

**The Little Flock**

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**"IN THE HAND OF GOD."**

Eccles. 9:1.

Happy and brave and strong,  
Equipped to bear the wrong,  
Able to do all things—  
To mount on Eagle's wings.

If we believe that every day—  
That every moment, as we pray,  
GOD will our destinies command  
And all our life is "in His hand."

—D. Wesley Myland.

**"THE LORD IS MY LIGHT."**

Have you ever heard the story of a glow-worm saved the life of a soldier? It was during an Egyptian campaign by the British. A young soldier with others of his regiment was defending his encampment on the edge of a precipice when he received a shot. It only grazed him, but the fright made him lose his balance, and he fell into the valley below. There he lay stunned for five or six hours, and, when consciousness returned, the dreadful thought would come that morning's light meant certain death, for the enemy would be sure to find him. This sense of his danger stirred him to action, and in spite of his bruises he determined to get back to the English camp. But where was it? The night was pitchy dark, and it was in vain that he got out his pocket-compass for guidance. Ah, a match would help! But no match could he find. Despair began to take hold of him, when suddenly a tiny light shone out on the ground at his feet. Only a glow-worm! but it meant life to the soldier. Speedily the little creature was placed on a leaf, and by its light the compass was read and the soldier succeeded in reaching his camp—saved by a worm!

"Who is among you that feareth the Lord? . . . that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God." Isa. 50:10. Jesus Christ is "the light of the world." Jno. 8:12. To follow Him is not to fear, not to stumble, not to be in danger of pitfall or precipice, not to walk in darkness, or in impurity, or grief, but to have the light of life. "I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my Star, my Sun,  
And in that Light of life I'll walk,  
Till traveling days are done."

—Selected.

**INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

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7 And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

9 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God.

10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Ivvites, and the Ferizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.

12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the Lord,

the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water (for Jordan overflowed all its banks all the time of harvest),

16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan; and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people passed over right against Jericho.

17 And the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

**CROSSING THE JORDAN.**

Lesson Text—Joshua 3:7-17. Read Joshua 3 and 4.

Golden Text—Fear thou not for I am with thee. Isa. 41:10.

Leading Thought—The God-proved way.

1. Jehovah's Promise to Joshua. (Vs. 7, 8.) Note the preparation (V. 5). "The command to sanctify themselves a call to heart-searching. Sanctifying themselves would afford evidence of faith in their leader and in God." From the time of God's commission Joshua had actively prepared to carry out God's plan. Israel was directed to prepare—two spies were sent out to ascertain the strength of Jericho. His works proved his faith in God. He had magnified God in Israel's sight; now God would magnify him by manifesting His presence with him as he led the people through the hour of need. (Isa. 43:2.) "As I was with Moses"—only this was to be a harder test. Remembrance of a path through the sea must have stimulated his faith for a like provision through the Jordan. Then came definite word for preparation—the placing forward of the ark borne by the priests. Instead of the pillar and fire this was to be the new symbol of Divine presence and guidance. The wilderness and its peculiar needs was left behind—God had a new provision for the present hour. Growth in grace will mean the occasional dropping out of things which we at one time considered indispensable to our welfare. (1 Cor. 13:9-11. Heb. 6:1.) The form that shapes the statue is unnecessary when the work stands finished before us. "Stand still in Jordan." (V. 2) See Ex. 13:14. That is ever the secret of safety and deliverance; it precludes presumptuous rush and fearful shrinking. Stand still in the threatening flood—thy God (the Ark) is with thee. Hallelujah! And there is

perfect safety.

2. Joshua's Instruction to Israel. (Vs. 9:13.) Though spoken by Joshua the words were God-inspired. (V. 9.) In the midst of impending difficulty there is no sustaining force like the Word of God. Once the mention of five enemies caused a panic. (Num. 13:9, 14:1); now the mention of seven, symbolic of perfect human power produced apparently no fear. There is wonderful assurance in the words of v. 11. That ark is a type of Christ and through every trial, every flood-tide He goes before, making a way where there is no way. "Twelve men" symbolic of the whole people and their interest in this movement. They were to be from every tribe, indicating no partiality nor unlawful substitution—a privilege and duty combined. God means just as truly today "all the world" and expects from us our part in its accomplishment. With God there is no caste, no class, no rich, no poor; but "the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." There had to be some contact with Jordan's chilly waves before God could fulfill His promise. (V. 13.) In obedience to God they must walk out into the very waters before they could stand still. Fulfilling God's conditions enables us to stand confidently on His promises. How anxiously the people watched, and how essential that God's ministers fail not. The test was much more supreme than at the Red Sea. Then they had but to stand. God permitting them to see the way clearly; now it was on cold faith, an evidence of their growth in God. "The trial of your faith being much more precious."

3. Through Jordan on Dry Ground (Vs. 14-17). Though all the people believed it was necessary that the priests take advance ground. At this time they were a dependable people, obeying a dependable God. And as they dared to brave the water, God

## TIMES OF REFRESHING

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Testimonies, Requests for Prayer, Reports of Meetings and General Fellowship.

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Dear Brother and Sister Flower:

Greetings in Jesus' name. It has been on my heart to write you for some time, but the stress of things keeps me so busy that I have not been able to get to it. You no doubt are desiring to know how we are prospering in our mission.

Well, we have gone through deep waters, but the dear Lord has gone with us every step of the way, just as He promised to do, and we are coming out more than conquerors, for we have learned some valuable lessons along with the testings. The wolf came in and with harsh judgment and criticism wounded the lambs and scattered the flock. It seems that the most of our trouble has been from the foe within. Sometimes I wonder if that is not worse than the foe without, for it surely brings more reproach. I am so glad I am learning to take the reproach for His sake and be still.

We had a business meeting last Tuesday night and voted to make the first Sunday in each month missionary day, and the assembly with one accord agreed to give more attention to the state work, also to put out more literature. We are so few in number and need someone to preach to us, but we are not free just now to invite anyone, so we expect to plod along doing as He bids and expecting larger things for the future.

I have been wondering how it would do to print the names of the reliable workers in this state in The Christian Evangel, so that we who have no other source of information might know.

Speaking of The Evangel, I want to again express my appreciation of it. Somehow it is like getting a letter from a friend.

Please remember to pray for us, that the enemy may be defeated in the name of Jesus and the work built up in this part of the city.

Yours in the work of the Lord.

(Mrs.) L. R. SMYRES.

Being born in sin we have a knowledge of sin, with all its awful consequences and penalty, and when delivered from it can never be tempted to "know evil" as our fore-parents were. "He that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin." We know it to abhor it and turn from it to keep on going from it forevermore.

Any work that is visible so appeals to our pride that it is more attractive than is the lonely toil of intercession.

Dear Friends: I received the papers last Saturday and took them to the mission Sunday afternoon and gave them to Brother Phinney. He gladly received them and asked how I happened to get them. For the first time I had the opportunity of making myself known. He was surprised to know that I was acquainted with you.

We had a very good meeting. Bro. Phinney spoke on the subject of "Immersion." He said that sprinkling was handed down from the pagan religions and that no place in the Word of God could anyone find authority to sprinkle. After the message there were several stood up as candidates for baptism. His texts or references on baptism were: Matt. 3:1, 4:17; John 3:22; Mark 16:16, 28:19-20; John 4:1; Acts 8:35-39, 9:18-19, 10:44-48, 16:25-34; Rom. 6:4-5; 1 Pet. 3:21; Heb. 10:22, and Gal. 3:27.

I see another sign of Christ's coming—the strike in Indianapolis. The laboring men and the common people are becoming more and more dissatisfied with their conditions. Poverty and distress are widespread. Strikes and riots are coming to be matters of almost daily occurrence. It is the time when we must "stablish" our hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Though others are in fear and dread, let us have our hearts fixed and unmoved; the time of deliverance and reward is near at hand.

"Swifter than a weaver's shuttle,  
Pass our days in rapid flight;  
Soon will come the day unnumbered,  
When we'll know no more of night.  
There's a little time to labor,  
Just a little time to pray,  
Then the Master comes in beauty,  
And begins the endless day."

Your sister till He comes.

Ethel M. Jackson.

All around us are souls going down for want of prayer. They elbow us along the streets. We look into their anxious faces as we are rushing to and fro. Should we not pray for them? Did not the apostle enjoin prayer for all men? Are we not suffering great loss in our own soul as well as robbing others of blessings which they might have by our prayerlessness. Ours is a day when work rather than prayer is stressed, but prayer, continuous, intercessory, prevailing prayer is the mightiest factor for the world's uplift. Nothing else like it. The praying church is an invincible church.



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met their faith and a way was made—"a new and living way which He hath consecrated for us." (Heb. 10:20). For Israel it was—(1) A new way. (V. 4). "Ye have not passed this way heretofore." Defeat, complaining, discouragement had attended their way. Now they stood on the borders of the Promised Land. Contrast the Red Sea crossing with this. That was out of Egypt, this into Canaan; that was in flight from the face of their enemies, this in boldness of attack upon them; that was with fear, this with confidence. (2) A way of death—Death: to the world. (Ex. 33:16). (3) A way of Divine guidance. "The ark went before the people." (V. 6:11). A perfect type of our Lord Jesus Christ, the faultless pattern for us to follow. "He, having been in all points tempted like as we are," and now is able "to succor us when tempted." Fear not to "follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. The Holy Spirit is sent to lead and guide us into all truth. (4) A way of faith. (V. 13). No indication of deliverance until the priests touched the water. It took faith to march unflinchingly toward the raging Jordan, as well as to stand still in the middle of the stream, when the waters were rolled back. (5) A prepared way. For a prepared people. Unplanned by Joshua, unthought of by the people, it remained for Jehovah-Jireh (Gen. 22:14) to provide a way. (6) The only way. The season of year hindered all natural resources. In taking God's way was there safety alone; only thus could they enter the land. (Heb. 10:19, 20. Jas. 14:6). (7) The victorious way—evidenced by the result. (V. 17). Read Psalm 114.

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