

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER WITH THE PURPOSE OF SHARING NEWS REGARDING THE WORK BEING DONE IN NAMIBIA, FOR THE UPLIFTING AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF FELLOW CHRISTIANS AND TO SERVE AS A PLATFORM FOR LIKE MINDED CHRISTIANS TO SHARE TESTIMONIES OF CHRIST'S WORKINGS IN THEIR LIVES. TO BE AN OBJECT OF REFLECTION, REFLECTING THE BEAMS OF LIGHT RECEIVED FROM THE TRUE LIGHT.

> God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. ACTS 3:26



HELP FOR THE TEMPTED

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

There is no warfare between Satan and his agents, between fallen angels and those who have yielded themselves to evil. Both possess the same attributes; both, through sin, are evil. But between Christ's followers and the powers of darkness there is an unwearied conflict, which is to have no end till Christ shall come the second time without sin unto salvation, to destroy him who has destroyed so many souls through his deceptive power.

This enmity was spoken of in Eden. God declared to Satan, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel." This enmity was revealed as soon as man transgressed God's law. His nature became evil. He formed a confederacy with the enemy of God. Fallen men and fallen angels desperate have united in a companionship against good. Satan does all in his power to lead men to work with him. Christ has pledged Himself to engage in conflict with the prince of darkness, and Christ's soldiers, the chosen of God, war against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Satan tempts men and women in many ways. On the right hand and on the left he works with all deceivableness of unrighteousness. To some he comes in a winning garb, and with a friendly air. To others he comes in garments of darkness, to scatter and slay. By torturing fears he seeks to dishearten and distract. Again and again he came to the children of Israel, and at no time was he completely repulsed. He always found some soul ready to entertain him. The very men who had seen the glory of God from the mount received him as a welcome guest. Two hundred and fifty princes, men of renown, fell under his subtle power. Members of the priesthood, connected with the sacred work of God, were deluded by his devices, and were found fighting against the Lord.

These men mixed the cup of gall for Moses. They thought they were serving the Hebrew host by opening to them a door of freedom. What a terrible delusion they cherished! How fearfully they were deceived!

The history of the children of Israel was recorded for the benefit of those upon whom the end of the world is come. We are to take warning from their experience, that we may not dishonour God as they dishonoured Him. Satan was continually inciting them to rebellion, but he is even more active today. He attacks first one and then another, and when men are unguarded he succeeds in his purpose.

Christ saw that Satan's power was exercised upon the human family, and that he claimed the whole race as his own. The Saviour pledged His word to give His life in man's behalf. He laid aside His royal robe and clothed His divinity with humanity, that He might clothe humanity with His garment of righteousness.

Jesus came to the world as a human being, that He might become acquainted with human beings, and come close to them in their need. He was born a babe in Bethlehem. He grew up as other children grow. And from youth to manhood, during the whole of His earthly life, He was assailed by Satan's fiercest temptations.

Adam was tempted by the enemy, and he fell. It was not indwelling sin which caused him to yield; for God made him pure and upright, in His own image. He was as faultless as the angels before the throne. There were in him no corrupt principles, no tendencies to evil. But when Christ came to meet the temptations of Satan, He bore "the likeness of sinful flesh." In the wilderness, weakened physically by a fast of forty days, He met the adversary. His dignity was questioned, His authority disputed, His allegiance to His Father assailed by the fallen foe.

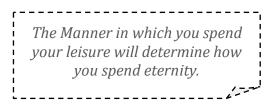
All heaven watched the conflict between the Prince of light and the prince of darkness. Angels stood ready to interpose in Christ's behalf should Satan pass the prescribed limit. Oh, what love burned in their hearts as they saw their Commander apparently in the power of His foe. When the last temptation came, when as Satan offered Christ all the world and the glory of it, if He would fall down and worship him, divinity flashed through humanity, and the enemy was resisted, the love of the angels knew no bounds. Their sympathy could no longer be restrained.

Christ overcame Satan on every point. The wily foe could not induce Him to swerve from His allegiance to the Father. "Get thee behind Me, Satan," Christ said; "for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." The Captain of our salvation overcame for us; Satan left the field a conquered foe. But the strain upon Christ had left Him as one dead. "And, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him." Their arms encircled Him. Upon the breast of the highest angel in heaven His head rested. Divine consolation flowed into His soul. The foe was vanquished. Humanity was placed on vantage ground. Christ had conquered. Those who became partakers of the divine nature would be able to resist the temptations of the enemy.

Christ lived a human life that He might be man's example in all things. He endured temptation even as every human being must endure. He believed God as we must believe. He learned obedience even as we are required to learn obedience. And He overcame as we must overcome. His path lay through manifold temptations; therefore He knows how to succour (*help*) those who are tempted.

Wonderful, indeed, is God's work in behalf of man. Let the tempted soul remember that he is a representative of Christ. It is only by coming in contact with obstacles and difficulties and overcoming them that we become strong. Our necessity is God's opportunity. If we will hold fast to Christ, every trial will work out for our good.

"We have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." "In all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted." – Mrs. EG White



A Knowledge of the Truth

One of the key objects of our Ministry is to share the gospel through giving or sharing Bible Studies.

If we look at the story of the eunuch from Ethiopia in **Acts 8:26-39**, it says he came to Jerusalem for the Passover, He came to worship. He was not new to the faith but must have been confused with what happened in Jerusalem during his visit there, with Jesus being crucified and some saying that this Jesus was the promised Messiah.

He had a desire to know the truth, so as he went through the scriptures on his way back home, God sent Phillip to give him a Bible Study.

After the study he accepted Jesus as the Messiah and got baptized. It was through a study of the Word that he came to the knowledge of Truth.

1 Timothy 2:4 says that God wants every human being to be saved, and come to a knowledge of the Truth.

Reading in Luke 24:13, we find two men leaving Jerusalem for their home in Emmaus. They too were troubled with the events that took place in the Jewish Capitol. Jesus joined them as they were walking and in verse 27, we see Jesus directing their minds to the Scriptures. He started to give them a Bible Study concerning Himself.

This was what opened their eyes and led them to say "Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

Both the Eunuch and these two men were seen as blind and in ignorance to the truth though very sincere. They were in darkness.

It is because most are in spiritual darkness that people start to mistake the good for evil and evil for good. (Isaiah 5:20)

Yet **Isaiah 9:2** promises that those in darkness can receive light and in **Isaiah 42:16** we have the promise that God will lead the blind to His paths and make darkness light. In Matthew 4 it talks about a prophecy being fulfilled in Jesus, referring to Him as the one being the Light to those in Darkness.

In Genesis 1:3, the Word was spoken and the light broke the darkness. John 1:1-12 says that Jesus is the Word, He is the Creator, He made Light, and He is the Light.

Seeing we are living in a time where spiritual darkness prevails, it is our desire to reveal this Light (**Psalms 112:4**) to everyone through a study of the Word of God.

"God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."-Acts 3:26

In loving kindness, Brother C Fourie



"THE remedy for the present exigency (Urgent Demand) in mission work is to be found in supreme dependence on God and on the means that He has instituted. These are four: going if you can go, and sending if you cannot go; giving as God's stewards, and praving as God's intercessors. This is God's whole philosophy of missions."

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Health Page

Health is all about LIFESTYLE! (Part 3)

Mrs. M Bunting

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 150:6

So far we have learned that we are responsible for the state of our being, through the life choices that we make. By sharing the framework within the Laws of Health we can better learn and understand the laws of our being. We discussed the Laws of Health, Godly trust and Open Air, we now move on to **DAILY EXERCISE**.

GOD'S PLAN.

- G Godly Trust
- **O** Open Air
- **D** <u>Daily Exercise</u>
- **S** Sunlight
- \mathbf{P} Proper Rest
- \mathbf{L} Lots of Water
- **A** Always Temperate
- **N** Nutrition

Genesis 2:15 <u>And the LORD God took</u> the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

That sounds like exercise to me! And gardening indeed is a wonderful and useful form of exercise, meaning that it exercises the whole body and the benefit is you reap the end product of what you planted! Also there is really nothing more invigorating that getting up in the morning and go for a walk in the fresh air. Walking is the best exercise It is inexpensive to start with, It brings all organs of the body into use. Walk as it is comfortable, and gradually increase your distance and speed. Don't over do it. Stop if you develop chest pain!

Question: Why is exercise so IMPORTANT?

- The circulation of the blood is increased.
- Strengthens the muscles, especially the heart.
- Increases the oxygen to the muscles.
- It's a safeguard against colds, coughs, congestion of the brain, lungs, liver, kidneys, etc.....
- Very important for digestion.

We can't get well if we don't get moving

Exodus_20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

We were meant to labour, to move...

Some key points to remember:

Strength comes by exercise.

Activity is the very condition of life.

Interestingly "A man (human being) who would refuse to exercise his limbs would soon lose all power to use them." The same with the Christian "who will not use his God given powers, not only fails to grow up into Christ, but he loses the strength that he already had." {Steps to Christ pg16}

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"If those who are sick would exercise their muscles daily, women as well as men, in outdoor work, using brain, bone, and muscle proportionately, weakness and languor would disappear. Health would take the place of disease, and strength the place of feebleness." E.G. White, *Medical Ministry*, page 297.

Spiritual Lesson:

God is the source of spiritual strength. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary ... But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:29-31).

Thus the entire body is enhanced due to a regular exercise program.

We've all heard that saying before "If you don't USE it you will LOSE it"

Happy exercising to all readers!

FIRE IN THE WALLS DAVID PAULSON, M. D.

Recently one of the largest packing establishments in Chicago was destroyed by fire. For thirty hours the fire burned in the walls where the firemen could not find it, and when it finally burst into view the building was so nearly consumed that it could not be saved. The man who eats wretched food, drinks liquor, smokes tobacco, keeps late hours, neglects physical *exercise*, breathes impure air, or otherwise violates the laws of health, is kindling a fire in his body in the form of some chronic disease which may be as hidden to him as was this stockyards fire, until it suddenly breaks out in full view in a stroke of apoplexy, an attack of Brights' disease, heart failure. cancer, nervous prostration, pneumonia, typhoid fever, or some other acute trouble.

Then it is often found that the vitality has already been burned out and the graveyard is the result, for the Scriptural declaration, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," is as unerring in its operations as is the law of gravitation. Measles, scarlet fever, smallpox, and similar contagious diseases, we generally catch accidentally, but chronic diseases we make for ourselves by ignorant, or wilful and persistent wickedness.

A wicked habit, no matter how common it is among humanity, is as a weight, being hung about the neck of the man who practices it, which will as certainly, unless repented of, sink him into premature sickness and an untimely grave as the earth opened and swallowed up ,Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

If you are that man, remember it is not merely a question of ceasing to do evil spiritually and physically, but also of learning to do well physically and spiritually.

Will you give this important question as much serious and intelligent consideration as you give to your business?

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To top up exercising I would like to share with you some very yummy smoothies for your before or after exercise routine.

Mango Smoothie

- 1 glass of water
- 1 banana
- 1 mango
- 1 cup pineapple
- 1 apple
- 1/4 cup crushed hazelnuts

Blend the ingredients and enjoy this tasty Smoothie.

Spinach-Basil Smoothie

- 1/4 cup of water
- 1 Tomato, Small
- 1 mini Red Bell Pepper
- ³/₄ Cup Spinach
- ¹/₄ Cup Basil
- 2 Garlic Cloves
- 1 tbsp Lemon Juice
- ¹/₄ Cup Walnuts
- Salt to taste

Blend the ingredients.

Apple – Banana Smoothie

- 1 glass of water
- 1 banana
- 2 inches ginger
- 1 orange

Blend the ingredients.

- 1 apple
- 1/4 cup crushed almonds





Grapefruit – Orange Smoothie

- 1 glass of water
- 1 banana
- 1 grapefruit
- 1 orange
- 1 apple
- 1/4 cup crushed almonds

Blend the ingredients.

Apple Smoothie

- 1 cup of water
- 2 tbsp rice Milk
- ¹/₂ Pineapple
- 4 Bananas
- ¹/₄ cup chopped Almonds

Blend the ingredients.

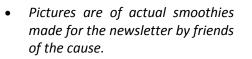
Blueberry Smoothie

- 1 glass of water
- 1 banana
- 1/2 cup pineapple
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 orange
- 1/4 cup crushed almonds

Blend the ingredients

Source: <u>www.healthyfoodbase.com</u>





BIBLE **R**EADINGS

"Christ's death did not make the law of none effect; it did not slay the law, lessen its holy claims; nor did it detract from its sacred dignity. The death of Christ proclaimed the justice of His Father's law in punishing the transgressor, in that He consented to suffer the penalty of the law Himself, in order to save fallen man from its curse. The death of God's beloved Son on the cross, shows the immutability of the law of God. His death magnifies the law and makes it honirable, and gives evidence to man of its changeless character. . . The death of Christ justified the claims of the law. "T., v. 2, p. 201.

The Law Of God Before It Was Proclaimed Upon Mount Sinai

- **Rom. 5:13.** "Sin is not imputed where there is no law." T., v. 8., p. 207.

- Gen. 2:17; 3:1-7. Eve coveted the fruit and then stole. P.P. 55, 56.

- Gen. 4:7. Sin lay at Cain's door. P.P. 81-83.

- Gen. 13:13; 19:4-11. Sodomites were "sinners before the Lord exceedingly."

- **Gen. 39:7-10**. Sin to break 7th commandment. P.P. 217.

- Gen. 9:20-27. Cursed for breaking the 5 commandment.

- Ex. 16:22-30. Sabbath 30 days before Sinai.

- **Ex. 5:5.** Israelites kept Sabbath. P.P. 258.

Gen. 32:2-5. Idolatry a sin.

- Gen. 6:5, margin. The antediluvians broke *all* the law; for every imagination of the heart was *evil* every day. P.P. 159.

The Giving Of The Law

- **Deut. 4:32, 33.** Greatest event in history.

- **Ex. 19:1; Num. 1:45, 46.** Audience of at least 1,000,000.

- Ex. 19:10, 11. Three days' preparation.

- **Ex. 19:12, 13.** Bounds around Sinai.

- **Ex. 19:16-20.** Wonderful display of grandeur. T., v. 8, p. 198.

- **Ps. 68:8, 17; Heb. 12:26.** Thousands of angels. Whole earth shook.

- **Deut. 4:12, 13; Ex. 20:1-17.** From the midst of the glory God spoke the ten commandments. P.P. 303-311.

- **Deut. 5:22.** God spoke no other words.

Deut. 4:9, 10. We should never forget that great display of power and glory. Teach the children about it. T., v. 6, p. 10.

- **Ex. 24:12.** Moses called into the Mount.

- **Ex. 31:18.** God gave unto Moses "two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." P.P. 314.

- **Ex. 32:16.** "The tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables."

- **Ex. 32:7-19.** Tables broken. P.P. 320.

- **Deut. 10:1-5.** Moses made second tables after the pattern of the first; God wrote the law on the second tables. P.P. 329.



The Law Of God

- **Ps. 19:7.** The law is perfect. *G.C. 468.*

- **Rom. 7:12.** Holy, just, and good. *G.C. 433, 434*.

- Matt. 5:17, 18. Christ forbade anyone even thinking that He would change the law.

- **Col. 1:25,** margin. To fulfill is to preach fully.

- Isa. 42:21. Christ magnified the law.

- Matt. 5:21-26; 1 John 3:15. Hatred in heart breaks the law.

- **Ps.119:96.** The commandments are exceedingly broad.

- Matt. 5:27, 28. Impure thoughts break the law. *D.A. 310*.

- Matt. 5:33-37. The use of bywords is swearing.

- **Mark 7:7-13.** Tradition can never take the place of the law.

- Matt. 19:16-22. There is life in obedience.

- Luke 10:25, 26. Carefully consider, "*what is written in the law*"; take it as it reads.

- John 15:10. Christ kept the law. *T.*, *v.* 8, *p.* 208; *C.O.L.* 282, 283.

- Matt. 22:34-40. The law embraces our full duty to God and fellowmen. *G.C.* 467.

- **Matt. 12:1-8.** Christ's disciples accused of breaking the Sabbath. He was Lord of it. *D.A. 204, 284-286.*

- Matt. 12:10-14. "It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath-day."

- **Luke 4:16.** Christ kept the 4th commandment.

1 Peter 2:21. Follow His steps.

Converting Power In The Law

- **Ps. 19:7.** Converts the soul. *D.A. 308.*

- **Rom. 3:19; Num. 15:16**. All the world subject to the law. *T.*, *v. 8*, *p. 199*.

- **Isa. 59:2**, margin. Sin separates from God.

- **Rom. 3:20, 7:7**. The law points out sin.

- Jas. 1:23-25. A spiritual mirror; reveals sin, but can not remove it. *T.*, *v.* 4, *p.* 294.

- **1 John 1:7, 9.** Blood of Christ alone can cleanse from sin.

- Gal. 3:24. Law leads to Christ. *D.A. 308.*

- **Rom. 3:31.** Faith establishes the law. *D.A. 126*.

- Isa 51:7; Ps. 37:31. Law in the heart establishes righteous.

- **Rom. 3:21.** Law witnesses to righteousness.

Eccl. 12:13, 14; Rom. 2:12,
13. Standard in judgment. *G.C.* 482.

- **Rev. 22:14.** Passport into glory. *G.C. 639, 640.*

- **Ps. 119:97.** "O how I love thy law."

- Bible Handbook, Stephen Haskell

(COL – Christ Object Lessons DA – Desire of Ages GC – Great Controversy PP – Patriarchs & Prophets, Tv – Testimonies Volume *)

Articles

Which Way? Dallas Roberts (Bible Picture Pathways)

Several years ago, we had taken a family vacation to Montana. On this particular day, we had taken a side trip off of the main road up into the mountains to look for rock crystals. As the day began to disappear we decided we had better leave and drive back out to a main road before dark so we wouldn't get lost at night. As we were leaving, a sudden snow storm blew in and we were totally unprepared To make matters worse it for snow. finally got dark and our headlights were poor and seemed unable to penetrate through the heavy downfall of snow. As we drove, the road turned into a dirt road and there appeared to be road construction and we could not tell where the edges of the dirt road dropped off of the mountain. We hadn't seen any other vehicles and were totally lost. Fearing we would either drive into a road construction pit or get stuck in a snow bank and freeze to death out in the middle of nowhere, we pulled off on the side of the road to look at a map, but that too was no help, since it didn't even show the road we were on. In the snowy darkness, we began to pray for God to help us safely reach the interstate highway again. Just then a large pickup truck pulled up beside us, illuminating the road with his bright headlights. A friendly man with a big bushy beard asked if we were lost and offered to lead us to the interstate. He said we could "just follow his lights."

In what seemed like no time at all, he led us to an interstate overpass that was all lit up with street lights and told us which way to get on to go South, (as if he knew which way we were going.)

We thanked him, and as we pulled onto the interstate we watched to see if he had made the special trip just for us or if he would turn around and go back the way we came. We saw his taillights disappear under the overpass but they never came out on the other side. Had it been our guardian angel? A year later as we drove through the same area again, this time on the interstate, we looked for the exit/overpass with all the lights. It isn't there. There were only cow pastures. We feel sure that God had sent an angel to not only provide an on-ramp to the interstate, but to also show us the way.

Some of us may never get to see our guardian angel here on earth, but God has a way marked out for all of us. We may find safety by following the pathway laid out for us in the wilderness sanctuary model. It shows the pathway out of this dark world of sin and details the waymarks to eternal life.

Psalm 77:13 says, Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

We, too, may find our way to the throne of God, if we will follow the light of truth in God's word. As we study the sanctuary model, we find that in order for a person to enter into the courtyard of the wilderness sanctuary, they had to walk through the door or gate. The doorway into the courtyard was on the **east** side. (*Exodus 27:13-16*)



This door is extremely important for us to understand, because Jesus Christ tells us that He himself is represented by a door. He said, "<u>I am the door</u>: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9

This door or gate was the only entrance into the courtyard and therefore, the **ONLY WAY** for a person to get to the Tabernacle. *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6*

Just as the sanctuary had only one gate or door, Jesus is the only way to salvation.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is <u>none other name</u> under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12 All other methods of trying to receive salvation are worthless. Jesus said "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." John 10:1

(Devil charms, penance, image worship, relics, self-scourgings, -- even our own good works alone, are useless.) Our only hope of salvation is Jesus.

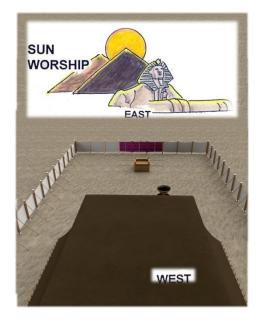
This door was made of linen hangings that were blue, purple, and scarlet in color and matched the colors of the veil in the tabernacle itself.

Exodus 27:16 And for the gate of the court shall be an hanging of twenty

cubits, of <u>blue</u>, and <u>purple</u>, and <u>scarlet</u>, and <u>fine twined linen</u>, wrought with needlework: and their <u>pillars</u> <u>shall be four</u>, and their sockets four.

These 4 brass pillars and this colorful linen hanging are a representation of the Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ as presented in the gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.*

So for a person to start walking this sanctuary "path to the Throne of God" ("to come to God" and be saved) – the very first thing that they have to do is to leave the "outer darkness" of the world and enter the Sanctuary. The very first step in this process is for them to walk "through" this doorway that represents Christ – in other words, they must come to a knowledge of Jesus Christ – they need to be introduced to the Saviour!



For if after <u>they have escaped the</u> <u>pollutions of the world **through** the</u> <u>knowledge of the Lord and Saviour</u> <u>Jesus Christ</u>, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is

worse with them than the beginning. 2 *Peter* 2:20

As we walk the sanctuary path (from East to West), we must make a conscious decision to turn our back on the pagan worship practices and sun worship of the **east** and choose instead to worship Jesus the Son of God.

There are only two ways that can be traveled – the Broadway or the Narrow Way.

Jesus said, Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matthew 7:13, 14.

And now the question for each one to settle is, Will you leave the dark abodes of sin and woe and through Jesus enter into the path of life? Will you choose today to worship God and *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise..:? Psalm 100:4*

Will you choose to turn your back on the things of this world and turn your eyes upon Jesus? Won't you follow the way to safety?

*There were 4 brass pillars that actually made up the door or gateway opening itself. (Exodus 38:13-19)

In the Bible "brass" is used to represent humanity or human flesh (Jer. 6:28; Eze. 22:18; 24:11,12; Eze. 27:13). But brass that has been melted and purified doesn't contain impurities and can also be used to represent Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:15) who was "God manifest in *the flesh*" and without sin. In the Bible, the number 4 can be used to represent Jesus Christ our Creator (examples: 4th Commandment, 4 Gospels, 4th Man in the furnace, 4th Angel, etc.)

Typical & Anti-Typical Day of Atonement

Esmarie Wait

What is the Day of Atonement?

If you are familiar with the sanctuary and its services you will know that there was only one door in the tabernacle representing Jesus Christ, and as you enter into the outer court we find the altar of burnt offering, where they would offer an offering for their sin, and repent of their sin and the priest would then make atonement for them. Exodus 29:36 "And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it." and then there was the Laver where the priest would wash himself before entering the Holy place, also being a symbol of baptism. "They were to leave their shoes in the court before entering the sanctuary, and also to wash both their hands and their feet before ministering in the tabernacle or at the altar of burnt offering. Thus was constantly taught the lesson that all defilement must be put away from those who would approach into the presence of God." {Patriarchs & Prophets pg. 350.2}

Then he would enter the Holy Place where we would find the table of showbread representing the word of God and also the Body of Jesus "The showbread was kept ever before the Lord as a perpetual offering. . . . It was called showbread, or "bread of the presence," because it was ever before the face of the Lord... Both the manna and the showbread pointed to Christ, the living bread, who is ever in the presence of God for us." {The Faith I Live By pg. 197.2} John 6:33 "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world."

You would also find the altar of Incense "The golden altar was an "altar of continual intercession," representing the prayers of God's people coming up before Him continually..." {S Haskell - Cross and its Shadow.}

Revelation 8:3 "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne."

And lastly you would find the Candlestick with seven Candles, Representing the Church of God which is to be a light in the world

"The candlestick of beaten gold with its seven bowls for the lamps was an "example and shadow of heavenly things. Its seven branches, each holding aloft a lamp, represented the church of God." {S Haskel - Cross and its Shadow.}

Revelation 1:20 "... the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

• With Just a brief overview of the outer court and the Holy place we know that this was a daily and continual service that was to be done by the priest, but then once a year the priest would enter the Most Holy Place to cleanse the Sanctuary, and this day was called the <u>Day of</u> <u>Atonement.</u> Leviticus 16:34 "And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses."

"Once a year, on the great Day of Atonement, the priest entered the most holy place for the cleansing of the sanctuary. The work there performed completed the yearly round of ministration." {Patriarchs & Prophets pg. 355.2}

THE tenth day of the seventh month was the "Day of Atonement." It was regarded as more sacred than any other day in the yearly round of service. It was a ceremonial Sabbath and a fast day..... "The chief service of the day was the offering of the goats. Two goats were brought to the door of the sanctuary, where lots were cast upon them, one for the Lord, the other for the scapegoat, or Azazel. The high priest killed the Lord's goat, and ...he passed with the blood of the goat into the most holy place. Just as he entered within the second veil, carrying the golden censer filled with coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, and his hand full of incense, he placed the incense upon the coals in the censer, that the cloud of fragrant incense might cover him as he passed in before the visible presence of God, as manifested between the cherubim above the mercy-seat. With his fingers he sprinkled the blood upon the mercyseat above the broken law of God. Then going out into the first apartment, he touched the horns of the golden altar with the blood. When he had "made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar," he went out into the court. In type the high priest now bore in his person all the sins of the children of Israel which had been confessed and transferred to the sanctuary. He then laid his hands upon the head of the scapegoat, and confessed "over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat," and the goat was sent away, "by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness." The goat bore upon him all the iniquities unto a land "not inhabited," a "land of separation."... The bodies of the animals whose blood had been taken within the sanctuary, were carried out of the camp and burned. When the sun set on the day of atonement, the sins were all gone into the "land of separation," and nothing but ashes remained as a reminder of them. Thus was carried on the type of that heavenly work which is to decide the eternal destiny of every soul that has ever lived upon the earth. In type and shadow the confessed sins of Israel had been transferred to the sanctuary during all the year; the cleansing of the sanctuary was the removing of those sins. "It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these [the blood of animals]; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these." Every sin is marked before the Lord in heaven. When sins are confessed and forgiven, they are covered. This was typified by their being transferred to the sanctuary, where no human eyes except those of the priest ever beheld the stains of the blood of the sin-offering upon the horns of the golden altar before the veil. It could not be possible that the books of heaven will always hold the records of sin, or that Christ will always bear the sins of the world. As the typical work was performed at the close of the year, so the cleansing of the heavenly, sanctuary will take place near the end of Christ's priestly work. cleansing The of the heavenly sanctuary necessitates an examination

of the records-an investigative judgment.

The earthly sanctuary was cleansed on the tenth day of the seventh month of each year; the heavenly will be cleansed once for all. This work was begun in 1844 A. D., at the end of the prophetic period of the two thousand three hundred days. The prophet Daniel was given a view of the antitypical work in the heavenly sanctuary. He describes it thus:

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool: His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened." {S Hakell - The Cross and its Shadow. Pg 210-212}

• What is Our Duty on the Antitypical Day Of Atonement *while*, as our High Priest, Jesus Christ is in the Most Holy place making atonement for our sins?

There are four things that we need to participate in on the Day of Atonement.

"Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: <u>it shall be an holy</u> <u>convocation unto you</u>; and ye shall <u>afflict your souls</u>, and <u>offer an</u> <u>offering made by fire</u> unto the LORD. And <u>ye shall do no work</u> in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. And whatsoever

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soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath." (Leviticus 23:27-32)

- 1: Holy Convocation
- **2**: Afflict our souls
- **3**: Offering by Fire unto the Lord
- 4: He shall do No work

• Holy Convocation:

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more. as ye see the day approaching.(Heb 10:19-25)

So we are not to forsake the assembly of ourselves together... as we see the Day approaching.

What Day is this verse talking about?

Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you. Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger. (Zep 2:1-3)

This Decree is talking about the Judgments soon to befall mankind!

See Hebrews 10:25 again:

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. (Heb 10:25)

Who are the "some" that forsake the assembly?

See verse 22:

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. (Heb 10:22)

Those that did not have their hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.

Why do they forsake the assembly?

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. (Joh 3:19-21)

They forsake the assembly because they do not want to be convicted of their sins.

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and

unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. (Tit 1:15-16)

In the Day of Atonement we are to congregate together.

We are not to forsake the assembly. Why does God want us to get together?

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. (Mat 18:19)

So where there is agreement together in the will of God the Bible says it will be done!

When we join together we have to pray for the Dew to fall on us, we must pray for the congregation joined together, we must pray that the Lord will reveal all truth and light that we need to us! There WILL be a marked manifestation of God answering our prayers!

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Mat 18:20)

If we agree in prayer on anything God will hear and answer us!

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. (Act 1:12-14)

They were praying and studying the Prophecies, they made sure they got their lives right cause they were waiting for the promise of the Comforter (they were waiting for the latter rain).

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Act 2:1-4)

Every member received the Holy Spirit because they were in one accord.

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them. and saith unto them. Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him. We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in

his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. (Joh 20:19-25)

Thomas was not congregating together... thus He did not receive the Holy Spirit!

The blessings come when you congregate together! When you participate in the Holy convocation!

It is important to note that those of the disciples who came together, were likeminded, of one mind, and agreed on what constituted as Truth. Php2:2

We should not feel discouraged if we find ourselves to be the only believer in our area, or if for some reason you cannot get together with others. Below is an interesting quote from a book called, Counsels to the Church:

"We are now living in the great day of atonement. In the typical service, while the high priest was making the atonement for Israel, all were required to afflict their souls by repentance of sin and humiliation before the Lord, lest they be cut off from among the people. In like manner, all who would have their names retained in the book of life should now, in the few remaining days of their probation, afflict their souls before God by sorrow for sin and true repentance. There must be deep, faithful searching of heart. The light, frivolous spirit indulged by so many professed Christians must be put away. There is earnest warfare before all who would subdue the evil tendencies that strive for the mastery. The work of preparation is an individual work. We are not saved in groups. The purity and devotion of one will not offset the want of these qualities in another. Though all nations are to pass in

judgment before God, yet He will examine the case of each individual with as close and searching scrutiny as if there were not another being upon the earth. Everyone must be tested and found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.

(To be concluded...)

A TOUCHING INCIDENT

Someone relates a touching incident which occurred on a railroad train: One night in a crowded sleeping-car a baby cried most piteously. At last a harsh voice called out from a neighbouring berth:—

"Won't that child's mother stop its noise so that the people in this car can get some sleep?"

The baby ceased for a moment and then a man's voice answered:—

"The baby's mother is in her coffin in the baggage-car, and I have been awake with the little one for three nights. I will do my best to keep her quiet."

There was a sudden rush from the other berth, and a rough voice, broken and tender, said:—

"I didn't understand, sir; I am so sorry; I wouldn't have said it for the world had I understood. Let me take the baby and you get some rest."

And up and down the car paced the strong man, softly hushing the tired baby until it fell asleep, when he laid it down in his own berth and watched over it until morning. As he carried the little one back to its father, he again apologised in the same words: "I hope you will excuse what I said. I didn't understand how it was."

It is the peculiar province of Christians to be kind, patient, and courteous even when they do not understand. Thus does the excellence of their grace appear.—"Onward."

HE BEGAN TOO LATE W. S. SADLER.

A few evenings ago there sat in my office a young man, scarcely more than twenty years of age, who had just been released from a State reform school, to which he had been committed on a number of serious charges.

I was anxious to know about his home influence, childhood, early experience, etc., and with no little interest I asked, "My brother, were your parents Christians?" To my surprise he answered, "Yes, father and mother were both earnest Christians."

I was silent for a moment. I thought: How can it be,—father and mother earnest Christians, and yet this lad had gravitated on down through sin and iniquity, tobacco using and liquordrinking, into vice and crime that carried him to prison!

I next ventured to ask, "Did you believe in Christ?"

He answered, "Yes, I believed in religion, but..."

"But what?" I asked; and with tears in his eyes he answered, *"I began too late."*

Oh, yes, I thought to myself, I understand your story now. Yes, he was one of those young men who grow up with more or less gospel influence surrounding them. His parents were church-members; perhaps not so earnest as they might have been, but still they tried to train their children right. He told me his father was sober and honest, and his mother a praying woman. But little by little he had neglected and rejected the light of heaven and the pleadings of the Spirit of God within his soul; step by step he had passed down the stairway that leads from the path of rectitude and

purity to that of vice and immorality. Inch by inch he had given way to the advances of the enemy, and as a consequence, day by day he continued to drift farther and farther from principles that were pure and high and holy; while his mind became more and more poisoned with the thoughts and plans of the evil one.

And thus a hundred little steps away from God and the right—a hundred little sins—had accomplished the work of searing the conscience, polluting the morals, and contaminating the soul.

I longed to give him an opportunity to redeem himself; and I purposed in my heart, if it were possible, to help him rise from the pit into which he had fallen; but I shall never forget those words that he spoke in answer to my question, — <u>"I began too late."</u>

I gave him an opportunity; but I, too, found that he had begun too late. One of his first acts, in return for the kindness shown him, was to steal his room-mate's purse, after which he fled, and I have not seen him since., But the memory of this young man lingers in my mind; and I would that I might cry aloud to every young man and every young woman who has grown up with the blessed privilege of knowing the truth, and tell them of the danger of remaining indifferent to the light they have received, or of neglecting the claims of God upon their souls.

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. – Hebrews 4:7

HUMBUG RELIGION.

"Some students one day disjointed ten or a dozen bugs of different kinds," says Dr. Munhall, "and then artistically constructed one bug out of parts of all the others. The professor of natural history in the university was old and quite nearsighted. They placed their bug on a table, and calling him in, said, `Professor, we have made a most extraordinary find. Here is a bug, the like of which we have never seen or heard about. Can you tell us what it is?' "The professor, adjusting his glasses, took a look, and then said, `Young gentlemen, this is a *humbug.*'

"But now, some professors who claim to be very learned specialists have, from many sources, gathered numerous theories which they declare are wonderful improvements upon the religion of the Bible, and when these theories are adjusted, we have the most striking and peculiar creature the world has ever seen. And this creature the professors are trying to palm off on their students as an evolution of the religion of the Bible, and a great improvement of the same, and in order to make it popular, they call it `the twentieth century religion.' But I call it *humbug*."—*Religious* Review of Reviews.

Humbug – Deception, not true, a lie

THE KEY THAT UNLOCKED HIS HEART

A Kind word has a magic power. Many a person has been turned from wrong to right, from discontent and unhappiness to peace and happiness, by the winning power of kindness. Such was the experience of the old man in the following instance:

"Sir," said this old man one day to a minister, "would you like to know how it was that I, an old, gray-haired sinner, was instrumentally led to become a Christian?" "Yes," replied the minister, "I would very much like to know."

"Well, sir, I was walking in the street one morning, when I met a bright-eyed boy. The fellow stepped up to me, and, in the most polite manner imaginable, said, 'Please, sir, will you take a tract? and please, sir, will you read it?' Now, I had always hated tracts, and when anyone offered them to me I generally got angry. But that 'please, sir,' overcame me that morning. I could not say no to that gentlemanly little fellow, with his kind 'please, sir.' No, no; so I took the tract and thanked the boy.

As I had promised him that I would read it, I did read it. By God's mercy the reading of that tract led me to see that I was a sinner. It was the means of bringing me to Christ. That 'please, sir,' was the key that unlocked my hard old heart." - Selected

And the Door Was Shut

How SAD the story yet, how often told, Of five bride-maidens, thoughtless, beautiful, Who went with laughing eyes but empty lamps Forth to the marriage feast with eager steps While on the way and waiting for the hour, All carelessly and still all unprepared, They laid them down and slept. But from their slumber quickly were they roused, When in the midst of night went forth the cry,

"Arise I the bridegroom cometh, get ye forth!" Then knew they first the bitterness and shame

Of undeserved slumber; nor could think Those wiser maidens hard, who dare not share With them the fruits of their own carefulness.

Then sadly and with fruitless earnestness Sought they admission to the marriage feast; But when the wise maids entered and the throng Had passed, behold I the palace door

was shut.

And weeping went the foolish maidens forth Into the cheerless night.

So come and go our hours of golden chance, The stately bridegrooms of our glowing hopes, Wed with the high resolve of many days; We dream of them and sigh—yet unprepared, For when they come they find us slumbering, And once for all the blessed door is shut

-George J. H. Northcroft

MISSIONARY REPORT

OUTREACH NEAR DIVUNDU

By Admiral Tutalife and Austen Simasiku

Beginning of the mission:

While in Katima sharing Biblical truths with the group of youth from UNAM, I received an invitation from the Divundu area to come and share those truths with them in May. I left Katima for Divundu and upon arrival, I was asked to present to several groups instead of one, I then invited another brother of mine who just recently joined me in the missionary work, to come and help me in the work of sharing the gospel. Luke 10:1 "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come." We then began sharing with the groups on the 24th May 2015 and we were asked to share for three months.



Reaction of the people during the lessons:

As my brother and I started presenting the lessons, the people were really convicted by God's grace and they began asking for our Bibles to check where we had written in our Bibles the many verses we were presenting to them but they couldn't find them anywhere in our Bibles We prefer to use the proof text method to present all our lessons. Isaiah 28:10 *"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little."* This is where you allow scripture to explain itself, you trace a specific topic through the whole of the Bible in order to get the correct understanding of that topic.



Many of them would ask how we are able to use the Bible to explain itself so well. This of course could only be done through a lot of prayerful study and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

As we continued through the lessons, many of them began to say that they really need help and desire to be changed and that our being with them is a blessing from God and that they would like to praise the Lord for our coming to share with them. As they learned new truths they began to put what they learn to practice.

Apart from sharing the gospel with them we also encountered people with illnesses which were brought to us by those we were working with, cases such as a sister which had a liver problem. She had yellow eyes, poor breathing, her body was weak and her urine samples were yellow, she was also in and out of the hospital and placed on injections and was later told that her case was incurable.

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We then worked with the sister by prayers and giving her different juices such as carrot, beetroot, garlic and ginger, apple juice, lemon juice, turmeric and black strap molasses. A change in her diet was made by eliminating flesh and we placed her on a 100% plant based diet. By God's grace in just a few days, her eye colour changed from yellow to white, yellow urine to clear urine, stronger in body strength and her breathing problems gone, all of this in less than a month of the treatment.

Then as the people beheld the changes in the sister's case they brought another sister who had some type of swelling in her mouth as seen in the picture below. We then used turmeric twice a day for about a week, and in just a few days the swelling began disappearing and in both these cases, praise was given to the Lord.



After this another man was brought to us who had heart palpitations, sore joints, painful ribs, couldn't walk because of his feet that were in constant pain and he had breathing difficulties. We then used beetroot with carrot, garlic and ginger juicing twice a day and within two days he could walk without pain for close to 2km distance. His breathing improved and the pain in his ribs, the soreness in his joints ended as well as the heart palpitations. We also increased his water intake on a daily basis and had flesh eliminated from his diet.

Experiences & Challenges while sharing:

The biggest challenge faced was that of transport because the different groups that we had to share with were far apart from each other which at times made it difficult to be on time.

"The medical missionary work is the pioneer work of the gospel. Work for the sick and suffering tends to remove prejudice against the evangelical work. The hearts of those for whom medical missionary work is done are often, by this means, opened to the truth."– Manuscript Releases, Volume 13, page 393

"To Christ's disciples today there come countless opportunities to minister to sin-sick souls and to those in need of physical healing. Physical healing is bound up with the gospel commission. Medical missionary work is the pioneer work of the gospel."– Review & Herald, May 1904

We learned this first hand that indeed the medical missionary work is the pioneer work and the right hand of the gospel. Many barriers were broken down by this heavenly appointed work. Medical missionary work really made it possible for us to reach out to souls whom we thought impossible to reach.

We also got to learn a few things about country living and were engaged in a few manual labor activities ourselves such as building mud houses. We got to realize that it's not just us coming to share with them, but we also came to learn a few things from them, which we count as a great blessing.

THE BEST

By Lenien De Witt

To be a Colporteur is the best work I have ever done, one reason is because I get to have angels as my companions and the angels prepare the way for the books "Under divine guidance, go forward in the work, and look to the Lord for aid. The Holy Spirit will attend you. Angels of heaven will accompany you, preparing the way." - Colporteur Ministry page. 22

I prefer to say that, I do not sell the books, I make them available to the people, and God sells the books.

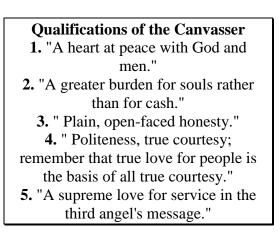
The second reason is because I have the privilege to do the work of John the Baptist, preparing a people to meet God. "The publications sent forth ... are to prepare a people to meet God. Throughout the world they are to do the same work that was done by John the Baptist for the Jewish nation. By startling messages of warning, God's prophet awakened men from worldly dreaming. Through him God called backsliding Israel to repentance. By his presentation of truth he exposed popular delusions. In contrast with the false theories of his time, truth in his teaching stood forth as an eternal certainty. "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," was John's message. Matthew 3:2. This same message, through the publications ... is to be given to the world today." -Colporteur Ministry page 3)

The third but not the last yet the best reason are that I get to see God's work first hand in Him calling His people; A front row seat.

I witnessed how a person would take a book and open it at a topic about tithes, she would have this look which seemed she would not buy it, then she read "*To give is to live*", her expression changed and she bought the book. To see a person not knowing the difference between the Old and New testament buying a Christ's Object Lessons makes me think of God saying to her "I love you my daughter, read of how I will look for you as shepherd looks for his lost sheep".

When you are a Colporteur, miracles happen daily, you meet strange people, and you make new good friends and have unique conversations, which you would not have had if you were not a Colporteur. The work is not always easy, there are challenges, but to give up is not an option, because I know that God promises in His Word "...be ve stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 15:58.

"More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications." -Colporteur Ministry page 151, knowing the books you spread has an important role to play in the salvation of others you do your best to "Scatter them like the leaves of autumn" -Colporteur Ministry page 25





HE WANTED WORK.

"Well, sir," said Mr. Brown, looking up from his books, "what do you want with me?"

"I want to get some work to do," was the quick answer of a boy, whose name was Willie Thompson.

"Some work; what makes you think I have any work?"

"I read your notice in the paper."

"So you read the papers, do you? Well, do you think you can do my work as I will want it done?"

"I do not know, sir. I thought perhaps you would be willing to try me and see."

"Well, now, that's fair; what can you do?"

Willie thought a minute; there were a good many things he thought he could do; at last he said, "I can do what I am told."

"Can you, indeed? Now if you are entirely sure of that, you are a very good boy."

"Well, I mean," said Willie, his cheeks getting red, "that I can try to do it. You would not give me things to do that you knew I couldn't do."

"But if I should hire you, and the next day tell you to go to my store and roll down the hill at the back door twentyfive times, what would you do then?"

"Why," said Willie, laughing, "I'm sure I could do that, and I would go at it as fast as I could."

"But what would you think of having to do such work?"

"Why, I might think you a very silly man; but that wouldn't hinder my doing the work, you know."

"But if I should tell you to go to the shop next door to mine, and watch your chance, and seize the nicestlooking codfish you saw, and run back with it to my store?" "That I couldn't do, sir," Willie said.

"Why not? You told me you could do what you were told to do."

"So I can; but the Bible says, `Thou shalt not steal,' and I must do as it says."

"Ah, ha, then! my orders come next to those, do they?"

"Yes, sir, always."

Willie's voice was as firm as before; but he began to think 'that Mr. Brown must be a wicked man, and it would be just as well not to work for him; but just at this point, the gentleman held out his hand and said :—

"We'll shake hands on that, my boy, and try each other for two weeks, if you say so. I want a boy who puts God's orders first, and mine *next*."— *Young Reader*.

BIBLE ALPHABET

THE following beautiful arrangement of God's precious promises was sent to the "*Life Boat*" by a little girl. We copy it for our readers: —

A. — "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted." *Isa.* 66:13.

B. — "Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." *1 John 3: 2.*

C. — "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." *1 Peter 5:7*

D. — "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." *Ps. 37:4.*

E. — "Every word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him." *Prov.* 30:5.

F. — "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." *Isa.* 41:10.

G. — "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." *Ps. 46:1*

H. — "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be

thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." *Josh. 1:9*

I. — "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." *Phil. 4:13*

J. — "Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." *John 14:6*

K. — "Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of Thy wings." *Ps. 17:8* L. — "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me." *John 14:1* M. — "My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." *Phil. 4:19*, "My times are in Thy hand." *Ps. 31:15*

N. — "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." *Jude.* 24

O. — "Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things He bath done for you." *1 Sam. 12: 24.*

P. — "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you : not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." *John 14:27*

Q. — "Quench not the Spirit." 1 Thess. 5:19.

R. — "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer." *Rom. 12:12.*

S. — "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him." *Isa. 3:10*

T. — "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." *Deut. 33:* 27

U. — "Unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." *Mal. 4:2*

V. — "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me bath everlasting life." *John 6:* 47.

W. — "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." *Rom.* 8:28

X. — "Xcept a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." *John 3:3*

Y. — "Ye shall seek Me; and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." *Jer*. *29:13*.

Z. — "Zealous of good works." *Titus 2:14*.

MEETING TROUBLE

ONCE on a time a little leaf was heard, to sigh and cry, as leaves often do when a gentle wind is about. And the twig said:— "The wind," said, the leaf, "just told me that one day it would, pull me off, and throw me down to the ground to die!"

The twig told it to the branch on which it grew, and the branch told it to the tree. And when the tree heard it, it rustled all over, and sent word back to the leaf:—

"Do not be afraid, hold on tightly, and you shall not go till you want to." And, so the leaf stopped sighing, and went on rustling and singing.

And so it grew all summer long till October. And when the bright days of autumn came, the little leaf saw all the leaves around becoming very beautiful. Some were yellow, and some were scarlet, and some were striped with both colours.

Then it asked the tree what it meant. And the tree said:—

"All these leaves are getting ready to fly away, and they have put on these beautiful colours because of joy."

Then the little leaf began to want to go, and grew very beautiful in thinking of it, and when it was very gay in colours, it saw that the branches of the tree had no colour in them, and so the leaf said:—

"Oh, branch, why are you lead coloured and we golden?"

"We must keep on our work clothes," said the tree, "for our life is not done yet, but your clothes are for a holiday, because your task is over."

Just then a little puff of wind came, and the leaf let go without thinking of it, and the wind took it up and turned it over and over, and then whirled it like a spark of fire in the air, and let it fall gently down under the edge of the fence among hundreds of leaves, and it fell into a dream, and never waked up to tell what it dreamed about.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

"What is the matter, little leaf?"



WIE IS "HY IS"? Deur Christa Kuehl



Dis 'n voorreg dat Jesus my gebruik om hierdie storie met u te deel, sodat Sy Naam verheerlik kan word. Die Here werk op wonderlike maniere as ons Hom in alles vertrou. Op 'n dag kry ek 'n "whatsapp" van n vriendin met 'n mooi foto van 'n paar hande, wat 'n voëltjie vashou met n teksversie by. Shoe, dink ek, "Dit gaan my volgende koerant stukkie word". Opgewonde stuur ek die foto ook aan Cobus met die versekering dat hy sal saam stem, "Dis mos 'n mooi fototjie, met die belofte van die Woord daarby en dan kan ek net my gedeelte by skryf", dink ek.

"Ongelukkig kan jy die foto nie gebruik nie, want dit lyk of dit iemand anders se foto is" kom die "whatsapp" van Cobus terug. Ek groot-oog maak die foto weer oop, net om seker te maak, en daar sien ek, klein aan die onderkant is daar n webtuiste met n eie-kenmerk. Sabbat oggend sit ek en my man in die tuin onder die Lapa. Ek vertel hom die storie en dat ek God vertrou vir 'n foto. Terwyl ons die onderwerp bespreek oor reg en verkeerd, val 'n baba "Jacobin Cuckoo" uit die boom, verby die lapa se dak op die grond!! My man is eerste uit sy stoel, "*Hier is jou foto!*!"

Heb 11:6 "En sonder geloof is dit onmoontlik om God te behaag; want hy wat tot God gaan, moet glo dat **Hy** is en 'n beloner is van die wat Hom soek."

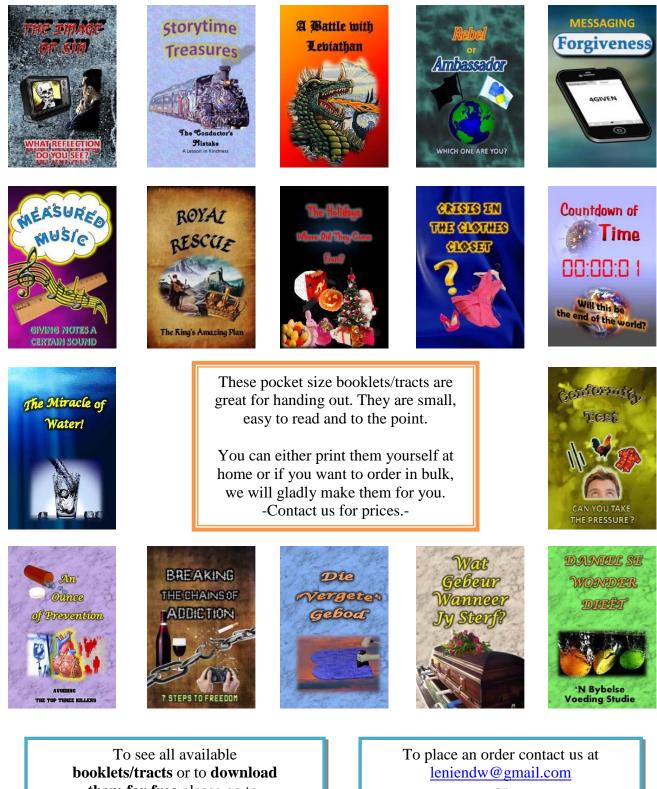
Wanneer ons deur die Gees, Jesus soek en glo dat "**Hy is**" sal ons beloon word. Wat n belofte om aan vas te hou! Die vreugde uit hierdie belofte het nie n einde nie. Ons kan daagliks die mooiste beloftes in Sy Woord ons eie maak en Sy Vrede wat menslike verstand te bowe gaan, ervaar.

Heb 13:8. "Jesus Christus is gister en vandag dieselfde en tot in ewigheid." Amen.

THE HEAVENS DECLARE Lenien De Witt

The heavens declare the glory of God The sun is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber His joy and happiness awakens the earth with song and gladness everywhere Every sound is a praise to God The happy bridegroom's light reaches from East to West from South to North Going as far as the eye can see and even further No light is brighter no light is wider when the sun is on its highest Such is the glory of our God No eye can measure it none is brighter none is wider The glory of the Lord awakes the earth with song and sounds of praise to the Creator O, how marvellous is the glory, mercy and blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ It cannot be measured, it cannot be out shine, it cannot be overcome It's for all to enjoy the glory of the Lord

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