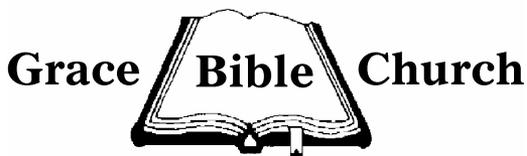


Spiritual Thoughts *For Young Minds*

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PREFACE

This book, written by one who has devoted most of her life to teaching the Word of God, can be used in numerous ways. It is written in a style and language that is easily read and understood.

The book can be used as lessons for teachers of boys, girls, and teens. Mothers and fathers can read them to their children or a group of children assembled in their home. Children can have their own book and read and study from it by themselves. It can be used as a devotional book, taking one lesson each day. It can be used for further study by taking one lesson each week, and studying daily all the scriptures given, and others on the subject.

Salvation and Christian living are stressed throughout this book, therefore it may be used to present salvation and the edifying of God's children. This book is dedicated to the glory of God and His use.

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Chapter 1

ALMOST RIGHT IS WRONG

“Almost Right is Wrong” is a little motto that I used to see each time I went into the local bank where we used to live. I’m sure that the banker was thinking of material things when this motto was put up. However, I have thought a good bit about this concerning spiritual things, and concerning our study of God’s Word. Too many times, boys and girls, as well as adults, listen to others tell of certain happenings in the Bible or of Bible stories and take what someone says concerning the subject and many times these things are “almost right—but wrong.”

There are many things that we could bring out that we have noticed recently about things that writers add to the actual account of Bible stories. We won’t go into all these things, however. My purpose of this lesson is just to get you boys and girls to go to the Word of the Lord for your final authority before accepting any Bible teaching. The Lord surely tells us that He gives teachers and preachers to help guide us into the studies of His Word. We are all weak, however, and prone to make mistakes, so it would be good for us all to look into the Bible to see what we should accept. A sincere teacher may follow along with what she has heard from others and give out something that is not exactly right. A sincere boy or girl may take this and give it to others; when all the time it may be almost right, but wrong. Then, too, there are those that are false teachers and would purposely misrepresent the truth to take glory from the Lord. As you study with me in each of these lessons, I surely hope that you will always look into the Bible and check everything with God’s Word.

In Acts 26 we find the apostle Paul talking to King Agrippa concerning the Lord and how to be saved. The King said to Paul, “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.” This man was almost persuaded to be saved and yet refused to do so. In this case being almost right, but wrong meant eternal death and separation from the Lord for this man. So, we may see from this account how tragic it would be to be “almost right, but wrong.” One could

be almost true to the Word of God, and yet may add something to it, or leave something out that could change the meaning a good bit. For instance, in most cases the stories will say that three wise men came to worship the Lord Jesus when He was born. As far as I can find in the Scriptures, there is no recording of how many wise men came. Also, we find as we read the newspaper stories that the authors speak of December the 25th as the day that Christ was born. We find in Luke, chapter 2, "For unto you is born `this day ...' in the city of David a Savior," Once again I will say that as far as I can see in the Bible it doesn't tell us the exact date of His birth.

I know that some of you are saying that these things are so small and unimportant. That may be true in this case, but remember that the devil is very clever and smart, and if he can get us to take someone's word for details instead of going to the Word and taking God's Word, then he may succeed in getting us mixed up on things that will greatly affect our lives for Christ.

In the first place, Satan will try to get unsaved people confused on how to be saved. This is most easily done by ministers who will give out the plan of salvation almost right, but wrong. Some will say that you must accept Christ and then be baptized and join some church, then you are saved. This would be partly right, partly wrong. The Scripture surely teaches us that we must accept Christ (believe in our hearts), but nowhere does the Scripture tell us that today we must be baptized in water and join a church to be saved. So, you can see how Satan can use even a minister who will preach the Word almost right, but wrong. Search the Scriptures!

Chapter 2

A QUIZ

This lesson will be in the form of a quiz. However, I hope you will do much studying from the Scriptures that are given with each rhyme, so that you can get the full lesson from God's Word. Then write the name of the Bible character that goes with each rhyme on the line below. The answers will be in the back of the book—but don't peek! Work all the six out before checking your answers. You will get a blessing from each account from the Bible, if you will take time to read each one.

1. He gave a message
To Pharaoh's waiters
And received the answer
Two years later.



_____ (Genesis 40)

2. He knew how to preach,
To rebuke, and to inspire:
For his lips had been touched
By the altar's fire.



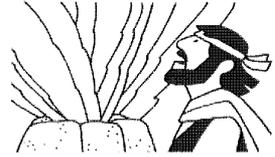
_____ (Isaiah 6)

3. When Moses died
He led the band
Over the river to
Canaan's land.



_____ (Deuteronomy 31; Joshua 1)

4. He proved to the people
On Carmel's height
That the God he served
Was the God of might.



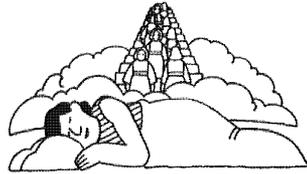
_____ (I King 18)

5. In the wilderness of Judaea
His voice rang clear,
“Repent, for the kingdom
Of heaven is near.”



_____ (Matthew 3)

6. He worked seven years
And won the wrong wife.
He travelled to Egypt
The last part of his life.



_____ (Genesis 29-Genesis 46)

(Answers to quiz are found in the back of the book.)

Chapter 3

MAN'S CONDITION

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”

(Romans 3:23)

“For there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not.”

(Eccl. 7:20)

“As it is written, There is none righteous, no not one.”

(Romans 3:10)

This lesson, and the two to follow will be a short series. Each will have some verses that I hope you will take time to memorize. There are ten in all; and they will answer the questions of why we need to be saved, the judgment we are under when we are not saved, and the last four will tell us what Christ did so that we can be saved. Learn them all and you will always have a good lesson in your heart and mind to give the plan of salvation.

You will notice that all three of these Scriptures have the same thought—that we are all sinners. We have entitled this first group of Scriptures, “Man's Condition.” You can see that this is just what these three Scriptures show. When we say “man's condition,” of course, we mean that this is the condition of everyone—all of us. For the very first Scripture says, “All....” As you read and study these Scriptures you will see that the Lord is telling us that there are none of us that could say that we are good or righteous. Neither is there any that can measure up to the glory of God. The Lord doesn't leave a chance for anyone saying he is righteous and has not sinned, because in our last verse we see that He tells us that “there are none righteous, NO NOT ONE.”

As you read and study this and memorize the Scriptures given, will you take this personally to yourself? Will you see that the verses are telling you that you have sinned? Can you see that you are not righteous? Can you see that you have come short of entering into the glory of God? Apart from Christ this is true of all. But, thanks to our Lord, He gives us the answer.



In the next lesson we will see the results of sin.

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin: and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” (Romans 5:12)

“The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9)

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” (Isaiah 64:6)

Chapter 4

PENALTY OF SIN

“For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

(Romans 6:23)

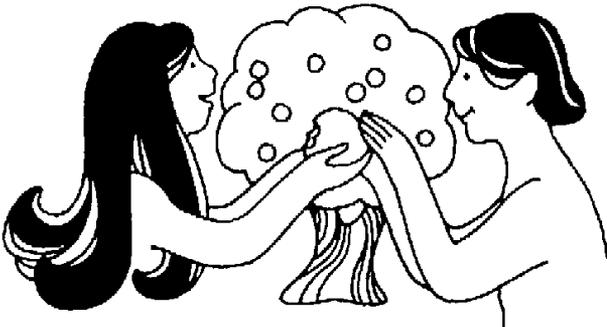
“Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

(James 1:15)

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?”

(1 Corinthians 6:9)

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.” “So, God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.” “And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”



In these passages of Scripture we see the complete story of the first disobedience to God by man. In the last lesson, we saw Scriptures that showed us that we all are sinners. That is because we all came from sinful parents, Adam and Eve. As you see in the passages above, God told Adam and Eve that in the day that he disobeyed he would surely die. Many times people think that God was wrong because they say that Adam and Eve did not die that day. How wrong that thought is. Adam's body surely began to die that very day, and that is why we will all experience physical death some time or other. But the most important thing about this is that Adam and Eve died spiritually that very day. They were no longer innocent and righteous. They were sinners. The wages of sin is death, and Adam and Eve became spiritually dead when they first disobeyed God. They yielded to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life and became sinners. Sin brought death.

What a sad state to be in. What a sad picture of all the human race. But thanks to our Lord, He made the way of escape when He died on the cross of Calvary to pay the price for our sins. He was the only perfect One that could pay the debt. Accept Him, and you can be out from under the penalty of sin.

Chapter 5

REMEDY FOR SIN

Christ's Part

“Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures: He was buried and rose again the third day according to the scriptures.” (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

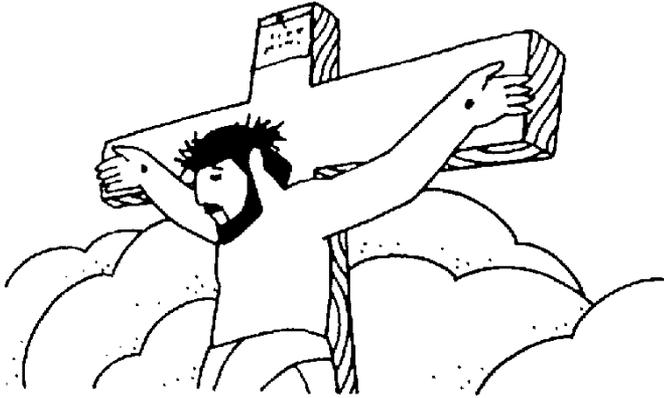
“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” (1 Pet. 2:4)

Man's Part

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Rom. 10:9-10)

Adam disobeyed God and became a sinner. Everyone that has ever lived in the world came from Adam and therefore, became sinners. The penalty of sin is death, or eternal separation from God. As God saw man in his sinful state and saw man condemned, He felt much compassion for mankind. Because of this great love for mankind, he sent His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus, to die and pay the penalty of all the sin of the whole human race. Christ was willing to come to this earth from heaven. Satan tempted Him to sin, just as Satan tempts all of us to sin. But not once did the Lord Jesus sin, because He was God! He was perfect! He had no sin, or sin nature, of His own. And yet, He was willing to die for all of us who were sinners: and became our Saviour. That is why we see Him suffering so at the cross of Calvary. His body was suffering because of the things that man had done to Him; but the most terrible suffering He had was because of all the sins of us all being put upon Him. He died, but He rose again from the grave. Thus He conquered not only physical death, but He conquered the eternal death, the separation from God.

Man really has no part in working out salvation. There is nothing we can do to make salvation and forgiveness possible. We just must believe and accept what He has done to make salvation possible. Accept Christ, and He becomes your Saviour. He died for the sins of the whole world, and yet not everyone is saved. Why? Because they have not accepted this free gift which cost the Lord so much. His part was a wonderful great thing, but our part is only to accept what He did for us. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."



"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:6-8)

Chapter 6

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

I want to tell you about a little boy named Tom. Tom had heard his mother talk about heaven, and the Lord Jesus. He knew he would surely love to go to heaven and be with the Lord. Tom decided that he must be very good, so he could go to heaven. He tried very hard, but soon he found himself getting angry and doing things that he knew he shouldn't. Then one day, because he thought he would be punished for something he did, he told his mother a lie, saying he didn't do it. Poor Tom, he realized with much sadness that he just couldn't be good enough!

He was feeling very sad, but then another idea came to him. He would get some odd jobs to do and earn money and give part of it to the Lord. He did this, and finally, instead of giving a part of the money, he gave all he made to the Lord's work. But one day when he was attending church, he heard the preacher read from the Scriptures which showed that no one could buy their way into heaven. Tom realized this was what he had been trying to do. Once again he felt sad and thought he had failed.

After a while he thought of something else he should try. He would go to church regularly. He went to Sunday School each Sunday and stayed for the services afterward. He went back on Wednesday nights. But alas, one day he listened to another message which showed that no one would ever get to heaven unless they had the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. The pastor read Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Tom knew then that he was a sinner, and a sinner could never be good enough to go to heaven. The preacher showed that doing good could come after a person had the Lord Jesus as Saviour, because the Lord would help him to do the right things. He also showed that giving money to the Lord's work, and being in services as much as possible were good things to do after we are saved. But these things could never save a person's soul.

For the first time little Tom realized the full meaning of the Scriptures that he had been hearing. He was thankful that he had

been coming to church to hear the Word. He never would have known how to be saved if he had not heard the Word. He now realized that he was a sinner, but that Christ had died for his sin. He sat in his seat feeling miserable. He realized that he was so ungodly. He continued to listen to the preacher. The preacher said, “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” As Tom listened, he thought that surely he did believe in God and the Lord Jesus—didn't everyone? Then he heard the preacher quote another Scripture, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart...;” then, Tom realized what he must do. He must believe in his heart—accept the Lord as Saviour! He had only been believing in his mind, and not accepting in his heart. As the preacher asked all to bow in prayer, Tom began to silently pray and ask the Lord Jesus to come into his heart.

When the preacher ended his prayer, Tom jumped up and went up to the preacher to tell him that he had accepted the Lord Jesus in his heart, and that now he knew he was going to heaven.

After Tom had the Lord as his Saviour, he found it was much easier to do good things. He found he wanted to go to church and Bible classes. He didn't have to force himself. He found that he could also give his money to the Lord. He realized that he had to be saved first, and then be a worker for his Lord. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10.

Have you accepted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour? If so, are you now working for Him, serving Him, and worshipping Him?

“And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” (Acts 16:31)

“For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)



ALL MY CLASS FOR JESUS

My pupils all for Jesus, this be my earnest prayer,
For they are souls immortal, intrusted to my care;
For each the Master careth, longs so much for each;
Grant, Lord, Thy promised wisdom, their wayward hearts to reach.

My girls, lighthearted, thoughtless, on trifling things intent—
They cost a priceless ransom, on them my care be spent—
That each a willing handmaid, may be brought to own her Lord;
Whate'er He says, to do it; obedient to His Word.

My boys I want for Jesus — my wayward, wandering boys;
So full of life and mischief, so charmed by earthly joys.
For them the Saviour suffered, for them His life was given;\nLord, by that holy ransom, bring all my boys to heaven.

Lord, be in every lesson, bless every faltering word
My trembling lips may utter, to bring them to Thee, dear Lord.
So fleeting are the moments of opportunity!
O, Jesus, Lord and Saviour, bring all my class to Thee.

—Author Unknown

Chapter 7

CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS

Scripture reading:

Ephesians Chapter 6 and Colossians 3:20

In this lesson we will look at the very first verse of Ephesians 6. “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.” Here are some instructions from the Lord directed to boys and girls. Some times in the Scriptures the Lord calls all saved people “children.” This is because when we accept Him as our Saviour, we become His children. But in this lesson today when He says “children,” He is talking to boys and girls. We know this if we study all of the 5th and 6th chapters of this book. First, He gives some teaching to fathers and mothers, then He comes to children. These two chapters are telling all of us—each member in the family—how we should live. It is good for every member of the family to study these Scriptures.



Let us look to see what He is telling boys and girls to do. He is telling them to “obey their parents.” I have known some boys and girls who really want to do what the Lord tells them, and yet they won't obey their mother and father. Notice the next part of

this verse—“for this is right.” It is the right thing for children to obey their parents. This verse also says “in the Lord.” Boys and girls are to obey their parents in the Lord. This means to obey because of the Lord, or in the name of the Lord. We shouldn't just obey because we love our parents, but also because we love the Lord. We shouldn't obey because we are afraid that we will be punished if we don't, but obey because we love the Lord so much and want to do as He has told us to.

Would you also look over in the book of Colossians, chapter 3 and verse 20? Here again the Lord tells the children to obey their parents, and says “in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.” I am sure that boys and girls who know the Lord and know that He died for them so that they could have a Saviour, will surely want to please the Lord in all things. And here we can see that it pleases the Lord for boys and girls to obey their parents, when it is good and of the Lord. Therefore, when we obey our Christian parents, we not only show our love to them, but we also show that we love the Lord, and want to do things that are “well pleasing” to Him. We will continue in this 6th chapter of Ephesians in the next lesson. In the meantime, would you read, study, and try to memorize Ephesians 6:1; Ephesians 6:2; and Colossians 3:20. I know you can memorize these three Scriptures.

Chapter 8

HONOR THY FATHER AND MOTHER

We will continue to look in the sixth chapter of the book of Ephesians. We will look at the second verse, “Honor thy father and mother which is the first commandment with promise.” In the last lesson we looked at the first verse which told children to obey their parents. Do you think there is a difference in obeying and honoring parents? If boys and girls obey their parents, they are honoring them, but honoring our parents includes much more. To really honor someone, there has to be respect, gratitude, and yes, love.

One day I was visiting in a home where there were a number of children. Most of the children said they were saved and loved the Lord. For the few hours that I was there, I noticed the children—even the older, larger children—caused much unnecessary work for the mother, even though she had much to do. Some of the children came in from school, and dropped their books on the dining table, others changed clothes and left the clothes right on the floor. One emptied a box of toys and played for just a few minutes and then went outside, leaving all the toys for mother to pick up. This went on and on, and the mother had to go around picking up after each one, even though she was trying to prepare a good meal for them and their father.

As I began to write this column today, I thought of these young people. Would treating a mother like this be showing her any honor or love or respect or consideration? Certainly we may expect things like this from very small children, or babies, but some of these children were teenagers! As mothers, we love our children and enjoy doing things for them, even if it means going from morning until night, but should Christian boys and girls take such advantage of this love? This may seem like a small thing to many boys and girls, but we must remember that the Lord expects us to begin our life for Him, right in our homes. Our family life is so important if we are to be a testimony for our Lord. Our testimony begins in our homes and then will extend to others outside

the home. We must learn to be “doers of the Word.” Boys and girls then should act upon the instructions from His Word, when they are told not only to obey, but to honor their parents. In 1 John 4:7, we read, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God....” We surely have no life for Christ without love, and this love for one another certainly must be for mothers and fathers as well as other people. Boys and girls who are selfish and disrespectful in their homes, will be selfish and disrespectful outside their homes as well. Then they will have no testimony for the Lord that loved them and gave Himself for them. Maybe now you would like to memorize 1 John 4:7.

Today, I am a grown lady, and have my own children and grandchildren, and yet I am still in the position of “honoring my parents.” It has been a long time since I was home with my parents and obeying the things they tell me to do. However, I will never “outgrow” the admonition to “honor thy father and mother.”



Chapter 9

CHRIST DIED

For People Like the Chief Priests

Scripture reading:

Matthew 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65;

Luke 22:52-53. Isaiah 64:6

The stillness of Gethsemane was broken by the noise created by a large multitude of people who came marching to where Jesus was praying. These people carried with them swords, staves, clubs, etc. as if they were coming after a very dangerous criminal. This multitude was sent by the chief priests and scribes.

Jesus did not resist arrest but rather He asked the leaders why they had not arrested him while he was teaching in the temple the past several days.

This mob then took Jesus to the house of one of the high priests and there is where the supposed court, that was going to try Jesus, was assembled.

In this mob were false witnesses who testified against Jesus. And after hearing some of this false testimony, the leaders declared Jesus guilty of blasphemy. Blasphemy means that a person tells and says things that are not in favor of God's teaching. Jesus was telling the truth—He really was and is the Son of God.

Now, after all this false testimony, all that was lacking to put Jesus to death was the approval of the Roman governor.

This happening seemed to have occurred before daylight. The mob dared not go to the governor before the proper time; so they spent the time by spitting in Jesus' face, slapping Him, striking Him with their hands, and making all manner of ridicule of Jesus for saying that He was the Son of God.

Yes, it was for this kind of people that Christ died. He died for the high priest who would deny Him and condemn Him to death. He died for those that spit upon Him, those that slapped Him, and those that ridiculed Him.



Christ died for the chief priests and He also died for you! Will you accept Him as your Saviour? “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

“Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me; but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.” (Luke 22:52-53)

“And they that laid hold on Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.” (Matthew 26:57)

“Now the chief priests, and elders and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put Him to death.” (Matthew 26:59)

Chapter 10

CHRIST DIED *For People Like Judas*

Scripture reading:

Matthew 26:14-16; 26:47-50; 27:3-10

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way. And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:61)

When Jesus was praying in the garden of Gethesemane, it was Judas who told the mob which one was Jesus. He did this by going up and kissing Jesus. This was a sign that this would be the man for whom they were looking. That was the signal agreed upon so that the mob would be sure to get the right one when they went to arrest Jesus.

It may have been greed for money that prompted Judas to betray the Lord. We read in the Word that he was to receive thirty pieces of silver for this act. Thirty pieces of silver wasn't much money, in fact, it was only the amount that one would pay for an ordinary slave in that day. Perhaps Judas had expected Jesus to set up a kingdom on the earth at this time and give him (Judas) a place of honor. Instead Jesus was always talking about His heavenly father and kingdom of heaven.



Whatever the reasoning, Judas did betray the Lord Jesus, but when he saw the high priest lead Jesus away to be judged by Pilate, then Judas was sorry that he had bargained as he had. He returned to the ones who had given him the money and threw the

money at their feet. When they refused to take the money back, Judas felt more worried than ever. However, instead of doing the one thing that would have brought peace to his soul—which would be to acknowledge his sin to Jesus and ask for forgiveness—he went out and hanged himself.

Yes, Jesus died for people like Judas who let spite and greed and selfish desires keep him from the Saviour. Judas needed only to accept Jesus as Saviour, but refused to do this. Christ died for this one that betrayed Him, but remember He also died for you and me!

Will you accept Him as your Saviour? Even there in your home or wherever you are you can surrender to Him and accept His death as payment for your sin. He will save you.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.” (Matthew 26:14-16)

“And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.” (Matthew 26:47-50)

Chapter 11

CHRIST DIED *For People Like Peter*

Scripture reading:
Matthew 26:31-35 & 26:69-76

“If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

When Jesus was arrested, the disciples scattered, except Peter who slipped into the room so that he might hear what the elders and priests were saying.

But he did not stay very long for someone in the crowd mentioned that she had seen Peter with Jesus. Peter denied that he knew Jesus and he slipped out on the porch when someone said, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Peter again swore that he didn't even know Jesus.

When Peter was accused the third time by someone who knew that by his accent he was a Galilean, he cursed and swore again that he did not know Jesus and at that time the cock crowed. Peter remembered that Jesus had said that he would deny Him three times before the cock would crow!

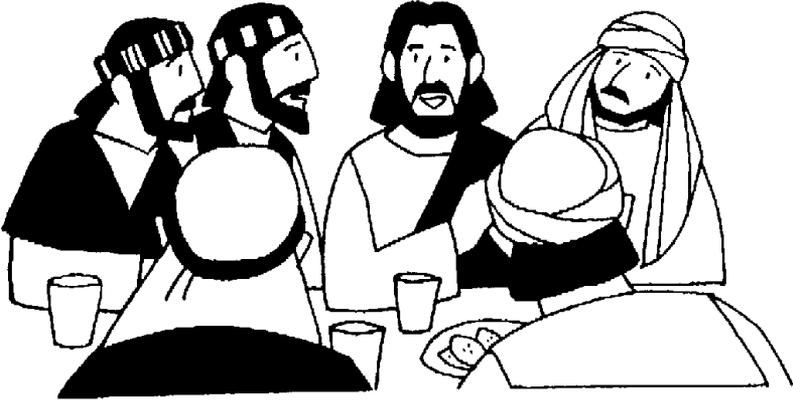
After realizing what he had done, Peter wept, but he did not go out and hang himself as did Judas. Instead he repented, admitting his sin and longed for Jesus to forgive him. We see that the Lord not only forgave Peter, but included him with the disciples when he spoke of them after the resurrection.

Yes, Jesus died for people who are weak and cowardly. For they need His strength to uphold them. He died for people like Peter, and he also died for people like you and like me! “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly” (Romans 5:6).

“The Lord is my Light and my salvation, whom shall I

fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalms 27:1)

“I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.” (Phillipians 4:13)



If Satan causes you to be afraid to stand for Christ, remember Christ can give you the strength to do so. But if we fail, we can confess our sins and He is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Then we can go forth living and serving and testifying for Him.

“Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night; for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. Peter answered and said unto him. Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.” (Matthew 26:31-35)

Chapter 12

CHRIST DIED *For People Like Pilate*

Scripture reading:
Matthew 27:11-25 & Titus 3:5

The final decision as to what would be done with Jesus lay with Pilate, the Roman official in charge of Jerusalem.

Only the officer could issue the death penalty; that is why the Jews took Jesus before Pilate instead of going ahead with crucifying Him themselves. They didn't want to get in trouble with the Roman government, and perhaps they wanted someone else to take the blame.

Pilate could not find a thing wrong with Jesus and he couldn't help admiring the way Jesus reacted to the insults of the mob. After questioning Jesus, Pilate was more sure of His innocence. Finally he thought of a way out; he would free Jesus since it was customary for one person to be freed during the Passover season. But the mob did not want Jesus freed;



instead they chose another by the name of Barabbas. This man, Barabbas, was a very bad criminal; but the Jews wanted him released instead of Jesus! The crowds accused Pilate of wanting to let a traitor live—a traitor to the Roman government. This is when Pilate turned Jesus over to the mob to be crucified. However, before he released Jesus, Pilate said that he found no fault in Him at all.

Jesus died for people like Pilate, one who had rather give up a chance to have eternal life than to run the risk of losing favor or popularity or position. Jesus died for those that are too cowardly

to stand for that which is right. Jesus died for those that refuse to accept that which is the Truth.

Yes, boys and girls, the Lord Jesus Christ died for Pilate and He died for you and for me. But remember, each individual has to accept Him as their own personal Saviour. He died for all, but not all will receive Him. We must believe with our hearts—this is accepting Him. He did His part for everyone to have salvation, but all will not have salvation because they will not believe and accept Him into their hearts.

Then after we have Him as Saviour, we should take our stand with Him and His Word of Truth. I wonder how many times even saved people might be like Pilate and refuse to take their stand with the Lord because they fear what others might say or think or do? I wonder how many times we, through trials, would deny the Lord as Peter did? It would be possible to deny the Lord just by our actions, if not by word. May we search our hearts to be sure we have the Lord as our Saviour, and then be sure we are not forsaking the Lord or denying Him and His Word. May we surrender our whole life to Him.

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13)

“Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.” (Matthew 27:22-25)

Chapter 13

CHRIST DIED

For Not Only a Few — But All Others, Too!

Scripture reading:

Matthew 27:33-56

“For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.” Romans 3:23. After the cross was erected, and Jesus was nailed thereon, the soldiers gambled at the foot of it for Jesus' clothes. The priests and scribes and elders continued to ridicule Him. These were the religious men!

Jesus had friends in the crowd, too. There was Mary Magdalene and Salome, and the mother of James and John, and Mary, the mother of Jesus and other women and certainly some of the disciples were in the background.

Also, Jesus gained new friends that day. There were thieves crucified on either side of the Lord. At first they hurled insults, but finally one of them decided that Jesus must be the Son of God and while he was still conscious he believed and said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom.”

A Roman soldier that was used to seeing people die said that this Galilean died differently to any that he had ever witnessed. He saw that Jesus was suffering, and yet He refused to sip the drink that was offered Him on the sponge. He also saw that Jesus was thinking about others while he was suffering. There was only one way to explain this, “He was truly the Son of God!”



Yes, Christ died for these very soldiers that crucified Him. He died for the ones that were there making fun of Him, and ac-

cusing Him. He died for the ones that were spitting on Him. He died for the gamblers, He died for the hypocritical priest and scribes and elders. He died for these, and yet He also died for the sins of his friends, for Mary Magdalene, and Mary, his earthly mother, and for His disciples. He died for these thieves that were crucified beside Him. Yes, He died for His enemies as well as those that befriended Him. He died for each of you that are reading this, today! Won't you accept Him as Saviour, and then live for Him who died for you? "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also have received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (I Corinthians 15:3-4)

"Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:45-46)

"Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent: And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose." (Matthew 27:50-52)

Chapter 14

CHRIST DIED *For All — But Why?*

Scripture reading:

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

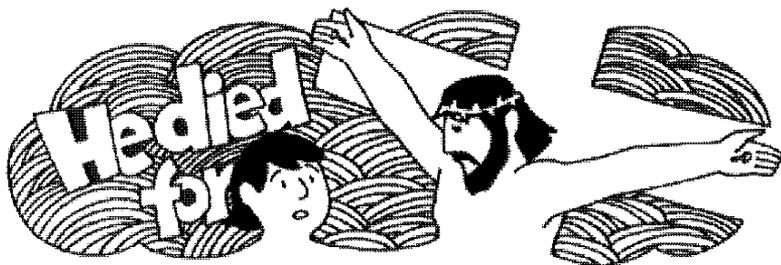
Jesus died because there was no other way for people to get rid of their sins. From the time of Adam and Eve, on down through each generation, sin had come between God and man.

God wanted to bring man back into a happy relationship with him, and give man eternal life in a new sinless body to dwell in a sinless heaven. He sent His only begotten Son into the world to live as a man. But living among men was not enough. “Without shedding of blood is no remission...” (Hebrews 9:22). For this reason Jesus had to die to pay for the sins of the whole world — all of mankind. He had to take upon Himself all the guilt of all men of all ages—all the greed, hatred, jealousy, cowardice, all the unbelief.

And once for all, He paid for those and for all sins. He paid by giving up His own life on Calvary's Cross. He was the only perfect sacrifice because He was the only perfect One to ever live.

When Christ died He made it possible for us to be free from sin. How? We can accept this great salvation as a free gift! By believing that Jesus was God's Son and that He paid the penalty that day when He died on Calvary's Cross, was buried, and rose again the third day. He later ascended into heaven and today sits on the right hand of God as mediator for all who have accepted Him.

Of course it was our sin, too, and not just the hatred and disbelief of the Jewish leaders which crucified Jesus. The chosen people failed God as a family, but they as individuals were no more guilty than each of us. Sin really crucified Christ, the sins of the people of all times—ours included.



“Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned.” Yes, Christ died for all because all have sinned. That includes you and me.

If there is one who is reading this and is not saved, won't you listen to the Lord as He says to you, “Come now and let us reason together—though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” Won't you reason with the Lord or let Him reason with you through the Word, and let Him wash you white as snow as you are born into His family and become a child of God? Believe, accept Him, and be saved!

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“...And without the shedding of blood is no forgiveness of sin.” (Hebrews 9:22)

“Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned.” (Romans 5:12)

“Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)

Chapter 15

CHRIST DIED *Have You Told Others?*

Boys and girls, we have studied in several lessons about Christ dying for all the people in the world. I'm sure you can see, if you have followed each lesson, that Christ not only died for all others, but that He also died for you! I hope you have not only seen this, but have accepted Him as your own personal Saviour. Romans 10:9-10 tells us that we must confess with our mouths, and believe in our hearts. Believing with the heart is really accepting Christ.

If we have Christ for our Saviour, wouldn't it be a very self-ish thing not to want to share this wonderful news with others? There are still people that have never been told that Christ loves them and that He died for them. At first we may think of the heathen in far off countries, but let us remember that many people here in our own country are not saved. We could go farther and say that many right in our individual towns, and yes, right in our own individual families, have not realized that Christ died for them. That means, of course, that their relationship with God is still broken. Without Christ, they are lost, and must suffer the consequences—"The wages of sin is death..." This is eternal death.



Have you told others of your Saviour? Have you told others that He wants to be their Saviour, too? There may be some of you who have mothers and fathers who are not saved. Have you told them that Christ died for them. Have you told your friends at school? Of course, the Lord

does not want us to be rude at school, at home, or any other place, but if we will just pray and wait on the Lord, He will give us the

opportunity to speak to others about His Son.

There are other ways of telling others of Christ, too, besides talking to them. We can let our lives so count that others may see Christ in us. In the next lesson we will begin a series of lessons on living for Christ. In the meantime, will you read Romans 12:1-3? Would you try to even memorize at least the first of these verses before reading the next lesson? Maybe some of you can memorize all three.

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

*GOD SAID IT
CHRIST DID IT
I BELIEVE IT
THAT SETTLES IT!*

“For I deliver unto you first of all that which I also received; how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures. That He was buried and rose again the third day, according to the scriptures.” (I Corinthians 15:3-4)

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:9-10)

Chapter 16

PRESENT YOUR BODY

Scripture reading:

Romans 12:1-3; I Corinthians 6:15-20
I Corinthians 3:16; II Corinthians 6:16

In this lesson, we will study about presenting our bodies to the Lord for His service. This series will cover several lessons, and I do hope that many of you will memorize Romans 12:1-3 during the time of this study, if you haven't already.

I pray for all who will read and study with me, and there will be a list of Scriptures for you to read along as you study. May the Lord give you a blessing as you study.

First, let us notice Romans 12:1. We see here that the Lord is talking to saved people because He calls them, brethren. All that are saved are brothers in Christ. He tells us that as saved people, that we should present our bodies to Him. How are we to present or yield our bodies? As living sacrifices. Many times we hear those that will say as Peter did, that they would be glad to die for the Lord. But here the Lord is telling us to live for Him! And He goes farther and says to live holy and acceptable lives unto God. That means to live separated lives for Him, and lives that are accepted by Him. Then notice the last part of this verse, "...which is your reasonable service." Why is it just our reasonable service to present our bodies to live for Him? Because He has bought us. Look now at I Corinthians 6:20. Here it tells us that we were bought with a price. Think now what that price was! It was the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. He bought us with His own precious blood! We belong to Him if we are saved, isn't it reasonable that we should live for Him, since He has bought us and paid such a price?

Now notice in I Corinthians 6:19, I Corinthians 3:16 and II Corinthians 6:16. In each of these Scriptures we find that our bodies are the "temple of the Holy Spirit." Christ shed His blood so that we might be saved. When we are saved, the Holy Spirit

comes to dwell in our hearts, and our bodies become the Temple of the Holy Spirit. I'm sure all of you can see that since we have been bought, and our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, that it is certainly only a reasonable service to present or yield our bodies to Him to be used for His glory.

*After all He has done for me
After all He has done for me
How can I do less
Than give Him my best
And live for Him completely
After all He has done for me.*

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:1-2)

“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” (I Corinthians 6:19-20)

Chapter 17

PRESENT YOUR BODY

“Lips”

Scripture reading:

*Daniel 1:5-21; James 3; Proverbs 24:2; Psalms 12:3-4
Proverbs 12:22; Psalms 120:2; Jeremiah 17:9;
Matthew 12:35; Proverbs 21:23 ;Proverbs 13:3; James 3:6*

In the previous lessons we have talked about presenting our bodies to the Lord to be of service to Him. In this lesson, we will look into some Scriptures concerning our lips.

In Daniel 1:5-21, we read a very interesting story about Daniel. If you will read the account you will see that Daniel was in captivity, but even while a captive, he purposed in his heart that he would not eat the things or drink the things that would defile his body. As a Hebrew, God had given laws that forbid the eating of certain food. As you read this entire account, you will see that Daniel was surely rewarded for taking his stand and doing the things that were of the Lord. Think now how often people use their lips to drink the wrong things, or to smoke, or to do other things that would defile their bodies. This not only would ruin the health of the body, but would surely ruin the Christian testimony. We should watch to see that only “clean” things are put to our lips.

However, there are other ways our lips can sin and thus defile the entire body:

In Proverbs 24:2 we see lips that are used to talk of mischief; In Psalms 12:3-4 we see lips that speak proud things; In Proverbs 12:22 we see lying lips; In Psalms 120:2 we see deceitful tongues.

All of these things are “lip sins.” Now just what would cause our lips to sin? In Jeremiah 17:9 we read, “The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it?” Then in Matthew 12:35 we find that what is in the heart is what comes forth. So the heart is deceitful and wicked and that is what comes forth from our hearts and then our lips. If you will read in Prov-

erbs 21:23, Proverbs 13:3, and James 3:6 you will find some results of lip sins—soul troubles, destruction, and defilement of the body.

What a terrible condition it is to have a deceitful and desperately wicked heart, and because of that to have lying and evil lips. But this is the condition of all people until they accept the Lord Jesus as Saviour. Then when we have the Lord Jesus as Saviour, we have to surrender our lips and heart to Him and say as David in Psalms 141:3, “Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips,” and in Psalms 19:14, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.”



“The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things.” (Psalms 12:3)

“Deliver my soul, O Lord from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.” (Psalms 120:2)

“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.” (Proverbs 21:23)

Chapter 18

PRESENT YOUR BODY “Eyes”

Scripture reading:

Proverbs 4:25; 7:2; 22:9; Psalms 19:8; 25:15

Matthew 6:22-24; John 1:29; Matthew 25:13;

John 4:35; II Peter 2:14; I John 2:16

All parts of our body are mentioned in the Bible. There are many Scriptures concerning the eyes. I hope you will read the above Scriptures and find many others concerning the eyes. In Genesis 19 and in II Kings 6, we read of how God caused blindness to come upon people in order to deliver his chosen ones out of some trouble. We can see from this that the Lord can use blindness as well as sight. There are many people in the world today that are physically blind, and yet they “see” the Lord in all His beauty. Many of you have sung hymns written by Fanny Crosby. She wrote “Redeemed,” “My Saviour First of All,” “Pass Me Not,” and many other beautiful songs that tell of the Wonderful Saviour; and yet she was physically blind. Even though she was blind, she could see spiritually how wonderful the Saviour is, and sing praises to Him. Truly, our spiritual eyes are more important than the physical eyes.

And yet, we are so thankful the Lord has given us our physical eyes! Let us think for a few minutes how our physical eyes are used. There are perhaps three levels on which our eyes are used. Some people go through life just seeing the low, evil, and sinful things in this world. Then some may use their eyes to see the beautiful scenery around them—beautiful trees, flowers, the mountains, etc. Then there are those that will yield to the Lord and use their eyes for



Him. One way is to use our eyes to study the Word every day. Also our eyes can be used to be alert to opportunities to help others see the Lord and study His Word. Also, we can use our eyes to see things that can be done for the Lord. In John 4:35 the Lord speaks of looking up and seeing that the harvest is ready. This means that there is much to be done for the Lord right now. How sad that so few can see this, and therefore the laborers are few!

In I John 2:16 we read, “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.” The lust of the eyes cause many to sin. Many people are harmed physically and spiritually because of the eyes being allowed to feast upon lust. Remember our eyes are part of our body, and “know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, you are not your own, you are bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body, which is God’s.” Let us use our eyes for Him.

*Watch your eyes, watch your eyes, what they see.
Watch your eyes, watch your eyes, what they see.
There's a Father up above, looking down in tender love.
Watch your eyes, watch your eyes, what they see.*

*“The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the
eyes.” (Psalms 19:8)*

*“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and
saith, Behold (look upon—see) the Lamb of God, which
taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)*

*“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh
harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and
look on the fields; for they are white already to har-
vest.” (John 4:35)*

Chapter 19

PRESENT YOUR BODY “Ears”

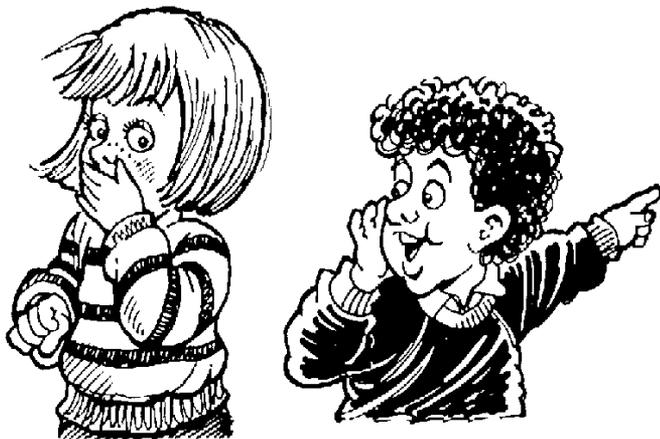
Scripture reading:

Matthew 11:15, 13:15, II Timothy 4:4

Proverbs 2:2, James 1:19

In our study on the body and how different parts of our bodies can be used for the Lord, we will study about our ears. We saw in the past two lessons how that the eyes and the lips could be used for the Lord, but that they also could be used for Satan. This is also true of our ears. We can use the ears to hear the Word of the Lord and things of the Lord, or the ears can be used to hear things of the flesh, and things that only satisfy the lust of the flesh.

In Matthew 11:15, we find this Scripture, “He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.” The Lord, as creator of our bodies, gave us ears to hear, but we as Christians should be very careful how we use our ears. I heard about a man once who was getting a haircut. When the barber began to tell him a joke which wasn't very nice, this man, being a Christian, quickly told the barber that he didn't use his ears to hear such things. I have known a lady who often said she just closed her ears to gossip. These surely are things we should turn our ears away from.



In Matthew 13:15, we see people who are “dull of hearing,” and in II Timothy 4:4 we see those that turn away their ears from the Truth. Even today there are many who will just turn away when the Word is given to them. They will close their ears to God’s Word. May we take the admonition in Proverbs 2:2, “So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding.” We should be Christians who can know when to close our ears to the things of the flesh, but who have ready ears to hear and accept the things of the Lord. “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” (James 1:19). To hear in a spiritual way, we must hear with our hearts as well as our ears.

Below are listed some sentences which need to be completed. If you will read the Scripture given by each sentence, you will be able to complete it. Have your sentences completed and check with the answers given in the back of the book. The first seven sentences are about things our ears should do. The last seven are things our ears should not do. Carefully notice the contrast.

1. Blessed are your ears for

_____ (Matthew 13:16)

2. And thine ears shall hear a

_____ (Isaiah 30:21)

3. Incline thine ear

_____ (Proverbs 4:20)

4. Take heed what

_____ (Mark 4:24)

5. And the ear of the wise

_____ (Proverbs 18:15)

6. He that stoppeth his ears from
_____ (Isaiah 33:15)
7. The _____ ear the Lord hath
_____ (Proverbs 20:12)
8. A wicked doer giveth heed to
_____ (Proverbs 17:4)
9. A liar giveth ear to a
_____ (Proverbs 17:4)
10. He that turneth away his ear from
_____ (Proverbs 28:9)
11. And their ears are
_____ (Acts 28:27)
12. They shall turn away their ears
_____ (II Timothy 4:4)
13. Whoso stoppeth his ears
_____ (Proverbs 21:13)
14. Speak not in the ears of
_____ (Proverbs 23:9)

Look up all the Scriptures and complete the sentences.
(Answers are found in the back of the book)

Chapter 20

PRESENT YOUR BODY *“Feet”*

For those of you that may have forgotten about the Scriptures we are supposed to be memorizing along with these studies, I want to give them to you again. They are Romans 12:1-2. Learn them and review them, and say them over again and again as you study this series of lessons on using our bodies for the Lord.

In this chapter we will study about our feet, or the path of our feet. In Psalms 119:105 we read, “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Keeping this verse in mind, I want to tell you a story about two little boys that went hiking in the woods. They were so taken

up with the things that they had seen in the woods, that they had forgotten all about the time. Soon they noticed it was getting dark. They hadn't realized that they had walked so far in the woods; but they knew that they must find the path and stay close to it, or they would be lost. Suddenly, one of the boys remembered a little flash-light that he had in his pocket. Quickly he got it out and turned it on. As it



came on they saw that they were almost leaving the path, but, with the aid of the light, they were able to get back on the path. Then as they walked along, they noticed the light fell on a log, but if they had not seen it, they would probably have fallen over it. The light had saved them from this. Of course, they were able to step over the log. As they went on a little farther, they saw a large hole. They were thankful that the light showed them the hole, because they probably would have fallen in the hole. They

went around the hole, but then they stopped short! There in the path just ahead of them was a large snake. You can be sure that they made a big detour around this enemy. Again, this they could do because of the little light. Wasn't the light a big help! In the dark they may have just stepped right on the snake without seeing it. However, soon they saw their house, and went home safely. Now let's think again of the Scripture I gave you at the beginning of the lesson. David said, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." The Word of God is surely a light or lamp that will show us the path, and where to go. It will also show us the things to reject, or the places our feet should not go. It was important that the little boys had their light; but, oh, it is so much more important that we have our Light, the Word of God, to teach us where to step, as we go through life. Won't you use the Word to direct your feet so that they, too, will be used for the Lord?

*Watch your feet, watch your feet
Where they go
Watch your feet, watch your feet
Where they go*

*There's a Father up above
Looking down in tender love
Watch you feet, watch you feet
Where they go.*

Chapter 21

PRESENT YOUR BODY “Mind”

Today we will study a very important part of our bodies, the mind. I say this is very important because it is the part that controls the other members of our bodies. For instance, the hand does what the mind tells it to do. Therefore, if our minds are stayed on Christ, the other members of the body will be serving Christ, because that is what the mind will be telling them. However, if our minds are constantly on sin, we will have hardened hearts that are at enmity with God, and the other members of our body will be serving sin.

In Romans 8:7 we read, “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” And again in Romans 1:28, “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind...” Here we have an exact picture of the fleshly mind that cannot please God or do the work of God. Then in Philippians 2:2 and 2:5, we see how minds can be used of the Lord, “Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.” And “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.” These Scriptures should be studied very carefully by every one of us who is saved, and applied to our lives. To impress this upon us, let us work out the following



quiz which will show the condition of our minds if we would serve the Lord, and then the condition of the minds of those that will take sin as their master. Look up each Scripture and fill in the blanks with just a few words to fit on each side.

If CHRIST is my master my MIND will be:

_____ (Nehemiah 4:6)

_____ (I Chronicles 28:9)

_____ (Isaiah 26:3)

_____ (Matthew 22:37)

_____ (Acts 17:11)

_____ (Acts 20:19)

_____ (Romans 12:2)

_____ (Romans 12:3)

_____ (II Timothy 1:7)

If SIN is my master my MIND will be:

_____ (Daniel 5:20)

_____ (Romans 1:28)

_____ (Romans 8:7)

_____ (Colossians 1:21)

_____ (II Thessalonians 2:2)

_____ (II Timothy 3:4)

Chapter 22

PRESENT YOUR BODY “Hands”

In this chapter we will study concerning the hands and how they, too, can be used for the Lord; but how they are often used for evil purposes. I have had many boys and girls ask, “How can hands be used for the Lord?” I sometimes give the boys and girls some tracts which tell a person how to be saved, and ask them to hand them to someone.

When they do this, then they can see one way in which their hands were used for the Lord. There are many ways in which our hands can be used of the Lord. As I sit here at my typewriter, I can see that hands can type for the Lord. I know a lady who is a very sweet Christian. She types memory verses each month for many of her friends to use in their homes. This surely is



using her hands for the Lord. Of course, our hands must be clean hands (Psalms 24:3-4) in order to be used for the glory of the Lord. Again, like using our spiritual ears, let us think of using our hands in a spiritual way.

On the next page I will give you a Bible verse matching quiz which I feel will be of much help to you in seeing what kind of hands we should have and what they should do. Some of the Scriptures will show how our hands are not to be used. Look up each Scripture in Column B and match it to the word in Column A. For example, in Micah 7:3 we read, “That they may be evil

with both hands earnestly....” Number 1 then will be placed by “evil hands” in Column A. Match all the Scriptures with one of the words, and check your answers in the back of the book. Also, study each Scripture you look up to see what the Lord tells you about your hands.

COLUMN A

COLUMN B

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ___ Helpful hands | 1. Micah 7:3 |
| ___ Cleansed hands | 2. Psalms 26:9-10 |
| ___ Generous hands | 3. Hebrews 12:12 |
| ___ Surrendered hands | 4. Ecclesiastes 10:18 |
| ___ Holy hands | 5. I Timothy 2:8 |
| ___ Idle hands | 6. Isaiah 2:8 |
| ___ Lazy hands | 7. Proverbs 21:25 |
| ___ Mischievous hands | 8. Deuteronomy 24:19 |
| ___ Evil hands | 9. Psalms 18:24 |
| ___ Stained hands | 10. Proverbs 6:17 |
| ___ Idolatrous hands | 11. Psalms 63:4 |

Be sure to look up all the Scriptures and match the numbers before you turn to the back of the book and find the answers.

Chapter 23

PRESENT YOUR BODY *“Heart”*

In this lesson on the body, we are going to see a few things concerning the heart. In Jeremiah 17:9, we read, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it?” Surely the natural heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. That is what makes everyone sin because of the wicked heart. That is why the Lord Jesus came to this earth and died to pay for all our sins, so that our hearts could be made new. He tells us in Romans 10:9-10, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” So many boys and girls and adults too, never understand why the Lord says we must believe with our hearts. Our salvation depends on heart knowledge and not just on head knowledge. When we do believe with our hearts, accepting Him as Saviour, He comes to dwell in our hearts.

After we are saved, we must yield our hearts to Him, and let Him be the king of our hearts; then it is that our bodies will be used for Him and His service. Many times in Bible classes I look at the boys and girls and think how nice they all look, but the thought always comes to me—what does their heart look like? Of course, I can't see their hearts, but we must remember that God looks on the hearts and can know the very thoughts of our hearts.



As you read this short lesson today, boys and girls, won't you just search your heart and really see if you have accepted the Lord as your Saviour? Then, if you are sure you have Him, won't you search your heart and see if you really let Him have control of your heart and life. Is He the King reigning in your heart? Or would you have to say that the Holy Spirit is pushed into one corner while worldly things have taken over your heart? "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalms 139:23-24).

INTO MY HEART

*Into my heart, Into my heart
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus
Come in today, come in to stay
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*All of my heart, All of my heart
Take all of my heart, Lord Jesus
Take all today, take all I pray
Take all of my heart, Lord Jesus.*

ANSWERS TO QUIZZES

Answers for Chapter 2

Answers to rhyme quiz:

1. Joseph
2. Isaiah
3. Joshua
4. Elijah
5. John
6. Jacob

Answers for Chapter 19

Answers to quiz concerning the ears:

1. Blessed are your ears for they shall hear. (Matthew 13:16)
2. And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee. (Isaiah 30:21)
3. Incline thine ear unto my saying. (Proverbs 4:20)
4. Take heed what you hear. (Mark 4:24)
5. And the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge. (Proverbs 18:15)
6. He that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood.
(Isaiah 33:15)
7. The hearing ear the Lord hath made. (Proverbs 20:12)
8. A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips. (Proverbs 17:4)
9. A liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue. (Proverbs 17:4)
10. He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law. (Proverbs 28:9)
11. And their ears are dull of hearing. (Acts 28:27)
12. They shall turn away their ears from the truth. (II Timothy 4:4)
13. Who so stoppeth his ears to the cry of the poor. (Proverbs 21:13)
14. Speak not in the ears of a fool. (Proverbs 23:9)

Answers for Chapter 21

Answers to quiz on the mind:

If CHRIST is my master my MIND will be:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| To work | (Nehemiah 4:6) |
| Willing | (I Chronicles 28:9) |
| Stayed on God | (Isaiah 26:3) |
| Love the Lord our God | (Matthew 22:37) |
| Ready | (Acts 17:11) |
| Humble | (Acts 20:19) |
| Renewed | (Romans 12:2) |
| Sober | (Romans 12:3) |
| Sound | (II Timothy 1:7) |

If SIN is my master my MIND will be:

| | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Hardened | (Daniel 5:20) |
| Reprobate | (Romans 1:28) |
| Carnal | (Romans 8:7) |
| Enemies | (Colossians 1:21) |
| Shaken | (II Thessalonians 2:2) |
| Highminded | (II Timothy 3:4) |

Answers for Chapter 22

Answers to quiz on hands:

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|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Helpful hands | #3 | Hebrews 12:12 |
| Cleansed hands | #9 | Psalms 18:24 |
| Generous hands | #8 | Deut. 24:19 |
| Hands surrendered to God | #11 | Psalms 63:4 |
| Holy hands | #5 | I Tim. 2:8 |
| Idle hands | #4 | Ecc. 10:18 |
| Lazy hands | #7 | Proverbs 21:25 |
| Mischievous hands | #2 | Psalms 26:9-10 |
| Evil hands | #1 | Micah 7:3 |
| Stained hands | #10 | Proverbs 6:17 |
| Idolatrous hands | #6 | Isaiah 2:8 |

JESUS LOVES ME

*Jesus loves me
This I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so.*

*I love Jesus
Does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus likes to hear me say
That I love Him every day.*

*Yes, I love Jesus
Yes, I love Jesus
Yes, I love Jesus
In prayer I tell Him so.*

