

Children's Corner

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Psalm 119:105. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Imagine what it would be like to have to walk everywhere. No cars, bikes, just your feet. No street lights. Now imagine you have to do it at night!

In Bible times an interesting solution was devised. A lamp was attached to the sandal. Literally this was "a lamp unto the feet".



Our text teaches that the Bible is a light. Through the power of the Holy Ghost It shines into our darkened hearts. This is how the Gospel works faith.

Scripture says of Itself that it is a "light shining in a dark place" (2 Pet. 1:19). It is clear even for the unlearned, "making wise the simple," (Ps. 19:7).

Even little children can understand it.

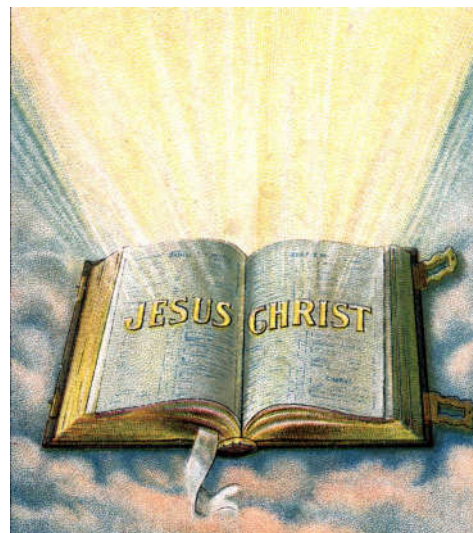
Paul says: "from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures," (2 Tim. 3:15). John's writings were understood:

- ◇ not only by the "fathers",
- ◇ not only by the "young men",
- ◇ but also by the "little children," (1 John 2:13).

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." The Holy Spirit has clearly revealed His will in the Bible.

Yes, if you are lost in the darkness you blunder about. You cannot see what lies in front of you. You are very likely to trip and fall.

But if you have a light, you can see what is in front of you. If you see a rock in front of you, surely you would simply avoid it and not trip over it! What if there was a pool of water in front of you. Would you be silly enough to walk straight into it?



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Psalm 19:

V. 7. The Law of the Lord (the Word of the Lord), **is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord** (another expression for the Bible) **is sure, making wise the simple.**

But for the Word to enlighten us, we must trust what God tells us. Can we trust the Word?

Anyone could write a book and claim that it's true. But to believe what it says, you need proof. So what proof is there that the Bible is true?

First of all, there is eye-witness testimony.

The unique thing about the Bible is that it was written by many different writers. Over a period of 1600 years the Bible was written. At least 50 different men wrote the Bible.

It is really their testimony that God is true!

We have the eye-witness testimony of all these men. They all testified:

- God is true and faithful;
- He keeps His promises;
- He always cares for His children.

If you went to court with 50 witnesses, you would easily win. But remember these were merely the writers the Holy Ghost inspired. They lived amongst millions of people who also experienced the Truth of God.

Just for a moment, pretend the many different writers of the Bible all lied. Would anyone have preserved their writings? Wouldn't they have been forgotten, even destroyed?

It's one thing to write a lie. But would anyone die for a lie? The majority of these men were murdered for their faith.

So we have the testimony of men all throughout history. But we have even greater testimony.

Christ Himself Taught that Every Word of the Bible Is True.

John 17:17:

"Thy Word is truth."

Our dear Saviour tells us (Matt 24):

V. 35. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

Psalm 19:

V. 9. The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Psalm 119:

V. 160. Thy Word is true from the beginning, and everyone of Thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

(Psalm 33:4)

V. 4. For the Word of the Lord is right, and all His works are done in truth.

Therefore **we can trust it absolutely.** God is Just and True.

We also have physical evidence that proves the Bible is true.

Examples of evidence that shows the Bible is true:



Historical writings, eg. The Histories of Josephus

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Archeological sites



Ancient artifacts, like these coins.

Biblical places verified by
archaeology:



Capernaum



The Pool of Bethesda lies within the present walls of the Old City of Jerusalem, and is viewed here below the remains of a Byzantine church built over the pool.

Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-15)



Nazareth

God wants the light of His Word to shine forth. It reveals to us the dangers of sin. The Bible show us the traps into which we otherwise might fall. Now that we have the Word of God, let us study it. Let us apply it to our lives.

I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand upon His Word.
Man's reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts her subtle wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure,
And trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.

(TJW)

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GOLDEN TEXT:

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8

Dear Children, we have heard much about God, our Father in heaven. He loves us, and in all ways seeks to bring about our happiness in this life and in the life to come. The greatest proof of His love is the fact that His only Son laid down His life for us to save us from sin, death and the power of the devil. We shall to-day hear something about the doings of the devil. In the Golden Text he is called our "adversary," that is, our enemy. He is in all his actions the opposite to God. Where God loves, the devil hates and tries to destroy. There are many things about the devil that God has hidden from us, but He has told us that the devil is always trying to lead us to turn away from God, and to live in sin, so that we may finally be lost for ever. He not only tempts men to sin, but, when they have sinned, he accuses them of sinning before God, and calls down God's anger upon them. He is therefore also called the "accuser." The hatred of the devil is most bitter against God's faithful children, as we shall hear from our story.

BOOK OF JOB

Job Part 1

Job Described.

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man feared God, believed in the promised Saviour, and kept away from evil. God had richly blessed him in spiritual things; but also in earthly blessings he was immensely rich. He had seven sons and three daughters; also seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred asses, and a very great household with a large number of servants. Job was a man like the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. His sons had their own households, and they took it turn by turn, to give feasts for their brothers and sisters. And when they had given a feast, Job sent and sanctified them, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned." In other words, he prayed to God for his children, and asked for their sins to be forgiven. We see from all this that Job led a very God-pleasing life, and, of course, Satan would be very anxious to bring about his fall and destruction.

Satan Accuses Job.

Now when the angels of God came before Him, Satan also came among them. And the Lord said to Satan, "Whence (from where) comest thou?" Then Satan answered, "From going to and fro in the earth." The Lord said, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth?" Then Satan answered, "Does Job fear the Lord for nothing? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands. (It pays him to fear Thee.) But put forth thy hand, and touch all that he has, and he will be no better than others, and he will curse thee to thy face." He meant to say that Job did not serve God because he loved Him, but because of the riches God had given him; and also that if God did not bribe men to serve Him by pouring out His blessings upon them, they would hate Him instead of loving Him. From those

words you can learn much about the wickedness and the cunning of the devil. The Lord then decided to allow Satan to put Job to the test and said, "Behold, all that Job has is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand." So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

Job's Losses.

There came a day when Satan made use of the power which God had allowed him against Job. His sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine. And there came a messenger to Job and said, "The oxen were ploughing, and the asses were feeding in the fields beside them: and the Sabeans came and took them away and killed the servants with their swords; and I only was able to escape to tell you." While he was yet speaking another man came and said, "The fire of God is fallen from heaven and has burned up the sheep and the servants, and I only am left alive to tell you." Before he had finished still another messenger arrived, saying, "The Chaldeans took the camels and murdered the servants, and I am the only one left to tell you." Then came another messenger and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking and a great wind came and struck the house where they were, and it fell upon them and they are dead."



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Thus in the space of a few minutes Job had received the news that he had lost nearly all of his riches, and, worst of all, that his children were dead. What a frightful moment that must have been for Job! How cruelly Satan had struck him! And now Satan waited to see whether Job would turn from God, who had allowed all these things to happen, and curse Him. That was what Satan hoped would happen. Although he took truly devilish delight in destroying Job's wealth and children, his chief aim was to make him fall into a dreadful sin, because in that way he hoped to ruin his soul. What did Job do? He arose, rent his mantle in his great sorrow, shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and — **did not curse** — he worshipped God, and said, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." We must imagine the devil's wrath when he saw that his wicked plan had failed and that Job had remained faithful to his God, and loved Him, although he had lost his earthly riches. But there was joy in heaven that day. The angels always rejoice when a child of God wins the victory over Satan.



Dear Children,

That is only a part of the story. We shall hear the rest in the next lesson. From this lesson you are to remember the following:

(a) The devil is the tempter, and his temptations are always for evil. Whenever we feel a desire to do something that our conscience tells us is against God's commandments we may be quite certain Satan is tempting us. What shall we do then? We must watch over our desires, and pray to God to make us strong to avoid the evil, and do the right. Jesus has overcome the devil, and He will also give us the strength to fight against him.

(b) The devil accuses us before God. It is dreadful to think that first he leads men into sin, and then accuses them for sinning. There is no such thing as mercy with the devil. But, God be thanked, we have someone to plead for us. That is our Saviour, who died to save us. When Satan accuses, Jesus is there to plead for mercy for us, for He has paid the price of our sins

on the cross. If we believe in our Saviour, God cannot condemn us, for then we belong to Christ, and for His sake God pardons us. In that way the devil has lost his power over us.

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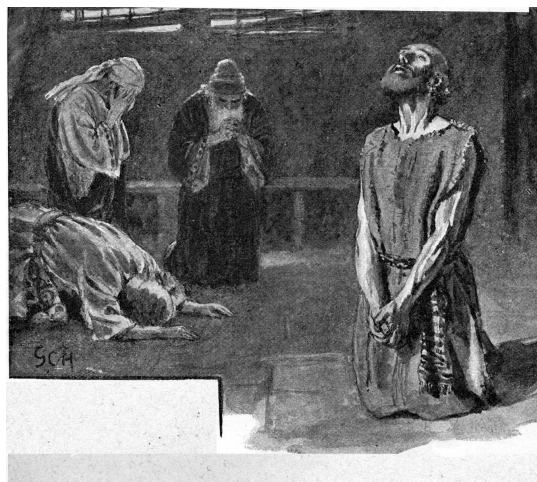
Questions

1. What was the name of Job's country?
2. Whom did he fear?
3. In whom did he believe?
4. What did he avoid?
5. In what ways had God blessed him?
6. How many sons and daughters had he?
7. How many sheep?
8. Camels?
9. Yoke of oxen?
10. Asses?
11. What was Job's household like?
12. How many servant had he?
13. With whom could we compare Job?
14. What did his sons do turn and turn about?
15. What used Job to do when they had each given their feast?
16. What was his reason?
17. What may be seen from all this?
18. Who would be pleased with Job?
19. What would Satan be anxious to do?
20. Into whose presence did Satan come?
21. With whom did he come?
22. What did the Lord ask him?
23. What was his reply?
24. About whom then did God speak?
25. What did He say of Job?
26. How did Satan explain Job's goodness?
27. What did he say would happen if God took His blessings from Job?
28. What power did God then give Satan?
29. What was Satan forbidden to do?
30. Whom did Satan then leave?
31. Of what did he make use?
32. Of what did he rob Job?
33. Describe how this happened.
34. In what space of time did it happen?
35. What was Satan's aim in doing all this?
36. What did he hope?
37. How did Job show his sorrows?
38. What did he not do?
39. What did he do instead?
40. Who was pleased thereby?
41. Who was full of wrath?
42. Why?
43. Who is the tempter for evil?
44. How can we be sure that Satan is tempting us?
45. What then must we do?
46. Who is the accuser?
47. Of what does he accuse men?
48. Who pleads for men?
49. Who is certain of pardon?
50. Why?
51. Who in that way has lost his power over God's children?

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Home Exercises

1. What may be learned from these words: When the angels of God came before Him, Satan also came among them?
2. Satan said he had been "going to and fro in the earth." Explain what he meant by that.
3. The Lord forbade Satan to harm Job in his own person. What does that show?
 - A. With regard to God's care for His children?
 - B. With regard to Satan's power over men?
 - C. With regard to the dread of the devil which many poor souls feel?
4. Because God allowed Satan to destroy Job's earthly happiness and riches, the temptation that followed for Job was twofold or double temptation. God tempted him, and the devil tempted Him.
5. For what reason did God tempt Job?
6. For what reason did Satan tempt him?
7. Every temptation that comes upon the children of God has that two-fold nature.
8. When does it become a temptation for good?
9. When does it become a temptation for evil?
10. Why would Christians not become strong in faith if they never had to bear temptation? Why, then, does God allow His children to be tempted? How, therefore, should we bear trials and temptations? Of what are they truly a sure sign?



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GOOD
SHEPHERD "**

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'... drinketh up a river and hasteth not...' (Chapter 40).

The book of Job is the _____ book of the Bible.

The son of Barachel the Buzite (chapter 32).

_____ the Temanite.

'...out of his mouth goeth burning lamps...' (Chapter 41).

Zophar the _____.

'...which leaveth her eggs in the earth and warmeth them in the dust...'

'...gavest thou the goodly wings unto the _____?' (Chapter 39).

'...the Lord is very _____ and of tender mercy" (James Chapter 5).

A star constellation mentioned twice (chapters 9 & 38).

Bildad the _____.

The land where Job lived.

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