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CREATION CORNER

ANIMALS and MAN

God made the animals to be a blessing to man. They were to serve him and man was to care for them. After sin came into the picture man has abused this gift of God very badly. Animals are often more faithful to God in doing the job they were created for than man is. Man has been terribly cruel to the animals.

In these last days we see something happening that we were warned about. Because man is so cruel and greedy, the animals are being treated terribly! The ones used for meat, milk and eggs are now being fed on garbage, manure and the ground up dead bodies of other animals that were also sick and sad.

They are raised crowded in tiny cages or in huge filthy feedlots. This makes them suffer and get sick. Then these sick suffering birds and animals are killed and fed to people. The eggs and milk is used also and many terrible diseases are now coming on people.

Ellen White was given a message from Jesus

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to tell His people that because of sin, animals and their products were no longer safe to use. She told us about this over 100 years ago! And back then, animals were still raised on farms, like in the picture books, and had much better lives then they do now.

When we go to the store or to McDonalds or somewhere and we get those nice meat treats- we do not see the animals that they are made out of. We do not see how sick they were, how sad, how much they suffered so you can eat their flesh for a treat!

We also cannot see the disease germs in that meat. Many if not most of the painful diseases that people are getting more and more are coming from the animals they eat. I am telling this to you young people because I know most of you have never seen an animal killed for meat- you do not know where your tasty meal came from. It would be wise for us all to listen to what Jesus told our messenger and not eat animals or their products any more ever! = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

John Huss continued to teach the Bible to the people in their own language. Truths were shining out from the Bible and the people began to change some of their wrong habits. By now the teachings of Huss had reached into the universities in Germany and elsewhere.

True Christianity began to grow and the wickedness of the Priests and higher leaders of Rome was pointed out. This made them very angry and they determined to stop this outlawed preaching. Soon one of the three popes demanded that Huss appear before him in Rome. Everyone who loved Huss urged him not to go as it meant sure death. The nobles and even the king and queen united and sent a letter to the pope asking that Huss be allowed to stay in Prague and someone sent to Rome to speak for him. The pope would not agree and he went ahead and declared Huss guilty with out even hearing him, and said the city was under 'interdict' until they would send Huss to Rome for punishment.

This was really bad for the people as they believed what Rome said and they were told that nobody in the city could go to heaven and even their dead relatives were thrown out of heaven. (They believed people went to heaven or hell when they died) The churches were closed and terrible ceremonies were performed by the Priest to make the people afraid.

They were not allowed to bury the dead in the graveyards and had to bury them in ditches or fields. The church would not bless marriages or baptize babies. They were not allowed to have the 'host', the little cookie they were taught was Jesus' body. Of course we know that all this is not important but for people who really believed the false teachings of the Roman church it was scary! These people, like Catholics today, really believed that the pope could throw them into hell.

Please remember that Rome, like Satan always rules through fear and threats. They create superstitions in the people's minds and then use them to keep the people enslaved by fear. They don't have God's Truth from His Holy Word to give them the power of heaven so they must use Force and Fear to keep the people obeying and supporting them. They get the worldly rulers to back them up by attacking and killing the

people Rome wants to get rid of. Our story of Huss was a long time ago- but Rome is still doing exactly the same thing today and her power is growing rapidly!

Huss moved out of the city back to his native village for a while so things could go back to normal for the people. He traveled through the countryside teaching and so what the pope did allowed the gospel to go even further.

"We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." 2 Corinthians 13:8.

Huss still believed in the authority of the Roman church and pope at this time and he had a very troubled mind as he tried to understand why, if the church was right would he have to disobey it to follow God's Holy Bible.

Finally he realized that the church had been taken over by wicked men and he knew he must use the Bible only to know how to serve God and be saved. He had great confidence after this and was not afraid of what man could do unto him. The Word of God makes those who read it and believe it as bold as a lion! = ^ . ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

"NO DEVIL STRINGS" part 6 Learning and Changing

It was a time of rapid change. The strange new ways of civilization first affected those island groups which lay in the path of the new sea lanes, while other, far away islands slumbered on under the old primitive rule.

Some of the changes were small and came slowly, but others were more sudden. One of the biggest changes that could come to a tribe of South Sea Islanders was when village elders in council decided to allow a mission in their midst and learn its teachings and way of life.

It was into this exciting time of change in the Solomon Islands that the first students of the Marovo Lagoon school were launched. For young Kata Rangoso the future was charged with challenge-the challenge of helping his people learn better ways.

From the missionaries he had learned to keep his body clean, to eat healthful food, and to live under sanitary conditions. It made him sad to see that so many of the people of his islands still were not clean. They lay down on the ground to sleep-men, women, children, and

sometimes dogs and pigs, together. Their bodies got washed only when the rain fell upon them.

They built their houses close to the ground, with no flooring, no windows, and just one small door. The houses were dark inside-no fresh air or light could get in. Some of the people did not wear any clothes except for a handful of leaves strung together. Ignorant of rules of health and sanitation, they suffered from exposure and disease.

Although the government officers forced them to obey the laws of civilization, they were still controlled mostly by the bidding of their witch doctors, the 'devil-devil' men. They still lived in fear of the unknown, always bothered by their spirit-gods, believing that the gods looked for every chance to bring trouble upon them. The witch doctors, alarmed by the approach of civilization, insisted even more to the people that unless the people made many gifts and sacrifices, the spirit-gods would cause sickness, crop failure, and every type of calamity.

Rangoso thought of the life his father had lived for most of his years -the daily fear of the unknown, the constant threat of death. But Rangoso felt glad that Tatangu had lived long enough to see and appreciate the new hope that had dawned for his people. Now Rangoso hoped that within his lifetime he might see the light of this truth spread among all the people of the Solomon's.

His first chance to do something in fulfilling that mission was when he was called to teach the people of the village of Ramata.

Fierce warriors who had made many headhunting raids on other islands, the people of Ramata had been slow in accepting a mission teacher. But missionaries had continued to make regular visits to Ramata as they sailed the waters of the lagoon in the 'Advent Herald'. During 1917-18 they found the people to be in a more friendly mood.

At last the chiefs of Ramata made their decision. They told their people to build a church patterned after churches they had seen in other districts. Built entirely of bush materials, jungle poles, and palm-leaf thatch, it cost nothing but the work of the village people. Then they asked the missionaries to teach them in the church.

On their frequent trips the visiting missionaries held services in the new church. But the people needed more Christian influence among

them, so the missionaries asked young Rangoso to go to Ramata as teacher. This was not unusual. Because there were so few workers, the mission leaders often sent partly educated students out to man new village schools. After a few months in the field, they would sometimes be recalled to the home base school for more studies, while another "helper-teacher" would take their places.

The teaching of the early village schools was not complicated. Simple reading and writing lessons, basic arithmetic, Bible stories, learning to sing gospel songs in harmony-these were the beginnings that awakened the desire for better things and let rays of light into the dark minds.

Rangoso's Ramata school was in the church-the usual arrangement in those days. The thirty to forty students sat on rough-hewn planks or cross-legged on the floor. Sometimes old people wandered into class and with dimming eyes and clumsy fingers attempted to master reading and writing. When paper and pencils were not available, the students wrote on rough planks with pieces of charcoal. Their newly aroused thirst for knowledge would not be full until the teacher had passed on to them everything that he had learned.

At Ramata, Rangoso learned his first lessons in leadership. His brilliant mind was never idle. Night after night when he had finished his teaching duties he studied by the light of a flickering lamp. He knew himself to be handicapped as a teacher by his limited education. He longed to learn more. At this time higher education was far beyond him, but he read every book he could get, every piece of printed paper.

The Bible was his constant companion, and he read and understood its messages clearly as those do who learn from the Holy Spirit. He made the teachings of the Book his way of life.

How many people that Rangoso's Bible-based teaching led into paths of light cannot be counted. Many of his pupils became teachers, church leaders, and missionaries; some took Christianity to the wild tribesmen of New Guinea and other distant places.

Cousin Pana was the engineer on the Advent Herald and had seen mission work grow under the direction of Captain Jones. But on March 13, 1919, Pana accepted a new post. The captain decided to send Pastor and Mrs. Tutty to open a new mission station. He asked Pana to

go with the Tuttys as an helper. They left aboard the Advent Herald. It was Pana's last trip as ship's engineer. Arriving about nine o'clock the next morning, they were welcomed by the Chief. Pana, the ship's engineer, had now become a missionary; he added Barnabas to his name in honor of the occasion.

A year later Pana went to pioneer new work on Ranonga after the chief had made an urgent call for him. He found such an interest among these primitive people that he called for a helper and was pleased to receive Jugha, his boyhood friend of the old days. Later the mission leaders asked Jugha to carry the gospel to another island. They then called Rangoso from Ramata to work with Pana.

Thus in a few short years, boys who could not read or write, who had idled their time on the beach and had seen the Advent Herald first sail into Marovo Lagoon had become missionaries themselves-working among people who were once their sworn enemies. The wake of the little mission ship had grown into a tidal wave that continued to move from island to island. - To be continued: = ^ .. ^ =

ADVENT HISTORY

The Great Advent Movement: Part 8 FIRST ADVENTIST MISSIONARY

The people in other countries wanted to hear about Jesus coming again. They sent men to America. These men asked: "Will you not send someone to tell the message to the people in Europe?"

The ministers said: "Yes, someone must go." Then they began to look for a missionary. They thought of Elder Andrews. "He will make a good missionary," they said. "He is kind and good. His heart is full of the love of Jesus. He can tell the story well."

So they had a meeting. Elder Andrews went to the meeting. They said to Elder Andrews : "The people in Europe are calling for a missionary. They want to hear the message. Will you go and tell them?"

"I will go," he answered. "I will take my family. We shall live there; I will preach the message to the people". He began to get ready. His children, Mary and Charles, got ready, too.

They sailed on a big boat. They sailed for many days. After they came to land, they got on

a train.

Elder Andrews and his family sailed on the big boat to Europe. They rode many miles on the train. They came to the country of Switzerland. Switzerland is in Europe.

Elder Andrews lived there many years. He preached the message. Many people heard and believed. Elder Andrews was the first foreign Seventh day Adventist missionary.

The people in America said: "We will send other missionaries. We will send missionaries to every country. We must not forget the little islands. People who live there must hear the message, too." So they sent missionaries to many countries.

They said: "We must have a missionary ship to visit the little islands." The children saved their pennies. The fathers and mothers saved their money, too. Soon the ship was built.

They called it "Pitcairn." That was the name of one of the islands. The missionaries went to Pitcairn Island to tell the story of Jesus to the people. Missionaries preached the message on many islands.

Many other missionaries were sent and soon there were mission stations all over the world. When I was a little girl we loved to save our money to give to help the missionaries tell the people about Jesus. = ^ .. ^ =

BUILDING FOR JESUS

June sent this: "One of the stories I love to tell over and over again is about an old Chinese man who was brought to the judge and was beaten for believing in Jesus. The next day the same thing happened and so it went for several days.

Finally the Chinese man decided to be bold and he said "If Mao (the ruler of the country at that time) wants me to die and God does not want me to die, I will not die, and if Mao wants me to live and God does not want me to live I will not live"

The judge was furious and ordered that he be dragged out into the snow and beaten to death. It was nighttime and they did just that. At least they left him in the snow as dead. However, God revived the old saint and he got up and went back to his cell. The judge and the guards were so filled with fear that they let him go immediately."

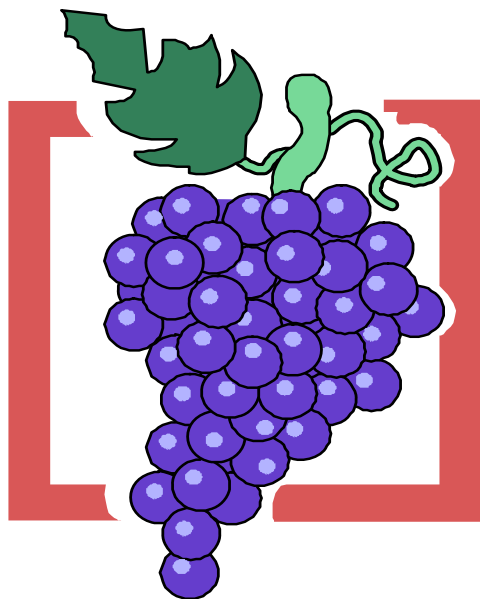
Soon we will see a time when people will be

very angry at God's true people. They will call them names, put them in prison and even want to kill them. But we can know for sure that Jesus has promised to be always with His people who love Him. His promises stand like a big mountain that will never fall. Jesus never, never tells a lie; so we can know that when He promises to be with us, He will keep His promise.

Right now we need to fill our hearts, soul and mind with the true facts that God is not like men that He should lie. When He promises that He will never leave us nor forsake us we can believe Him and whatever He chooses to happen to us He will give us the strength to do it.

Start today to trust Jesus, learn His promises, and ask Him to be with you every day. Choose to be brave and strong for Him and He will give you courage. When the little things happen in our life that make us mad or sad- learn to ask Jesus to make you like Him- kind and glad. Don't let old Satan scare you and don't let him get you doing wrong things. Jesus will send the big, strong angels to take care of you and help you to choose the good ways.

Did you know that when anybody, even a little person, kneels down and prays to Jesus for help: asking for His promised blessings, old Satan and all his nasty angels are afraid! Why? Because they know Jesus will answer you! If you ever feel afraid: you just tell Jesus all about it, ask him to help you and then know that He certainly will! = ^ .. ^ =



Year 1: 2nd Quarter:
“MESSIAH OUR PRINCE”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 8: “JESUS’
VINEYARD STORIES”

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: “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:5

Sunday

Text: Isaiah 5:1 “Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:”

There is something very interesting about Jesus teachings to the people when He was here on earth. Some people will tell you that the things He taught were all new. This is not true at all! Everything Jesus taught was in the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament. But the people had listened to the false teachers so long, they didn't know what was in the Bible any more, and the things sounded new to them.

We have the same problem today. Years ago the people of our church and most Protestant churches knew what the Bible said. But people have allowed their leaders to tell them what is in the Bible, and they have read books about

the Bible, and books where the so called 'educated' leaders tell you what is in the Bible, and tell you what it means. Because of this very few people in the world, or the church, really know the Bible now, and so Satan can trick them easily, and false teachers fool them all the time. When someone teaches them the truth from the Bible—they think it is strange and wrong.

When Jesus told the story of the vineyard the priests at least knew the story from the book of Isaiah. BUT because of their false ideas and pride they didn't understand what it meant to them. This story made the priests of the church at that time very angry with Jesus for telling it!

A vineyard is like an orchard for grapevines. Vines can't stand up on their own like trees and so they need special care and help to grow and make good grapes. It's sort of the same as the stories about sheep, who also cannot take care of themselves. The vines need special frames so they can grow up them. They need trimming and much care. They must be protected from wild animals that like to munch on grapevines. Then the sweet, delicious grapes will grow for eating or juice.

God called His people His special vineyard then He told them about all the special care He gives to His vineyard. Read the story in Isaiah 5:1-7 and see what God said about His vineyard.

Thought - Jesus shows us that we need His care and how He loves us and cares for us.

Monday

Text: Isaiah 5:2 "And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes."

Now in the story, the fence or wall that Jesus put around His vineyard, is His Ten Commandment Law. Did you know that God's laws are to protect you and keep you happy? Yes, that is true! God knows just how His created children need to live, so they can have happy joyful lives of freedom. When we break God's laws, we become captured by Satan, and he fastens his cruel chains on us and makes us his slaves. He tries very hard to get people to break at least one commandment; then he has power over them.

The tower was the words of Jesus' prophets. Just as the tower was to watch for beasts and enemies, so the words of the prophets are to warn and protect us. If we listen to them and obey them, we are protected from evil and nobody can fool us or sneak up on us.

The winepress was where the people would gather in worship and enjoy all the sweet grape juice of blessing that would come from belonging to God.

Jesus showed that He did everything right for His people but what did they give Him? Was it good deeds and honour and kind words? NO! It was wild grapes!

One time I picked wild grapes to try and make some jam. I had a shiny steel spoon and when I stirred these grapes in a pan, they were so sour they took the shiny part right off the spoon! Wild grapes represent wicked, cruel and selfish deeds.

Israel refused to obey God. God then said He would let bad things happen to those vines, because no matter what He did for them, they just wouldn't listen or obey Him. They just wanted their own selfish ways.

Thought - The writings of Ellen White, Jesus' special messenger to us, are part of our 'tower' for today.

Tuesday

Text: Matthew 21:33 "Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:" Read Matthew 21:33-43

This is where Jesus continued the story that Isaiah had written to old Israel. He tells another chapter of it. In this story the 'husbandmen' are the people whose job is to take care of the vines, like the shepherd cares for the sheep. They represented the teachers and priests and pastors. God wanted to help His people, so they could grow and bring happy fruit, and He set up certain people to work for Him and help the vines to grow. God gave everything so that the vines could grow lovely and strong.

Then it says the owner went to a far country. Now a strange thing begins to happen. It was God's vineyard. The vines were God's vines. God hired the husbandmen and paid them for their

work. He gave them what they needed to care for the vines but somehow they get the idea that it all belonged to them!

They start refusing to give the fruit to God, and instead when He sends servants to come and receive some of the fruit, they were cruel and unkind to them. They beat them, stoned them and killed them.

So God sent more servants, but the same thing happened. These people in the vineyard had decided to keep all the fruit, and have the vineyard for themselves. The priests and rulers wanted all the glory and honour from the people to go to them, not to God. And when messengers and prophets came to them with messages from God, they drove them away or killed them.

Thought - We must give our honour and obedience to Jesus and not to men who would get us to disobey God.

Wednesday

Text: Luke 20:15 **“So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?” You can read this story also in Luke 20:9-19**

Finally the story says God sent His dear Son. “Surely they will reverence my Son!” He said. But what happened? They said, “Look, this is the heir of the vineyard!” They knew the vineyard really belonged to Jesus, so in the story they thought that if they got rid of the heir, they could keep the vineyard for themselves. They threw the Son out of the vineyard and killed Him!

Now just think for a minute; Jesus was telling this story to the leaders of the church at that time. He knew they hated Him and were determined not to let the people follow Him. They wanted the people to keep following and obeying them. They wanted to steal the Lord’s vineyard for themselves. They were already planning how they could kill Jesus and so stop Him from teaching truth to the people any more.

Here was Jesus, looking them right in the eye and telling them that He knew all about what they were planning to do. And He was warning them that if they did it, they would be destroyed! The leaders hated Jesus even more after this story.

Well, as you know, they did do it. They cast Jesus ‘out of the vineyard’ and they killed Him.

And after God had pleaded with them, through many more servants, to repent so He could forgive them, they would not repent, although a few priests and people did repent and became Christians. In AD 70 the city of Jerusalem was totally destroyed by Roman armies.

Thought - It is dangerous to choose our own ideas when the Bible tells us they are wrong.

Thursday

Text: Matthew 20:1 **“For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.” See the whole story: Matthew 20:1-16**

Now Jesus continues the vineyard story. God took His vineyard away from the thieves, and now He goes and hires workers to come and work there. Notice, God hires these workers Himself. They don’t just wander into the vineyard and start working, they don’t decide themselves, “Oh, I guess I want to work in that vineyard so away I go;” and please notice this; the other workers don’t get to say who is going to work there. God chooses them Himself.

Down through the centuries in the Christian church, God has called people to ‘go and work in His vineyard’. In our stories we have seen this. Wycliffe was called by God; Huss and Jerome were called by God. The problem is that churches and people and other ministers have decided that they are the ones who should hire the workers, and when they start doing what only God is able to do right, then all kinds of problems arise!

There is a lot of work to do in the vineyard, and from time to time the Lord sees that more help is needed, so He goes and calls others to come and work also.

Finally in the story the owner goes out and sees people standing in the market place waiting for work. By now it is only 1 hour to quitting time, and I can imagine these men thought they were going to go to bed hungry that night; no work, no money for food.

Here comes the Lord, “Why are you not working?”

“No body hired us”, comes the sad reply. Nobody wanted these men, but the Lord says, “I want you, go work in my vineyard and whatever is right I will pay you.” Off they go to the vine-

yard, happiness beams from their faces. They start right in with joy and eagerness and before you know it, the work that the other workers thought would never get done, is all finished.

Thought - If you give all your heart to Jesus and learn from Him and obey Him, He will give you work to do for Him also.

Friday

Text: Matthew 20:12 "Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day."

Now the Master calls His workers and beginning with the last ones who worked only one hour, He gave them their reward; 1-penny, which was good money in those days. But when He got to the first workers, He gave them the same and they were not happy. They began to grumble, saying that the Lord was not fair.

"After all," they said, "These guys only worked one hour in the cooler part of the day, and we worked all day long in the heat!" These ones were in the habit of grumbling and complaining. To them the Lord's work was hard and a

heavy burden. They were always trying to get something more for themselves. They are the kind of people who are always talking about how much they gave up for the Lord, and how hard it is to serve Him. Notice that the Lord had to tell them how much He would give them, before they would agree to work for Him.

Now these last workers were so glad to have the chance to work in the vineyard, they were happy and eager, and this made their work so much more helpful to the Lord. They thought it was an honor to be there in the Lord's vineyard and they were thankful. They were able to easily finish the job that the grumblers thought was too hard. They hadn't even thought about how much money they would get; they just left that to the Lord to decide.

Jesus finished by saying, "For the last shall be first and the first, last". It means that those who are always trying to push themselves in to be first, and get more than others, shall be left out of His kingdom in the end, if they don't let Jesus change their hearts.

Thought - Let's not ever have a grumbly spirit, but instead be happy and thankful always. = ^ .. ^ =