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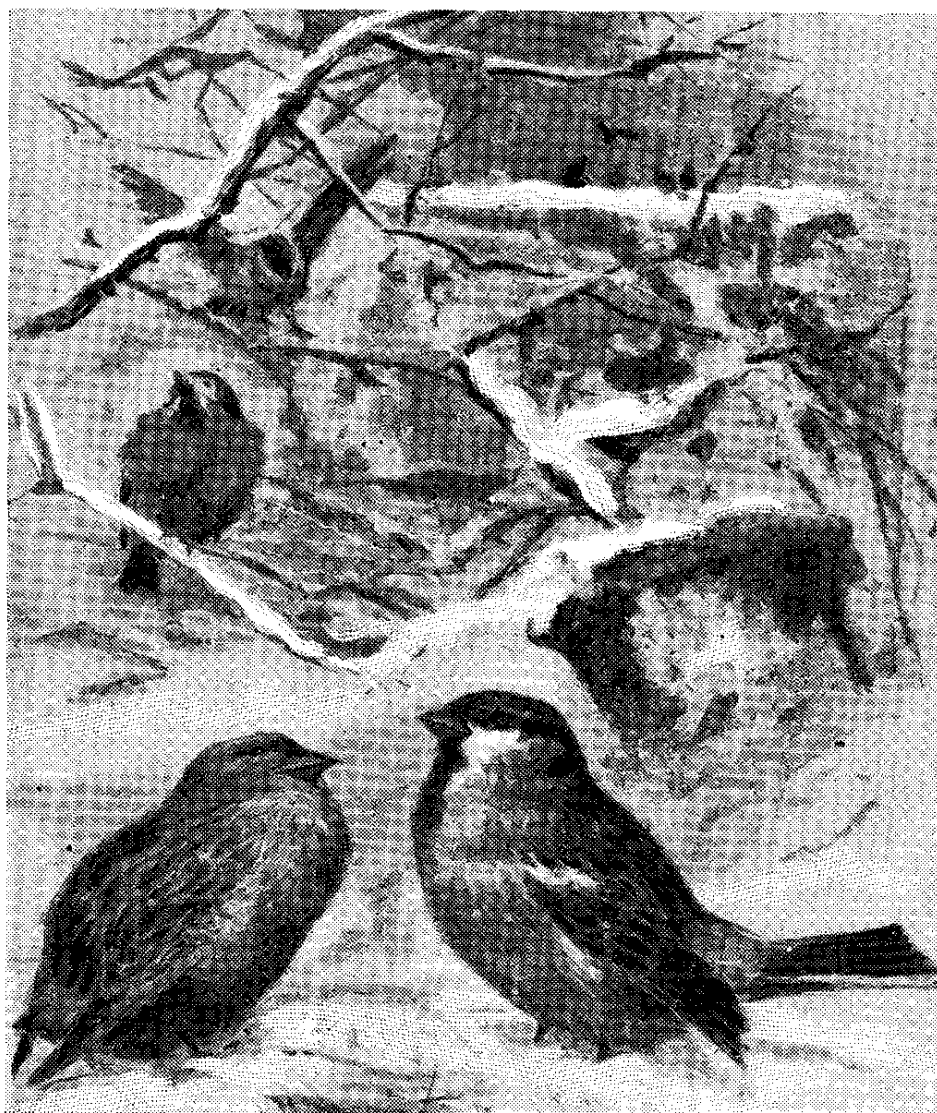
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## THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

### THE FIRST MONTH

 HAPPY New Year to you, little friends! God wants you to be happy, and He wants you to start a new year now with Him. Long ago God said to His people, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you" (Exodus xii. 2). Why were they to have a new year's day in the middle of the year? Because they were to get a new history, a new life altogether, and instead of being poor slaves, scolded and whipped and ill-treated, they were to be God's people, to love and serve Him, and to be His peculiar treasure. Now if you want a happy new year, you must get it as they got it. You have been Satan's slaves, and have sinned against God all your life, and you will have to meet Him about those sins, unless you have the same new beginning that Israel had.

The first thing they were to do was to "take to themselves a lamb." The Lord Jesus is the Lamb of God, holy, spotless, pure and gentle. God offers Him to you as a Saviour; will you take Him as God's gift? It is no good for you simply to know that Jesus is the Saviour; you must accept Him as *your* Saviour; "take to yourselves a lamb." And then after four days the lamb had to die. "The whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening." So the people took their lamb, and killed it, and then sprinkled its blood on the lintels and side posts of their doors. God was coming through the land that night; death must come into every house; the lamb must die, or the firstborn: and as the clock struck twelve, "there

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was not a house where there was not one dead.” A dead lamb roasted with fire was on the table or a dead firstborn lay in the house.

But it was the blood on the door that kept the destroyer out. “When I see the blood I will pass over you,” God said. It was not enough that the blood was shed and the lamb killed; the blood had to be sprinkled too. They had to take the blood and use it as God told them. Now you know that Jesus has died; you know His precious blood has been shed; you know it cleanses from all sin; but have you taken shelter under it? Have you said “it was shed for me? I am the sinner for whom Jesus died.” If you trust the blood of Jesus to day you will have a happy new year, and a happy eternity too, when the years are all gone, but you will never be happy till you do.

T.



“IN THY PRESENCE IS FULNESS OF JOY”

“**I** CANNOT wait, mother, because Jesus wants me, but you and Granny will be sure to come soon, won’t you?” This is what Tommy said only a few weeks ago; and now he has gone to be with the Saviour Whom he learnt to know and love in the Sunday School. Even his mother cannot wish Tommy back again, because he was so often weary and in pain; and now he is where “there is no more pain, neither sorrow nor crying.”

This little boy had been in ill health for some time, but he used to come very often to the Gospel preaching and his bright, happy face was quite a pleasure to see. I missed him for a few weeks, and on enquiring was

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told that he had been very ill and was then in the hospital; and I heard that he would like me to go and see him.

I went very soon and found him looking very ill indeed. At first I hardly recognised him, but as soon as he saw me his bright smile came, and then I knew him at once. He was too ill for me to stay long, but I asked him if he knew that Jesus was with him in the Infirmary. "Oh, yes," he said, "He was with me the first night I was here." I asked him if that was because he was very lonely, "No, but they thought I was dying then. And He is with me every day when I have to bear the pain; I have to bear such a lot of pain; and when the doctors come, and the nurse, He is with me all the time." His voice was so weak I could only just hear the dear little fellow, but it was good to hear such a bright testimony to the Lord's presence. I left him with the text, "Lo I am with you alway," and promised to go again soon. He was on the "danger" list and his friends could visit him at any time.

I could not go again until three days later, and then, when I went straight to the ward, I found the bed empty. I was afraid I was too late to see him again on earth; but the nurse told me that he had been taken home. He wanted to go home, and as he could not get really well they let him go.

On Sunday I went to see him at home and found him very happy with his mother to wait upon him. I had taken him a big text which he asked us to put on the wall where he could see it as he lay propped up in bed: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." He had on another wall his favourite hymn, "We're marching to Immanuel's land," which his teacher had

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given him. His grandmother told me that he said he did not want to see anybody unless they could sing to him, or pray with him.

Just a week after he left the Infirmary the Lord took him Home to be with Himself. He had said to his mother that he hoped the Lord would take him when he was asleep, and so it was. In the night he had asked his mother to sing his favourite hymn, and said to her, "I don't mind going, mother, but I don't like to leave you. You will come too, won't you? I shall be looking out for you and granny." His mother told him she would soon come. Then early in the morning he fell asleep and woke in the glory. "Absent from the body present with the Lord."

This is a true story, boys and girls. If you take the Lord Jesus as your Saviour He will be with you all the time as He was with Tommy Walker, and you will find always that what the Bible says is quite true, "He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

A. H. B.



## WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES :

Who may come to the Saviour.

**J**ESUS called them unto Him, and said, "Suffer *little children* to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke xviii. 16.

Come unto Me, *all ye that labour and are heavy laden*, and I will give you rest. Matthew xi. 28.

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, *If any man thirst*, let him come unto Me, and drink. John vii., 37.

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Ho, *every one that thirsteth*, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: come ye, buy and eat. Isaiah lv. 1.

Let *him that is athirst* come, And *whosoever will*, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation xxii. 17.

And Jesus said—"All that the Father giveth Me shall come to me: and *him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.*" John vi. 37.



## A LADDER TO HEAVEN

**M**ORE than 120 years after the time when Abraham left his country at God's command and came to the land of Canaan, another traveller was journeying one day on the same road, but in the opposite direction. Abraham's grandson was on his way from Beersheba, in the south of Palestine, to Haran, on the other side of the great river Euphrates.

Sixty years before this time, Abraham's servant Eleazar had gone to Mesopotamia and had brought back Rebekah to be the wife of his master's son, and now Jacob, the son of Isaac and Rebekah, was going to see his uncle Laban the Syrian, his mother's brother.

It was a long way from Beersheba to Haran; more than four hundred miles. There was no going by train in those days, and Jacob was not even riding on a camel; he was going on foot, and he was alone. Why was he going? Partly through his own fault. He had joined with his mother in deceiving his aged father; and his brother Esau was so angry at what Jacob had done that he threatened to kill him.



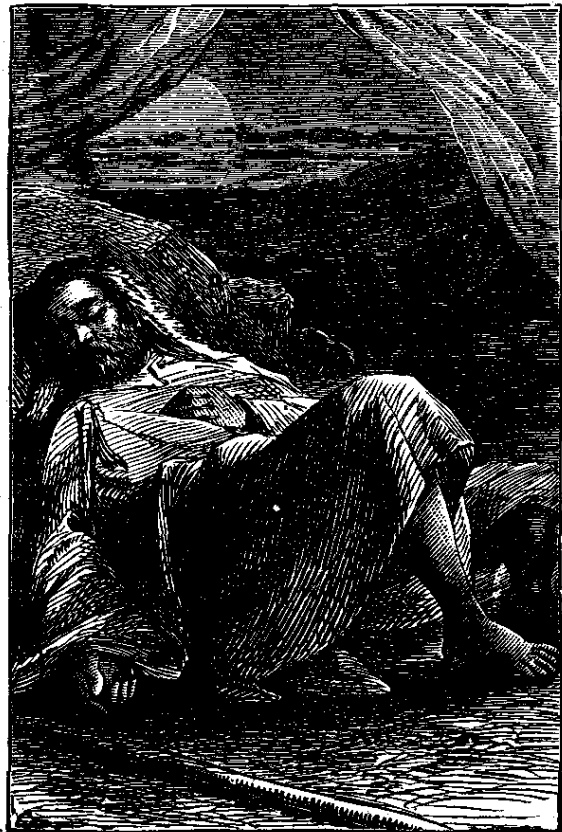
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So "Jacob fled into the country of Syria" (Hosea xii. 12). His father and mother told him to go to Paden-aram (which was one of the names given to the country beyond the Euphrates), to his uncle Laban, and Jacob obeyed them and set out on his journey.

But God was leading him, though as yet he did not know it. For although God had not spoken to Jacob, as he did to Abram, and told him to go on this journey, yet in obeying his father and mother he was going where God meant him to go. As he went on his journey, he came to a place where his grandfather long years before had built an altar to the Lord (Genesis xii. 8). At this place Jacob stayed all night, for when he got there the sun had set and it was almost dark. There was no house or tent where he could sleep, so he put some of the stones of the place and put them for his pillows, and there he lay down to sleep.

As he slept he dreamed, and in his dream he saw a ladder; the foot of it rested on the earth, and the top reached to heaven, and the angels of God were going up and down it. But it was not they who spoke to Jacob; more wonderful still, the Lord Himself stood there and spoke to him. No doubt Jacob had been told how God had talked with his father and his



"Jacob asleep"

grandfather; but now he heard the Lord's voice for himself.

What did God say to Jacob? First he told him Who He was: "I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and of Isaac," and then He made him seven promises.

1. The land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed.
2. Thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth.
3. Thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south.
4. In thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.
5. And behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest.
6. And will bring thee again to this land.
7. For I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

The first four of these promises God had made before to Abraham and to Isaac; but the other three were specially for Jacob at this time. For he was leaving his native land, and in fear of his life. He did not know what was before him, nor that he would not pass that way again till after twenty years; but God knew, and He promised to take care of him and to be with him all the time, wherever he should be.

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not." He did not know as we know now that the Lord is "not far from every one of us": that He "is nigh to all that call upon him"; for he had no Bible as we have. But he knew the Lord was there. "He was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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Then he took the stone that he had put for his pillow, and set it up for a memorial, so that he should know the place when he should come back to it in years to come (Gen. xxxv. 6, 7). And he called the name of the place Bethel, which means the House of God.

I have told you this story of Jacob and how God spoke to him at Bethel so that you may think about it. Perhaps you have a father and a grandfather who know and love the Lord; but have *you* ever heard His voice? He does not speak to us now from the top of a shining ladder, up which the angels come and go, but through His dear Son and by His holy word, the Bible. The ladder Jacob saw was set up from earth to heaven. The Lord Jesus came down from heaven to earth, to make a way by which we could draw near to God. Jacob could not go up to heaven by that ladder he saw; but every one of us may come to God by the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is Himself the Way. No one can come to the Father except by Him, but those who do come to Him He will never turn away (John vi. 37); for He is able to save to the uttermost *all* that come unto God by Him.

And just as the Lord said to Jacob at Bethel, "I will not leave thee," so now He says to all who are His and have heard His voice (John x. 27), "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Hebrews xiii. 5).

K. I. B.



I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.

John x. 9.

“HE LED THEM FORTH BY THE RIGHT WAY”

When the people of the Lord  
Wand'ring in the wilderness  
In their trouble cried to Him.  
He delivered from distress.  
When in hunger and in thirst—  
When within their soul did faint—  
Then they cried unto the Lord,  
And He listened to their plaint;  
By the right way led them on,  
That to Canaan they might go;  
Satisfied the longing soul  
That His goodness they might know.  
Still our God is just the same,  
Still he leads His people on,  
Never need they fear to go  
In the way His Son has gone.  
None of them that trust in Him  
Ever desolate shall be;  
Call upon Him in distress,  
He will give the victory.

K. I. B.



HIDDEN SCRIPTURE ACROSTIC

1. That one of the tribes of Israel which was set apart to the service of God.
2. The first high priest.
3. One who “sat at Jesus’ feet, and heard His word.”
4. The place where the Saviour was born.
5. A country from which gold was brought to king Solomon.
6. That without which it is impossible to please God.
7. A garden where the Lord Jesus went with His disciples on the night He was betrayed.

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8. The mount from which the disciples returned to Jerusalem after the Lord was taken up into heaven.
9. A district east of Jordan where a man who was healed by the Saviour "began to publish . . . how great things Jesus had done for him."

Find out from the Bible the names and words described above. The initials read downwards form a name by which John the Baptist spoke of the Lord Jesus.

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Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before January 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in March, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

Will our readers please notice that these questions are the first of a new series: so it is now a good time to begin answering them and for those who have not been answering lately to go on again.

**The Fruit of the Spirit.**

1. What are we told in Galatians and Ephesians about the fruit of the Spirit?
2. Where do we find the following verses?
  - (a) "Ye shall know them by their fruits."
  - (b) "By their fruit ye shall know them."
  - (c) "The tree is known by his fruit."
  - (d) "Every tree is known by his own fruit."
  - (e) "Even a child is known by his doings."
3. For what purpose did the Lord say He had chosen His disciples?
4. Write two verses from John xv. in which the Lord speaks of "much fruit" in connection with His disciples.
5. Write out as many verses as you can find which speak of the fruit or fruits of righteousness.

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6. Who are those to whom "the chastening of the Lord" yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness?

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Proverbs xx., Matthew vii., xii., Luke vi., John xv., 2 Corinthians ix., Galatians iv., Ephesians v., Philipians i., Hebrews xii., James iii.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE.

Having heard that some of the older boys and girls find the above questions too easy for their age, we insert this month a set of questions for the seniors. These will be continued (D.V.) if sufficient answers are received to shew that they are wanted.

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### Questions for Seniors.

1. Who were the Kohathites, the Gershonites, and the Merarites? and what was the special work of each family?
2. What were the Kohathites forbidden to do on pain of death?
3. When wagons were given to the Gershonites and the Merarites for use in their service, why were none given to the Kohathites?
4. When the children of Israel went on their journeyings, which of these families were to set forward before the other, and for what reason?

Answers should be sent not later than January 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Weston as above.

*Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of each paper.*

*Readers abroad may send their answers a fortnight after they receive the questions, and their initials will be given later.*

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for December, 1910, 46 papers received.—Commended: W.H., H.H., N.T., F.A.M., D.L., N.H., M.T., Ethel K., I.Y. (under 12), C.E.M., B.T., Amos E., J.W., C.W. Six correct: I.M.E., John G., E.H., W.F.H., A.L., S.McI., G.T. (under 12), R.B., L.H. Four correct: J.E., Elsie G., C.K., D.K., K.K., R.N., D.P., J.T., S.H.W.

Correct except in part of one answer: Gordon R., Mildred S., R.E.P., L.I.R., L.Y., E.M.B., Mary B., R.G., O.H., F.L. (the first five are commended). E.R. (Jamaica) has sent answers to three questions only.

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## AFTER TWENTY YEARS

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**T**WENTY years after that night when Jacob slept at Bethel with a stone for his pillow, when God spoke to him in a dream, he was on his way back to the land of Canaan. God had guided him all the way to Haran, where his Uncle Laban lived, and he had been there ever since.

After he left Bethel he had travelled on day after day till he crossed the great river Euphrates, and came into the land of the people of the East. In a little while he came to a place where there was a well in a field, and beside it three flocks of sheep were lying, for out of that well they drew water for the sheep to drink. Jacob spoke to the men who took care of the sheep, and asked them where they came from; they told him "from Haran." Then he knew that God had guided him, for it was to Haran, that he wanted to go. He asked the men if they knew Laban, and they said "Yes, we know him"; they told him too "His daughter Rachel will soon be here, for she is coming with the sheep," and while he was talking with them, Rachel came.

When Jacob saw Rachel coming, and knew that she was his cousin, he went and rolled away the stone that covered the top of the well, and drew water for her sheep until they had had enough. Then he told Rachel who he was, and she ran and told her father. When Laban heard that his sister's son had come, he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, as even men do in those countries; then he took him to his house, and Jacob told him all that had happened. This was twenty years before the time of which I am now telling you.



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While Jacob was in Haran he had married, and now he had eleven sons; the eldest was called Reuben, and the youngest was Joseph. Afterwards he had another son also, whose name was Benjamin, so he had twelve sons altogether. He had grown rich, too, in cattle and sheep and goats, camels and asses, for God had blessed him and made him rich; and he had servants to help take care of them all. He had been Laban's servant and looked after his cattle and sheep all the time that he had been in Haran, and the first time that he wanted to go away back to his own country, Laban persuaded him to stay, for he said, "I have learned by experience that God hath blessed me for thy sake."

But at the end of twenty years God had spoken to him again in a dream, and told him to go back to his own country, and again He said, "I will be with thee." Jacob obeyed God's word at once. He had not always done what was quite right, even after God spoke to him at Bethel, but we must remember that he had no Bible, as we have, to tell him what he ought to do; and he was quite alone among people who did not worship the true God, so he had no one to remind him of what was right. But he was quite ready to do what God told him. He told his family what God had said, and he got ready camels on which they could ride; he took them all with him, and his cattle and sheep and all that he had, for he was not coming back again; and he started on his way to go back to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan. He remembered God's promises and he obeyed His word.

As soon as he came near to his own land, Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother to tell him where he had been all this time, and that now he had flocks and herds of his own; he was not coming home

to take Esau's share. The messengers came back and told him that Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred men. When Jacob heard this he was very much afraid, for he remembered how he had deceived his father long before, and how Esau was so angry that he threatened to kill him. But he remembered also that God had told him to come back, and that He had promised to be with him, so, in his fear and distress, he turned to the Lord and prayed for help and deliverance. He owned that he was unworthy of all the goodness that God had shewn to him, he prayed that God would deliver him and his family from Esau's anger, and he reminded Him of all His promises. And God heard the prayer of His servant, as He always does hear those who turn to Him in their trouble ; He has said " Before they call, I will answer ; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

That night Jacob stayed in the place where he was, and got ready a present to send to Esau. He took goats and sheep, camels, cattle and asses, and sent them on in droves before him, with servants to look after them ; and he sent a message to Esau, to tell him that they were all a present to him from his brother Jacob. The same night God appeared again to Jacob and blessed him, and changed his name to Israel, which means " a prince of God."

The next morning Jacob looked along the road, and saw Esau coming with his four hundred men. Then Jacob went on before his family, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, and came near his brother. And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. God had changed the heart of Esau, so that instead of hating his brother he loved him better than he had ever done. How glad

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and thankful Jacob was! God had heard his prayer, and had delivered him from his brother's anger. He had brought him in safety back to his own land, as he had promised him at Bethel so many years before.

I have told you this story to remind you of two things: that God will always guide His people, and that He is able to hear their cry and protect and deliver them, whatever the danger may be. Jacob believed His word and obeyed His voice, and He was to Jacob a Guide and a Deliverer. So He will be to every one that trusts Him.

K. I. B.



“Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.”

Psalm l. 15.



## THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

## THE SECOND MONTH

“**A**LL the congregation of the children of Israel came into the wilderness of Sin . . . on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt” (Exod. xvi. 1). A month had passed away since that wonderful night when God had seen the blood and passed by His people, and now instead of being poor slaves they were free; Pharoah the cruel king was drowned, and the deep waves of the Red Sea flowed between them and the place where they had been so cruelly treated. The sea had opened once to let them through; it would never open again to let them go back,

But the second month found them in the wilderness, and they wanted food; there was nothing to eat,—nothing but dry sand. “I will rain bread from heaven upon you,” said God; and the next morning when they got up, they found all around them on the ground a small round white thing, like the hoar frost. Perhaps you will see the hoar frost when you get up to-morrow morning; if you do, think of the manna. “What is it?” they said, and they could not get an answer. “Manna” means “what is it?” “This is the bread the Lord hath given you,” said Moses. So they went and gathered it up, and ate it. Yes, “man did eat angel’s food”—and how delicious it was, “like wafers made with honey.”

When the Lord Jesus was in this world he said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven” (John vi. 41). That pure, white, sweet, manna, which fell all round the people, so that all they had to do was to take it and eat it, was a lovely picture of Jesus. He came down from heaven, to where we poor sinners were, to give us life. Our bodies cannot live without bread; our souls have no life unless we take Jesus as our Saviour, and by faith feed on Him. But He not only came down from heaven to where we were, but He also said, “The bread which I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world” (John vi. 51). He gave His life, He died, that you might live. Take the manna, take it and feed on it, accept Jesus as your Saviour, and you will have everlasting life.

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## THE BIBLE IN STRANGE LANGUAGES

**K**ARANGA is not found among the foreign languages usually taught in schools. It is spoken in Mashonaland, which is in South Africa. When the Bible Society first sent out the four Gospels, the book of Acts, and three Epistles in Karanga, some of the natives of Mashonaland were at work in Johannesburg, and one man came to the depôt every day for a whole month to enquire if the books had arrived. He was there to see the first case unpacked. Opening a copy he read a few sentences,



and exclaimed, "Yes, this is Karanga; this is my people's language." Then he hurried off to tell the news, and was soon back with a dozen companions, all eager to buy the new book.

*Tagalog* is the chief language of Central Luzon, in the Philippine Isles. A translation of the New Testament into Tagalog was finished in 1901, and the Old Testament in 1905, which completed the first Bible in any language of the Philippines. A poor Filipino

woman in Cavite was so anxious to possess a Tagalog Testament that she gave a pet monkey in exchange, as she had no money.

*Mongo* is spoken by ten million Ba-Lolo people who live between the Equator and the Kongo. They pay for their Scriptures with "brass rods" as they call them—pieces of brass wire about ten and a-half inches long. Twenty of these rods is the price paid for each Gospel.

*Nyoro* is the language of King Dandi of Toro; when King Dandi wrote a letter of thanks to the Bible Society for a copy of a Ganda Bible sent to him, he added, "We beseech you to persevere in the translation of the Book into our language." In due time the Nyoro New Testament was finished, and despatched to the heart of Central Africa, where cowrie shells are used instead of money. But as the people do not all possess cowrie shells with which to purchase their books, they will bring in chickens, or grass-mats; and sometimes boys and women come in to dig and cultivate in payment for books.

These are just a few of the languages into which the Bible has been translated within recent years, and the work is still going on, for even yet there are many languages in India alone in which no part of the Scriptures has yet been sent out. Will not you pray for God's blessing on His servants who are busy in this work, and on the Colporteurs and Bible-women who carry the books to those who have no other means of obtaining them?

And will *you* not help to send to others the Book which can lead them to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour?

*From "The Bible House."*

## ANSWER TO HIDDEN SCRIPTURE ACROSTIC

<b>L</b> evites.	Num. viii. 14 ; Deut. x. 8.
<b>A</b> aron.	Exodus xxviii. 1. 2 ; Num. iii. 10 ;
<b>M</b> ary.	Luke x. 39. [Hebrews v. 4.
<b>B</b> ethlehem.	Matt. ii. 1 ; Luke ii. 4, 7.
<b>O</b> phir.	1 Kings ix. 28 ; 2 Chron. viii. 18, and
<b>F</b> aith.	Hebrews xi. 6. [x. 10.
<b>G</b> ethsemane.	Mark xiv. 32 ; John xviii. 1.
<b>O</b> livet.	Acts i. 12.
<b>D</b> ecapolis.	Mark v. 20.

“John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the LAMB OF GOD, which taketh away the sin of the world.”



## SIN

SHORT WORDS WHICH A YOUNG CHILD CAN READ. No. 8.



**W**HEN anyone does what is wrong, that is sin. It is right to do the will of God and wrong not to do it. You know how the first man was told by God not to do just one thing, and yet he did it. That was sin. So sin first came into the world. Then there was Cain, who went so far in sin as to kill a man. And when all who were in the world did wrong all the time, so that their sin was great, God sent the Flood to sweep them off the face of the earth. Noah was kept safe through the Flood, but he was not quite free from sin. In fact, as it is said in God's Book, there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin. And when, in course of time, God gave the law and told men what they should do and what they should not do, they

did not keep the Law but broke it. Men have not done what God told them to do. All have come short. The curse of the law falls on those who give way to pride and greed and all kinds of sin. And their sins come in to hide God from them. As the Book says, "Your sins have hid His face from you so that He will not hear." How great then was our need. We had need of some One who could take away sin and bring us to God. That One is Christ, the Son of God.

A. T. B.



## WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES No. 2.

## HOW TO FIND MERCY AND PARDON.

**S**EEK ye the Lord while He may be found,  
 Call ye upon Him while He is near:  
 Let the wicked forsake his way,  
 And the unrighteous man his thoughts:  
 Let him return unto the Lord,  
 and He will have *mercy* upon him;  
 And to our God,  
 for He will abundantly *pardon*. (Isaiah lv. 6, 7).

With the Lord there is *mercy*, and with Him is plenteous redemption (Psalm cxxx. 7).

Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to *forgive*, and plenteous in *mercy* to all them that call upon Thee (Psalm lxxxvi. 5).

Thou art a God ready to *pardon*, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness (Nehemiah ix. 17).

The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender *mercy* (James v. 11).

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to *forgive* us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1-9).



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Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain *mercy* and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews v. 16).



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR  
FEBRUARY, 1911.

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before February 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in April, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

**The Fruit of the Spirit—Love.**

1. What was the new commandment given by the Lord Jesus? and how did He say that men should know His disciples?
2. Whom did the Lord Jesus say that we ought to love?
3. How should we love? How should we shew our love?
4. What does the Epistle of James tell us about the "royal law"?
5. What 16 things are we told about love (charity) in one chapter of the first Epistle to the Corinthians?
6. Where do we find the following verses?
  - (a) "God is love."
  - (b) "We love Him because He first loved us."
  - (c) "Perfect love casteth out fear."
  - (d) "Love not the world."
  - (e) "By love serve one another."
  - (f) "The greatest of these is charity."

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—  
Luke vi., x., John xiii., xv., Romans xii., 1 Corinthians, Galatians v., James ii., 1 Peter i., iii., 1 John ii., iii., iv.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE.

Having heard that some of the older boys and girls find the above questions too easy for their age, we insert a second set of questions for the seniors. These will be continued (D.V.) if sufficient answers are received to shew that they are wanted.

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### Questions for Seniors.

1. "He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light in the night." Where is this passage, and to what circumstances does it refer? What was the double purpose of this fiery cloud?
2. In how many other places do we find mention of this pillar of cloud and of fire?
3. What was the appearance of the Shekinah or glory-cloud which rested upon the tabernacle? and in what way was it a sign to the children of Israel on their journeyings?
4. On what other occasions was the Lord's presence shewn by a cloud, so that "the glory of the Lord filled the house."?

Answers should be sent not later than February 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Weston as above.

*Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of each paper.*

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Answers to Bible Searching Questions for December, 1910, 49 papers received.—Commended: W.H., H.H., F.A.M., Gordon R., M.T., R.E.P., D.L., I.Y., Mildred S., A.L., L.Y., Ethel K., K.P., G.T., N.H., N.T.; (under 12), J.W., C.E.M., B.T., Amos E., J.E., J.T. Six correct: Mary B., John G., R.G., M.A.H., W.F.H., E.H., L.J.R.; (under 12), Elsie G., C.K., K.K., R.N. Four correct: R.B., Q.H., D.K., D.P., C.W., S.H.W. Correct except in part of one answer: T.A., J.M.E., E.M.B., F.L., O.C.R., F.S.; the first two are commended.

Correction:—The initials given in the January number were stated to be for December in mistake for November.

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# GLAD TIDINGS

## for the Young



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## SOLD INTO EGYPT

**K**IRJATH-ARBA, or Hebron, was quite in the south of the land of Canaan, more than 20 miles from Jerusalem. We read of it very early in the Bible, for it was to this place that Abraham went after Lot separated from him, and he lived there for many years.

Isaac also lived at Hebron (Genesis xxxv. 27), and Jacob went there to Isaac, his father, after he came back from Padan-aram.

It was at Hebron that Jacob was living at the time of which I am now going to tell you, when Joseph, the youngest but one of his twelve sons, was 17 years old. Now Jacob loved Joseph more than all his children, and to show his love he made him a coat of many colours. Because of this Joseph's brothers were jealous of him, and hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Yet it was not Joseph's fault that his father loved him best. About this time, too, Joseph had two remarkable dreams, and because of these dreams his brothers hated him yet more.

First he dreamed that they were all binding sheaves of corn in the harvest-field, when all at once his sheaf stood upright, and his brothers' sheaves stood round about and bowed down to his sheaf. In the second dream he dreamed that the sun and moon and eleven stars came and bowed to him. When his brothers heard it, they could not bear to think that even in a dream they should bow down to their younger brother. Yet it was God Who had sent these dreams; and in after years the meaning was made plain.

Soon after this Joseph's brothers went away to Shechem to feed their father's sheep. When they had been gone some time, Jacob told Joseph one day that

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he was to go to his brothers and carry a message to them. Joseph was quite ready at once to do what his father told him, although it was a long way for a boy to go all by himself, 40 or 50 miles at least ; and of course he would have to walk. He went out of the vale of Hebron, and started for Shechem.

But when he came to Shechem his brothers were not there. He was wandering in the fields looking for them when he met a man who told him they had gone to Dothan, about 15 miles further on. So he went after them and found them in Dothan ; he would not go back without doing what his father had told him.

His brothers were not at all pleased when they saw Joseph coming, and even before he came near they made plans to kill him. They said to each other, "Here comes this dreamer. Let us kill him, and say that some wild beast has eaten him, then we shall see what will become of his dreams." One sin always leads to another ; they began with jealousy and hatred, and now they were ready to do murder. But Reuben, the eldest brother persuaded the others instead of killing Joseph to throw him into a pit, and he meant, when they had gone away, to get him out again and send him back to his father. So when Joseph came, this was what they did ; they stripped off his beautiful coat, and let him down into an empty pit near by. They would not even listen to the message which he brought. Poor Joseph ! but God was with him, and took care of him even then. Whatever trouble we may be in, however discouraged we may be, let us never think that God forgets those who trust in Him. "The Lord will *not* forsake His people." "None of them that trust in Him shall be desolate."

Just then a party of merchants went by, their camels

loaded with all sorts of things which they were taking down to Egypt to sell. Judah, the second brother, said to the rest, "Let us sell Joseph to these Ishmaelites; then we shall get rid of him without killing him." So they took Joseph up out of the pit, and sold him to these men for twenty pieces of silver, and he was taken away to Egypt. His cruel brothers sold him for a slave. They only meant it wickedly, they "thought evil" against him, but "God meant it unto good." He had a great work for Joseph to do in Egypt; "to save much people alive."

Joseph went all the way from Hebron to Dothan to carry his father's message to his wicked brothers, and this was how they treated him. There was Another, Who came a much longer journey to bring God's message of love to sinful men. HE was hated and despised by those to whom He came; HE was sold for money, not to slavery, but to death. The Lord Jesus "came unto his own, and his own received him not."

When Jacob sent Joseph to his brothers, he did not know how badly they would treat him. But when the great God of heaven sent His Son down into this world, He *knew* all that men would do to Him. Yet He so loved the world that He sent His only Son to die. Joseph obeyed his father and went to his brothers not knowing what was before him; but the Lord Jesus came well knowing what He would suffer. Why did He come? Because of His great love, He came to die; He said Himself, "I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep."

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

K. I. B.

## THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

### THE THIRD MONTH

“**I**N the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai” (Exod. xix. 1).

Another month had gone, as the children of Israel journeyed from place to place, and now as the third month began, they found themselves at the foot of Mount Sinai. Moses went up the mountain to speak to God, and God said, “Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians and how I bare you on eagles’ wings and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed and keep My covenant ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me.” Moses told the people what God said, and they replied, “All that the Lord hath spoken will we do.” They did not say, “We have not deserved one bit of God’s goodness,” nor did they thank Him for it; but they thought themselves quite good enough to do anything that He told them.

Many people do so still; they think they will go to heaven if they keep God’s commandments; but, alas! they break them instead. As soon as they said that they would do what God told them, He let them see what a terrible God He is, and how solemn it is to have to do with Him. The mountain shook; frightful thunders and lightnings and a dark cloud were over it; and the Lord came down in fire so that the mountain smoked like a furnace, and the trumpet sounded louder and louder. Then God spoke His ten words,

“Thou shalt have no other gods before Me,”

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.”

“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.”

“Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.”

“Honour thy father and thy mother.”

“Thou shalt not kill.”

“Thou shalt not commit adultery.”

“Thou shalt not steal.”

“Thou shalt not bear false witness.”

“Thou shalt not covet.”

And the people were so frightened that they went away and stood far off and said, “We don’t want to hear any more.” It is terribly solemn to try to go to God with our own works; He must have what is altogether good, and we, like Israel, are altogether bad. We can never be saved by keeping the law; we must come as lost sinners to Jesus and trust the work which He has done. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”

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## A DIVINE RANSOM

**M**ANY years ago, England spent twenty millions of money to liberate the slaves; and, when once they were set free, those black men had no desire to return to their chains.

But the worst slavery to be found in the world to-day is that of Satan, sin, and death; from which there could be no possible escape had not God Himself found a ransom.

By nature we are all the slaves of Satan—though many, alas! both young and old, do not admit it, yet the god of this world is a far more cruel task-master than Pharaoh was to the children of Israel. Hence



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God's words to Job were fraught with grace, and deep compassion, "Deliver him from going down into the pit; *I have found a ransom*"; and Job knew this personally for himself when, in the confidence of faith, he exclaimed, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Scripture says, "They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him . . . for the redemption of their soul is precious." Under the old Mosaic law, the firstling, even of an ass, had to be redeemed by a lamb; or else its neck had to be broken, for God had so ordained. How much more



infinitely precious then, in His sight, is the redemption of a child; yet, whether it be for young or old, there is only one way that redemption is made, and it is through the One, of whom John the Baptist testified, "Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world." His death and blood-shedding have for ever broken the power of Satan, sin, and death; and

His resurrection proclaims perfect freedom to all who trust that precious blood. "For we are not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish, and without spot: Who verily was fore-ordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifested in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in God that raised Him up from among the dead, and gave Him glory, that your faith and hope might be in God." Yes; God has found the ransom, even "the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all." God is satisfied with Jesus; are you, dear reader?

If so, and you are really trusting that blessed Saviour in your heart, you are privileged to sing these words:—

**R**edeemed by Jesu's blood,  
**A**t peace with God am I;  
**"N**o condemnation," mine,  
**S**ince Christ for me did die;  
**O**n Him, my sins by God were laid,  
**M**y Ransom price is fully paid.

Let us not forget, however, that all who either despise, or refuse, God's Ransom, do so to their own eternal sorrow; for the Scripture saith, "Because there is wrath, beware lest He take thee away with His stroke, then a *great ransom* cannot deliver thee."

S. T.



The Son of man came . . . to give His life a ransom for many. Matt. xx. 28.

### SCRIPTURE ACROSTIC

**L**earn of Me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart.  
**E**ven a child is known by his doings, whether his  
work be pure, and whether it be right.  
**A**s ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to  
them likewise.  
**R**emember the words of the Lord Jesus.  
**N**o man can serve two masters.  
**O**vercome evil with good.  
**F**or I have given you an example that ye should do  
as I have done to you.  
**M**y peace I give unto you ; not as the world giveth,  
give I unto you.  
**E**ven Christ pleased not Himself.  
Take My yoke upon you, and LEARN OF ME ;  
. . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For  
My yoke is easy and My burden is light.



### WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES No. 3.

#### WHY JESUS CAME

**T**HIS is a faithful saying, and worthy of all  
acceptation, that *Christ Jesus came into the  
world to save sinners.* 1 Timothy i. 15.

Jesus answering said unto them,—I came *not to call  
the righteous but sinners to repentance.* Luke v. 32.

The Son of Man is come *to seek and to save that  
which was lost.* Luke xix. 10.

I came *not to judge the world, but to save the world.*  
John xii. 47.

I am the Good Shepherd ; the Good Shepherd  
*giveth His life for the sheep.* John x. 11.

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I am come *that they might have life*, and that they might have it more abundantly. John x. 10.

I am come a light into the world, *that whosoever believeth in Me should not abide in darkness*. John xii. 46.

For I came down from heaven, *not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me*. John vi. 38.

The Father sent the Son *to be the Saviour of the world*. 1 John iv. 14.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but *that the world through Him might be saved*. John iii. 17.



## BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS,

July to December, 1910

During the six months from July to December, 1910, answers to these questions have been sent by 83 of our readers, and we are pleased to say that most of the answers have been very good. During the whole year, out of 120 writers, 32 have sent every month; 12 of these have sent every time for 2 years, and 8 every time for 3 years. Some of the older ones who have been answering for 2 or 3 years have now begun to answer the Questions for Seniors which first appeared in January, and we hope that more of our older readers will find these questions interesting, even though they may not have been doing the others. We hope that all will not only grow in years, but "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter iii. 18).

Books are awarded in each of the following divisions to those whose names appear in full. Some of the papers are so equal that it has been difficult to decide these awards, and in two divisions it has been found necessary to give two smaller books instead of one.

Over 16 years:—†Florence A. Mills. Highly commended: †R.E.P., §W.H., †N.H. Commended: †L.I.R. (Jamaica), L.M.S.

14 to 16 years:—§Irene Young. Highly commended: †Mildred S., §H.H., †M.T., †A.L., \*Mary B., S.McI., †F.L. Commended: O.R., O.C.R. (Jamaica), E.M.M., L.A., Eliza K.

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12 to 14 years:—†Dorothy Luff, \*Gordon Round. Highly commended: †N.T., †I.M.E., †L.Y., \*Ethel K., †G.T., §R.G., †W.F.H., †M.A.H., †K.P. Commended: E.H., §E.M.B., W.K. (Canada).

10 to 12 years:—§John Wager, §Cecil E. Munsey. Highly commended: §Amos E., †R.B., †C-K., \*S.H.W., \*R.N., †John G., †Elsie G., \*K.K. Commended: †D.P., D.M.B., T.A., E.R. (Jamaica).

Under 10:—\*John Treharne. Highly commended: †B.T., †J.E., †C.W. Commended: \*Q.H., D.K.

Those marked \* have sent each time during the six months. Those marked † during the year, ‡ during two years, § during three years.



## BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR MARCH

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1. What did Jeremiah say that God's word was to him?
2. What does the Apostle Paul pray, in the Epistle to the Romans, that the God of hope will do?
3. What did the Lord Jesus say in one of His parables about joy in heaven?
4. Write four verses from the 15th and 16th chapters of John shewing what the Lord Jesus said to His disciples about joy.
5. What does the Psalmist say all those should do who put their trust in the Lord? and those also that love His name?
6. Give references to the following:—
  - (a) The joy of the Lord is your strength.
  - (b) In thy presence is fulness of joy.
  - (c) Serve the Lord with gladness.
  - (d) My servants shall rejoice.
  - (e) My servants shall sing for joy of heart.
  - (f) Rejoice evermore.

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Nehemiah viii.; Psalms v., xvi., c.; Isaiah lxv.; Jeremiah xv.; Luke xv.; John xv., xvi.; Romans xv.; 1 Thessalonians v

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Answers to Bible Searching Questions for January, 91 papers received (including Q.F.S.):—Commended: L.M.S., F.M.M., S.McI., N.T., R.E.P., O.C.R., M.T., Mildred S., L.I.R., D.L., A.L., Ethel K., Phebe H., E.A.B., L.K.B., E.H., I.M.E., H.G.R.; (under 12), C.E.M., J.T., E.L., J.W., C.W., B.T., W.J.B., A.E., Edna R., D.K. Six correct: L.A., E.B., E.M.B., L.G., J.G., W.F.H., C.K., W.K., A.W.S., G.T., R.W., L.Y., W.Y.; (under 12), E.G., K.K. Four correct: R.B., D.M.B., J.E., Percy H., Q.H., R.N., D.P., D.R., I.R., J.R., E.R., S.H.W. Correct except in one answer: G.R., T.A., G.P., M.B., Dora B., H.V.H., F.R., A. McG., M.McG., K.P. (the first three are commended).

### Questions for Seniors

Answers should be sent not later than March 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Weston as above.

1. Who were Bezaleel and Aholiab? and how were they prepared for the special work which they had to do? What do we read of the others who were to help in this work?

2. Which of the children of Israel did the Lord say might bring an offering to the work of the tabernacle? Quote verses shewing how this command was obeyed.

3. Why and when did the people stop bringing offerings?

4. "If there be first a willing mind": where is this verse, and how does it conclude? Quote a verse from the following chapter which tells us how the Lord would have us give now.

Answers to January Q.F.S. may be found as follows:—  
(1) Numbers iii. 17; 25, 26; 31, 32; 36, 37. (2) Numbers iv. 15, 20.  
(3) Numbers vii. 9. (4) Numbers x. 17, 21.

Correct answers to January Questions for Seniors have been received from Elaine M., W.H., I.Y., F.L., T.H.H., Horace H., Henry H., E.W.B., J.K., D.P., N.H., H.W.J.B., F.A.S., I.W.P., H.Mc.K., M.L., E.P. The first four sent specially good papers.

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Correct answers to January Acrostic from C.E.M., L.Y., M.H., A.E., J.E., I.M.E., S.McI., E.G., M.T., W.Y., N.H., L.A., J.G., M.L.

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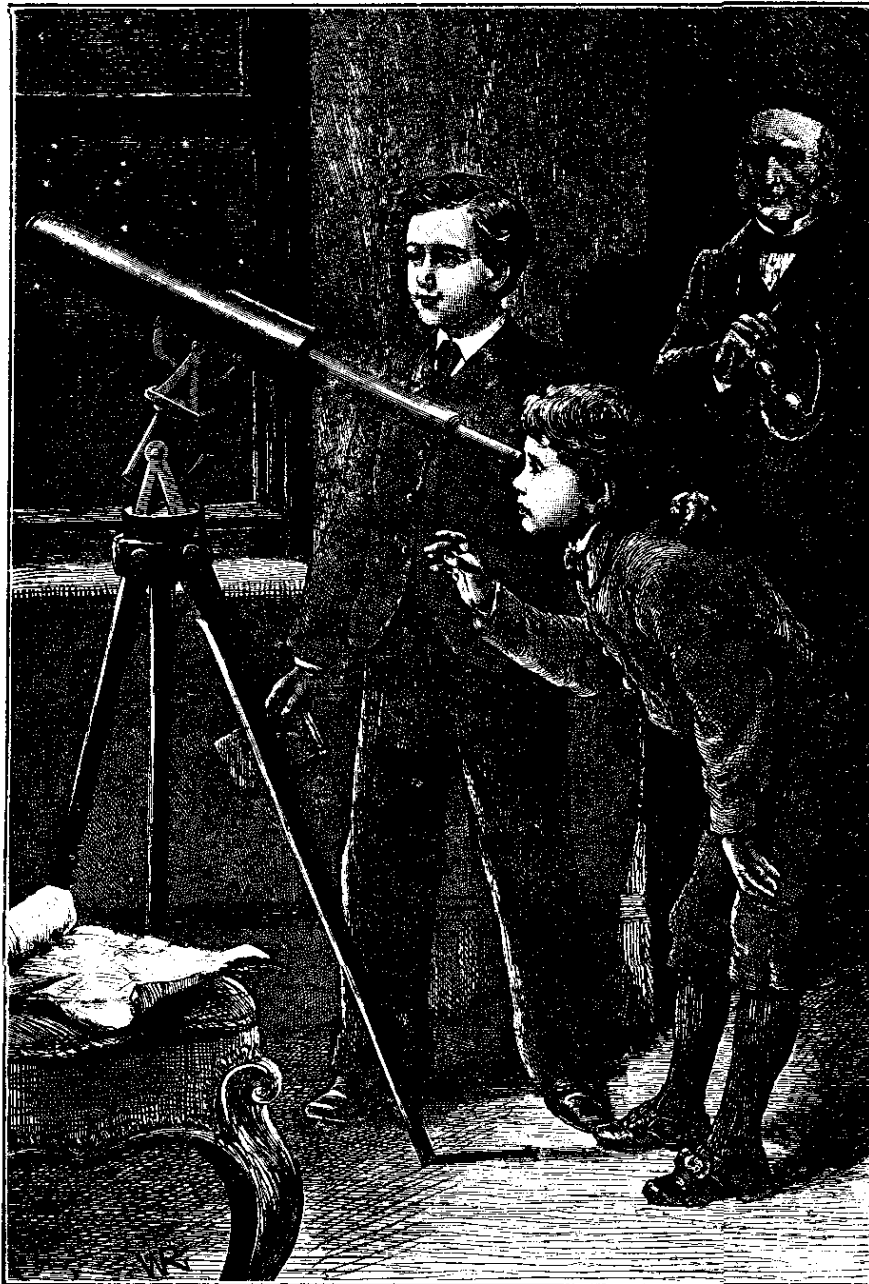
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# GLAD TIDINGS

## for the Young



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## A STARLIT SKY, AND A STORMY SEA

## (1) A STARLIT SKY

“**W**HAT wilt Thou give me, seeing I go childless?” was a question put by an aged patriarch to the One who made heaven and earth, and all things therein. “*Look now toward heaven,*” was the divine reply; and as the eyes of the pilgrim gazed upward into that starlit sky of exquisite beauty; and beheld the work of God’s fingers, those precious words rang in his ears, “So shall thy seed be.” Abram had neither son nor heir when he asked that question, but was an old man of ninety-nine; yet the Scripture saith, “He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and so we read “*Abraham believed God,* and it was counted unto him for righteousness.” More than this, God changed his name, saying, “Thy name shall no more be called Abram; but thy name shall be Abraham, for a father of many nations have I made thee.” Thus, instead of merely one son, his family was to comprise countless millions; and from that day to this God has kept his faithful promise to the one who trusted Him that starlight night.

Have you, dear child, ever looked toward heaven, and longed to be there; and have you yet heard, and believed, the voice of Him who saves the lost and whose word is “*Look unto Me,* and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else”? Even the vilest sinner may look, for Jesus “*died for all*”; and the very moment you look, you live; and, not only does God save you *now*, but you become *His child*, and He counts you righteous just as He did Abram. Look, and live!



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## (2) A STORMY SEA

A starlit sky, and a stormy sea! What a contrast they present! Paul, the Apostle, passed through many troubles and trials of various kinds that we know nothing of; but there was one special storm he passed through which he could never forget. He was at that time a prisoner, on his way to Rome; and the story of that awful storm is one of the most interesting in the Bible. Shortly after passing Crete, the ship was caught in a tempestuous wind, called "Euroclydon"; and was driven before it with terrific force, but this was only the beginning of worse trouble. "Being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship; and the third day they cast out its tackling. Instead of a starlit sky, "neither sun nor stars appeared for many days." Darkness fell on that benighted ship, tossed to and fro on those mighty billows; "and *all hope* that we should be saved was taken away." But after long abstinence, Paul stood forth in the midst of those frightened mariners, and said, "Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer, for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, "Fear not, Paul, thou must be brought before Cæsar; and lo! God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer, for *I believe God* that it shall be even as it was told me."

What a glorious sight, amidst the howling of the winds, the awful darkness, and the furious raging of the tempest, to find that there was one man, out of two

hundred and seventy-six, on board that doomed ship, who *believed God* ! Those to whom Paul spoke had not believed his words, when he warned them of their danger, 'ere the ship had started on her disastrous voyage ; but Paul himself *believed God* !

And so it came to pass that, though the ship was broken to pieces, they all escaped safe to land. Spiritual storms, and moral darkness are all around us to-day, dear children ; and the evil world in which we live is, like that ship, doomed to destruction. Can you say, in truth of heart, like Paul, "*I believe God*" ? When, in reality, you can say so, you will prove the sweetness of a Father's love, who will bring you safely home to glory through all the storms of life.

In the story just narrated, God, in His infinite mercy, permitted all the shipwrecked ones to reach the island called Melita safely, in answer to His own word to His believing servant ; but for you, dear reader, there must be a personal, living, faith in God, or you will never reach the golden shores of heaven. Many to-day refuse the warning voice of God's faithful servants, and perish in their folly ; but happy indeed are those who, like Abram and Paul, "*believe God*," under all circumstances.

S. T.



## THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

## THE FOURTH MONTH

"**I**N the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land" (Jer. lii. 6).

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Many years had passed away since the children of Israel had undertaken to do all that the Lord commanded them, but instead of doing it they had constantly disobeyed Him; and although He had brought them into the beautiful land which He had promised, and had kept His word, yet they had sinned against Him so much that He said He would send them away from it, and bring on them all the punishments that He had threatened.

And so one day, a big army of Chaldean soldiers came against the city; they pitched their tents all round it, and built forts too, so that they shut in all the people that were there, and shut out all the country people that were in the habit of bringing corn and vegetables and fruit and other things into the market. And so, as no more food could be brought into the city, the stores which they had were by-and-by used up, until at last, after the Chaldeans had been there nearly a year and a half, "there was no bread left."

All that time, while the people were getting poorer and poorer, and had less and less to eat, God sent message after message to them, by the prophet Jeremiah, telling them to go out and give themselves up to the Chaldean soldiers, and promising that all who did so should have their lives saved. But the people did not believe God: they knew that prisoners in war were often cruelly treated, and they could not trust God, when He told them that they could be saved in that way, and in that way only.

God has only one way of salvation now. You must come to Him by Jesus, and tell Him you are a lost sinner, and deserve to be punished for your sins; but you believe His word that though you are so bad, He loves you, and punished Jesus that He might not

punish you. But many boys and girls are like those people in Jerusalem. They are afraid to trust God's word and will not come just as they are to the Lord Jesus; they wait to make themselves better first, but they will find out their mistake when it is too late. "In the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month," all the bread was gone; they had nothing to eat; they were obliged to do something, they would try once more to get out. And so in the night they got out by the garden gate between two walls, and the king and his soldiers went a little way. But they had not gone far when the Chaldeans caught them, and killed the king's children and his princes, and put out his eyes and kept him in prison till he died. Oh, why had he not trusted God's word and gone to the Chaldeans instead of trying to run away from them? You cannot escape from God, you must have to do with Him, and He says to you, "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

T.



## THE LION AND THE BEAR

I SAMUEL XVII. 37

**I** BELIEVE that to some of the dear boys and girls, who read *Glad Tidings*, God has given a "new heart" that loves the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is to you I want to talk. If you love Him I am sure you want to serve Him and perhaps you get disappointed, sometimes, because you do not see what there is for *you* to do. You have heard about David,

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God's young soldier, and like to think of him confronting the powerful and experienced Goliath and killing him in the sight of all the Israelites and Philistines; and when you hear about the great victory which God gave to David you wish there was work like *that* for you to do for the Lord Jesus.

Well, dear boys and girls, there *are* enemies to our Master to-day, and, you may be sure, if you love Him, that He knows it and will give *you* the great privilege of serving Him just at the very best time and in the way that is the very best for you; but if there are none of these brave things put before you, just now, it is because the Captain has a little training and teaching for you, not because He has forgotten for one moment His eager little soldier; no, our



Saviour never forgets one of His little ones, but is always leading each along in the place that He knows is the best for them. I wonder when you have been reading about David did you notice verses 34-37 in chapter xvii. of the first Book of Samuel. Now here we find the secret of David's confidence: *He had slain his lion and his bear*

before he volunteered to meet Goliath! There were no big crowds to watch those fights! He was all alone with his sheep and he might have said, "No one will know and it can't matter much, its only one sheep." But it was David's work to take care of those sheep and take care of them he did, even at the risk of his own life; and so, while just bravely doing his duty, David proved how *real* a thing it is to have God's help, and it was knowing how to trust God, and how to fight God's enemies, in God's strength, that gave him the courage to be the champion of God's people, when the time came.

Dear boys and girls, if you want to do great things for our Lord Jesus, begin at once to do the little things well, however little and unnoticed they are. David had been anointed to be the future king of God's great people, but he was not too proud to go back and mind a few sheep in the fields. But see, he minds them as a brave king should; and so, with those of us who belong to God's Christ, there will be honours and glory when He has His glory; but now, to-day, let us be careful *how* we are "minding our sheep"—doing our every day duty! It does not seem very great or grand work, but the Master is great and glorious, and we love Him and He has given us the work to do, so we may do it *for Him*! Yes, everything—our lessons, that little job for mother, those errands for father—may all be done to please the Lord Jesus Christ. Does not that make the simplest work great? Then when the "lions and the bears" come prowling round to prevent us doing it well, we shall find how weak and helpless we are to kill them, and be ready for God to teach us what His promise means, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." Perhaps you wonder what sort of "lions

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and bears " spoil *your* work? How about that laziness the other morning when you might have been up early to help mother? That bad temper that made the little ones cry and get cross too? That staying, just a little too long, over your book or your game and forgetting the lessons that should have been better learnt? Don't you think that these things "steal our sheep" sometimes? And, remember, if we do not prove our weakness, and God's strength in these "little things," we shall never be ready to stand for God and His Christ as David was, when Goliath defied the armies of the Living God.

N. E. L.



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SHORT WORDS WHICH A YOUNG CHILD CAN READ.—No. 9.

**W**HEN you speak, you speak in words, do you not? It is by your word that you make known what you want to say. Your word comes from your mouth to shew what is the thought in your mind, or the wish of your heart.

Now God speaks to us by His Son, so the Bible calls Him the Word of God. God sent His Word (that is His Son) to make known His thought.

Far back in the past, the Word was with God. And the Word was God. All things were made by Him. In Him was life. He has said: "When there were no depths, I was brought forth: while as yet He had not made the earth, nor the fields; I was there: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him."

By His Son, God made the worlds. In fact all things were made by Him and for Him. And a day was to come when He, by Whom the worlds were made, should come into this world. The world was in

deep need of Him. Sin had come in, and through sin death had come on all men. Now there was One to come who should make an end of sin. The world was full of grief, and pain, and strife, and death. It was in want of peace, and joy, and life. He that was to come would bring them. He was the Christ, the Son of God, the Word of God. "Lo I come," He said, "to do Thy will O God."

And how did He come? If you did not know, you could never guess. *A baby was born.* He was laid in a stable: there was no room for Him in the inn. But a bright star shone over the place where the young child was, and wise men came from the East to see Him, and to bring Him gifts, as to a King. For this was the Son of God, the Prince of Life. It had been said of old: they shall call His name, "God-with-us." He was the Word, by which God would speak to men. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. He grew up. We may read of what He did when He was a boy: and as a man He went about doing good, for God was with Him. He would go from town to town to teach and preach; to heal those who were ill; and even give life to the dead.

He went about, He was so kind,  
To cure poor people who were blind;  
And many who were sick and lame,  
He pitied them and did the same.

Yet He had not where to lay His head. He who had been rich, for our sakes was poor. For He had come to seek and to save that which was lost. He had come as the Word of God, to make known God's thoughts, and the great love for men that was in His heart. So that when we read of Christ, we learn of the love of God as shewn in Him. For what Christ is, that God



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is; and those who see Christ, see God. "I came from God," He said, "and He that sent Me is with Me: He that sent Me is true, and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him."

One day a woman said to Him: "I know that Christ is to come: when He is come He will tell us all things." Then He said to her: "I, that speak unto thee, am He." Yes, the Christ had come at last; He was here in this world of sin, God-with-us; and now He would go on till He gave His life for sin, and died the death of the cross.

A. T. B.



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Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before April 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in June, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

**The Fruit of the Spirit—Peace**

1. Quote a verse from Isaiah which tells of perfect peace to those who trust in the Lord.
2. What blessing is promised to those who are peace-makers?
3. What did the Lord Jesus say to His disciples about peace before He left them?
4. What are we told in Romans about "peace with God," and in Philippians about the "peace of God"?
5. Write out as many verses as you can find which speak of the "God of peace."
6. Give references to the following :—
  - (a) "The Lord will bless His people with peace."
  - (b) "Great peace have they which love Thy law."
  - (c) "On earth peace and good will toward men."
  - (d) "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts."
  - (e) "Follow peace with all men."

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Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Psalms xxix., cxix.; Isaiah xxvi.; Matthew v.; Luke ii.; John xiv., xvi.; Romans v., xv.; 2 Corinthians xiii.; Philippians iv.; Colossians iii.; 1 Thessalonians v.; Hebrews xii., xiii.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for February, 85 papers received (including Q.F.S.):—Commended: Mildred S., F.A.M., N.T., Ethel K., R.G., G.A.R., E.B., R.E.P., E.H., A.L., M.T.; (under 12), J.W., C.E.M., D.R., J.T., Edna R. Six correct: M.B., L.C., L.G., J.G., Phebe H., C.H., A.W.S., L.S., G.T., E.W., R.W., W.J.Y.: (under 12), E.G., R.N. Four correct: W.J.B., R.B., D.M.B., E.M.B., A.E., J.E., Q.H., K.K., E.L., D.P., A.H.P., G.P., I.R., J.R., E.R., B.T., A.U., C.W., S.H.W. Correct except in one answer: P.A., T.A., L.K.B., E.A.B., E.M.B., A.B., I.M.E., H.V.H., M.A.H., C.K., D.McP., K.P., F.R. L.I.R. O.C.R., H.G.R., W.U.; (under 12), B.C., Percy H., L.H., D.K.

Very few have given a good answer to Question 3, the best is found in (a) 1 John iii. 18; (b) John xiv. 15.

### Questions for Seniors

Answers should be sent not later than April 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Weston as above.

1. What did God say that the children of Israel were to make for Him, that He might dwell among them? And how were they to make it?

2. Quote two other verses from Exodus where God speaks of dwelling among His people; and give references to at least three other places where we find the same promise.

3. What did Stephen say about God's dwelling-place?

4. What do we read in the Book of Revelation about the time when the tabernacle of God shall be with men, and He will dwell with them?

Correct answers to February Q.F.S. have been received from F.A.S., N.H., Henry H., E.P., W.H., Horace H., I.B.Y., Elaine M., D.P., M.L., J.K., F.L. The first two sent specially good papers.

Answer to February Q.F.S. No. 4 may be found as follows:—1 Kings viii. 10, 11; 2 Chronicles v. 13, 14, vii. 1, 2; Ezekiel x. 4 and xliii. 4, 5.

*Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of each paper.*

*Readers abroad may send their answers a fortnight after they receive the questions, and their initials will be given later.*

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# GLAD TIDINGS

## for the Young



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## WHAT AM I GOOD FOR?

 GENTLEMAN, while speaking to some children, took out his watch and asked what it was for.

"To tell the time," the children answered.

"Well, suppose it won't keep time, and can't be made to keep time, what is it good for?"

"It is good for nothing," they replied.

He then took out a lead pencil, and asked what it was for.

"It is to mark with," was the answer.

"But supposing the lead is out, and it won't mark, what is it good for?"

"It's good for nothing."

He then took out a pocket knife, and asked what was its use.

"To sharpen pencils with," said some. "To cut with," said others.

"Suppose it has no blade, then what is it good for?"

"Good for nothing."

"Then a watch, or pencil, or knife is good for nothing, unless each can do the thing for which it was made?"

"Yes, sir," the children all answered.

"Well, what is a boy or girl made for?"

The children hesitated.

"The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him for ever," said the gentleman.

"Now, then, if a boy or girl does not do what he or she is made for, and glorify God, what is he or she good for?"

And the children all answered, without seeming to think how it would sound,

"GOOD FOR NOTHING."

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Now, boys and girls, God made you and gave you the powers you possess, and so He has the first claim upon you. If you construct a machine, you expect to get the benefit of your work; and if after making it, you spend money in keeping it in order, you expect it to be useful to you.

Well, if children are made to glorify God, and they don't do it, are they good for anything? That is, it is so much more important that they glorify God, and become prepared to enjoy Him for ever, than anything else, that if they fail to do this, it is as though they failed in everything. Without love to God, all other things are as nothing.

Are you answering the end for which you were made? If not, what are you good for? Think of the children's answer—

“GOOD FOR NOTHING.”

E. A.



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## THE FIFTH MONTH

“**A**ND Aaron the priest went up into Mount Hor at the commandment of the Lord, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the fifth month” (Numbers xxxiii. 38).

Ah! the fifth month was a sad time for Israel; during thirty days they were in grief and mourning, for death came in at the beginning,—the death of Aaron the high priest. It was He who, with Moses, had gone to Pharaoh when they were poor slaves in Egypt; it was he who had pleaded on their behalf; it

was he whom God had chosen to carry their names on his shoulders and on his heart before him always;—the one who every year had confessed all their sins on the head of the scape-goat, and then had taken the blood that made atonement into the holy of holies, where God dwelt, and sprinkled that blood before and on His mercy seat. For over thirty-eight years Aaron had done this; because he had carried on his forehead the wonderful golden-plate with the words, “Holiness to the Lord” they had been accepted; and every year they had listened for the ringing of the golden bells round his robe, when he came out from God’s presence, to know that because he lived, they were forgiven. And now Aaron was dead! Do you wonder they wept and cried and wore mourning, when the one who had stood for them in the presence of God was gone for ever? It is true that just before Aaron died, his beautiful garments had been taken off and put on Eleazar his son, and he was now high priest; but still it was not *quite* the same; Aaron had known and loved and cared for them so long that they could not help missing him.

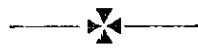
But, dear children, there is a High Priest now who can never die. “They truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death, but this Man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood, Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Hebrews vii. 23-25). His name is Jesus. He is the Holy One, and He carries all His people on His loving heart and on His strong shoulders. He is in the presence of God always for them, praying for them, caring for them, living for

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them. And He will never die. Once He died as the sacrifice for sin, and His precious blood has made a full atonement. Now He lives and can never die again. There is no other priest, no one else who can stand between God and you ; but He is always there, to save, to bless, and to keep all who come unto God by Him.

T.



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**T**HE Midianites who bought Joseph from his brothers took him down into Egypt, and there they sold him to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and captain of his guard. But though Joseph was a slave in Potiphar's house he did not forget that he was God's servant, and God did not forget him. "The Lord was with Joseph," and "the Lord made all that he did to prosper." Potiphar soon found out that his new servant was faithful, and did his work well ; and after a time he raised Joseph to be his steward, or chief servant, and to have charge of all that was in his house.

But Joseph's troubles were not at an end. His master's wife spoke against him to her husband, and falsely accused him of great wickedness. Potiphar believed what his wife told him, and he was so angry that he put Joseph in prison, in the place where the king's prisoners were bound. But still the Lord was with him, even there in the prison. The keeper of the prison got to think just as highly of him as Potiphar had done, and he too left everything in Joseph's

charge; "because the Lord was with him, and that which he did the Lord made it to prosper."

Nearly eleven years had gone by since Joseph was brought to Egypt, when two of Pharaoh's servants, his butler and his baker, offended the king; he had them put in prison, in the place where Joseph was, and Joseph had to look after them. One night each of these men had a dream, and when Joseph came in to them in the morning he saw that they looked sad. He spoke kindly to them and asked them why they were sad; so they told him about the dreams, and how they wanted to know the meaning of them.

Now Joseph knew that nothing was hidden from God, and that He could give him wisdom to understand these dreams. So he said, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me them, I pray you." And when he had heard the dreams, he was able to tell their meaning. Within three days the chief butler was to be set free, and go back to serve Pharaoh again; but the baker was to be hanged. Just as Joseph told them, so it came to pass. On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast to all his servants; then he remembered these two who were in prison, and it happened to them as their dreams had foretold.

Joseph had asked the butler to remember him when he was set free, and to speak for him to the king. You would think that the man would be sure to remember Joseph after all his kindness, and what he had done; but he did not. He forgot all about him for two whole years; and so for two years more Joseph was left in prison.

At last the time drew near when Joseph was to begin to do the special work for which God had let him be



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brought to Egypt. He did not know it, but God had been preparing him all this time, first in Potiphar's house, and then in the prison. Since he had come to Egypt Joseph had learnt many things : above all he had learnt to know God as he had not known him before, and when the time came he was ready.

Two years after the butler was taken back into the king's favour, and thirteen years after Joseph came to Egypt, Pharaoh had a dream. He woke up, and went



to sleep again, and then he had another dream, not the same as the first, but something like it. GOD sent those dreams to Pharaoh. When the morning came he sent for all his wise men and told them the dreams; but not one of them could tell the meaning. Then

the chief butler remembered Joseph. The time had come for which Joseph had waited. Men had not helped him. Potiphar treated him unjustly, the keeper of the prison could not set him free, the butler forgot him. But God remembered him, and now God's time of deliverance had come; Joseph was not only to be brought out of prison, but to come before the king.

The chief butler spoke to Pharaoh and said, "I do remember my faults this day," and then he told him about Joseph. He told him of the dreams which they had had, and that there was a young man in the prison, an Hebrew servant to the captain of the guard, who had interpreted their dreams; and as he had said so it came to pass. Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon; his prison clothes were changed, and he came before the king. His trials were over; now God was going to raise him up to be next to the king. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." He makes all things work together for good to them that love God."

God had been with Joseph when he was a slave, and when he was in prison, and still He was with him now. So when the king told his dream, Joseph was able to do for him what he had done before for the butler and baker, and tell him the meaning. He said also to the king, "God hath shewed Pharaoh what He is about to do." Pharaoh believed what Joseph said, and raised him to great honour. He gave him his own ring, and a gold chain, and royal robes to wear; he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had, and they cried before him, "Bow the knee." The man who had been a poor slave was now the greatest in all the land, next to the king himself. God had raised him up so that through him "much people" should be saved from death.

This story makes us think of that Other Who was falsely accused and condemned. He "took upon him the form of a servant"; He went about doing good; and always His Father was with Him in all that He did (John viii. 29). He was killed and laid in the

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grave; but God raised him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in heaven. Now God has "highly exalted Him, and given Him a name that is above every name; that at the name of JESUS every knee shall bow." Now, because of His death on the Cross, He is able to save to the uttermost everyone that comes to Him, every one that bows at His feet.

K. I. B.



## ASHAMED OF CHRIST?

**H**OW is it that anyone can be ashamed of Christ? Yet He said, "Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and My words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed." People were ashamed of Him, or He would never have given this warning.

There are such people to-day. There are boys and girls who would have been Christians long ago but for their being ashamed of Christ. What is the reason for this shame? Why is it that there is an idea at the bottom of the minds of some young people that becoming a Christian has in it something weak, something mean, something to be ashamed of?

Some boys have got some wrong ideas of Christ from pictures of Him. It is to be feared that some pictures have done more harm than good by creating a kind of impression in the minds of boys that there was something weak or unmanly about Jesus Christ. But the Bible records show how false such ideas are. What did Christ say or do that you should feel ashamed of? He never spoke a word that He wished He had left unsaid. He never did an action that He wished to undo or do better. His life was one of perfect courage and self-sacrifice.

Moreover, He fought such a fight as had never been

fought before ; fought for something that was very precious—for our souls' salvation ; fought single-handed against all the hosts of evil spirits while the angels looked on in wonder : fought single-handed against all the hosts of men, when His disciples forsook Him and fled. Against His single will Satan brought all the forces at his command. Storms of temptation swept over Him in the Garden, but He would not yield ; all the torments which cruelty could think of crushed every nerve in His body ; every insult that cowardice could invent ; every injustice, every treachery, the betrayal by one friend, the desertion by all—blow after blow fell on His heart till they broke it, but He would never give in. See Him on the Cross, His body bruised by the awful scourging, and bleeding from many a wound, and His heart broken by sorrow and wounded love. And above all this there was the terrible burden of the sins which He was bearing in the place of sinners, so that He was forced to cry, " My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me ? " Yet He did not yield for a moment, or lose for a moment His trust in God, His Father. And so He died, " the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." And we know how the great victory was won ; how on the third day He rose from the grave the Conqueror of Satan and death, and then went back to heaven where the Victor's crown was placed upon His brow.

Ashamed of Him ! Ought you not rather to be proud of Him, and in gratitude hasten to enlist in the army of the mighty Conqueror of our enemies ?

And now, if you are ashamed of Christ, what is the reason. The reason for the shame is in YOURSELF. Your sin makes you feel ashamed. Tell Him that you are a sinner and all unworthy of His love and favour,

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and then trust Him for your soul's salvation, and He will forgive you and cleanse you and give you the honour of fighting under His banner against the forces of evil.

Don't you think it mean to refuse allegiance to Christ now, when you intend to turn to Him in the hour of need? He who endured the Cross, despising the shame, speaks to you, and says, "Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and My words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed." What a doom!—SHAME AND EVERLASTING CONTEMPT.

E. A.



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## The Fruit of the Spirit—Longsuffering (Patience)

1. What does the Psalmist say about God's compassion and longsuffering?

2. How many times in the Epistle of James do we find the words "patience" and "patient"? Write the verses.

3. What reason does the Apostle Paul give in the Epistle to the Romans for glorying in tribulation?

4. What do we read in Ephesians about walking "worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called"?

5. How should we who are Christians run "the race that is set before us"?

6. Give references to the following:—

(a) "The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."

(b) "Patient in tribulation."

(c) "Charity suffereth long and is kind."

(d) "Unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness."

(e) "Be patient toward all men."

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Psalm lxxxvi.; Ecclesiastes vii.; Romans v., xii.; 1 Corinthians xiii.; Ephesians iv.; Colossians i.; 1 Thessalonians v.; Hebrews xii.; James i. and v.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for March, 94 papers received (including Q.F.S.):—Commended: N.T., F.A.M., L.M.S., R.E.P., G.A.R., Mildred S., R.G., L.I.R., T.S., A.L., M.T., Ethel K., M.A.H., L.M.H., A.W.S., I.M.E., E.B.; (under 12), C.E.M., G.P., J.E., A.E., J.T., C.R., E.L., B.C. Six correct: E.M.B., L.C., E.R.H., C.H., Phebe H., A.McG., A.R., L.S., J.W., E.W., L.Y., W.Y.; (under 12), E.M.B., R.B., L.H., R.N., D.R., J.R., E.R. Four correct: D.M.B., E.F., Elsie G., D.K., K.K., M.McG., D.P., I.R., B.K.S., B.T., M.W., C.W., S.H.W., F.W. Correct except in one answer: S.McI., O.C.R., K.P., G.T., R.W., P.M.A., T.A., E.A.B., L.K.B., W.J.B., John G., L.G., H.V.H., C.K., W.K., H.G.R., Edna R., F.R. The first five are commended.

Answers to Questions for December, 1910:—Six correct: E.A.W. (Barbados).

### Questions for Seniors

Answers should be sent not later than May 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Weston as above.

1. In what chapters of Exodus do we find instructions given for making the Tabernacle and its contents? What wood was used for the boards and furniture and with what was it covered? What was made of pure gold?

2. What description do we find in the Epistle to the Hebrews of the Tabernacle and its contents?

3. What did the Holy Ghost signify by the fact that "the high priest alone" went once a year into the holiest of all, "not without blood"? and what verses in the same chapter speak of the Lord Jesus Christ having now "entered into the holy place"?

4. What do we read in the same Epistle about the new and living way by which we may have boldness now to enter into the holiest? and how may we thus draw near?

Correct answers to March Questions for Seniors have been received from Horace H., W.H., N.H., F.A.S., M.L., T.H.H., Henry H., Elaine M., I.W.P., F.L., D.P., E.P. All the papers sent were good, the first four specially so. Received late, I.Y.

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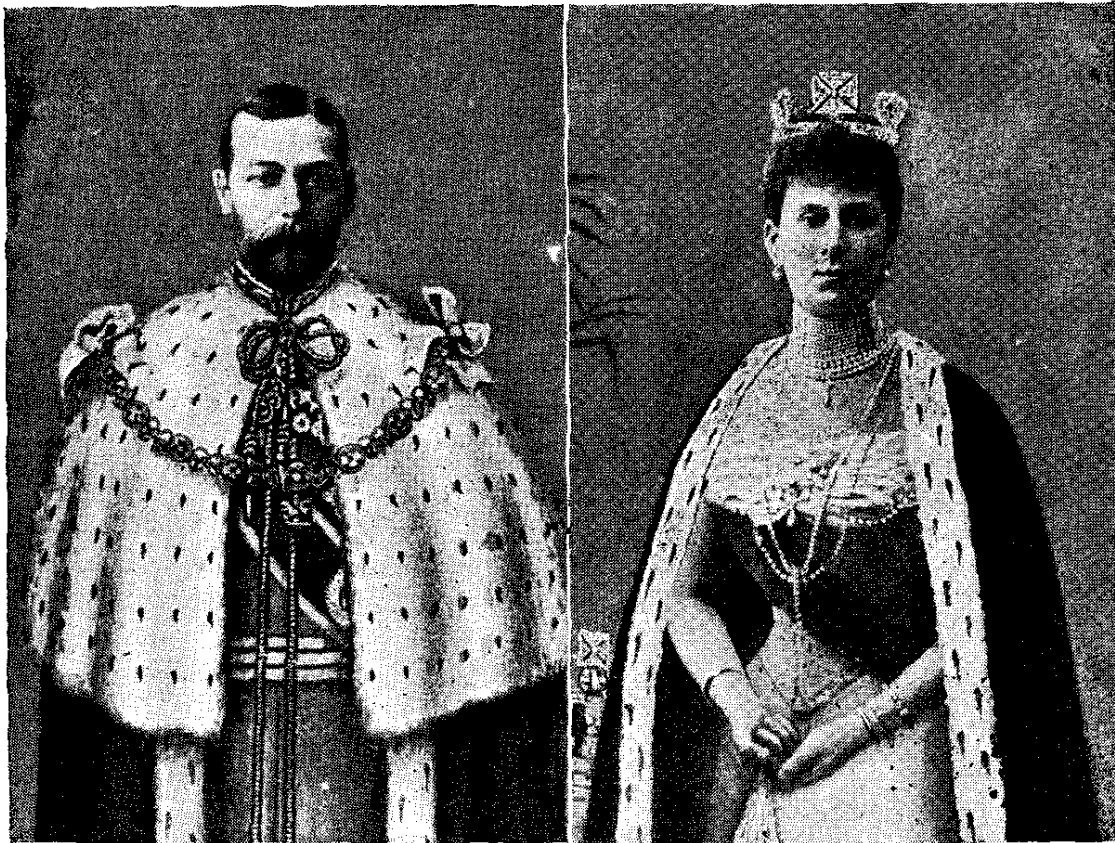
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# GLAD TIDINGS

## for the Young



**Their Majesties the King and Queen**

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## THE CORONATION

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**T**HIS month you will all be interested in the coming coronation of King George the Fifth, and will join in the universal prayer of "God save the King."

There is a good deal said in the Bible about crowns and crowning, and much of the ceremony with which King George will be crowned is founded on scenes which are described in the Old Testament.

The King will be anointed with oil in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and will be invested with the ensigns of his kingly state. He will receive the sword of justice as an emblem of the righteous way in which he is to rule, and the royal robe will be put upon him with the prayer that the Lord his God may endue him with knowledge and wisdom, and clothe him with the robe of righteousness and with the garments of salvation.

Then the orb with the cross is given into his hand with these words: "When you see this orb thus set under the cross, remember that the whole world is subject to the power and empire of Christ our Redeemer."

Next he receives the ring, and then the sceptre is placed in his hands, and the crown put on his head; at the sight of which the people cry "God save the King." Prayer is made that God will crown him with a crown of glory and righteousness and that he may obtain the crown of an everlasting kingdom.

Last of all the Holy Bible is delivered to the King with the words "Our gracious King: we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is wisdom; this is the royal law; these are the lively Oracles of God."



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Now for the object of this paper. Each of you also may receive a crown. The apostle Paul speaks of "a crown of righteousness," the apostle James calls it "a crown of life," and the apostle Peter "a crown of glory." In order that you might obtain these, the Lord Jesus was crowned with a crown of thorns, and robed in mockery with a purple robe. Then men took Him and with wicked hands nailed Him to the cross. But God raised Him from the dead. Now He is exalted to God's right hand and crowned with glory and honour. A name has been given to Him which is above every name "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow" (Phil. ii. 10).

"We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Heb. ii. 9.

Will you not bow the knee to Him now and own that He is your Lord and Saviour?

He has said, "Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy CROWN." Rev. iii. 11.



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**H**E was only a slave; he was in prison, too, and had been there a long time. But one day the king of the country, the greatest king in all the world at that time, sent for him in a great hurry, to come and tell the meaning of his dreams. Pharaoh sent for Joseph.

Was he afraid at being sent for like this by such a great king? No; for God was his Friend, and he

knew that God was with him, and would help him. If you have the Lord for your Friend, you need fear nothing. Pharaoh said to him, "I have heard of you, that when you hear a dream, you can tell the meaning of it"; and Joseph answered, "It is not in me; God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace." He gave God the glory, and let Pharaoh know at once whose servant he was. (See Proverbs iii. 5 and 6).

Then the king told his dreams. In the first, he thought he was standing beside the Nile, the great river of Egypt, when he saw some cows come up out of the water and go into a field. First came seven fine fat cows, and then seven thin and miserable ones; and in his dream the thin cows ate up the fat ones, but yet were no fatter than before. In the second dream he saw seven ears of corn on a stalk, full and good, and seven thin and withered ears, spoilt by the east wind; and the bad ears ate up the good ears.

Joseph told Pharaoh that both these dreams meant the same thing; and he said, "God hath shewed Pharaoh what He is about to do." The seven fat cows, and the seven good ears, both meant seven years; and the seven thin cows and seven empty ears meant seven years of famine. This was the meaning:—God was going to send seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, when all the crops should be good and everything grow abundantly; and after that should be seven years of famine, when everything would be scarce and nothing grow well. It was going to be such a bad famine that the seven years of plenty would be forgotten. And the reason the king's dream was double, was to shew that the thing was quite certain, and God would soon bring it to pass.

When Joseph had told Pharaoh the meaning of his

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dreams he went on to advise him and tell him what he had better do to prepare for what was coming. He said, "Let Pharaoh choose a wise and sensible man, and let this man, with others to help him, store up food during the seven years of plenty, and keep it in a safe place. Then when the years of famine come there will be food for the people to eat."

Pharaoh listened to this advice and thought it very good. Then he said to his counsellors, "Can we find such a man as this, in whom the Spirit of God is?" He thought no one else could be so wise or sensible as Joseph, so he chose him to be the one to do this great work. Why did the greatest king in all the world, as the king of Egypt was in those days, listen to a poor slave brought out of prison, and do what he said? It was God's doing. He spoke to Pharaoh through Joseph; He turned the king's heart to raise up Joseph to power, for He had brought Joseph to Egypt for this very thing. Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art; . . . . See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt." And he said also, "Only in the throne will I be greater than thou."

So Joseph was made next to the king. Was he very proud at being raised to such high honour, and because he had the king's own ring, and a gold chain, and royal robes to wear, and rode in the king's chariot? No, for he knew it was God's doing, and that he was there to carry out God's purposes. Still he was God's servant, though now he was a great ruler; and his work was to do God's will. He had been faithful in little things; now he was to be faithful in great things. Every one of us should remember that it is God who has put us where we are, and given us

our work to do, and that whatever it is, He wants us to do it for Him.

Joseph was now thirty years old. He went over all the land of Egypt to arrange what should be done about storing up the corn, and all through the years of plenty he gathered food together and stored it up in all cities. So much was collected and stored up that they left off counting how much.

Then the years of plenty came to an end, and the years of famine began. Now the people of Egypt were to find out what Joseph had done for them, and what he could do. The famine was in all lands, but in Egypt there was bread. When the people had eaten what they had, they came to Pharaoh for more; and he said to them, "Go to Joseph; whatsoever he saith unto you, do." No one else could do anything for them, not even the king; only Joseph could give them bread. Everyone who wanted that had to come to the man who had been a poor slave, and do what he told them; then they got it.

So now there is only One, much greater than Joseph, Who is able to give the Bread of Life to all that come to Him. No one else can give it to you; but He says, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; he that believeth on me shall never thirst." He says, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Just as long ago the Lord Jesus satisfied with bread the hungry multitudes that followed Him, so now He will give the living Bread to every one that asks. Go to Him, and "what he saith unto you, do." It is no use going to anyone else.

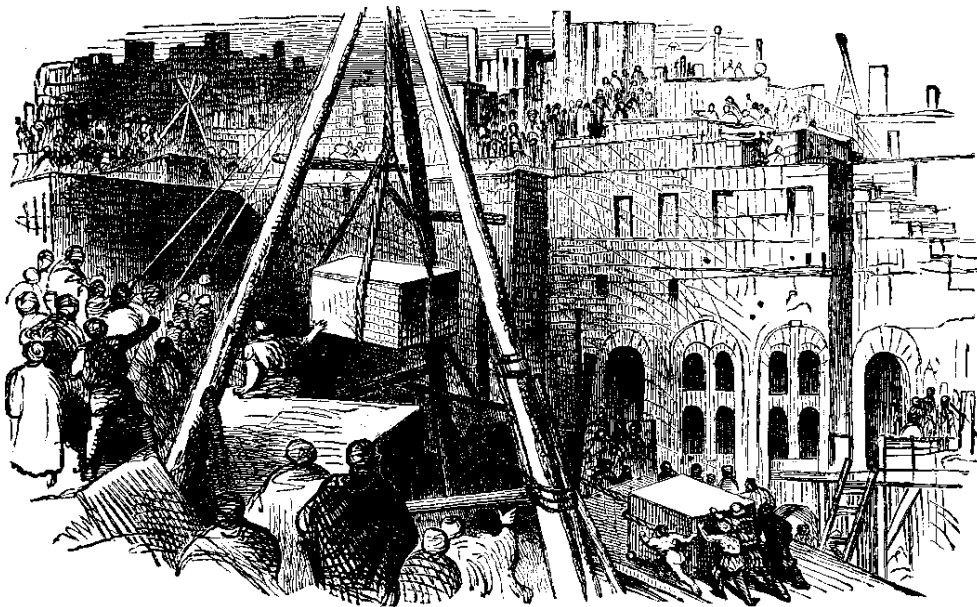
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HE SATISFIETH THE LONGING SOUL, AND FILLETH THE HUNGRY SOUL WITH GOODNESS.

## THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

### THE SIXTH MONTH

“**I**N the second year of Darius the King, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel ” (Haggai i. 1). “They came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts their God in the four and twentieth day of the sixth month” (Haggai i. 14 to 15).



Building the Temple

When the Jews came back from Babylon, they began to build again the temple at Jerusalem, as Cyrus the King of Persia had told them. At first the Samaritans, who lived near, and who professed to worship the true God while serving idols too, wanted to help them, but the Jews refused their help. They were right, for God will not accept works from the hands of those whose hearts are not true to Him. You must come to Him as a lost sinner, and *take* His salvation before He will accept anything of

yours. And the Lord Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters;" you cannot serve Him and Satan; you cannot love God and love the world; you cannot please Him and please yourself.

Well, the Samaritans were very angry when they found that they were not wanted, so they wrote a letter full of lies to the King, telling him that the Jews were building the *city*, not the temple, and were going to rebel against him. The King was so alarmed that he ordered the builders to stop, and the Samaritans took care that they did so, for they would not allow them to go on.

A long time passed, and the Jews got careless and lazy. They forgot God and thought about themselves, and when they could not build His house, they built houses for themselves, and tried to make themselves happy not caring for His things. But there is no happiness apart from God, and He would not allow them to be comfortable, but sent all sorts of troubles on them, to make them remember Him, and at last a message by Haggai the prophet.

It was on the first day of the sixth month that the message came, "Consider your ways." He told them how forgetful they had been and why they had not prospered, and ordered them to begin to build again. And they obeyed. They confessed their sin; and before the month was over, "they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God," and the work prospered. God would not allow their enemies to hinder them again.

His message this month to you is to consider *your* ways. Do they please Him? Oh! go to Him and confess your sin, and you will find from this day that He will bless you as He did them.

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## WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

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### ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE

**T**HE wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is *eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans v. 23.

God hath given to us *eternal life*, and this life is in His Son. 1 John v. 11.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have *everlasting life*. John iii. 16.

Jesus therefore answered and said . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath *everlasting life*. John vi. 47.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them *eternal life*, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone pluck them out of My hand. John x. 27, 28.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God that ye may know that ye have *eternal life*. 1 John v. 13.

And this is *life eternal*, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent. John xvii. 3.



## MADE CLEAN AND KEPT CLEAN

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**A**GENTLEMAN once bought a house in which he intended to live. He engaged servants to live in the house and to keep it in order. As he went to view the premises he turned to a servant and said, "There must be no more dirt in this house; I won't have any more dirt." The servant replied, "Sir, the place is very dirty, and has been neglected so

long, it will need a good cleansing before it can be MADE clean, and KEPT clean."

It is useless to try and keep a dirty house clean, for dirt produces dirt. All the dirt of the PAST must be put out of the way, and the rooms thoroughly cleansed, before there can be any thought of KEEPING the rooms clean.

All the sins of the PAST must be forgiven before you can do anything to please God. Your past life is like a slate with a sum on it, which a little boy at school can't get right. It is full of wrong figures, and alterations, and smudges. The whole slate is in a mess. What that boy wants is for a kind teacher to come with a wet sponge and wipe out all his mistakes and failures, and present him with a CLEAN SLATE; and then teach him how to work the sum right.

That is just what will happen with your life, so full of failures and sins, if you come to Jesus. If you trust the living, loving Saviour to forgive you, and keep you and strengthen you by His love and power, He will blot out all the dark, sinful past, and will then teach you to work out your future life so as to please and honour Him.

E. A.



"The Blood of Jesus Christ His (God's) Son  
cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John i. 7.

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall  
be as white as snow; though they be red like  
crimson, they shall be as wool."

Isaiah i. 18.



## BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR JUNE

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before June 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in August, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

### The Fruit of the Spirit—Gentleness, Goodness

1. Write two verses from the Old Testament which speak of God's gentleness.
2. What does the apostle Paul say, in his letter to Timothy, that the servant of the Lord should be?
3. What do we read in the epistle of James about the wisdom that is from above?
4. Write any verses you can find from the Psalms which speak of God's goodness (no chapters given for this).
5. What are we told in 1 Thessalonians to "follow" and to "hold fast"?
6. Where are the following:—
  - (a) "The meekness and gentleness of Christ."
  - (b) "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."
  - (c) "Depart from evil and do good."
  - (d) "Being fruitful in every good work."
  - (e) "Follow not that which is evil but that which is good."

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—  
2 Samuel xxii.; Psalms xviii., xxxiv., xxxvii.; Romans xv.; 2 Corinthians x.; Colossians i.; 1 Thessalonians v.; 2 Timothy ii; James iii.; 3 John.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for April, 83 papers received (including Q.F.S.):—Commended: R.E.P., F.A.M., K.P., Gordon R., R.G., S.Mc.I., E.A.B., L.K.B., A.W.S., L.M.S., R.W., A.L., E.R.H.; (under 12), D.R., W.J.B., C.E.M., D.M.B. Six correct: T.A., P.M.A., E.B., I.M.E., J.G., L.G., C.H., M.A.H., H.V.H., Ethel K., C.K., F.R., A.R., F.S., M.T., G.T., N.T., J.W., E.W., W.Y.; (under 12), R.B., E.G., K.K., J.R., E.R., B.S., R.N., F.W., S.H.W. Four correct: A.E., J.E., L.H., D.K., E.L., K.M., G.P., D.P., L.I.P., B.T., J.T., C.W. Correct except in one answer: E.M.B., E.F., L.M.H., W.K., A.H.P., T.S., L.T.

## BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

Note:—The answer to question 3 should have been John xiv. 27, and John xvi. 33. Over 20 of the answers gave only one of these verses.

Answers to March Questions. Commended: Eva R. (Jamaica).

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### Questions for Seniors for June

Answers should be sent not later than June 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Weston as above.

1. When the garments of glory and beauty were made for the first high priest, what stones were put upon the shoulders of the ephod, and why? What was he to bear "in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart?"

2. When and where did the first high priest die, and how old was he? Who was the next high priest?

3. What verses in the epistle to the Hebrews speak of the Lord Jesus Christ as being now the great High Priest?

4. Quote three verses from one chapter showing what He is able to do because of His unchangeable priesthood, what He is, and what He need not to do.

Correct answers to April Questions for Seniors have been received from Horace H., F.A.S., W.H., T.H.H., N.H., E.M.P., F.L., D.P., Henry H., I.J., H.McK., I.B.Y., E.M., E.K., M.L. The first two papers were specially good.

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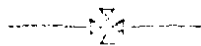


Jesus said, "Search the scriptures . . . they are they which testify of Me." John v. 39.

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"They searched the scriptures daily."

Acts xvii. 11.



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## THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

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### THE SEVENTH MONTH

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“**T**HE ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat” (Genesis viii. 4). “In the seventh month, in the first day of the month shall ye have a sabbath . . . ye shall do no servile work therein” (Leviticus xxiii. 24, 25). “Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement . . . ye shall do no work in that same day” (Leviticus xxiii. 27). “Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month . . . ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days ; on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath” (Leviticus xxiii. 39). On the seventh *day* God rested from His work when he made the world ; and the seventh *month* is also full of rest. It was then the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat, after it had been tossed on the terrible waves of the flood for five months, and Noah and those with him again felt solid ground under their feet. The ark is a type of the Lord Jesus ; on Him all the flood of God’s judgment against sin has been poured out, but it is all over now ; He is resting ; He has taken His seat at God’s right hand ; and because He is there, those trusting in Him have rest too.

Afterwards the children of Israel had four solemn days during that month on which they had to rest. On the first day was the feast of trumpets. The beautiful silver trumpets were then blown over a special sacrifice (Numbers xxix. 1-6) that the people might be remembered before God (Numbers x. 10), but they had to sit still and do no servile work. Again on the tenth

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day they were absolutely forbidden to do any work at all. It was the day of atonement, when the priest confessed all their sins over the head of the scape-goat, and sent him away into a land in which no one lived, where none could find him; and then killing the sin-offering he brought the blood into the most Holy Place and sprinkled it before God on and before the mercy seat. The blood atoned for their sin,—it spoke to God of the precious blood of Jesus that has fully put sin away;—but while their sin was being atoned for they could do nothing. You cannot do anything to put away your sin; the Lord Jesus has done it all; it is His work, not yours, that saves;—and His work is finished. Then on the fifteenth day of the month the feast of tabernacles began, and again they had a rest-day, as also a week afterwards on the eighth, the last, day of the feast. They then remembered all God's goodness to them and rejoiced in it, and rested.

“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, “If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink.” So these feasts tell you that you cannot do anything to make God remember you; you cannot do anything to put away your sin; you cannot do anything to deserve His goodness; but you may believe His love and trust what He has done and that will give you rest.

T.



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**A**WAY in the land of Canaan there was famine too, as well as in Egypt, and there they had no corn stored up to feed them while the famine lasted. So after a time Jacob and his sons had

no food to eat. But Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt ; and he said to his sons, " Go, get you down and buy food from thence, that we may live and not die."

So Joseph's ten brothers went down to Egypt to buy corn. Jacob had twelve sons, but Benjamin stayed with his father, and Joseph was gone. Jacob thought he was dead, and still mourned for him ; for the brothers had never dared to tell their father what they had done. When they came back from Dothan without Joseph, they had brought with them the many-coloured coat, dipped in the blood of a kid, and had shewed it to Jacob to make him believe that Joseph had been killed by wild beasts. Thus they deceived their old father, and acted a lie, to hide their other wickedness. But the time was coming when their sin should be made known.

Now they were on their way to the land where Joseph had gone as a slave. Did they think of him, and wonder what had become of him ? Did they mean to look out for him, in case they might perhaps see him ? or did they try to forget all about him ? We do not know ; but we do know that they never could have expected to find him what he was—no longer a poor slave, but the greatest in all the land next to the king. They were going to Egypt for food ; they never thought or cared that they might find there what they needed even more, and that was forgiveness for their sin. They never thought that in Egypt there was one who loved them, in spite of all they had done, and who had the power to do for them what they had no right to expect.

At last they came to Egypt. And when they went to the appointed place to buy, Joseph saw them, and he knew them, but they did not know him. For more

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than twenty years had gone by since they had parted ; he had altered more than they, for he was younger. No doubt he was dressed in the Egyptian fashion, and looked like an Egyptian, and they could not recognize the young brother whom they had sold in this great and powerful man who was governor over all the land. Even his name was changed, for Pharaoh had called him Zaphnath-paaneal. They came, and they bowed themselves down before him with their faces to the earth. So the dreams came true, at which they had been so angry, when Joseph was a boy at home ; and " Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed of them."

He remembered, too, their anger and hatred and the way they had treated him, and he did not at once tell them who he was. For he wanted first to make them sorry for their sin, and to find out if they were jealous of the young brother who was left to them, and whether they cared more for their father's wishes than they used to do. So he made himself strange to them, he spoke roughly to them, and asked where they came from ; he said they were spies.

They told him they had come from Canaan to buy food, that they were all the sons of one man, and that their youngest brother was left at home with their father. But Joseph pretended that he did not believe them, and that they were spies ; and he put them in prison. He said that one of them should be sent to Canaan to fetch the other brother of whom they spoke, to see if they were telling the truth. They must have remembered then how they had deceived their father.

No doubt they were very much frightened at Joseph's treatment, for they knew this great man could do what he liked with them, and even kill them if he chose. If

they had known he was Joseph they might have thought that he would. But they little knew his heart. Joseph was not like they had been when he was in their power ; he did not mean to revenge himself upon them, but that they might learn what it was like to be unjustly treated ; and he wanted to bring their sin to remembrance. They were kept in prison three days.

And now that they were in trouble themselves they did remember their sin. They said one to another, " We are verily guilty concerning our brother, . . . when he besought us and we would not hear ; therefore is this distress come upon us." They did not know that Joseph heard and understood what they said, but he did. " And he turned himself about from them, and wept." He wept for gladness, because they began to be sorry ; so now, " there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

Then Joseph took Simeon and bound him before them ; for he was to be left behind , while the rest were to go back to their father, taking food for their families ; then they were to come again bringing Benjamin with them. Why did Joseph keep Simeon in prison ? Chiefly, no doubt to make sure that they would come back again, and bring Benjamin ; for then he would know what to do.

Then he commanded that their sacks should be filled with corn, and their money also put back into their sacks : and he gave them food to eat on the way. So they loaded their asses with corn, and started for home.

They had got what they came for, but they had not got what they might have had ; for they did not know Joseph, and they had not his forgiveness. But when they went again to him, doing what he had told them,



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then he made himself known to them, and they found out what he was able to do.

We too need forgiveness for our sins and to know the One who is able to forgive; we need to own our wrong-doing and to ask for pardon. Joseph's brothers did not know that he knew all about them; sometimes we forget that God knows all about us, even



our thoughts. But though He knows, He wants us to come to Him and confess our sins, and then He will forgive them all because of what the Lord Jesus has done; then we shall come to know the One whom to know is life eternal (John xvii. 3). K.I.B.



“O God, Thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from Thee.” Psalm lxix. 5.

“With the Lord there is mercy, and with Him there is plenteous redemption.” Psalm cxxx. 7.

“He will abundantly pardon.” Isaiah lv. 7.

## RAHAB'S SCARLET CORD

JOSHUA II.

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**I**N the Old Testament times God gave many pictures of what He *was going to do*, and now that Jesus Christ *has* accomplished His great work, we may look at these beautiful pictures in God's Book and learn from each some special little part of God's plan. Now, in the second chapter of Joshua, God tells us the history of Rahab, who hid the two Israelites ; and this story shows us one picture of *how* God saves.

Rahab lived in Jericho, a city that was accursed to God (Joshua vi. 17), and she was herself a bad, wicked woman, and yet she and those in her house were saved alive and taken care of, when the rest of the people in the city were killed, and, even in the New Testament, the Spirit of God remembers her among the honourable people of faith (Heb. xi. 31). Now how was it that this woman, perhaps one of the worst in all that wicked city, was saved and blessed in this way? I think we get the answer in Joshua ii. 8-13; Rahab believed that the people of Israel (who, you must remember, at this time only *looked* like a poor set of runaway slaves, wandering in the wilderness) were really *the people* of the Lord who was "God in heaven above and in earth beneath," and so it is they whom she asks to save her and her friends. Everything depends on the one to whom we go for what we want. If Rahab had appealed to the king of Jericho he might have had no wish to help her, neither had he the power. But though Rahab had heard only a very little about God, just what was told about His doings for the Israelites, she believed in Him, so far as she

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knew, and appealed straight to His people for help, and so she got more than she asked for, because she went to the right place.

Have you noticed that it was a *scarlet* cord that Rahab was to put in the window? All down the years of time God was looking forward to the great work which His Son was going to do—the work by which alone any could be saved, and so He tells us the cord was scarlet, that it may remind us of the precious blood of Christ that saves from all sin those who trust to it, just as Rahab and her friends trusted to the sign of the cord.

Now I want you to think of one or two things about this history, for always remember these stories in God's Book are *doubly* true: they are real accounts of actual people who lived and did just what the Bible says they did, and at the same time they are true pictures to show us what God would have us learn about Him, His Son and His mind, and about ourselves and our sins.

Now *who* were they that told the woman what should be used as a token? The two men of Israel.

Who were they that were to bring the judgment on Jericho? The men of Israel.

How many were to be saved? Just as many as were in the house where the scarlet cord was shown.

Would it have been any good, when the city was destroyed, for Rahab to cry out, "Oh, do save that boy, he is my brother, but would not stay in the house"? No, she was told to bring them into the house and all who came were saved because the men looked at the scarlet cord.

Now, dear boys and girls, I want to ask you, Are you safely sheltered behind God's "token"?

Who is going to judge this world in which we live? God.

Who has made a way for any one in the world to be saved? God has.

How many will be saved? Just as many as trust to the way God gave, and to nothing else.

Many of you have Christian fathers and mothers who have told you of Jesus and His blood, but like those in Rahab's family you *must come* under the shelter *yourself* to be safe. Just come to God (don't be afraid, for no one loves you as He does), and ask Him to put you under the shelter of the blood of Jesus Christ, own to Him that you are so sinful that in no other way can you be safe, that you are too helpless even to come by yourself but that you want to be saved in the wonderful way that He has made. Perhaps you feel you don't understand much about it? Never mind, God does, and remember it is God that looks at "the token" as it were, and you may be sure that He knows and fully values the work that Jesus did on Calvary.

N. E. L.



## WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

### HOW TO BE STRONG



*WAIT on the Lord:* be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord. Psalm xxvii. 14.

They that *wait upon the Lord* shall renew their strength. Isaiah xl. 29.

*The Lord will give strength* to His people. Psalm xxix. 11.

Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye *that hope in the Lord*. Psalm xxxi. 24.

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My flesh and my heart faileth; but GOD is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. Psalm lxxiii. 26.

*The Lord* is my strength and my shield; *my heart trusted in Him* and I am helped. Psalm xxviii. 7.

*The Lord* is my strength and song. Psalm cxviii. 14.

Be strong *in the Lord*, and in the power of His might. Ephesians vi. 10.

Be strong *in the grace that is in Christ Jesus*. 2 Tim. ii. 1.

*Trust ye in the Lord for ever*: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isaiah xxvi. 4.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. iv. 13.



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**The Fruit of the Spirit—Faith**

1. What must we have before it is possible to please God, and why?
2. Write verses which tell us how faith comes, and whose gift it is.
3. Give references to the different times when the Lord Jesus said to those who came to Him, "Thy faith hath saved Thee" or "Thy faith hath made thee whole." (No chapters given for this).
4. Quote four verses from the Gospels in which the Lord rebukes His disciples for their little faith, and two in which He praises others for their great faith.
5. In which chapter of Hebrews do we read of those who "obtained a good report through faith," and what are their names?

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6. What should we add to our faith and why?

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Matthew vi., viii., xiv., xv.; Mark iv.; Luke vii., xii.; Romans x.; Ephesians ii.; Hebrews xi.; 2 Peter i.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for May, 74 papers received (including Q.F.S.):—Commended: F.A.M., G.A.R., R.G., R.E.P., N.T., T.S., A.L., M.T., R.W., E.R.H., L.Y.; (under 12), D.R., C.E.M., F.W., B.S., L.H. Six correct: E.B., I.M.E., John G., Phebe H., Ethel K., W.L., A.R., J.W., W.Y.; (under 12), R.B., Elsie G., Ernest R., J.R. Four correct: D.M.B., B.C., A.E., J.E., K.K., J.K., E.L., R.N., C.W., S.H.W. Correct except in one answer: K.P., S.McI., E.M.B., E.F., C.H., M.A.H., H.V.H., L.M.H., W.K., C.K., D.K., K.M., G.P., A.P., D.P., F.R., L.M.S., A.W.S., B.T., G.T., J.T., E.W.; the first two are commended.

### Questions for Seniors for July

Answers should be sent not later than July 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Weston as above.

1. When did six hundred thousand people journey from Rameses to Succoth? and how long had they and their fathers dwelt in the land which they were leaving?

2. What happened to these people when they were encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon, and how were they delivered?

3. Quote as many verses as you can find from the Psalms and from Isaiah which refer to this deliverance.

4. How did the people and their leader shew their gratitude to God at this time? Quote a verse from Hebrews which tells us how we should offer praise to God.

Correct answers to May Questions for Seniors have been received from F.A.S., W.H., Horace H., N.H., E.M., E.P., I.Y., F.L., D.P., Henry H., M.B.L., E.K. The first three sent specially good papers.

Question 1 (c) is best answered by Exodus xxxvii. 6, 7 & 17. Question 2 (b) Hebrews ix. 12 & 24.

Answers to three March Questions received late from J.K. (Canada).

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## THE CORONATION

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**L**OCAL newspapers will be found to record proudly that His Majesty had generously honoured one of the citizens of their town with an invitation to attend his Coronation in the Abbey.

Perhaps in your dreams you have pictured yourself being invited. I wonder whether you went the length of picturing where you would be placed in that gorgeous assembly?

It will be seen from the pictures that only a particularly favoured few were near His Majesty by right of birth. One of the pictures interested me very much, for it indicated where the beloved Consort of our King, the gracious Queen Mary, and the Prince of Wales sat. They were very near indeed—Bishops, Dukes and hereditary officers of State had no place compared with theirs.

The memory of this scene of splendour is, however, destined to fade, “for the things which are seen are temporal” (for a time); but they have their value in carrying our thoughts to “the things which are not seen (which are) eternal” (2 Cor. iv. 18).

The Queen, the Prince, Bishops and Nobles alike had already acknowledged in their hearts their allegiance to King George or they would not have been there. Their public acknowledgment before the world and their being owned by the King followed this.

King David, in the wilderness of Judah, before he was crowned, looking beyond his own passing glory addresses God in Psalm xliii., telling of his thirst “To see Thy power and Thy glory so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.”

God, in the sanctuary, had taken David into His



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confidence, as He had done Abraham before, about the glorious future when great David's Greater Son should come to reign. This made David's own reign seem to him as nothing.

Have you ever been alone with God in secret? Perhaps the thought shocks you, and you have to admit that your sins have led you, instead, to hide yourself like Adam! But as to these God says: "Come now and let us reason together, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah i. 18).

God has removed the difficulty about our sins and would have us enter into His secret, and to own the Lord Jesus, as Peter did: "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God."

He is acknowledged in heaven "Head over all things," but as yet on earth only in the hearts of those who are in the secret. He is yet to be displayed in a brightness and acclaim of glory such as the eyes which have been dazzled with the splendour of the recent Coronation have not seen—their ears too, which have heard the rare music of this country's most gifted singers, have not heard anything to compare with what will be heralded in the Crowning Day that we await.

You have already been invited by God to come and reason with Him; and now for an assurance in accepting the remedy for your sins which He offers you—

"As many as received Him to them gave He power (right or privilege) to become sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John i. 12).

You will see, therefore, that you are not only included among those who are invited, but are put in a place of nearness also, for you may attend in the dignity of sonship, as well as in the relationship of a child.

Now comes the test of faith; what we have said


rests upon the word of God, but to many it appears as an idle tale. Abraham was not like these, for he believed God and knew for certain that whatever God had said would come to pass. You also must believe God and accept the promises which He has made in His word. Then you will enter into the blessings of which we have been speaking, and will have a place in that great Crowning Day which is coming by-and-by.

E.W.O.



## THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

## THE EIGHTH MONTH

“ND Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, . . . even in the month which he had devised of his own heart” (1 Kings xii. 32 to 33). It was God who appointed the feasts of Israel, and said when they were to be kept. It is the same to-day; if we want to come to God and worship Him, we must come in *His* way, and worship as He tells us, and not as we think best. The Lord Jesus says, “I am the Way” . . . “no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.” “They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.”

Jeroboam had been one of King Solomon's servants, and a very industrious one too. But when Solomon turned away from God and worshipped idols, God sent a prophet to Jeroboam to tell him that He was so angry with the King that He would take away ten of the tribes and give them to Jeroboam to reign over, leaving only two to Solomon's son. And then He promised Jeroboam that if he obeyed God he should always have them. Yet though Jeroboam had been an

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industrious workman, and done his work well, he had no faith in God; he did not believe Him.

And when God's promise came true—as it always does—and Jeroboam was King, he was in great fear lest the people should kill him and go back to Solomon's son. He knew that God had said that the people were to go up to the Temple at Jerusalem three times a year to keep the feast, but he feared that if they did so, they would not return to him; so he set up two golden calves for them to worship, and arranged a great feast on the eighth month, not the seventh which God appointed. It was an imitation of God's worship, but it was really a sacrifice to demons, and God was very, very angry.

The day came, and King Jeroboam went to offer his sacrifice, but a message from God met him there; the altar broke in two, and the ashes of the offering were all scattered on the ground, while the King's arm was dried up so that he could not move it. And Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin, afterwards perished miserably.

So will everyone else who tries to worship God in any other way than by the Lord Jesus, or trusts to anything else than His death and precious Blood to cleanse them from their sins. T.



## NOBODY WANTS ME—A STORY FOR THE GIRLS

**S**OME time ago a pale-faced little girl walked hurriedly into a bookseller's shop, and said to the man at the counter, "Please, sir, I want to buy a book that's got 'Suffer little children to come unto Me' in it; and how much is it, sir, and I'm in a great hurry."

The bookseller took off his spectacles, and looking

down at the girl, asked, "What might you want the book for, my child, and what makes you in such a hurry?"

"Well, sir," said Nelly, "you see I went to Sunday School last Sunday, when Mrs. Smith, the woman I run errands for, was away; and the teacher read about a Good Shepherd Who loves little children and Who said 'Suffer little children to come unto Me'; and the teacher told us about a beautiful place where He takes care of those children who belong to Him and makes them all happy, and I want to go there. I'm so tired of being where nobody wants me, and where there's nobody to care for a girl like me. Mrs. Smith says I'm always in her way, and I'd better be dead than alive."

"But what makes you in such a hurry?"

"Well you see, sir, I'm very weak and my cough's getting so bad now, sir, and I want to know about the Good Shepherd before I die; it would be so funny to see Him and not know Him. Besides, if Mrs. Smith knew I was here, she'd take away my sixpence I've saved by running errands, to buy the book with, so please be quick."

The bookseller wiped his spectacles, and taking a Bible from the shelf said kindly, "I'll find the words you want, my dear; listen while I read them." Then he turned to the 16th verse of the 18th chapter of Luke and read to her the sweet, loving invitation of the Saviour. He then told her about the Good Shepherd and how He came down from heaven to seek and save the lost sheep; how He suffered and died for us that we might have our sins forgiven and live with Him in the beautiful home He has prepared for those who love and serve Him.

"Oh, that's splendid, sir," exclaimed Nelly, almost

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breathless with attention. "He says, 'Come,' and I mean to go to Him. Do you think it will be long before I see Him?"

"Not long, I think," answered the man, noticing how very thin and ill the girl looked. "Now you can keep your sixpence, and if you come here each day, I will read to you some more of this book."

Nelly thanked him and hurried off. She came the next day as she had promised, but that was the last time the bookseller saw his little visitor. Nelly never came again to hear about Jesus.

Some time afterwards a rough-looking woman entered the bookshop, and said in a harsh voice, "Nelly's dead. She died rambling about some Good Shepherd, and she said you were to have this sixpence to help to buy books about 'Suffer the little children' for the children at school"; and throwing the money down Mrs. Smith walked out of the shop. Little Nelly with her last breath wished to tell out to others her Saviour's message of love.

Perhaps you too feel that people don't care much about you, and you have sometimes said, like Nelly, "NOBODY WANTS ME." Well, you see, Nelly made a mistake, for although nobody on earth seemed to want her, there was One in heaven Who did. When Jesus was on earth He wanted girls and boys to come



to Him ; and now that He is in heaven He wants them just as much. He is still saying, "Suffer little children to come to Me." He wants you, not to make you miserable, but to blot out your sins and make you His friend to serve Him in His grand work of saving other boys and girls.

But it may be you are not lonely or friendless. People think a great deal of you and are always doing what they can for you, and so you think you can do without the Good Shepherd. But whatever your thoughts may be, **YOU NEED HIM.**

Neither your father nor your mother, neither teacher nor friends can blot out a single one of your sins ; and unless every one of those sins of yours is forgiven, you will never go to the bright beautiful home of which you so often sing. The Lord Jesus wants you, and you need Him. Make this your daily prayer, "Lord, show me my need of Thee."

D. B.



## IT IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD

WHAT IS TO BE DONE WHEN WE'RE YOUNG.

**T**HE world says, "Enjoy yourself, make the most of your time while you have it, your young days will be gone quite soon enough without your making yourself old before your time. Most boys and girls are quite ready to take this advice ; or rather, they want no such advice, for that is what they think and what they do. They are young, life is before them, the end is a long way off, so far that they need not think of it yet ; they will enjoy themselves, and follow their own will, and do what they like ; as for other things, there will be plenty of time for **THEM.**"

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“Other things.” Yes, you know that there are other things; and almost all are agreed that those things must be attended to at some time. When people get weak and old, and cannot enjoy themselves as they used to do, when life is drawing to a close, then it will be right and proper to be serious, and think about their souls, and give up their wrong ways, and seek God, and prepare for death. So says the world.

But GOD says something different:—“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.”

Perhaps you say, “But I don’t wish to be gloomy,” Gloomy! Does it make anyone gloomy to know that his sins are forgiven? It is the aim of Satan to poison your mind against God, and to get you to believe that He wants to catch you to take away something from you and make you miserable. On the contrary God wants to GIVE you eternal life and the best of blessings in this world and in that to come.

If your life is to be a true success, as God reckons success, it must be lived along the lines of God’s will. A well-to-do gentleman lay upon his death-bed. He had been what the world calls a “successful man.” But now his confession was, “With all its success, I now see that my life has been a failure.” Why? Because he had missed the great end for which his life had been given him. He had lived without Christ, and was dying without hope.

The service of Christ is for your own good. It is not a kill-joy. It will not sour the life but sweeten it. Belonging to the Lord Jesus will not SPOIL you. On the contrary it should make you enjoy your play and stick to your work at school all the more heartily

because you will be happy in the love of God. A celebrated preacher once said, "I have known the Lord and served him now since I was fifteen years of age, and if he were a bad Master I would tell you. I would not lie even for Him. But I must bear Him witness that it is sweet to do His bidding, and had I done it more perfectly, I would have been happier than I am. But as it is, to have given my heart to Him, and to have sought His glory, has conferred upon my life its highest joy and its deepest satisfaction."

You of course wish to make your life a true success, but that cannot possibly be, so long as your sins remain unforgiven. You may have tried hard to live a better life and work up good feelings, and in various ways make yourself fit for God ; but you have failed. Now the reason for your failure is simply this:—You are still UNFORGIVEN ; you are still NOT RIGHT WITH GOD. How sickening and wearisome it is to try to do what you know is right and yet always fail. Why, many a dear boy and girl are just longing for someone to tell them how to get the victory in their lives over the sins which so easily master them. Now you can't BUY the forgiveness of your sins by your own doings. It has been bought already by the sufferings and death of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a free gift, and it is in Christ. You can't have the forgiveness of sins apart from Him. LOOK AWAY FROM ALL YOUR GOOD OR BAD DEEDS AND JUST TAKE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR OWN SAVIOUR, and then you will know, because God says it, that your sins are freely and eternally forgiven and so you will have started along the road of real success.

There used to be an old battered safe standing in



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the Broadway, New York, on which was the notice: "It stood the test; the contents were all saved." It had been in one of the hottest fires New York ever saw, but the old safe had carried its treasure safely through it all. No life is so safe as that which is guided and controlled by Christ. No life, indeed, is safe at all unless it is thus guided and controlled. "He that believeth not is CONDEMNED ALREADY!"

*(To be continued)*



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**The Fruit of the Spirit—Meekness (Humility)**

1. What blessings did the Lord Jesus promise to the meek? and to the poor in spirit?
2. Write a verse which speaks of the Lord Jesus as meek and lowly; and a verse from the Old Testament telling of another who was very meek.
3. Write three verses from the Psalms which speak of those who are meek.
4. What ornament is, in the sight of God, of great price?
5. What do we read in the epistle of Peter about humility?
6. Where are the following:—
  - (a) "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord."
  - (b) "The meek shall increase their joy in the Lord"
  - (c) "Receive with meekness the engrafted word"
  - (d) "Shewing all meekness unto all men"
  - (e) "Serving the Lord with all humility of mind"

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Answers will be found by searching the following chapters :—Numbers xii.; Psalms xxii., xxv., xxxvii.; Isaiah xxix.; Matthew v. xi; Acts xx.; Titus iii.; James i., iv.; 1 Peter iii., v.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for June, 78 papers received (including Q.F.S.) :—Commended: R.E.P., N.T., A.L., G.A.R., E.R.H., I.M.E., F.A.M., R.G., J.W., A.R., L.I.R., M.T., E.A.B.; (under 12), C.E.M., D.R., J.T. Six correct: L.K.B., John G., C.H., P.H., Willie K., C.K., Ethel K., W.L., J.N., A.H.P., O.C.R., G.T., E.W., R.W., S.H.W., L.Y., W.Y.; (under 12) Elsie G., E.L., R.N., J.R., E.R. Four correct: D.M.B., E.B., R.B., B.C., L.D., A.E., J.E., E.F., L.H., K.K., K.M., D.P., G.P., L.I.P., Edna R., B.K.S., B.T., C.W., F.W.

### Questions for Seniors for August

Answers should be sent not later than August 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Weston as above.

1. When did the children of Israel first come to the wilderness of Sinai? and through what places had they passed on the way?
2. How long after this was the Tabernacle completed and set up? what command did the Lord give to Moses a month later? and when did they leave this place?
3. In what order did they march at this time? what went before them, and why?
4. When the Good Shepherd "putteth forth his own sheep" now, how does He lead them? Quote any verses you can find in the Old Testament which speak of the Lord leading His people like a flock of sheep.

Correct answers to June Questions for Seniors have been received from W.H., Horace H., H.McK., E.P., N.H., E.M., F.L., M.L., Henry H., E.K., I.B.Y., J.K. (Canada), D.P. The first five sent specially good papers: so also did F.A.S., who was late.

Answers to the June questions are found as follows: (1) Exodus xxviii. 9, 10, 12, 29. (2) Numbers xxxiii. 38, 39; xx. 28. (3) Hebrews ii. 17, iii. 1, iv. 14, v. 5, 10, vi. 20, vii. 26, viii. 1, ix. 11 and x, 21. (4) Hebrews vii. 25—27.

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# GLAD TIDINGS


## for the Young



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## WHY I AM A CHRISTIAN

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 BOY named Harold heard the following story told at the breakfast table :—

A Y.M.C.A. Secretary desiring the help of a clerk, advertised in a daily paper, stating that applicants must be “decided Christians.” He received a large number of replies, every candidate stating that he was a “decided Christian.” Choosing twelve of the best, the advertiser invited them to call.

The first arrival was asked how he came to be a “decided Christian.” “My brother is a foreign missionary,” was the reply, “and I am a decided Christian.” The second candidate replying to the same question said, “I was baptised as a child, and confirmed by the bishop ; I am a decided Christian.” Another said, “I was born in a Christian country and not in a heathen country, and am therefore decidedly a Christian.” Still another gave as his reason for being a Christian that he “went to Church, and did nobody any harm.” Only one out of the twelve had any knowledge of Christ as his own personal Saviour.

“Now, children,” said Harold’s father, “are you Christians?” “Yes! Yes!! Yes!!!” came at once from shrill voices round the table. “What answer, then, would you have given? Why are you decided Christians?” There was a pause. No one answered. Then a prize was offered for the best answer, and a suggestion made that the answers should be in writing. Scraps of paper were given to the children. Harold took his and quickly wrote in pencil, “I am a Christian because I love Jesus and want to be a missionary and work in His service, or if impossible, to do all I can for Jesus ; and I love Him because He first loved me and

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has done so much for me. P.S.—Feel I can trust Him at any time.” He then gave the paper to his father, took his cap and rushed off to school.

Do you say you are a Christian? If so, why? What answer could you give? *Extracted.*



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**T**HE nine brothers went back to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan, and told him all that had happened to them. They told him why Simeon was left behind in Egypt, and that the man who was lord of the land had said that when they came again they must take Benjamin with them. But Jacob said “My son shall not go down with you.”

Time passed by, the food they had brought from Egypt had all been eaten up, and still the famine continued. What was to be done? Jacob said to his sons, “Go again, buy us a little food.” But they told him that it was of no use to go without Benjamin; they told him “The man did solemnly protest unto us. Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.” So at last, after long persuasion, Jacob consented to let him go: and Judah promised to be surety for him, and bring him safely back. Jacob would not have been so afraid to let him go if he had only known that it was Joseph who wanted Benjamin. Sometimes the things we dread the most are really for our greatest blessing; if we trust in Him Who knows the end from the beginning, we shall find that “All things work together for good to them that love God.”

Jacob told his sons to take to the ruler a present, of balm and honey, spices, myrrh, nuts and almonds, and

to take double money for the corn, because of what they had found in their sacks. And he prayed for their safety, saying, "God Almighty give you mercy before the man."

So they took the present, and double money, and Benjamin, and went on their way; they came to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. When Joseph saw that Benjamin was with them, he spoke privately to his steward, the chief servant of his house, and said, "Bring these men home, and make ready, for they shall dine with me to-day." So the brothers were taken to Joseph's own house; but still they did not know that he was Joseph, and they were afraid. Simeon was brought out to them, and the steward gave them water to wash their feet, and food for their asses.

When Joseph came home, they brought him the present which Jacob had sent, and bowed down before him. He asked how they were, and asked about their father, and spoke kindly to Benjamin, and then they dined together. They were not at the same table, but Joseph paid them great honour, and sent them special portions from his own table; and to Benjamin he sent five times as much as to any of the others.

At last the feast was over, and the next day they were going back home; yet still they did not know Joseph. But Joseph had a plan by which he meant to bring them back and find out what was in their hearts. He told the steward to fill their sacks with food, as much as they could carry, and to put his silver cup in Benjamin's sack. And he did so.

As soon as the morning was light, they started for home. Then Joseph sent his steward after them in haste to look for his cup; and it was found in Benjamin's sack. Now the man had said, "He with whom

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it is found shall be my servant ; and ye shall be blameless." But the brothers would not let Benjamin go back alone ; they all went back with him.

Then Judah and the rest came to Joseph's house ; for he was still there : and they fell before him on the ground. What did they feel like ? They had not stolen the cup, but they knew they had done far worse in years gone by, when they had stolen their brother and sold him for a slave ; and they thought that now God was going to punish them for their wickedness. When Joseph asked what they had done, Judah answered for them all, saying, " God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants."

But Joseph wanted still further to try them, so he said that Benjamin should stay and be his servant, and the rest might go. Then Judah came near to him and told him all about it, and how Jacob had feared to let him come ; he told him what he had promised his father, and he begged that he might stay and be a slave instead of Benjamin ; for he said, " How shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me ? "

When Joseph heard Judah pleading like this for Benjamin, he was so glad and his heart was so full that he could not control himself any longer. He ordered everyone to go out of the room except his brothers, and then he made himself known to them. He said, " I am Joseph, doth my father yet live ? " When his brothers heard that he was Joseph, they were so frightened that they could not answer him. But he said to them, " Come near unto me, I pray you." And they came near. Then he said again, " I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt." But he told them not to be angry with themselves, because they had sold him ; for he said, " God did send me before you to preserve

life." He told them that the famine, which had already lasted two years, was going to last five years longer, he told them how God had raised him up so that lives might be saved, and he said, "So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God."

How wonderful it all was! They found that the great lord whom they had feared so much was their own brother; and in spite of all they had done, his heart was full of love to them. Now he knew that they were sorry, he was ready not only to forgive them, but to provide for them everything they needed. They were to go and tell their father, and bring him to Egypt, and there they should dwell under Joseph's care and know no want all through the time of famine. "He kissed his brethren—and after that his brethren talked with him." At last they knew Joseph, and were forgiven.

Just as Joseph's brothers were afraid because they did not know him, so there are some now who do not know the Lord Jesus, and His great love, and how ready he is to forgive. But if you will only come to Him as He has told you in His word and confess your sins, He will forgive you as He has promised. Then, when you know Him, you will find there is nothing to fear: His heart is full of love to everyone of us and "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," and He will take care of you always.

K.I.B.

"Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful."

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."



## THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

### THE NINTH MONTH

“**N**OW the king sat in the winter-house, in the ninth month. And there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with a pen-knife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed” (Jeremiah xxxvi. 22, 23).

It was a cold day, and King Jehoiakim sat comfortably before the fire enjoying himself, when suddenly he was interrupted, some of his princes sought an audience with his majesty. They came in, alarmed and anxious, with important news. A book had just been read to them for the first time—God’s word, written by the prophet Jeremiah, and now forming part of our Bible. But they knew that it was God’s word about *themselves*, what He had to say about *their* sin and the punishment that would soon fall on *them* if they did not repent. So they tell the king, being anxious that he too may hear the message, and give the people an opportunity of confessing and forsaking their sins publicly. “Where is the book?” asked the king, and they told him. “Go and fetch it,” said he to one of his servants. Jehudi went, and soon came back with the roll containing God’s very words, spoken by the Holy Ghost through Jeremiah, and written down by his friend Baruch. “Read it,” commanded the king, and Jehudi read God’s message. But he had not gone far when the king snatched it from his hand, took up his pen-knife and cut it in pieces, and threw the Holy Book on the fire. In vain the frightened

princes besought him not to do such an awful deed; the king and his servants thought it a good joke, they did not care, they did not believe it.

Seven years went by, and one day a little group of men, went out of one of the city gates, dragging something along with ropes. What was it? A dead animal? Some poor overworked donkey, that had fallen down in the street and died? It might be, for nobody cared. No; it was the body of the king who burnt a part of the Bible. They left it to rot among the rubbish,—to be eaten by the dogs or the vultures—to perish, until the day when the voice of the Son of God will wake it again and King Jehoiakim will stand before His throne, to be judged by Him for the way in which He treated His word. How do you treat it?

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## IT IS FOR YOUR GOOD

*(Continued from last month)*

**J**UST before the battle of Waterloo the younger men in Wellington's army were inclined to be disheartened when they remembered that opposed to them was the great Napoleon—"the thunderbolt of war." But they were cheered by the veterans telling them that they were fighting under a commander who had never once been defeated. Those who enter the ranks of Christ's army fight under a Commander who has **NEVER BEEN DEFEATED**. If you enlist on the side of Jesus Christ he tells you right at the start that victory is bound to be yours in the end. He is a Conqueror Who makes all his followers conquerors. **THE CHRISTIAN IS ON THE WINNING SIDE.**

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God makes wonderful promises to those who overcome in the great battle between good and evil. That great hero, the Apostle Paul, could say just before he laid down his life for his Master, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." That crown may be yours as well.

With such glorious prospects why not enlist now? Yes, **WHY NOT NOW?** "Now is the day of salvation!" What do you hope to gain by putting off? Maybe you have many a time thought of becoming a Christian. You wished, you promised, you resolved, but nothing came of it. Life is uncertain, death is busy, eternity is near. Delay is dangerous, for it is breeding in you the disease of trifling. It is possible that if your heart is not given to Christ now, it never will be. Walk through a churchyard. What do you see written on the tombstones? Are all the ages there fifties and sixties and seventies and eighties? Do the **YOUNG** never die? What presumption to suppose that God will accept the **LEAVINGS** of your life. People give their cast-off clothes to a beggar, and throw the leavings on their plates to the dogs or fowls; but will you dare to treat your God so?

You cannot possibly yield your heart and life to Christ too soon. Too soon! It is never too soon to be forgiven; it is never too soon to be safe; it is never too soon to gain an inheritance in heaven; it is never too soon to enlist under the banner of Jesus Christ; it is never too soon to make sure that your life will be a success. But if there is no yielding to God and no faith in Christ, there remain only for you a wasted life, a death of darkness and a resurrection to shame and everlasting contempt.

Remember, if not saved, you are in danger NOW, condemned NOW, lost NOW. There is no middle ground. Choose Christ now, and the best of blessings will be yours NOW and for ever. You will never drift into God's kingdom. You cannot go to heaven by CHANCE; it must be by CHOICE. Will you, as you finish reading this article, accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour? Will you give him your heart and life, to forgive you, and cleanse you, and keep and strengthen you by His love and power? Fix it now and for ever.

### CHRIST FOR ME.

E.A.



### BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS.

January to June, 1911.

During the six months ending June, 1911, answers have been received from 103 of our readers: 39 of these have sent every time during the six months, and some of the papers have been remarkably good. Books are awarded as usual in each division to those whose names appear in full; also a special award is made for the set of papers showing most improvement.

14 to 18 years:—\*Rena Pagden, \*Alfred Ling. Highly Commended: \*F.A.M., \*N.T., \*M.T., \*L.I.R. (Panama), \*Phebe H., \*E.B., S.McI. Commended: L.M.S., H.V.H., O.C.R. (Jamaica), M.S.

12 to 14 years:—\*Ruth Goat, \*Kate Pettman (Special award). Highly commended: \*G.A.R., \*E.R.H., \*Ethel K., \*I.M.E., \*R.W., A.W.S., \*G.T., \*W.Y., \*John G. Commended: \*C.K., \*F.R., E.A.B., L.Y., L.K.B., A.R., E.W., C.H., M.A.H., E.M.B., T.A., L.G., W.K. (Canada), P.A.

10 to 12 years:—\*Cecil Munsey. Highly Commended: \*D.R., \*J.W., \*E.L., \*Amos E., \*J.E., \*B.T. \*G.P., \*R.B., \*D.M.B., \*S.W., E.G. Commended: \*K.K., \*D.P., W.J.B., A.H.P., E.F., Edna R. (Jamaica), B.K.S., F.W.

Under 10 years:—\*John Treharne. Highly Commended \*C.W., \*R.N., \*J.R., \*E.R. Commended: D.K., L.H.

Those marked \* have sent answers to each month's questions.

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**BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR SEPT.**

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before September 20th, the envelope to be addressed "*Questions*," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in November, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

**The Fruit of the Spirit—Temperance.**

1. What are we told about "Every man that striveth for the mastery?"
2. Of what did Paul reason when he preached before Felix? and what happened?
3. What are we told to add to our faith beside virtue and knowledge?
4. What does the "Grace of God that bringeth salvation" teach us?
5. What should those who are "Children of light" do and be?
6. Write a list of the fruits of the Spirit from the Epistle to the Galatians, and quote one verse about each of them. (No chapters given for this).

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Acts 24; I Corinthians 9; I Thessalonians 5; Titus 2; II Peter 1.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for July, 63 papers received (including Q.F.S.). Commended: F.A.M., K.P., G.A.R., R.G., E.A.B., L.K.B., Phebe H., M.A.H., I.M.E., (under 12), C.E.M., C.R., R.N., C.W. Six Correct: E.M.B., Amos E., Archie E., John G., E.R.H., W.L., B.K.S., J.W., R.W., (under 12) R.B., E.G. Four correct: D.M.B., Evelyn B., B.C., J.E., D.K., J.K., K.K., E.L. J.R., E.R., F.W. Correct except in one answer: E.F., W.K., A.L. L.I.P., L.I.R., O.C.R., Edna R., A.R., E.W., L.Y.,

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**QUESTIONS FOR SENIORS.**

January to June, 1911.

We are glad to find that these questions, begun in January, have been found helpful and interesting, as one writer says, "They make you look into things." Good answers have been received from a

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number of our readers, and eleven of these have sent papers every month. To these eleven we hope now to send coloured plates illustrating the Tabernacle; at the end of the year books will be awarded for the best sets of papers throughout the year, and smaller books for the most interesting single papers. It is hoped that all who have begun will continue to send answers to these questions, and that others will join the search. We know from the Bible itself that "Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning" (Romans xv. 4); and we all need to learn more of God's own word.

Highly commended for the six months:—F.A.S., Horace H., W.H., N.H., E.M., E.P. Commended: F.L., Henry H., D.P., I.B.Y., M.L. Good papers also received from J.K., T.H.H., H.Mc.K., I.W.P., E.M.B., H.W.J.B.

### Questions for Seniors for September.

Answers should be sent not later than September 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Weston as above.

1. How often do we read about Jethro? What did he do and say when Moses told him all that the Lord had done?
2. How did Moses, Aaron and Hur help when Joshua and the Israelites were fighting the Amalekites?
3. Who was Hobab? What did Moses ask him to do, and what did he promise him?
4. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Where is this passage? and what other illustrations of it do we find in the history of the Israelites?

Correct answers to July Q.F.S. have been received from W.H., Horace H., E.P., F.A.S., R.E.P., N.H., Henry H., I.B.Y., M.L., E.K. The first seven sent very good papers.

Question 4 should have been answered from Exodus xv. 1, &c., and Hebrews xiii. 15.

*Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of each paper.*

*Readers abroad may send their answers a fortnight after they receive the questions, and their initials will be given later.*



*Contributions for these pages are desired. Articles should be written on one side of the paper only, and should be sent to the Editor of "Glad Tidings," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, E.C. The Editor reserves to himself the right of adapting any pieces submitted, unless the contributor states objection to this.*

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## for the Young



Children in the Orchard

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## GOD KNOWS ALL THINGS

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“**M**OTHER,” said Kitty, “father calls me a good little girl, and aunty does, and almost everybody; but I am not, mother, good at all.”

“I am very sorry,” said mother. “So am I,” said Kitty, “but I have got a very naughty think.”

“Naughty what?” asked mother. “My think is naughty inside me,” said Kitty. “When I was dressed to go to ride yesterday, and the carriage came, and there was no room for me, I went into the house, and aunty told you I behaved very good about it. She said I didn’t cry, or anything; but, mother, I thought wicked things, and I ran upstairs, and lay down, and kicked and kicked and kicked, I was so, so mad. I wished the carriage would upset, and the old horses run away; that’s what I mean. It was a naughty think in me.”

“Well, nobody knew it,” said John. “Somebody DID know it,” said Kitty. “Who?” asked John. “God,” answered Kitty. “He can’t call me good, as aunty and father do. Mother, how can I be good inside?”

Kitty is not alone in asking that question. Many and many a one is asking it very sorrowfully. How can I be good inside? King David felt like Kitty, and he fell down on his knees, and prayed this little prayer, “Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.” Secret faults are in a way the worst sort of faults, because, first, they deceive others; and then they deceive ourselves, for we are apt to think that nobody will find them out, and that then it will not matter.

Was Kitty deceived? No, she knew they were not kept secret from God, and it troubled her. And when her mother told her of King David’s prayer, she prayed that little prayer for herself, and she prays it every day.



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God knows all your **THOUGHTS, HEARTS,** and **IMAGINATIONS.**

God knows all your **NEEDS.** He knows you need food, and clothing, and protecting, and growing in strength and knowledge. Above all He knows you need the **FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS,** and that is why He gave Jesus to die for sinners. Do **YOU** know this greatest need of yours?

God knows all our **GRIEFS.** An idiot boy was often badly treated by other boys and jeered at by older people, and being quite unable to defend himself, he would say, "Ah! God looked at that." It made such an impression on a young lady that she says, in all her later years of life she has never seen any injustice done, but there has come back to her mind the idiot boy and his sermon, "God looked at that."

God knows all about your **SINS.** A great astronomer was one day making some observations on the sun, and as it was descending towards the horizon, just as it was setting, there came into the rays of the great telescope the top of a hill seven miles away. On the hill was an orchard, and at one of the apple trees were children stealing apples. One boy was getting the fruit, and another was keeping watch. But there sat the astronomer, seven miles away, seeing every movement as plainly as if he were on the spot. So boys and girls often think and act as if God's eye could not see them. But God knows all

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E. A.

## THE KING'S INVITATION

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**T**HIS was the message which Joseph sent to his father, after he was made known to his brothers. “Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: *come down unto me, tarry not.*” And Jacob was not to come alone: he was to bring with him all his children and grand-children, and all that he had. Then he would be near to Joseph, and Joseph would care for him and for them through the five years of famine yet to come. How glad he would be to hear such good news!

But this was not all. The king of Egypt, the great Pharaoh himself, sent an invitation too; for he heard that Joseph’s brothers had come; and it pleased Pharaoh well. This was his message, “Come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt.” Perhaps you may have heard that the invitation of a king is a *command*: no one may refuse such an invitation. So Pharaoh said also, “Now thou art commanded, this do ye—and *come.*” The great God of heaven, the King of all the earth (Psalm xlvii. 7), has sent an invitation to everyone who reads these words, and His invitation is a command too. It is the same command as Pharaoh’s to Jacob—“Come.”

If you read through the 45th chapter of Genesis you will find that word repeated several times over. First Joseph says to his brothers, “Come near unto me, I pray you.” They came near, and were forgiven; they knew his love, and then they were sent with the invitation to others. Then (v. 9) Joseph gives the message which they are to carry, “Come down unto

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me, tarry not"; then Pharaoh says, "Come unto me" (v. 18), and yet again, "Come" (v. 19). So also through the Bible you will find God's invitation repeated again and again. Look for it in Isaiah i. 18, Matthew xi. 28, John vi. 35, 37, and vii. 37, as well as in other places which you can find for yourself.

When Pharaoh and Joseph sent that invitation to Jacob and his family, there was to be no delay. They were to come at once. "Tarry not," says Joseph; and again, "Ye shall haste and bring my father down" (v. 13), and so of God's invitation we read, "Behold *now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians vi. 2).

In Genesis xlv. we read that they were *all* to come, "children and children's children, and all that thou hast" (v. 10); the brothers were to bring their father, their wives, and their little ones (v. 19). And so we read (John iii. 16) how God gave His Son that *whosoever* believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. "Whosoever will may come" the hymn reminds us; and *whosoever*, as a little boy once explained, means "you, me, or anybody else."

There was nothing to hinder Jacob and his family from coming, nothing they need mind leaving. "Regard not your stuff," said Pharaoh, "for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours." That means, "Don't trouble about anything you have to leave behind; you will find here everything you can possibly want." So no one will ever regret anything they may give up to obey the Lord's command and come to Him. "Rather seek ye," said the Lord Jesus, "the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Luke xii. 31). "My God shall supply all your need accord-

ing to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus " (Philippians iv. 19).

They had no trouble about the journey; everything was provided for them. Waggon's to ride in were sent from Egypt (v. 19); food for them to eat on the way (v. 23); they were given clothes to wear (v. 22), and the promise of all they should need when they arrived (verses 11, 18 and 20). All they had to do was to *come*. And so will the Lord provide for those who come to Him; "they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing"; "there is no want to them that fear Him."

"And the children of Israel did so" (v. 21); they obeyed the king's command. They went up out of Egypt; they came into the land of Canaan to Jacob their father; and they told him all. At first Jacob could not believe them; it seemed too good to be true. But when he saw the waggon's that Joseph had sent, his spirit revived, and he said, "It is enough . . . I will go." And so they came; Jacob and his sons, and his sons' sons, his daughters and his sons' daughters, not one was left behind. There were nearly seventy of them, not counting the sons' wives, but there was not one too many, for the king's invitation said *all*. They came into Egypt, as the king had commanded. Have you obeyed God's command and come to Him? Perhaps you think it is too good to be true that you may come; but God's Holy Word tells you to come, and all you have to do is to obey.

What a welcome they had, when they got to Egypt! Jacob sent Judah on before him to tell Joseph they were coming, and Joseph made ready his chariot, and came all the way to Goshen, on the borders of Egypt,

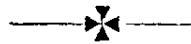
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to meet his father, and presented himself to him. What a happy meeting! Jacob had never thought to see his dear son again, or to know such happiness; so those who obey the Lord's command and do what He tells them will find a happiness they never knew before. And what a welcome He gives! You will find a little picture of that welcome in the story of the prodigal son in Luke xv., "When he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion on him, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him." Don't you want to come?



K. I. B.



"Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

"Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."

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### THE TENTH MONTH

“**S**O Esther was taken unto King Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign ” (Esther ii. 16).

A little captive orphan girl, without father or mother,



Esther taken to the Palace

and far, far away from her own dear land! Such was poor little Esther in her girlhood. But God cared for her; He loveth the fatherless; and she might truly have said, “When my father and my mother forsake me then the Lord will take me up.” And this is how He took her up. Her grown up cousin Mordecai, who was one of the servants in the royal palace took

her as his own daughter, and educated her as such. A pretty, happy, graceful girl Esther grew; but one thing more than any other made her beautiful,—she was *obedient*. Whatever her kind cousin wished, she did at

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once, and that is why the little maiden's life was so happy. God commands "children obey your parents;" and He gives a special promise to those who honour their father and mother (Ephesians vi. 2, 3).

While Esther was spending her happy childhood with the dear cousin whom God had given to take her father's place, sad things were happening in the palace. The queen had flatly refused to do what the king bade her; and in consequence of her disobedience he refused to allow her to be queen any more, and he said he would take another wife better than she. So all the suitable women that could be found were taken to the royal city to be trained in courtly ways, that the king might choose from them the one he liked best. And among others Esther was taken there. What a change from her quiet home life! But Esther never forgot the lessons of her childhood, and she continued to do what her cousin had taught her, and what he wished her to do, just as she used when he was with her.

Every day her cousin called to enquire for her, though he was not allowed to see her. At last the day came for Esther to go to the king; and every girl on that occasion was allowed to wear or take whatever she liked; but Esther wanted nothing, she wore simply the clothes they gave her; she asked for no ornaments, and she needed none, for she had "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price." And yet how lovely she looked! All who saw her admired her; and when the king saw her he loved her, and he declared that she should be his queen. And so the crown and the throne that were lost by disobedience, were given to the obedient one; and the once little captive orphan became the bride of the greatest king then in the world.

The Lord Jesus was always obedient when He was here. As a Child He was "subject to His mother and Joseph;" and He was always doing the things that pleased His Father. "He became obedient unto death even the death of the cross." There He was punished instead of you and me, the disobedient ones. And so He became the "Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."

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## THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL IN SINAI



They first came to the wilderness of Sinai in the third month after they left the land of Egypt (Exodus xix. 1). They had passed through Succoth (xii. 37), Etham (xiii. 20) and encamped before Pihahiroth (xiv. 2), then they went through the Red Sea on dry land (verses 22-29) into the wilderness of Shur (xv. 22), came to Marah (xv. 23) where the bitter water was made sweet, then to Elim (xv. 27), to the wilderness of Sin (xvi.) where manna was first given, through Dophkah and Alush (Numbers xxxiii. 13) to Rephidim (Exodus xvii. 1), where God gave them water from the rock, and from Rephidim they came to Sinai.

The tabernacle was finished and set up nine months later, in the first day of the first month of the second year after they left Egypt (Exodus xl. 17). On the first day of the second month of that year God told Moses to number all the people (Numbers i. 1); and on the twentieth day of the same month (x. 12) they journeyed out of the wilderness of Sinai, where they had been for nearly eleven months.

When they left Sinai they marched as they had been encamped, in the order God commanded, with the Levites and the tabernacle in the midst (Numbers ii. 17). The tribes marched in threes, first Judah, Isaachar and Zebulun, followed by the Gershonites and the Merarites with the tabernacle, which they set up before the



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Kohathites came (Numbers x. 14-17 and 21); then came the tribes of Reuben, Simeon and Gad (verses 18-20), and next the Kohathites bearing the holy things (iv. 4-15, vii. 9); then the tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin (verses 22-24), and last came Dan, Asher and Naphtali (verses 25-27). Before all the host went the ark of the covenant of the Lord "to search out a resting-place for them" (v. 33).

In this way did God make His own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock (Psalm lxxviii. 52). He led them like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron (Psalm lxxvii. 20). And so now when the Good Shepherd putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice.

Q. F. S.



## BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR OCTOBER

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### The Fruit of the Spirit—Wisdom.

1. Write two verses from the Old Testament which tell us what is the beginning of wisdom.
2. Find three places where wisdom is compared with rubies.
3. What was Solomon's request when God said to him, "Ask what I shall give thee?" and what was granted to him?
4. What does the Apostle James tell us is the way to get wisdom?
5. Find and complete the following verses :—
  - (a) "Where shall wisdom be found?"
  - (b) "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom."
  - (c) "The Lord giveth wisdom."
  - (d) "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom."
  - (e) "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

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6. What are we told about the "wisdom that is from above?"

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—  
2 Chronicles i.; Job xxviii.; Psalm cxi.; Proverbs ii., iii., viii.,  
and ix.; 1 Corinthians iii.; James i. 3.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for August, 66 papers received (including Q.F.S.). Commended: S. McL., F.A.M., K.P., R.G., G.A.R., E.R.H., Mildred S., O.C.R., Edna R., A.L., I.M.E., Ethel K.; (under 12), C.E.M., Bessie T., D.M.B., R.B., K.M. Six correct: E.M.B., Amos E., John G., Phebe H., C.H., C.K., W.L., E.L., A.P., M.T., G.T., J.W., E.W., L.Y.; (under 12), Elsie G., K.K., J.R. Four correct: Evelyn B., J.E., E.F., John K., R.N., D.P., Ernest R., Enid R., C.R., C.W. Correct except in one answer: M.A.H., L.H., J.N., A.R., T.S., Beatrice T., R.W., F.W.W.

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### Questions for Seniors for October.

1. Which of the twelve men sent to search the land of Canaan were found faithful to the Lord? What did they say to the people about it?

2. What are we told in the Epistle to the Hebrews was the reason the people could not at this time enter the land? and what was their punishment?

3. How many times are we told of Caleb that he "wholly followed the Lord his God?"

4. Whom did the Lord choose to lead the people when Moses should be dead? and what was this man afterwards told to do in order that he might prosper and have good success?

Answers to August Q.F.S. received from N.H., R.E.P., W.H., Horace H., E.T., D.P., F.A.S., E.M., Henry H., I.B.Y., J.K. (Canada), M.B.L., E.K. First two very good indeed.

The Q.F.S. for August seem to have been found rather difficult by some of our readers. Those who did find them so will find something of interest if they look on page 118.

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# GLAD TIDINGS

## for the Young



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## ONLY A PIECE OF PAPER

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**I**T was only a piece of paper ; yet strange to say, it indirectly caused the death of an old lady in one of the London streets a few years ago. She had left her home only an hour before to do some shopping, and was just about to cross the road, when suddenly a violent gust of wind caught up a sheet of brown paper and flung it with great force into the face of a horse that was standing near the pavement. The frightened animal reared on its haunches ; and, swerving round, came into sharp contact with the lady, who was immediately knocked down, and so seriously injured that a short time afterwards she died in one of the hospitals.

Little thought had she, when leaving her home that morning, that so harmless a thing as a piece of paper would cause her death ; but the lesson we all have to learn from such a sad event is whether or not we are ready to meet God, should death so suddenly overtake us.

. . . . .

It was only a scrap of paper, dirty and torn ; and a lad, who was grooming his master's horses, saw it lying on the floor of the stable. It had perhaps been lying there unnoticed for many a day ; but it proved to be the turning-point for blessing in that lad's history. It was but the relic of an old almanack, that had been torn up and thrown away ; but curiosity led that boy to pick it up, and his eyes at once rested upon one solitary verse of Scripture, which was all that that scrap of paper contained ; but it did its work that day in the lad's soul. Only two or three years before the lad had left the Sunday School, where he had many times

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resisted the pleadings of God's Holy Spirit, and the loving beseechings of his kind teacher to come to Christ. All entreaty, however, had proved to be in vain; and the boy was one of the worst scholars in that school. On the day he left, however, the address had been a solemn one, and the last message that rang in his ears were the warning words of Solomon, "He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." Quite carelessly had the stable-lad picked up that scrap of paper, but when his eyes beheld the solemn words just quoted, his thoughts were quickly carried back to that closing address which he had heard in the old Sunday School. In a moment the sins of his youth passed rapidly before him, and he became so anxious about his soul that he could not rest. God's Spirit had begun the work, and the truth conveyed through that scrap of paper brought light from heaven into his dark heart; and God's grace, ere long, brought peace and joy to his anxious soul.

. . . . .

Yet another scrap of paper, and very dirty: but may the words it bore prove God's message of love to your soul, dear reader. It was found between the finger and thumb of a poor, dear, half-paralysed boy, whose dead hand was hanging out of the window of a wretched tenement in one of the slums of London. Divine love had drawn the little sufferer to the feet of Jesus, to find in Him a precious Saviour, who had laid down His life for the children. Having proved for himself that "the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth from all sin," his one desire was now to serve the One "who came to seek and to save that which was lost;" but what could a poor penniless boy do to please Him?

An earnest request to his mother to supply him with a pencil, and any bits of paper she could find upon the floor, had been responded to ; and for many a day the little sufferer had spent his time in writing texts of Scripture upon them, and dropping them out of the open window, near which he lay, in the hope that some passer-by might pick them up. The conscious joy of sins forgiven was not enough for one who had tasted the love of Christ ; but his young heart seemed bent on serving Christ ; and who shall tell how many passers-by may have been brought to God through picking up those silent messages from His holy Word ? The day on which he died, the undropped text which was found in the dead boy's hand was one that has converted many a precious soul ; for thus the golden record runs, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whosoever* believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Have you, dear reader, yet found out that *you* are one of the "*whosoever*" to whom this glorious message is sent, and that God is now sending it to you again through the hands of a dear departed boy who has gone to be "with Christ, which is far better." If not, let those golden words be received now by faith into your soul ; and, instead of perishing in your sins, you will become the happy possessor of that eternal life which is to be found alone in Christ.

S. T.



"Through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins : and by Him all that believe are justified from all things " (Acts xiii. 38, 39).

## THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

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### THE ELEVENTH MONTH

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“**I**T came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel according unto all that the Lord had given him in commandment unto them” (Deuteronomy i. 3).

How the year is going, only another month besides this and then it will be over! Perhaps Moses thought so when he called all the people together on that first day of the month. For forty years he had been their leader, as guided by God's pillar of cloud they had wandered up and down the wilderness, toward the land which He had promised; and now they were just at the edge of it, only the river Jordan rolling between. “Forty years you shall wander,” God had said; now the last one was almost ended.

But Moses knew more; he knew that he must die before the children of Israel got into the land; this year would be his last too. His sister Miriam and his brother Aaron had both passed away since it began; how solemn Moses felt! So he called the people together to tell them once again all that God had commanded him to let them know, and he reminded them again how lovingly and tenderly God had cared for them, and urged them to be obedient to Him. Knowing how soon he must leave them, knowing too that he would soon be in the presence of God himself, Moses had only one thing to give them—*God's word*. It had been his guide in life; it was what he trusted in death.

There is nothing but the word of God for you or me to trust in either; God's word about ourselves, that we are bad, thoroughly bad, and lost; God's word about

Himself,—that in spite of our sins, He loved us so much that He gave the Lord Jesus to die for those sins, to be punished instead of us. And God tells us that He is satisfied with the work which the Lord Jesus has done, and has put Him at His right hand a Prince and a Saviour. To believe God's word about Jesus is to be saved, to have everlasting life; "but he that believeth not shall be judged." And the same word which tells of the Saviour will judge at the last day all who refuse that Saviour.

T.



## WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

## HOW TO FIND GOOD SUCCESS

**M**Y son, forget not my law ;  
 Let thine heart keep my commandments ;  
 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee ;  
 Bind them about thy neck ; write them upon the  
 table of thine heart ;

So shalt thou find favour and good understanding  
 (marg. *good success*) in the sight of God and man.  
 Proverbs iii. 1, 3, 4.

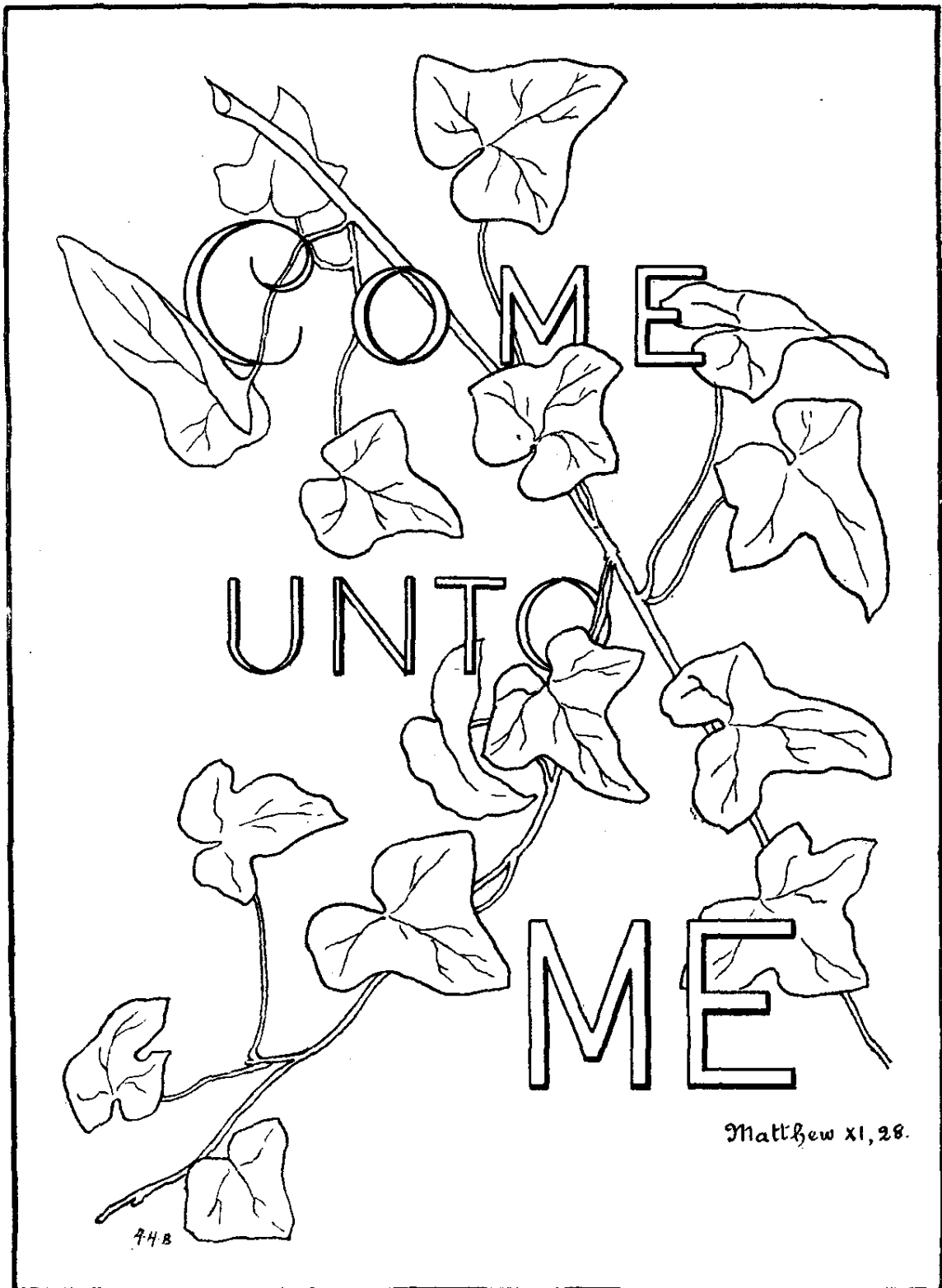
This book of the law shall not depart out of thy  
 mouth ;

Thou shalt meditate therein day and night,  
 That thou mayest observe to do according to all that  
 is written therein,

For *then* thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and  
 then thou shalt have good success. Joshua i. 8.

Examples :—1 Samuel ii. 26 ; Luke ii. 52.







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**W**HEN Joseph had met his father and his brothers in Goshen, and had welcomed them there, he said to his brothers, "I will go and tell Pharaoh that you have come." He was not ashamed of his brothers, though they were only shepherds, and the Egyptians despised shepherds; while he was the greatest in all the land next to the king. He went and told Pharaoh that they had all come; and more than that, he brought them to the king.

Which of them did he take? Benjamin, who had never been unkind to him? Judah, who had offered to be a slave instead of Benjamin when the cup was found? We do not know; perhaps he took Judah and Benjamin, but he took others too; for there were five who went with him to the king, so he must have taken some of the brothers who had treated him so badly. They were all forgiven.

They could not have gone to the king by themselves, for ordinary people may not go into a king's presence just as they like, and they were not even Egyptians, they were strangers. They could not go without Joseph; but Joseph could bring them, and he did. So we cannot come to God, except by the Lord Jesus; He said Himself, "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." But He can bring us to God.

Many years ago I remember hearing the story of a little Scotch boy in whose home there was trouble. Queen Victoria was then reigning in this land, and the little boy had heard that she was good and kind. He thought that if he went and told her all about it, she would help them. So he started off to the place where she was, though there were many miles to go, and he had to walk, for he had no money. But alas! when he

got there he found that the sentry at the gate would not let him pass. He could not go in to see the Queen.

The poor little boy was so disappointed that he sat down by the wayside and began to cry. While he was crying a bigger boy came along, and asked him what was the matter. "Oh!" said he, "I want to see the Queen, and yon mon winna let me gang." "Why do you want to see the Queen?" asked his new friend; and he told him. "Come with me," said the big boy, "I'll take you to the Queen." The little boy was afraid that he would be stopped too, but he went with him; and when they came to the gate, all the soldier did was to salute and let them pass. For the big boy was the Prince of Wales, the Queen's eldest son; no one might stop him from going to his own mother. He took the poor boy in to see the Queen, and the Queen kindly listened to his tale and did what he asked.

Joseph could take his brothers into the king's presence; the Prince of Wales could take that poor boy in to see the Queen; but the Lord Jesus, God's own Son, can do far more for us. He is able to save to the uttermost all those who come unto God by Him; and He will never turn anyone away, for He has said, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."

Pharaoh talked with Joseph's brothers and asked them what was their work; he said that they should dwell in the land of Goshen, where there was good pasture for their flocks; and he told Joseph that if there were any of them good at their work they should look after his cattle, and be servants of the king. So they dwelt in the land where the king had said, and prospered therein; and Joseph gave them food all through the years of famine. They had everything the king had promised before they came.

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Have you ever thought that it is God who has chosen where you should live? And that whatever you have to do you may serve Him by doing it well? "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." If we remember these things, we shall not grumble at what we have to do, nor at the place where we live.

When Joseph brought his brothers into the king's presence, he did not tell Pharaoh how badly they had treated him. All was forgiven. And so when the time comes for us who have come to the Saviour to enter into the King's presence for ever, and go no more out, when our eyes shall at last "see the King in His beauty" (Isaiah xxxiii. 17), we shall find that He to Whom we have come will present us "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24). For He says of His people, "their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."

K. I. B.



## BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

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## The Fruit of the Spirit—Strength

1. What did the Lord Jesus Christ do for us when we were without strength?
2. What do we read in the book of Isaiah about everlasting strength?
3. Quote a verse from the Psalms and one from Isaiah which promise strength to those who wait on the Lord?

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4. Find and write out as many verses as you can which speak of the Lord as our strength. (No chapters given for this).
5. How many times was Joshua told to "be strong"? and where in his Epistles does the Apostle Paul use these words?
6. Find and complete the following verses:—
  - a. "The Lord will give strength."
  - b. "I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee."
  - c. "The Lord is the strength of my life."
  - d. "Through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:--Deuteronomy xxxi.; Joshua i.; Psalms xxvii., xxix.; Isaiah xxvi., 40, 41; Romans v.; 2 Cor. xvi.; Ephesians vi.; Phillipians iv.; 2 Tim. 2.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for September, 74 papers received (including Q.F.S.). Commended: F.A.M., G.A.R., A.L., Mildred S., R.G., S. McL., M.A.H., L.I.R.; (under 12), C.E.M., D.M.B., B.T., L.S.H., F.W., D.K., R.B., K.M. Six correct: I.M.E., P.H., W.F.H., W.L., A.R., F.R., B.S., J.W., Ernest R., J.R. Four correct: Evelyn B., J.E., Elsie G., K.K., E.L., R.N., M.P., D.P., C.M.R., C.W. Correct except in one answer: K.P., T.S., E.R.H., M.T., T.A., E.M.B., E.A.B., L.K.B., Amos E., John G., L.H., C.K., A.H.P., O.C.R., Edna R., G.T., L.S.Y.; the first four are commended.

### Questions for Seniors for November

Answers should be sent not later than November 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Weston as above.

1. Why was Moses not allowed to enter the promised land? How many times in the book of Deuteronomy does he speak of this?
2. What did the Lord show to Moses before he died? What do we know about his death and burial?
3. What do we read about Moses in the Psalms? and where in the New Testament is he mentioned?
4. Where in the book of Acts do we read of a prophecy by Moses concerning the Lord Jesus? What was the prophecy, and where in the Old Testament is it recorded?

Correct answers to September Q.F.S. have been received from F.A.S., W.H., Horace H., R.E.P., E.P., T.H.H., E.T., F.L., N.H., Elaine M., J.K., I.B.Y., Henry H., D.P., M.L. Nearly all the papers were good, the first five very good.

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# GLAD TIDINGS

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## GOD, THE CHILDREN'S TEACHER

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**I**N Psalm lxxi. verse 17 David says, "O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth." David was a very great man, and at the time when he used these words he wore a crown and ruled a kingdom, But he needed to be taught; and he tells us that he had been to school, and that the wisdom which he had was given to him by the Teacher Who taught in that school.

David did well in life, because he had been well taught in his youth. One of the saddest things which it is possible for a man or woman to have to say is, "It might have been so different with me." Yes, many a boy and girl when they grow up are forced to cry, "It might have been, it *might* have been; and it is my fault that it is not. I did not pay heed to that which I was taught."

No doubt David had other teachers; but all the teachers he had would have been of little use to him if he had not also been taught by God. Your teachers can get at your ear, but God gets at the heart, and that is where we most need to be taught. Suppose my watch got out of order, so that it would not go, and I could not get it open, all I could do in polishing up the gold outside or cleaning the glass would not make it go. I must take it to some watchmaker who could get at the inside, and who could get at the mainspring, or clean out the wheels. Now, God can get at the heart, which is like the inside of the watch. That is why we need God to be our Teacher.

Have you ever thought how very kind it is of the great God to become the Teacher of children? He



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made the blue sky, the sun and the moon, and all those bright stars which we see at night, and piled up the big mountains, and He is so great that all the things in this world are just like nothing when compared to Him ; and yet He stoops to teach boys and girls !

God teaches us to value our souls. How many boys and girls pay a great deal of attention to their bodies, what they shall eat and drink, what they shall wear, and what they shall play at, and yet forget all about their souls, their real self. And God teaches us to see our sin, so that we may be led to feel our need of the Saviour. And God teaches us to see where the remedy for our sin lies, even in the Lord Jesus Christ. So that those who have been truly taught by God come to the Lord Jesus and commit their souls to Him to save them from their sins.

But it is terribly sad to think how many dear boys and girls refuse to be taught. They will not learn to value their souls ; they refuse to take the place of the lost sinner ; and they do not come to the Lord Jesus for pardon. And later on, when it is too late, when death has carried them away, they will be forced to cry that awful cry, "*It might have been* so different, had I but been willing to be taught by God."

Will you not enter God's school without delay ? God is the Teacher you must have if you are to live so as to please Him in this world and live with Him in heaven in the next. He is a most wise, patient, and loving Teacher. He is the very One you need. God's school is open to all. Where is the scholar ? The scholar, where is he ? The scholar, where is she ? May you answer like young Samuel, " Here am I."

E. A.

## ALL HIS LIFE LONG

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**S**EVENTEEN years after Jacob and his sons had come to the land of Egypt at the king's invitation, the time drew near that he should die. Jacob had not lived to so great an age as his father Isaac and his grandfather Abraham, but still he was an old man, much older than anyone you have ever known, for "the whole age of Jacob was an hundred-and-forty-seven years."

In his long life Jacob had known many troubles, and he had travelled far; but everywhere and in everything the Lord had been with him, as He had promised him at Bethel. God had been with him, and had kept him in the way that he went, and had given him bread to eat, and raiment to put on, and had brought him again to his father's house in peace (see Genesis xxviii. 20, 21). All through the years since then He had been with him too, and now that the time had come for Jacob to die, he was not afraid, for he knew that God was with him still.

During those last quiet years of his life when he was living in the land of Goshen with his dear son Joseph near by, and Joseph's children to come and visit him, He had time to look back over the years that were past and remember all that God had done for him. He remembered how God had first appeared to him at Bethel, more than seventy years before, when he was journeying alone and in fear of his life; that was the time when he saw the ladder set up from earth to heaven. He remembered how God brought him back to Canaan twenty years after, with flocks, and herds, and servants and children; how He had delivered him from

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Esau's anger ; how He had taken care of Joseph in Dothan, and in Potiphar's house, and in the prison, and had given him favour with the king, and raised him up to be a blessing to others ; and last of all how He brought Jacob himself and his sons to Egypt, there again to meet with Joseph. Jacob thought of all these things, and his heart was full of thankfulness to God.

When he was lying ill, Joseph and his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, came to see him. These sons of Joseph had been born before the years of famine came, more than 19 years before, so they were now almost men ; although to Jacob in his old age they were only boys. When Jacob heard that they had come, his thoughts went back again to Bethel, and what had happened there so long ago, and then again he told how God had appeared to him there and of the promises He had made. He knew how many of those promises had already come true ; he believed that God would fulfil also the promise that the land of Canaan should belong to his children, and he said that Ephraim and Manasseh should be as his own sons, and have each a special share in the inheritance. That is why, among the twelve tribes, there were two called Ephraim and Manasseh, instead of only one called Joseph.

Then he told Joseph to bring them near, that he might bless them, for his eyes were dim with age, and he could not see. Jacob kissed them and embraced them, and he said to Joseph, " I had not thought to see thy face, and God hath shewed me also thy sons." Then Joseph took his sons and put Ephraim on Jacob's left hand, and Manasseh on his right hand, and Jacob stretched out his hands, and laid them on their heads, saying, " God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which

fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads." So we read in Hebrews, "By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph."

Jacob blessed Joseph also, and then he called for all his sons to be gathered together and he blessed them every one; but Joseph's blessing was the best of all. He blessed them as he had been blessed himself, because he knew that God had been with him and had taken care of him, and he believed that God would do the same for them.

You would be surprised to find how many times in the Bible we read of "the God of Jacob." The same God who cared for Jacob and blessed him all his life long is able to do just the same for you. "The mighty God of Jacob" will never fail anyone that trusts Him. Whatever our troubles or difficulties may be, still "the Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." (Psalm xlv. 7, 11). And "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help." Have you?

K. I. B.



## THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

### THE TWELFTH MONTH

"**I**T came to pass in the seven-and-thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin, King of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five-and-twentieth day of the month, that Evil Merodach, King of Babylon . . . brought him forth out of prison and spoke kindly unto him, &c." (Jeremiah lii. 31 to 34).

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Jehoiachin was only a lad of eighteen when he was made king, and only reigned three months, but that was long enough for him "to do evil in the sight of the Lord." God takes notice of the conduct of boys and girls, as well as of men and women; and because of his sin the boy king had been taken a prisoner, and carried away from his own land and kept shut up in prison for long years.

If you, dear children, are still Satan's captives, you also are bound by your sins as though they were chains, and you cannot escape. After a time a new king reigned, and he pitied the poor captive; and so one day, one glad day, the king sent for him, called him out of prison, and spoke kindly to him. Perhaps they were the first kind words that the poor man had heard for 37 years! How sweet they sounded.

Jesus is on the throne now; He has won the victory over Satan, so that He has right to set His prisoners free, and He is calling you! Won't you come to Him just as you are? He will break your chains, for He saves His people from their sins; He will speak kindly, oh so kindly, to you; He will tell you your sins are forgiven, and He will take off your prison clothes, all the old filthy rags which you have been wearing while you tried to be good but could not; He will give you a new dress; He will cover you with Himself God's righteousness, so that God will not see naughty you any more, but all the beauty of Jesus instead. Then He will let you sit down at His own table; He will feed you, soul and body too, all the days of your life; He will give you a portion every day, and then you shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

It was a happy day indeed to Jehoiachin when the king did all this to him; and it was the 25th day of the

12th month. And oh! it will be happier far for you if you come to Jesus and let Him save you now.

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A story from the Bible for each month of the year has now been given, and its lesson pointed out. The last month of the year has now arrived, but it may become the beginning of months for you if you believe what has been written and receive it for yourself. Accept the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and Master, and December will be the first month of your new life.



## WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

### HOW TO KNOW THE RIGHT WAY

**O** LORD, I know that *the way of man is not in himself*: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Jeremiah x. 23.

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*. Proverbs iii. 5, 6.

*The Lord shall guide thee* continually. Isaiah lviii. 11.

Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, *which leadeth thee by the way thou shouldst go*. Isaiah xlviii. 17.

I will instruct thee and teach thee *in the way that thou shalt go*: I will guide thee with mine eye. Psalm xxxii. 8.

Then said Jesus unto them,—he that walketh in darkness *knoweth not* whither he goeth. John xii. 35.

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Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: *he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.* John viii. 12.

Yet—saith the Lord—Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, *thou art the guide of my youth?*



## BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before December 20th, the envelope to be addressed "*Questions*," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in February, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

### Riches

1. What do we read in Proverbs about (a) riches that fly away; and (b) durable riches?
2. Where did the Lord Jesus say that we should lay up treasures for ourselves and why?
3. What is rather to be chosen than great riches?
4. Why did the Lord Jesus, though he was rich, become poor for our sakes?
5. What charge is given in the 1st Epistle to Timothy to those who are rich in this world?
6. Find and complete the following verses:—
  - (a) "Let not the rich man glory in his riches."
  - (b) "The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich."
  - (c) "The poor of this world rich in faith."
  - (d) "According to His riches in glory."
  - (e) "The exceeding riches of His grace."

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Proverbs viii., x., xxii., xxiii.; Jeremiah ix.; Matthew vi.; 2 Corinthians viii.; Ephesians iii.; Philippians iv.; 1 Timothy vi.; James ii.

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Answers to Bible Searching Questions for October, 62 papers received (including Q.F.S.). Commended: F.A.M., A.L., R.G., E.R.H., K.P., M.A.H., L.Y., D.S., I.M.E., W.F.H.; (under 12), C.E.M., D.M.B., Laura H., J.E., R.N. Six correct: E.A.B., L.K.B., Phebe H., C.K., A.R.; (under 12), K.K., K.M., J.R., Ernest R. Four correct: R.B., Evelyn B., Elsie G., John K., E.L., D.P. Correct except in one answer: Mildred S., S.McI., G.A.R., L.I.R., C.M.R., N.A., E.M.B., Amos E., John G., L.S.H., W.L., B.S., B.T., G.T., F.W.; the first five are commended.

### Questions for Seniors for December

1. Quote four verses from different chapters in Deuteronomy speaking of the forty years during which the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness.
2. How many times in the first twelve chapters does Moses warn them to *take heed*? and of what does he again and again warn them to *beware*?
3. What are we told in this book about the reason why the Lord chose the Israelites to be His people?
4. What do we read in John's Gospel, in Ephesians and in 1 Peter about those whom He has chosen now?

Correct answers to October Q.F.S. have been received from Horace H., W.H., Mildred S., F.A.S., R.E.P., Henry H., Elaine M., E.P., I.B.Y., N.H., T.H.H., F.L., M.B.L., D.P., E.K. Nearly all the papers were very good.

The best answers to October questions are found as follows: (1) Numbers xxxii. 12; xiv. 6-9. (2) Hebrews iii. 19; Numbers xiv. 23; xxxii. 13. (3) Numbers xiv. 24; xxxii. 12; Deuteronomy i. 36; Joshua xiv. 8, 9, 14. (4) Numbers xxvii 18-23.; Deuteronomy xxxi. 14, 23; Joshua i. 1-8.

Answers should be sent not later than December 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Weston as above.

*Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of each paper.*

*Readers abroad may send their answers a fortnight after they receive the questions, and their initials will be given later.*

