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CREATION CORNER THE GREATEST RIVER

WHAT is the greatest river in the world? No, it is not the Amazon or the Father of Waters. There is a stream mightier far than they. Its branches are more widespread, its sources more sure, its flow more steady and good than any river named on the map. Our daily life depends on it more directly than that of the Egyptians on their sacred stream, the Nile.

No human being has ever traced all the streamlets of this river system. Or computed the volume of its flow; yet every one of us daily drinks at its brim, though we see it not. And no wise man yet has completely explained the miracle of a river that flows opposite to gravity.

The river of sap is the greatest river on earth. It staggers human comprehension even to think of the multiplied millions of tons of water laden with plant food that daily rise from the hidden springs of earth, against gravity, to the tip of the inch-high desert flower and the two-hundred-foot sequoia. Every plant has its juice, every fruit its wine—all part of the great river. Noiselessly, this river of life rises from the fountains of the great deep. Outdoing the river of Eden, which was parted into four heads, this wonderful tide parts into as many heads as there are leaves on earth—and who has counted the grass blades? And it is

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no meager stream that flows into the tough reservoir plants of arid regions.. So overflowing is the sap that in some trees, like the Carolina poplar which sheds its leaves long before frost, when the leaves fall, great drops of sap follow them; and we think it raining under the tree under a clear sky.

But the greatest marvel of this greatest river is not its amount but its timing. Moving always around the hot part of the earth, in the cooler part it stops -and starts. Before autumn comes, it is receding into its unknown springs. But come February in Tennessee; and some warm morning we become aware that the black and gray mass of tree silhouettes on the hillside has turned a soft yellow and orange and maroon. The sap is rising," we cry so happily. The divine Timekeeper, whose word is given that "cold and heat. ..Shall not cease," has given His order, and His stream is flowing up.

"Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: ...and the little hills rejoice on every side." Psalm 65:9, 12.

While we wait for the new earth, watered visibly by the pure river of water of life from the

throne of God, let us praise the Creator for His river of life now and join the little hills in joy as their twigs dress themselves in lovely sap-fed colors before they grow rapidly into the leaves of summer. from Mary Hunter Moore = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

The Christian Church: part 7

The Waldenses

Isaiah 33:16 "He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure."

The Waldenses or the people of the valleys were among those who had the true bible. It guided their whole and was more precious to them than anything else. They lived a hard life of toil living in the rugged mountains. They kept the light of the true faith alive for centuries.

As the terrible power of the false church grew until it controlled all of Europe. The Bible was forbidden to the people and they were blind slaves to Rome.

But the people of the valleys knew the true gospel, they kept the Bible Sabbath and they would not worship dead people or images. Any time they were caught, they would be tortured and killed. But they would not give up their true faith. For a thousand years they kept the faith alive in the mountains.

The Roman priest told many lies about these people. They said they were demons and their children were born with only one eye, black teeth and hairy throats. These lies helped them to get people to want to kill the true Christians.

These people taught their children to memorize the Bible and they would learn whole books. If the written Bibles were burned, the people could rewrite them from memory. The children had to work hard from early years and they also had to learn to be very careful what they would say to strangers. They also were taught to read and write the precious Bible, how to grow vines and gardens and take care of animals in the mountains.

The ministers of these people were called 'Barbes' which meant uncle. To become a minister took years of study and memorization of the Bible. Then they would go with an older man to be a missionary. They would go as merchants and would sell various items but they

would carry precious pieces of the Bible written on paper. When they found people who might be interested, they would tell them about the Bible and give them the written texts. Some went to the Universities as students- they would look for a chance to tell other students about the true faith.

Sometimes the poor missionaries were caught and killed or thrown into to dungeons. But they still kept on doing the work God has given us all to do, 'Preach the Gospel to the world'.

It was a hard life. They lived in tiny stone huts with simple, hand made furniture and very plain food and clothes. Sometimes the people's children would not live because of the hard life they lived in the mountains. But they would give up everything for the true faith! When we meet them in heaven, do you think they will say, "Oh, I am sorry I gave up so much for the truth.?" Oh, No! They will be so glad they did.

Children, I hope each one of you will decide to get to know your Bible and your Saviour Jesus so well that this will be the most important thing in your whole life. You will never be sorry either! = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

"NO DEVIL STRINGS" part 1

Many years ago in the Solomon Islands in the Pacific Ocean Chief Tatungu was getting up early to go fishing in his newly built canoe. This was a special day for him as he was not only launching a new boat but was also expecting a new baby.

His 2nd wife, Sambenaru, had gone to the special hut outside the village to await the birth of their third child. His first wife and her children had died when a disease had struck the village and the chief had searched for a good woman to marry. He had paid many fat pigs and much shell money for this one.

His new boat he had named Divi-divi, which meant 'Bright Pearl Oyster'. His friend Ratu had also built a fine, new boat and it was going to be a race between them as to which boat would catch the first fish and thus prove its luck.

He joined his captured slaves that were making ready the boat and thought about the war raids the fierce Solomon Islanders would make on the other islands, capturing slaves and taking heads. Headhunting, cannibalism and hu-

man sacrifice had been the way of life for generations here. But today it was a peaceful trip-to catch fish and prove the new boats.

As the men in the other boats brought out their fishing poles and prepared to catch fish with the glittering hooks with pearl lures, they whispered to each other, looking at Tatangu's canoe. The chief had forgotten to decorate his boat with the special devil-charm strings from the rangoso vine, to invoke the blessing of the devil god of the fisherman. They did not dare say anything to the chief, though, as it could mean a man's life to criticize the chief!

All the other boats were draped with the devil strings. Surely the chief would have no luck today! But to everyone's surprise it was he that caught the first fish and many others. Back on shore it was obvious Tatangu had more fish than anybody.

The news spread through the village that the new boat with no devil strings had caught the most fish and people wondered.

Than Tatangu learned of his tiny newborn son still in the woman hut. "I will name him 'Kata Rangoso'" he announced, and the villagers looked at each other and whispered the name in awe. It meant 'No Devil Strings'.

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ADVENT HISTORY

The Great Advent Movement: Part 4: A MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN

Last week we learned how disappointed God's dear people were when Jesus did not come back on October 22, 1844. They were sad and wept. Some of the people, who had been waiting for Jesus to come, changed their minds and started to laugh and make fun of the idea of

Jesus coming. But a few did not. They studied the Bible again and they could find nothing wrong in the time.

They then realized that they must have made a mistake about what happened on that day. Carefully they searched the Bible. They would get together and study and pray, sometimes all night. They really wanted to know the truth and pleaded for Jesus to help them.

Jesus loved His people. He did not forget them. He watched them tenderly as they studied their Bibles. He heard every prayer and helped them find their mistake. They realized that the Bible never says that the sanctuary that was going to be cleansed was the earth. They learned that it is in heaven.

They found that at this time a special work was going on in heaven. Each one who has lived on this earth has his life story in a book in heaven. Every father and mother has his story there. Every boy and girl has his story there. Angels write down everything we do. They write down everything we say.

On October 22 1844 Jesus started looking over the records of all His people to see who would be able to go to heaven. This is called the 'Investigative Judgment'. Jesus is investigating all the life stories of those who claimed to belong to God. He started with the first person that died. That was Abel.

Jesus looked over Abel's life story. When He has looked over every life story He will come to earth again. Those who have kept their faith in Jesus will go to heaven with Him.

The people wrote this message in a little paper. They sent it to the people who looked for Jesus to come. They said: "We must tell everyone to keep his life story clean and trust in Jesus. We must be ready to meet Jesus."

Then God sent His people a message from heaven. God chose Ellen G. White to be His special messenger, His prophet. He gave her many messages for His people. These messages helped the people to know Jesus and understand what is happening in heaven now. Many of these messages are written in books. You can read these books and learn more about Jesus.
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BUILDING FOR JESUS

More Devil Tricks

I want to tell you today about another trick the devil is playing on children and young people today. He has got people today thinking that children are supposed to only play and have fun and be silly. It is a sad thing and it is not true.

Children will be happiest when they learn useful things and children can learn to understand the Bible even better than most grownups. God sends special help and angels to help children learn good things if they choose to try.

One of the English people who help translate the King James Bible had learned Hebrew and Greek by the time he was five years old! I know of grade 5 children who could show you the prophecies in the Bible and tell you about the Gospel.

The Waldensee children could recite whole books of the Bible and when they sometimes got captured and placed in Catholic convents, they would not give up their faith.

In the 1800s in America and Canada, young children would learn to read from the King James Bible and would learn whole chapters of it.

Ellen White was just a teenager when she had missionary meetings for her friends and later when Jesus chose her for His special messenger, she was only 17.

Satan is getting people to think children are just silly and should be giggling and racing around in foolishness all the time. It is a nasty trick he is playing. Children are called 'kids' and 'rug rats' and 'yard apes'. This doesn't make them feel very important and makes them think they can't do things either. They are 'just kids'.

TV and movies show silly and foolish ideas to children as well. Remember that foolish acting and thinking always leads to evil doing and it makes you stupid. Reading the Bible and obeying it makes people get smarter!

You see, Satan knows that Jesus will use children and young people in the last great work for the world, so he is trying to ruin them and make them so silly that Jesus can't use them. Or he tries to get them working for him. Don't let him do that to you!

If you give your hearts to Jesus, you are

children of the Heavenly King! Jesus and the angels will help you and you can be strong in the faith. It will give you real happiness! = ^ .. ^ =



Year 1: 2nd Quarter:

“MESSIAH OUR PRINCE”

WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 3: “JESUS OUR PASSOVER”

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.”
1 Corinthians 5:7

Sunday

Text: Exodus 12:13 “And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.”

That very first Passover was a solemn and awesome event. Nine plagues had fallen upon Egypt, changing that once rich country into a ruin, but still the stubborn Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not give in to obey God and let His people go. By now even his officers were pleading with him to send the Israelites away while there was still some of the country left!

Now God sent special instructions to the people through Moses and Aaron. One final plague was coming and this time they had to do something to protect themselves. They were to

take a lamb and bring it in to live with them for four days. Then on that fateful day they were to kill it and catch the blood in a basin. Then they were to take special herbs and dip them in the blood and splash the blood on the top of the doorpost and on each side.

Then they were to roast the lamb and eat it that night with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast. They were to eat it all and not break any of the bones. They were to be all packed and ready to leave and have their coats on and their walking sticks in their hands while they ate it.

Thought - They had to show they believed what God told them by obeying.

Monday

Text: Exodus 12:12 "For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD."

Each one of the plagues God sent on Egypt was against their idol-gods to show the people their gods had no power. Now the final one struck against Pharaoh, who claimed himself to be a god.

The Israelites had to make sure their children were safe at home that night. They followed what God had told them to do. They were all ready to leave. They roasted the lamb and ate it all up. If there was any left, they burned it in the fire.

They ate the bread without yeast, called unleavened bread. They also ate the bitter herbs. This was a good meal and would give them strength to go on the long journey. After the meal they waited for the word to leave from Moses and Aaron.

At midnight there came a great cry all over the land. In every house, where there was no blood on the door, somebody died! The angel came through the land and every first-born child died, both man and animals. The Egyptians were horrified and afraid. Pharaoh sent word; "Hurry up and leave here before we are all dead!!"

His eldest son lay dead in the palace; he was to be the next king; now he was dead. Pharaoh was very sad, as were people all through Egypt. But the death angel 'passed over' the houses with the blood of the lamb on the doorposts.

God told the children of Israel to run to the

Egyptians and ask them for gold and jewels and things of value. The Egyptians were so afraid they would give the Israelites anything they wanted. This was how God restored to the Israelites some of the payment for their working for so long as slaves to the Egyptians.

Thought - If you were a child in Egypt that night, you would have wanted to know for sure the blood was on the door!

Tuesday

Text: Exodus 12:30 "And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead."

This whole happening was a lesson from God to help His people understand more about the plan of Salvation. Everything had meaning in the Passover service.

The unleavened bread, without yeast, represented that they were not to have any sin in their home or heart. They were to put away all sin, just like they got rid of all the yeast. For seven days before the Passover they ate bread without yeast. During this time they were to ask God to forgive their sins and make sure they were obeying all His commands.

The bitter herbs they were to eat, represented that they were to be humble and truly sorry for sin. They were to confess and ask for forgiveness.

Of course the blood of the lamb pointed to the blood of Jesus, which was the only way the sinner, could ever be forgiven. That blood has to be on the doorposts of our hearts, so the death penalty against sin will 'Passover' us.

Eating the lamb would give them strength to journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. Jesus told the people when He was here that they were to 'eat His flesh'. The Bible represents Jesus' flesh—the bread of life—the roast lamb. When we eat it every day, by reading and studying it, we have strength to leave the world behind and get ready for heaven.

Thought - The Words of the Bible make us strong in the Lord!

Wednesday

Text: John 2:13 "And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem."

Four days before the sacrifice, the people

chose a lamb and set it aside and brought it into the family. Jesus was 'set aside' by Judas making arrangements to have Him betrayed to the priests.

They very time when the Passover Lamb was to be killed was 3 O'clock (the ninth hour) on the day of unleavened bread; that year it fell on a Friday. Jesus died on the cross at that very hour. The Angel of God ripped the great curtain in the temple from the top to the bottom. The Passover lamb, the priests were about to kill, jumped down and ran away.

God had provided Himself a Lamb! The Lamb of God had become our Passover!

Thought - Think about what it means to have the Blood of the Lamb on the doorposts of your heart!

Thursday

Text: John 13:17 "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

The Jews who did not accept Jesus as the Messiah, continued to offer lambs at the Passover year after year. But now it had no meaning. Jesus, the Great Passover Lamb had been offered. Never again would animal sacrifices have any meaning.

At the 'Last Supper', Jesus took some of the unleavened bread and some of the pure, unfermented grape juice and He gave His followers a new service to do to remember Him.

The bread meant the body of Jesus offered for them and it also means the Holy Word, the Bible which gives us knowledge and strength.

The Grape juice represented Jesus blood, which covers our sins and His power to take away sin out of our lives, if we let Him.

Jesus told them He wouldn't drink grape juice any more until we all drink it with Him in Heaven. You see, He loves us and looks forward to when we can all be together as one happy family forever!

Thought - When you see the Lord's Supper with the bread and grape juice, think about the Passover Lamb Jesus, Who died for you!

Friday

Text: Isaiah 1:18 "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."

The Passover was in the spring of the year; in the fall was another great ceremony that God gave the Israelites to help them learn about the plan of Salvation. It was called the 'Day of Atonement'.

In the earthly service, only one day a year the High Priest would enter the Most Holy Place on the Day of Atonement. That day in 1844, was on October 22. Remember in our history stories that the people expected Jesus to come on that day? But later they learned He had gone into the Most Holy Place to start a special work of judgement to see who would go to heaven with Him when he comes back.

It was called 'Cleansing the Sanctuary' by removing all the sins the people had confessed. We will learn more about it in our next lesson.

Thought - I want all my sins washed away by the blood of our Passover Lamb, don't you?
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Write your name
in the Banner to say
"Yes, Jesus is my
Passover Lamb!"

