a covering to those that fear Him:

"He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

Just as the outstretched wings of a bird are protection for her young so the "wings" (angels) of God are extended to His people, and those same angels encamp

Did you know?

The number of feathers varies greatly from bird to bird. The Hummingbird has the fewest, with 940, while the Whistling Swan has the most - 25,216 feathers!

around His people to deliver them from evil.

In Psalm 68:13 we see another kind of protection, for the dove is mentioned there.

"Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold."

A dove is a clean bird, and is shown here with wings of silver which is the metal of redemption, and feathers of gold. Now gold is the most precious metal, and the only thing more precious than

redemption is the Redeemer, the Holy One of



Israel, Yahweh, beside Whom there is no redeemer. So we have a clean bird, a dweller of the heavens covered with redemption through the manifestation of God! What a beautiful description of those who have in these days come to trust under the shadow of Yahweh's "wings" and "feathers", to be clothed upon with immortality in the day soon to dawn. The sons of God will then be made known in all the radiant beauty of Divine likeness.

C. Hollamby.



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Hebrew

For Pleasure and Profit

Resh - the Head

The letter *Resh* is found at the head of the twentieth stanza of Psalm 119, above v.153, for it is the name given to the twentieth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. With a little imagination, you can see the shape of the back of a head in the form of the letter.

It is appropriate therefore, that *resh* signifies *head*, *chief*, or the *sum* of a matter. The word occurs frequently in the Bible, used both as a common and a proper noun. All, doubtless are familiar with the form of the word found in Ezekiel 38:2, where it is rendered as an adjective: *chief prince*. Hebraists state that in this place, the grammatical construction of the verse strongly favours its use as a proper noun, and therefore should be rendered *prince of Rosh*, or *Russia*.

The word has been translated *head* in Psalm 68:21, Hab. 3:13-14, and there related to the "head of the wicked," the "serpent power" that is to be crushed. It has also been translated *poison*

(Job 20:16), *venom* (Deut. 32:33), and *gall* (Deut 29:18, 32:32). It may appear strange that one word should do duty for all these various meanings, but a

little thought will show that they are related.

Consider Job 20:16: "He shall suck the *poison* of asps." Why should *rosh* be rendered *poison* in that relation? Because it was considered that the tongue of the snake or viper is poisonous, and therefore

relates to the head. Again, Deuteronomy 29:18 refers to "a root bearing gall" (*rosh*). Gall is a poisonous drug, probably derived from the poppy with its prominent head from which is obtained opium.

In the places considered above, the word is used in relation to heads of wickedness. But we have seen that the words of the Hebrew alphabet point forward to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. He is represented as the "head" of the multitudinous body of Christ (see 1 Cor 11:3; Eph 1:22; 4:15;



5:23; Col 1:18; 2:19). In a healthy body, the head controls the different parts; so it should be in the Ecclesia of Christ. Paul exhorted the brethren at Philippi: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). In other words, he urged upon them to allow Christ to do their thinking for them. How can we do that? The answer is, by allowing Christ to "dwell in our hearts by faith" (Eph 3:17). Again, we might ask, How can we do that? The answer is, "Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God" (Rom 10:17). To the extent that we allow the Word of God to dominate our minds, Christ will become the ruling influence of our lives.

Christ as the Head is predicted in Psalm 118:22; "The stone which the builders refused is become the head of the corner." In the Hebrew, "head" is the word used for this twentieth letter of the alphabet. It is found also in Psalm 18:43 where Christ the King (cp v. 50) is represented

as saying, "Thou hast made me the head of the nations".

The word is also found in the stanza of Psalm 119, relating to *resh*. In v.160 is the statement: "Thy Word is true from the beginning." "Beginning" is *resh*, but in the Hebrew it appears at the commencement of the line, not at its end. Hence the R.V. has translated the line: "The sum of Thy word is truth." The Psalmist summed up all the experiences of life, all the influence of Scripture, and found that the total gathered together vindicated all that the Word revealed; so that it is nothing but truth. And that reminds us of the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, the "head of the body, the Ecclesia" (Col 1:18), for he declared: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Let us view him as our head; let our actions be governed by his teaching, and his mind will become ours to our eternal salvation.



Camera Corner

Launceston Sunday School

Kiri Bracey sent us this photo which was taken during a special afternoon that the Launceston Sunday School held on the Tabernacle. She writes... *"We learnt all about the different parts of the Tabernacle, and constructed a model shown in the picture. We even had Uncle Steven dress up like Aaron the High Priest in his robes."*



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The Land of Promise.

Some fascinating facts about Abraham's Country



THE DEAD SEA

- THE LOWEST SPOT
IN THE WORLD!

The **Dead Sea** is situated about 9 miles from the city of Jericho, in a deep volcanic rent which runs north-south through Israel. The sea is 48 miles long and about 10 miles at its widest point. It has a surface area of 360 square miles, and its waters attain a maximum depth of 1,278 feet. It lies 1292 feet below sea level and 3786 feet lower than Jerusalem — *it is the lowest spot on the earth's surface*, an apt symbol of death. It is called the **Dead Sea** because of the absence of any animal life in its waters, which is the most salt-saturated water in the world containing about 33% solids (ordinary water

holds 4-6% solids). Its salinity is 4-5 times greater than ocean water. 6.5 million tons of water enter it daily and the evaporation leaves a tremendous residual of mineral substances.

The **Dead Sea** is called in the Scriptures the "Salt Sea" (Gen 14:3, Num 34:12, Deut 3:17, Josh 3:16), or the Sea of the Plain (Deut 3:17, Josh 3:16), and the East or Eastern Sea (Eze 47:18, Joel 2:20 and RV Zech 14:8). It was named **Dead Sea** by the Greeks, approximately AD200. The historian Josephus calls it Asphaltitis.

In Genesis a clue is given, that beneath its shallow waters at the southern end are the towns of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah and Zebolim. In Genesis 13:10; 14:3, the valley of Siddim is mentioned as a fertile site where must have been a fresh water lake before the catastrophe of Genesis 19.

But a wonderful change is promised for that "dead" area when Jesus returns to commence the physical process of cleansing the earth. Ezekiel 47:8 records that in that day "the waters shall be healed", and Zechariah 14:8 records that "living waters shall go forth from Jerusalem."

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