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To Brother Leaders



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Search for the Treasure

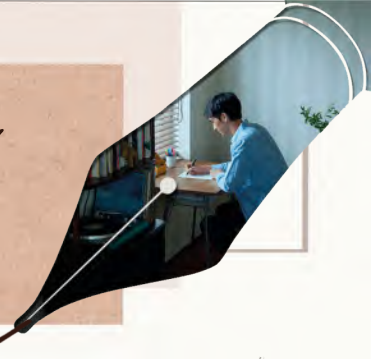
The word of God is to be our study. We are to educate our children in the truths found therein. It is an inexhaustible treasure; but men fail to find this treasure because they do not search until it is within their possession. Very many are content with a supposition in regard to the truth. They are content with a surface work, taking for granted that they have all that is essential. They take the sayings of others for truth, being too indolent to put themselves to diligent, earnest labor, represented in the word as digging for hidden treasure. But man's inventions are not only unreliable, they are dangerous; for they place man where God should be. They place the sayings of men where a "Thus saith the Lord" should be.

Christ is the truth. His words are truth, and they have a deeper significance than appears on the surface. All the sayings of Christ have a value beyond their unpretending appearance. Minds that are quickened by the Holy Spirit will discern the value of these sayings. They will discern the precious gems of truth, though these may be buried treasures. {COL 109, 110.}

Let us not despise the privilege of searching for the treasure. If we find it, it will be one of the most important blessings of our life. May the Lord help us to be faithful and give us strength, energy, and perseverance to find that treasure.

The Editors

To Brother Leaders



Dear Brethren:

Again we plead with you that, even though you despise the source of the plea, you make a through investigation of the message that has come to you in the name of the Lord, lest you repeat the history of the Jews. For of all men, you should realize most acutely the dreadful danger of closing your eyes and stopping your ears, even though it be to the words of only some poor "fisherman."

Unless you repent of your present attitude toward the message, "and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart be forgiven thee," then just so surely as your eyes now read these words, your wrong course will bring upon you, and that very shortly, the fulfillment of that fearful pronouncement of the True Witness: "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing [truth or prophets]," "I will spue thee out of My mouth."

Brethren, remember that "there is no pride so dangerous as spiritual pride. -- Testimonies to Ministers p. 109.

Foreseeing that the message was to find you full of self-complacency over your spiritual attainments, the

Lord mercifully forewarned you: "Thou art neither cold nor hot;" that is, thou art lukewarm, satisfied. "I would thou wert cold or hot," -- dissatisfied, -- wanting everything rather than feeling that you have need of nothing. Then you would not by your actions be saying, "I am rich, and increased with goods and have need of nothing," -- neither truth nor prophets, -- but would know that "thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

Brethren, may these disillusioning words open your eyes that you may see yourselves as you are, so that "the shame of thy nakedness do not appear." The promise is unailing: "Anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." Our prayers are that you fail not, for we love you.

Remember that though the Lord in His great mercy has called you out of darkness to walk in His marvelous light, yet if you walk not therein, your light shall become darkness and your goods a booty.

Says the Lord: "I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: thy breasts are

fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare." Ezek. 16:7. But "as many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." Rev. 3:19. Or "therefore will I return, and take away My corn in the time thereof, and My wine in the season thereof, and will recover My wool and My flax given to cover her nakedness." Hos. 2:9.

Take heed, Brethren, lest by your willful course you incur God's displeasure and (speaking in the mixed figures of these correlative prophecies) in His awful wrath He strip you naked, and "spue thee out of [His] mouth." Then you will be "hot," but to no avail, for it will be forever too late to change and though like Esau you shall weep bitterly the Lord shall not hear you.

No more honest in their deception than are you in yours, yet the Jews at least gave audience to Christ, where as you have not been that fair. Notwithstanding that Inspiration characterizes you as "blind" and in "a terrible deception" (Testimonies Vol. 3, p. 254), you are setting yourselves up as wise spiritual guides, even demanding that Inspiration bow down to your decision as to what shall or what shall not be brought before God's people! Your behavior is as unreasonable as the strictures of the ancient scribes and Pharisees against the teachings of Christ!

Increasingly your challenging attitude toward the present revelations from God's Word, is crying out: "Who is the Lord,

that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord neither will I let Israel go." Ex. 5:2.

The Lord's counsel is: "Precious light is to shine forth from the Word of God, and let no one presume to dictate what shall or what shall not be brought before the people in the messages of enlightenment that He shall send, and so quench the Spirit of God. Whatever may be his position of authority, no one has a right to shut away the light from the people." -- Testimonies on Sabbath School Work p. 65.

"God means what He says. -- Testimonies Vol. 5, p. 365.

"Men...through selfishness.. .crowd down the very ones whom God is using to diffuse the light He has given them...Satan's skill is exercised....He works to restrict religious liberty....Organizations.. .will work under Satan's dictation to bring men under the control of men; and fraud and guile will bear the semblance of zeal for truth and for the advancement of the kingdom of God...such men assume to exercise the prerogatives of God -- they presume to do that which God Himself will not do in seeking to control the minds of men. Thus they follow in the track of Romanism.... In such arrangements the man who allows his mind to be ruled by the mind of another is thus separated from God and exposed to temptation....but God has plainly set it before us. He says, 'Cursed



be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm. -- Testimonies Vol. 7, pp. 179, 180, 181, 178.

Calling yourselves men of "experience," you say: "If a brother has any light on the Scriptures, let him submit it to us, and if we see no light in it, let him drop it." But, Brethren, how can you see light in anything without looking into it? And how can you discern spiritual things unless you "anoint thine eyes with eyesalve [revealed truth], that thou mayest see"? Refusing to do this, how will you ever discern truth?

Why should we renounce the message in the Rod when you have so utterly failed to prove it to be in error? Why cast aside precious gems of truth simply because the majority cannot tell them from paste jewels? You have long been leveling stout words against the tyrannies of others, but now how about your own! You charge that our position "puts us in bad company." But you do not realize what you say, and that we stand in identically the same position today as did John the Baptist, Christ, the apostles, Luther, and Miller in the yesterdays, and as did the founders of the S.D.A. denomination; not in the position which you are trying to make us appear to be in -- that which the opposers of truth always occupied, by which thousands have been cheated of heaven's blessing! Brethren, really prove us wrong, and you will

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then see how quickly we will change our position!

Our unflinching concern is that you will take heed to the counsel of the True Witness, and confess your poverty of spiritual things, lest He pronounce upon you the dreadful woe: "Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principle of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel" (Jer. 25:34), and thus be missing when "it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit." Joel 2:28, 29. Speaking of this time, the Spirit of Prophecy declares: "Mighty miracles were wrought, the sick were healed, and signs and wonders followed the believers." -- Early Writings, p. 278.

O what unbounding folly and loss to pursue a wrong course, and lose out in a time like this, when the privilege is being accorded you to choose rather to "sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven"! Matt. 8:11. May you not fail.

*Sincerely yours for a humble
spirit and the happy choice,
Your friend and servant.*

Though exceedingly burdened for our leading brethren that they lay to heart the Lord's counsel just tendered, we are likewise burdened that the laity also lay well to heart the Lord's counsel to them. Thus, impartially, we now address

A WORD TO THE ELECT OF GOD, THE 144,000!

Dear Brethren:

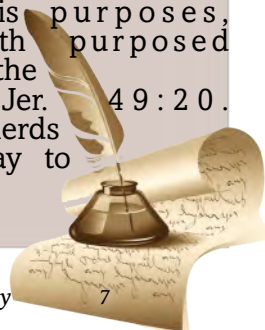
To you who hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, and who are not known to us by name, but only by prospective number (144,000) and office (God's guileless servants, kings, and priests), -- to each of you comes the solemn certainty that the sealing time is very short, its end very near. Therefore, Brother, Sister, make sure that you receive the seal of God on time; do not delay the return to our Eden home. "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Heb. 4:7. He that is on the Lord's side, let him tarry no longer. The time has fully arrived for the 144,000 to come into line with God's program for the finishing of His work and the preparing of them for translation. So, saith the Lord: "As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day." Ezek. 34:12. "And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon His land." Zech. 9:16.

Make haste Brother, Sister; immediately take your stand on

the Lord's side, so that He may, because of your "sighing" (repenting) and "crying" (proclaiming the sealing message), without delay disclose "to view" as the "servants of our God," you who shall escape being among the "slain of the Lord," be sent unto the Gentiles, and "bring all your brethren...out of all nations." Isa. 66:16, 19, 20.

Study the message for yourselves, and forbid that any flesh interfere with your salvation. Make your own decision independently of any man, and know for yourself that God is leading you as He did when you were to become as S.D.A. Accept neither priest nor prelate as your God. "Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee." Ps.32:9. Why should you trip and fall over the same stumbling block which has plunged millions headlong into hell? Look up, Brother, Sister, and avoid the calamity ahead, and help others also to avoid it.

And as for those who are deaf to the voice of the Good Shepherd, "my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock is carried away captive." Jer. 13:17. Therefore hear the counsel of the Lord, that He hath taken against Edom; and His purposes, that He hath purposed against the inhabitants." Jer. 49:20. "And the shepherds shall have no way to



flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape." Jer. 25:35.

Now our great desire and hope is that each one of you will communicate with us without delay, so that in accordance with God's Word we may together launch a program for the "siege," and in such a manner

that we can present to the enemy a united front. Then will God work; then will the barriers which have been erected against the Truth and against His servants who are to "be disclosed to view," fall like the walls of Jericho! "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Rev. 3:22

Yours is "to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn." Isa. 61:1, 2. What an unmatched privilege! God forbid that any forfeit it.

*Sincerely yours for implicit trust in
God and for green pasture
for His flock,
Your friend and servant*

P.S. Avail yourselves of the publications containing Present Truth, and get ready for the work. Be of the "wise," and fill your "vessels" with this extra "oil" for your "lamps." Our literature will fully reveal that "the days are at hand, and the effect of every vision." Ezek. 12:23. That is to say, the visions of the prophets, which appeared to be full of mysteries, are now become plain facts.

Twelve tracts, to date, aggregating 898 pages, will be sent free of charge and postpaid to anyone, upon request. To those newly requesting the literature, the series will be *forwarded one number at a time at two-week intervals. Those who accompany their requests with names of S.D.A.'s, may, if they so specify, have all the twelve tracts together.

"Receive My instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold." -- Prov. 8:10. "Today if ye will hear His voice harden not your hearts." Order now.

TRACT NO. 2: 59-68



Tips for

PARENTS



Recognizing the grievous proportions which the ever present parent-child problem has attained in the midst of Present Truth believers, "The Symbolic Code," in its July, 1937 issue, sounded the following alarm:

"The parents are blind to the true state of their children, who have succeeded in entirely deceiving them. But those who have lost the control of their children are not pleased when others seek to control them, or to point out their defects for the purpose of correcting them.'--'Testimonies for the Church,' Vol. 4, p. 193.

"Perhaps Mt. Carmel is having to grapple with no problem so often and so vigorously as that brought to view in the concluding sentence of the last quotation."

As pointed and serious,

however, as was this note of warning, it fell upon many deaf ears. Few profited by it, with the result that today the relation of parent, child, and institution presents itself as a far more aggravated and distressing problem than when first brought to attention. As a matter of fact, so swollen and infected has the sore now become because that it has poisoned the whole body, and has even caused the amputation of several members contaminated beyond remedy.

Why this calamity? There is but one answer, and that is: many who profess Present Truth do not wholeheartedly believe and practice what is written in the Code. In truth, doubt and disbelief in the Code is in varying degrees, leavening our companies everywhere. And only a few, "a handful to the tribes," as it were, religiously attach face value to "this monthly visitor's" high and solemn affirmation that "it positively demands that the heralds of 'the great and dreadful day of the Lord,' who are under its jurisdiction, must strictly comply with all the requirements, instructions, and advice which it

bears to them from time to time, adding nothing to or subtracting nothing from the message. It will not countenance those who ignore its divine authority, for the church is to be the light of the world, 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.'"

Apparently, though, neither a "thus saith the Lord" nor an "it is written" has as much effect nowadays upon the conscience of Present Truth believers and upon their "ideas and theories, habits and practices" as do the sentiments: "They say, " "I have heard" (T.M. 505), "I think."

Parents and parent-sympathizers, in especial, exhibit the most resisting and impenetrable Laodiceanism in this respect, being as impervious to the message's counsels, warnings, and entreaties, as a stone to water. For instance, you have repeatedly been told that, as parents, your ways of child training and discipline are not God's ways; that your ideas of love and kindness are false and baleful; that your blind love is naught but sentimentalism, and your indulgent kindness naught but cruelty. But who have believed what is written, and in fear and trembling diligently set to work to "convert and be healed" from these wrong ideas and theories, habits and practices, by which Satan binds the soul to his chariot wheel? Who, like David of old, when told, "thou art the man," have, with deep, impelling conviction

confessed, "I have sinned against the Lord," and have then straightway and earnestly set about to "bring forth fruit meet for repentance" by first "confessing to (your) children, (your) unwise course in rearing them" (S.C., Vol. 3, Nos. 8-10, p. 3), and then by giving your "fullest cooperation (to) the school?"

How much wiser, nobler, and happier would you and your children be to confess your sinful opposition to God's light and His work, than to continue standing aloof, nursing imaginary or self-inflicted wounds, harboring grudges, petting grievances, and throwing stones at everything not to your liking, and at everyone with whom you do not agree in their efforts to educate and save your children.

By your unwise indulging and your ill-advised sympathizing, your neglect of restraining and lack of disciplining, you have already done your children an incalculable injury, which must cost them their souls and perhaps you, yours, unless a speedy, drastic, and thorough-going change of affairs takes place both with you and with them--unless, in fine, your ideas and theories of religion, of education, of discipline, of work, and your

life's habits and practices undergo an immediate and radical transformation which will put you on the Lord's side in the great controversy between good and evil.

If as a Present Truth parent, you are one who would save yourself and your children, you will make haste to get yourselves at least spiritually out of the doomed cities, whose "pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness" will, eventually, only end in sadness as it did with Lot's wife in Sodom of old--turning your last fond and lingering gaze into a pillar of salt, as it were. Then once free in spirit from the deadly clutches of these cities, you will henceforth keep your children out of public school and will instruct them at home, bringing "them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" until they shall be prepared to matriculate in the Lord's school here at Mt. Carmel.

"Parents flock with their families to the cities, because they fancy it easier to obtain a livelihood there than in the country. The children having nothing to do when not in school, obtain a street education. From evil associates, they acquire habits of vice and dissipation. The parents see all this, but it will require a sacrifice to correct their

error, and they stay where they are, until Satan gains full control of their children. Better sacrifice any and every worldly consideration than to imperil the precious souls committed to your care. They will be assailed by temptations, and should be taught to meet them; but it is your duty to cut off every influence, to break up every habit, to sunder every tie, that keeps you from the most free, open, and hearty committal of yourselves and your family to God. {4SC10-12: 9.1.1}

Instead of the crowded city, seek some retired situation where your children will be, so far as possible shielded from temptation, and there train and educate them for usefulness. The prophet Ezekiel thus enumerates the causes that led to Sodom's sin and destruction: 'Pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters; neither did she strengthen the hands of the poor and needy.' All who would escape the doom of Sodom, must shun the course that brought God's judgments upon that wicked city.

"My brethren, you are disregarding the most sacred claims of God, by your neglect to consecrate yourselves and your children to him. Many of you are reposing in false security, absorbed in selfish interests, and attracted by earthly treasures. You fear no evil.



Steps

FOR PARENTS

Danger seems a great way off. You will be deceived, deluded, to your eternal ruin, unless, you arouse, and with penitence and deep humiliation return unto the Lord.

"The deadly lethargy of the world is paralyzing your senses. Sin no longer appears repulsive, because you are blinded by Satan. The judgments of God are soon to be poured out upon the earth. 'Escape for thy life,' is the warning from the angels of God. Other voices are heard saying, 'Do not become excited; there is no cause for special alarm. Those who are at ease in Zion cry peace and safety, while Heaven, declares that swift destruction is about to come upon the transgressor. The young, the frivolous, the pleasure-loving consider these warnings as idle tales, and turn from them with a jest. Parents are inclined to think their children about right in the matter, and all sleep on at ease. Thus it was at the destruction of the old world, and when Sodom and Gomorrah were consumed by fire. On the night prior to their destruction, the cities of the plain rioted in pleasure. Lot was derided for his fears and warnings. But it was these scoffers that perished in the flames. That very night the door of mercy was forever closed to the wicked, careless inhabitants of Sodom.

"It is God who holds in His hands the destiny of souls. He will not always be mocked; He will not always be trifled with. Already His judgments are in

the land. Fierce and awful tempests leave destruction and death in their wake. The devouring fire lays low the desolate forest and the crowded city. Storm and shipwreck await those who journey upon the deep. Accident and calamity threaten all who travel upon the land. Hurricanes, earthquakes, sword and famine, follow in quick succession. Yet the hearts of men are hardened. They recognize not the warning voice of God. They will not flee to the only refuge from the gathering storm.

"Many who have been placed upon the walls of Zion, to watch with eagle eye for the approach of danger, and lift the voice of warning, are themselves asleep.' The very ones who should be most active and vigilant in this hour of peril are neglecting their duty, and bringing upon themselves the blood of souls.

"My brethren, beware of the evil heart of unbelief. The word of God is plain and close in its restrictions; it interferes with your selfish indulgence; therefore you do not obey it. The testimonies of His Spirit call your attention to the Scriptures, point out your defects of character, and

rebuke your sins; therefore you do not heed them. And to justify your carnal, ease-loving course, you begin to doubt whether the testimonies are from God. If you would obey their teachings, you would be assured of their divine origin. Remember, your unbelief does not affect their truthfulness."--"Testimonies for the Church," Vol., 5, pp. 232-234.

"Any one of the children of the Hebrews who was found in an Egyptian habitation was destroyed.

"This experience of the Israelites was written for the instruction of those who should live in the last days. Before the overflowing scourge shall come upon the dwellers of the earth, the Lord calls upon all who are Israelites indeed to prepare for that event. To parents He sends the warning cry, Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Get out of the large cities as fast as possible. Establish church schools. Give your children the word of God as the foundation of all their education. This is full of beautiful lessons, and if pupils make it their study in the primary grade below, they will be prepared for the higher grade above....

"Where are your children? Are you educating them to discern and to escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust? Are you seeking to save their souls, or are you by your neglect aiding in their destruction?"--"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 6, p. 195.

Mother and Father, Brother and Sister, do you really mean to escape "the overflowing scourge?" If you do, you will not one moment longer neglect or slight or disregard one ray of light, but will diligently restudy the Codes and quickly put into effect the solemn lessons, precepts, injunctions, reproofs, and warnings, which have been left unheeded as they have come from time to time. Thus, and thus only, will you so order your homes and your lives that you and your children may have a part in building the Lord's "camp" and in gathering the nations, and finally of experiencing the ineffable and transcendent joy of entering into that glorious rest that remaineth to the people of God!

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FOR

PARENTS

Health Wave



"If parents have transmitted to their children tendencies which will make more difficult the work of educating them to be strictly temperate, and of cultivating pure and virtuous habits, what a solemn responsibility rests upon the parents to counteract that influence by every means in their power! How diligently and earnestly should they strive to do their duty by their unfortunate offspring! To parents is committed the sacred trust of guarding the physical and moral constitution of their children. Those who indulge a child's appetite, and do not teach him to control his passions, may afterward see, in the tobacco-loving, liquor-drinking slave, whose senses are benumbed, and whose lips utter falsehood and profanity, the terrible mistake they have made."--"Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene," pp. 46, 47.





Mt Carmel has had to set a standard for its adults as well as for its youth. Continually we cry out, "Become concerned about your habits in eating and drinking! If you do not, then nature's laws will pronounce your down-fall."

"It is impossible for those who give the reins to appetite to attain to Christian perfection. The moral sensibilities of your children cannot be easily aroused, unless you are careful in the selection of their food. Many a mother sets a table that is a snare to her family. Flesh-meats, butter, cheese, rich pastry, spiced foods and condiments are freely partaken of by both old and young."--Ibid.

Because of using such foods as those above mentioned, along with demineralized food products, this country every year marches over the moldering bodies of 400,000 little children who, under ten years of age, have gone to their untimely graves. Make sure that your children do not join them.



Recipes

DUMPLINGS

The use of soda and baking powder is harmful. Abandon all such unhealthful recipes, and reform in this matter.

Whole Wheat Dumplings

1 cup milk

1/4 cup cream

1/4 cup oil

1/2 cup cracker meal or zweiback
crumbs

1/2 cup whole wheat flour

2 Eggs

1/4 t salt

Have water boiling in lower part of double boiler; in top part, place milk, cream, oil, and salt. Heat these ingredients to the boiling point; then, while beating, add flour. Cook for fifteen minutes. Remove from fire, let stand until warm, not hot, beat into the batter one egg at a time, and then mix in cracker meal or zweiback crumbs. Drop from spoon into boiling broth or what ever sauce you may use, lumps of batter about the size of a walnut. Cook no longer than four or five minutes. Serves six.





Recipes

Corn Dumplings

1/2 cup shorts or whole wheat flour

2 1/2 cups milk

1/2 cup oil

1 t salt

1/2 cup cracker meal

3 eggs

3/4 cup unbolted cornmeal

As with whole wheat dumplings, bring milk, oil, and salt to a boil, in a double boiler. While beating, add cornmeal, and continue beating until smooth.

Then add shorts (or flour), mix well, and cook for fifteen minutes. Remove from fire, and let stand until warm, not hot, then beat in eggs one at a time.

To this, add cracker meal, and cook no longer than for whole wheat dumplings.

Either of these dumplings go well with the following healthful dishes:

garbanzo pea stew, navy or brown bean stew, potato or vegetable stew.

Eat for health; not for appetite.

Vol. 3 The Symbolic Code No. 7:14



Mother's position and responsibilities

The Husband's Equal—Woman should fill the position which God originally designed for her, as her husband's equal. The world needs mothers who are mothers not merely in name but in every sense of the word. We may safely say that the distinctive duties of woman are more sacred, more holy, than those of man. Let woman realize the sacredness of her work and in the strength and fear of God take up her life mission. Let her educate her children for usefulness in this world and for a home in the better world.

The wife and mother should not sacrifice her strength and allow her powers to lie dormant, leaning wholly upon her husband. Her individuality cannot be merged in his. She should feel that she is her husband's equal—to stand by his side, she faithful at her post of duty and he at his. Her work in the education of her children is in every respect as elevating and ennobling as any post of duty he may be called to fill, even if it is to be the chief magistrate of the nation.

The Queen of the Home—The king upon his throne has no higher work than has the mother. The mother is queen of her household. She has in her power the molding of her children's characters, that they may be fitted for the higher, immortal life. An angel could not ask for a higher mission; for in doing this work she is doing service for God. Let her only realize the high character of her task, and it will inspire her with courage. Let her realize the worth of her work and put on the whole armor of God, that she may resist the temptation to conform to the world's standard. Her work is for time and for eternity.

The mother is the queen of the home, and the children are her subjects. She is to rule her household wisely, in the dignity of her motherhood. Her influence in the home is to be paramount; her word, law. If she is a Christian, under God's control, she will command the respect of her children.

The children are to be taught to regard their mother, not as a slave whose work it is to wait on them, but as



a queen who is to guide and direct them, teaching them line upon line, precept upon precept.

A Graphic Comparison of Values—The mother seldom appreciates her own work and frequently sets so low an estimate upon her labor that she regards it as domestic drudgery. She goes through the same round day after day, week after week, with no special marked results. She cannot tell at the close of the day the many little things she has accomplished. Placed beside her husband's achievement, she feels that she has done nothing worth mentioning.

The father frequently comes in with a self-satisfied air and proudly recounts what he has accomplished through the day. His remarks show that now he must be waited upon by the mother, for she has not done much except take care of the children, cook the meals, and keep the house in order. She has not acted the merchant, bought nor sold; she has not acted the farmer, in tilling the soil; she has not acted the mechanic—therefore she has done nothing to make her weary. He criticizes and censures and dictates as though he was the lord of creation. And this is all the more trying to the wife and mother, because she has become very weary at her post of duty during the day, and yet she cannot see what she has done and is really disheartened.

Could the veil be withdrawn

and father and mother see as God sees the work of the day, and see how His infinite eye compares the work of the one with that of the other, they would be astonished at the heavenly revelation. The father would view his labors in a more modest light, while the mother would have new courage and energy to pursue her labor with wisdom, perseverance, and patience. Now she knows its value. While the father has been dealing with the things which must perish and pass away, the mother has been dealing with developing minds and character, working not only for time but for eternity.

God Has Appointed Her Work—Would that every mother could realize how great are her duties and her responsibilities and how great will be the reward of faithfulness.

The mother who cheerfully takes up the duties lying directly in her path will feel that life is to her precious, because God has given her a work to perform. In this work she need not necessarily dwarf her mind nor allow her intellect to become enfeebled.

The mother's work is given



her of God, to bring up her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The love and fear of God should ever be kept before their tender minds. When corrected, they should be taught to feel that they are admonished of God, that He is displeased with deception, untruthfulness, and wrongdoing. Thus the minds of little ones may be so connected with God that all they do and say will be in reference to His glory; and in after years they will not be like the reed in the wind, continually wavering between inclination and duty.

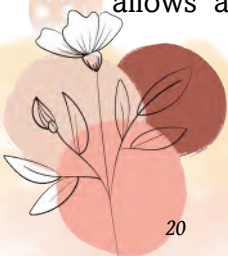
To lead them to Jesus is not all that is required.... These children are to be educated and trained to become disciples of Christ, "that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." This work of molding, refining, and polishing is the mother's. The character of the child is to be developed. The mother must engrave upon the tablet of the heart lessons as enduring as eternity; and she will surely meet the displeasure of the Lord if she neglects this sacred work or allows anything to interfere

with it.... The Christian mother has her God-appointed work, which she will not neglect if she is closely connected with God and imbued with His Spirit.

Her Grand and Noble Commission—There are opportunities of inestimable worth, interests infinitely precious, committed to every mother. The humble round of duties which women have come to regard as a wearisome task should be looked upon as a grand and noble work. It is the mother's privilege to bless the world by her influence, and in doing this she will bring joy to her own heart. She may make straight paths for the feet of her children through sunshine and shadow to the glorious heights above. But it is only when she seeks, in her own life, to follow the teachings of Christ that the mother can hope to form the character of her children after the divine pattern.

Amid all the activities of life the mother's most sacred duty is to her children. But how often is this duty put aside that some selfish gratification may be followed! Parents are entrusted with the present and eternal interests of their children. They are to hold the reins of government and guide their households to the honor of God. God's law should be their standard, and love should rule in all things.

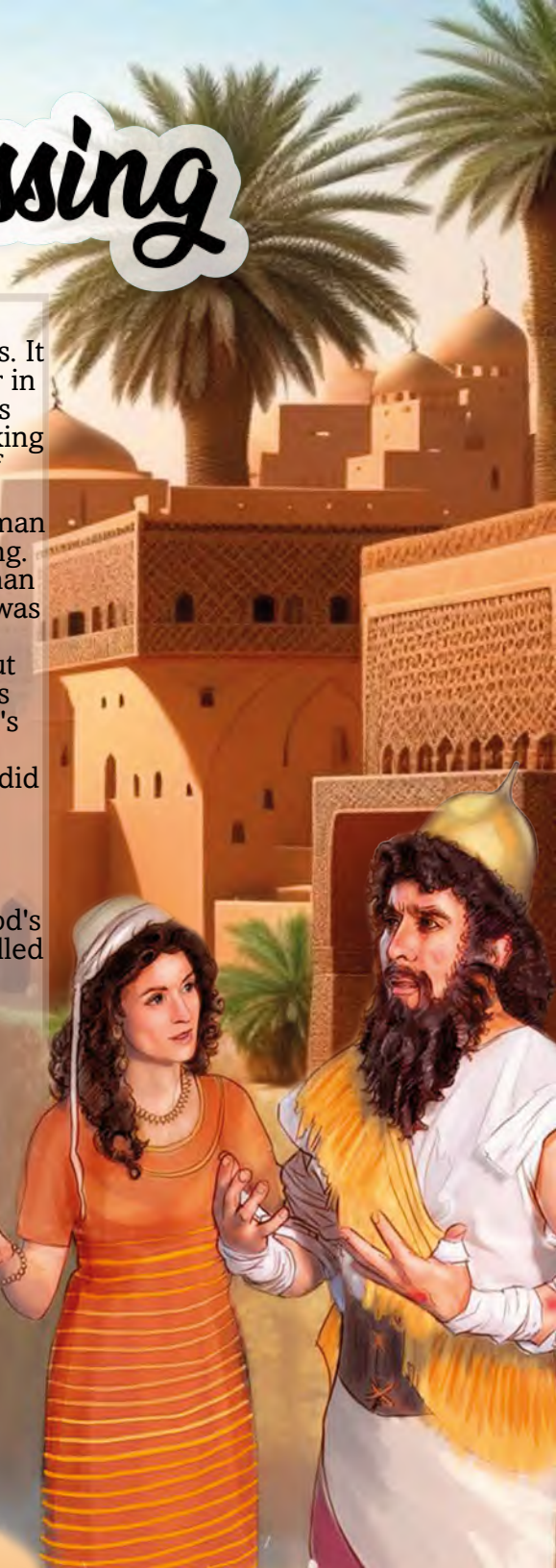
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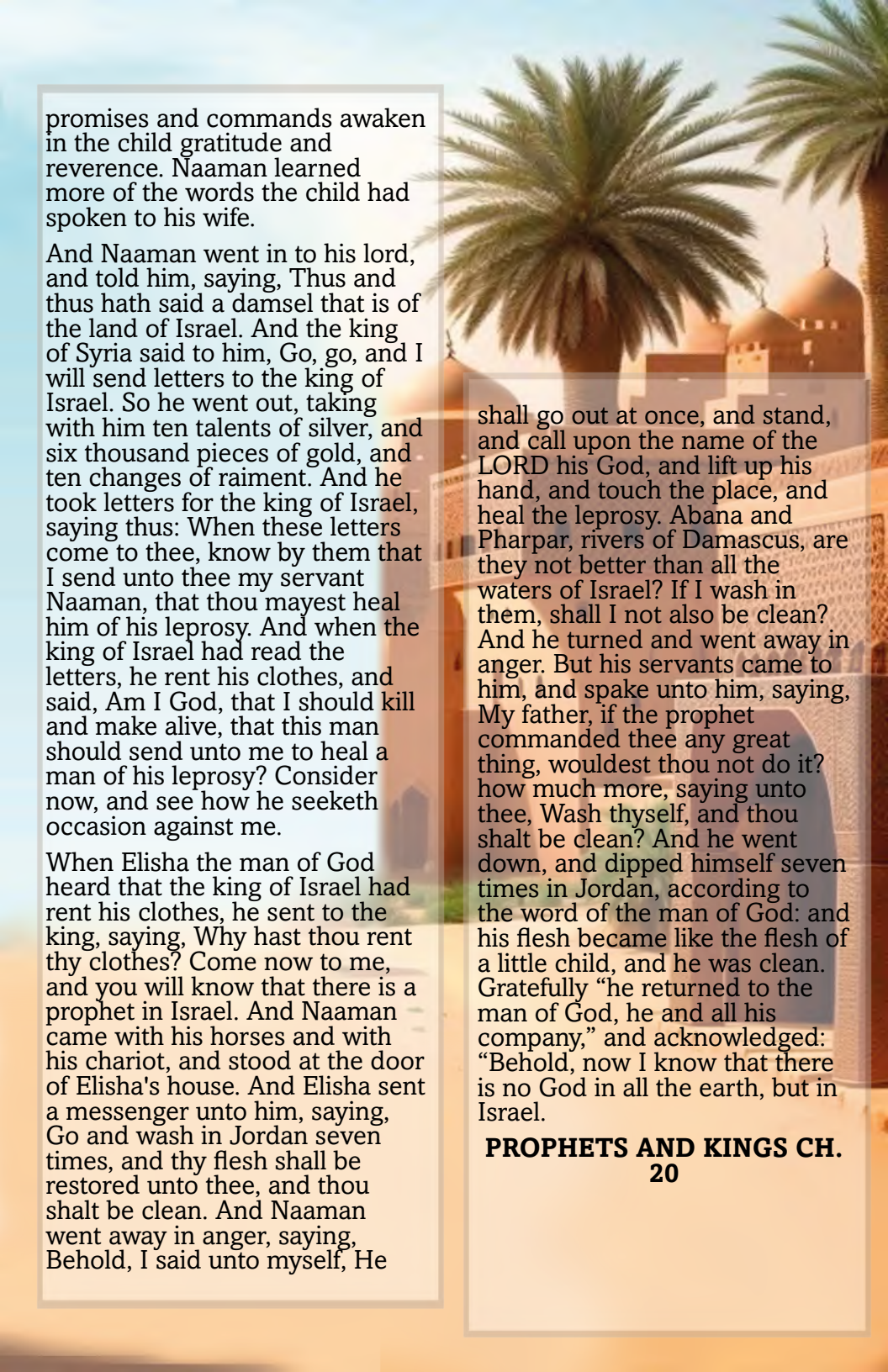


A Blessing

We will go to very ancient times. It is of a very important character in history. But more important was an Israelite girl. Yes, we are talking about Naaman and the Child of Israel. Naaman was a very important general and a great man before his lord, the Assyrian king. But there was a problem. Naaman was a leper. At that time there was no cure for leprosy. It was a terrible disease. Bands came out of Syria and among the captives was a girl, who served Naaman's wife. Although she was a long way from home. What anguish did she feel being away from her family? It reminds me of other young men like her who were taken to strange lands such as Daniel, Joseph, etc. She was God's witness and unconsciously fulfilled God's purpose for His people.

While serving in that heathen home, she felt sorry for her master Naaman, she remembered the admirable miracles of healing performed through Elisha and she said to her master. If my lord would pray to the Prophet who is in Samaria, he would heal him of his leprosy. Happy are the parents whose life is a reflection also of the divine that God's





promises and commands awaken in the child gratitude and reverence. Naaman learned more of the words the child had spoken to his wife.

And Naaman went in to his lord, and told him, saying, Thus and thus hath said a damsel that is of the land of Israel. And the king of Syria said to him, Go, go, and I will send letters to the king of Israel. So he went out, taking with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. And he took letters for the king of Israel, saying thus: When these letters come to thee, know by them that I send unto thee my servant Naaman, that thou mayest heal him of his leprosy. And when the king of Israel had read the letters, he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, that I should kill and make alive, that this man should send unto me to heal a man of his leprosy? Consider now, and see how he seeketh occasion against me.

When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, Why hast thou rent thy clothes? Come now to me, and you will know that there is a prophet in Israel. And Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall be restored unto thee, and thou shalt be clean. And Naaman went away in anger, saying, Behold, I said unto myself, He

shall go out at once, and stand, and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and lift up his hand, and touch the place, and heal the leprosy. Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, are they not better than all the waters of Israel? If I wash in them, shall I not also be clean? And he turned and went away in anger. But his servants came to him, and spake unto him, saying, My father, if the prophet commanded thee any great thing, wouldest thou not do it? how much more, saying unto thee, Wash thyself, and thou shalt be clean? And he went down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the word of the man of God: and his flesh became like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Gratefully "he returned to the man of God, he and all his company," and acknowledged: "Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel.

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Field Report

Working in Ghana

It has been flourishing by the grace of God. Currently we have about 48 souls in our study platforms. Of the 48 souls, we have about 4 brethren who have accepted the message and have decided to be part of the pre-hour 11 ministry and also become supporters of the ministry. In addition, 8 others are also showing signs of maturity, and it is our prayer that in time, these brothers will fully accept the message and become part of the ministry. There are others in remote places, and plans are underway to visit these brethren soon.

Names of converted brethren.

1. Name: Bro, Baah Caleb, from Dorma in the western part of Ghana.

2. Name: Bro Amos Cudjoe, from Tarkwa in the western part of Ghana.

Name: Ampaabeng Kyeremeh Pius Kyeremeh from Techiman, Bono East of Ghana.

Name: TENKORANG ISAAC, from Atwima Koforidua in the Asanti Region of Ghana.

Attached are photos of the new brothers and myself.

New Brothers in Ghana



Bro. Kwadwo Amo Sika
and his son



Bro. Calep and Family



Bro. Kyeremeh Pius



Bro. Amos Cudjoe



Bro. Tenkorang Isaac

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