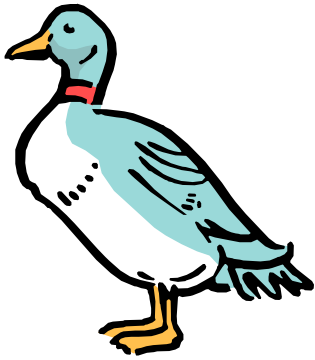


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CREATION CORNER CONSERVATION?

I have just finished looking over a magazine someone sent me because they know I love nature. At first I was happy to see it but I soon laid it down with grief.

Conservation, says Webster, is “preserving, guarding, protecting; keeping in a safe or entire state; preservation.

This magazine talks about “conservation.” So far, so good. But they only want to conserve living creatures so they can go out and kill them for sport. That is bad.

What people have destroyed in the past by depraved human nature must now be conserved, preserved, built up, restored. Why? To undo the wrong done to creation? No! To provide more birds and animals for more murder. The whole vicious circle is summed up in the one word at the bottom of the front cover—“Sport.” It shows a picture of a beautiful dog sitting in a woody spot holding in its mouth a once-beautiful dead bird. Killing is sport. Death is delightful—to the death-dealer. Conservation is the servant of destruction.

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In no way is the fall of man more visible than in his attitude toward the works of the Creator. He must always destroy. Look at the twigs on the sidewalk side of the hedge on your lawn. Stripped bare of leaves, no doubt. Infants, from pre-school to adult ages, seem unable to see anything alive without an impulse to kill it. So pull off those leaves as you pass by. Huh! Just leaves! But could you make a leaf to replace the one you destroyed? In that leaf were principles of engineering that modern industry is only just learning, and secrets of chemistry still out of our reach.

But foolish mankind thinks he is growing up when he becomes a “sportsman”—the highest form of masculinity. He glories in the science of killing and sets in motion the vast machinery of conservation to provide more opportunity to kill.

Listen to God’s definition of such “sport”: “It is as sport to a fool to do mischief.” Proverbs 10:23. Surely it is mischief to terrify, torture, torment, maim, and destroy wild creatures—who are made by the same Creator who made you, and who are capable of many of the same emotions which humans feel. It is God,

not I, who named the “sportsman” in that verse, the sportsman who destroys for fun what he cannot create.

And the ‘sportsman’ of Proverbs is further described by the Creator Himself in a famous conversation He once held with a group of men who were plotting destruction. “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning.” John 8:44. From the “sport” of killing animals and birds, it is less than a step to war. And the Creator intends someday to carry out His “strange work” of destroying “them which destroy the earth.” (Revelation 11:18.)

Let us not take part in ‘sports’ that bring suffering and death to other creatures, lest we share that destruction. = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

REBUKE THE DEVOURER

In 1896, a plague of grasshoppers hit Minnesota and Mrs. Lois Calkins tells this story of God’s promised blessings. In early autumn clouds of grasshoppers had swept down in the area and laid their eggs in the soil in great amounts. A bounty of so much for each bushel of insects was offered and many bushels of them were destroyed, but it seemed a hopeless battle and prospects for the next year were very dark.

She continues: “My father was an old man in very feeble health; mother was not strong, and I had two little brothers. My health was also very poor, and our income was small. Still, we were not discouraged; we studied the Bible, and believed that the promises of God are the same to us in these last days as they were to His people in olden times, and we laid the matter before Him. We told Him how we were situated, and asked Him to bless us in planting a garden, and to protect it from the grasshoppers; and we believed He would do it.

“In the spring, when the grasshoppers hatched out, they covered a large portion of our small garden spot. To all outward appearances it would be useless to plant a garden there. However, we had the ground prepared, and planted our garden, trusting in the Lord to protect it from the grasshoppers.

“When the seeds came up, there were no grasshoppers in our garden, and the vegetables grew rapidly. When the grasshoppers were full

grown, in the time of day when they hopped and flew, it sounded like the fast falling of hail all around and over the garden and in the time of day when they were quiet, they were in great heaps around the garden.

“When I went into the garden, and saw everything growing so well, exceeding everything I had ever seen or heard of, and the grasshoppers so very thick around it, and knew that everything else was destroyed for many miles around by them, it seemed almost like holy ground. I could not but think what a kind heavenly Father we have, and how unworthy we are of His favour.

“The small garden yielded beyond all expectations; fifty bushel of beets from a small patch, eighty-three very large squashes from three vines. It seemed to us that the ground had surely brought forth its increase. People came for miles to buy of us; and though our garden was but small, we were able to sell considerable produce, gave some to neighbours, and had our cellar well filled. When people came to buy of us, they wondered at the abundant yield, in the midst of the grasshoppers. Even those who were not Christians, when they saw our garden, would exclaim, ‘How you are blessed!’

“We had just begun to pay tithe, having but recently heard of the tithing system, and had not noticed what the Lord says: ‘Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground.’ In this, the Lord fulfilled His promise.” = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

‘DOWSING’

There is a very interesting type of witchcraft that you need to know about. Why? Well, because a lot of Christian people are doing it and they think it is something natural, but it is really sorcery! It has many names and it is used in many ways, but once you learn about it, you can always spot it.

We will start by looking at the main kind of it, which is called ‘dowsing’, or ‘water witching’. When somebody wants to dig a well, especially in areas where water is scarce and hard to find,

they send for someone called a 'dowser'.

Now these people usually 'learned' dowsing from a parent and people think the 'talent' is inherited. The dowser comes and brings some kind of a 'dowsing rod', which is often a Y shaped stick. They will hold the two sides of the Y and point the bottom part in front of them and walk around the property where the well is to be made.

When they come to a place where water can be found, the stick will drop down hard pointing to the ground. There are different kinds of 'dowsing rods'; some dowsers will balance a straight stick on their fingers and it will spin around to indicate water. Others will bend a stick like a bow and it will snap back against them when the water is found.

By now, you are probably asking, "How does a stick manage to move?" I am glad you asked that question, because sticks can't move unless someone or SOMETHING moves them! But these people who do this 'water witching' don't often stop and think about it— they think that they have some kind of special 'gift' to be able to do this OR they think it is just a 'natural' thing. Some think it comes from God, others are not so sure, but most don't believe you when you tell them it is one of Satan's angels that make that dowsing rod work.

"But", you may ask, "Why would Satan help people find water?" Satan can do good deeds if he wants to, but he always does it for an evil purpose. If Satan does you a favour, sooner or later he will want something in return, and what he really wants is to destroy you!

People who learn this 'dowsing' from a relative often see no harm in it, but often in their life they will start with this and later go on to more and more spiritualist practices, and all the way they fool themselves that it is just a special gift they have or it is 'natural'. One of the things that happens when people get involved with spiritualism is they don't want to admit the devil is involved with it and they should repent of it and stop! They will come out with all kinds of silly reasons why it is OK because it makes them feel proud to have this 'special gift'.

One of the more advanced ways people use this kind of sorcery is by having a small weight on the end of a string or chain called a pendulum. Sometimes people look for water using this thing and the weight will spin when over the water. Sometimes they look for gold, silver or

other metals. Sometimes people use it in figuring out diseases and whether or not a certain food is good to eat, and sometimes they ask it questions!

Here is the real weird part—sometimes they use a map or a drawing of the area where they want to look for water or whatever they want, and they hang their pendulum over the MAP! Then when the pendulum spins over a spot on the map, they mark that spot and that is where they will dig for what they want.

Now, even if there might possibly be some natural energy that could attract a stick or a pendulum to water, it certainly would NOT be present in the MAP! But some people do this sort of thing; some of them do it with maps sent to them from other countries. Dear readers, I want to tell you that wherever you see any kind of dowsing or pendulums, or hear people talk about 'energy fields' or 'special gifts', get away from it and have nothing to do with it! It is one of Satan's snares, no matter how 'good' you may think the person is who does it, and some ministers even do this stuff! Shame on them!

It always leads to a gradual or not so gradual, leaving behind of real Bible truth and often leads all the way to devil possession. It is just another kind of Ouija board and it is the demon angels that are giving the answer.

How do we know it isn't God? Because God condemns 'divination' in the Bible and that is the old name for dowsing. How do you find water when you need to? You humbly go to God in prayer and pray earnestly and as He has promised— 'Ask and it shall be given to you.' God's people don't need the devil's 'gifts'! = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON

OUR BONES

You will remember that the bones are the framework of the body, just like the 2X4s in a house are called its frame. All the bones together make up the skeleton. There are about two hundred bones in all. They are many different shapes and sizes from the tiny bones of your ear, which are smallest, to the upper bone of your leg, which is the largest. The skeleton is divided into four parts: the skull, the trunk, the arms, and the legs.

The skull is something like a shell. It is made

of a number of bones joined together to leave a hollow place inside to hold the brain. The front part of the skull forms the framework of the face and the jaws. In each ear there are three tiny little bones, which help us hear.

The bones of the trunk are, the ribs, the breastbone, the pelvis, and the back-bone or spine. The bones of the trunk form a framework to support and protect the various organs in its cavities.

There are twelve ribs on each side. The ribs join the backbone at the back and are connected by cartilage to the breast-bone in front. With the breastbone and the backbone they make a bony cage to hold and protect the heart and the lungs.

The pelvis is at the lower part of the trunk. It is formed by three bones closely joined together. The large bones at either side are the hipbones. Each hipbone contains a deep round cavity where the upper end of the thighbone rests.

The backbone, or spinal column, is made of twenty-four small bones, joined together in such a way that it can bend in many directions. The skull is on the upper end of the spinal column. The lower end of the backbone is part of the pelvis.

Each of the separate bones that make up the backbone has an open-center, and the bones arranged, one above another make a sort of canal in the backbone. This canal opens into the cavity of the skull. Through it passes a cable of nerves called the spinal cord.

Each of the arms has five bones, besides the small bones of the hand. They are the collarbone, which connects the shoulder to the breastbone, the shoulder blade, at the back of the shoulders, the upper arm bone, between the shoulder and the elbow, and the two lower arm bones, between the elbow and wrist. There are eight little bones in the wrist, five in the hand next to the wrist, and fourteen in the fingers and thumb.

The bones of the leg are the thigh or upper leg bone, the kneecap, which covers the front of the knee, the two bones of the lower leg, the heel bone and six other bones in the ankle, five bones next to the ankle, and fourteen bones in the toes.

The skeleton is not only needed as a framework for the body, but it is useful in other ways. Some of the bones, like the skull, protect delicate parts. The brain is so soft and delicate that

it needs its solid bony covering. The spinal cord also needs the protection of the strong but flexible backbone. The bones help to move our hands and arms, and assist us in walking.

The places where two or more bones are fastened to-gether are called joints. Some joints we can move very freely, like the shoulder and the hip. Others have no motion at all, like the bones of the skull.

The ends of bones that come together to form a joint are covered with a smooth, tough substance, which protects the bone from wear. This is called gristle or cartilage. The joint contains a fluid to oil it, so that the ends of bones move very easily. If the joints were dry, every movement of the body would be very difficult and painful.

The bones are held together at the joints by means of strong bands called ligaments.

Bones are not so solid as they seem to be. The outside of most bones is much harder than the inside. Long bones, like the arms and legs, are hollow. The hollow space is filled with marrow, in which are blood vessels to nourish the bone.

It is calcium and other minerals that makes the bones hard and firm so they do not bend by the weight of the body. When we get old, our bones start losing these minerals, and become more brittle, and can break more easily. One of the good things about a vegetarian diet is that in old age, bones lose their calcium much more slowly than heavy meat eaters' bones. = ^ .. ^ =

MISSION STORY

THE SEVENTH-DAY GUN: E.B. HARE

"THARA, I've got a funny kind of old fever. Can't make it out. I've eaten all the medicine in the village, I've been bewitched by the witch, I've been to the priest, but it's no good. Nothing is any good. So I have come clown to you to see if you can do me any good," and the headman from La Po Ta village looked intently into my face for some sign of hope.

"Sure, brother," I said, "we have some tiptop fever mixture It's very bitter; but if you'll take it properly, I think you'll soon be better and," I added, wrapping a little tract around the bottle the while, "say, brother, can you read?" "Oh yes, a little."

"Well, when your fever gets better, read this

little tract." "Fine," he said, "I will," and away he went with his fever mixture.

Strange enough, but the next year at the very same time of the year Hte Po, the headman, appeared at our dispensary again.

"Well!" I said, "You're here again!"

"Yes," he said, "this same funny kind of old fever has got me again. But that medicine you gave me last year was good stuff, Thara. I must take another bottle!"

"And did you read the little tract?" I asked.

"It was fine," he assured me, and I wrapped another little tract around his second bottle of medicine. Stranger still, the next year he came again, with the same old funny kind of fever, and took another tract with his bottle of mixture, and the next year for the fourth time in succession, till at last we were getting well acquainted, and we sold him a little book, "Enemies of Health." And by next year I was looking for him as one looks for a regular customer, wondering how he had been getting on. Sure enough, along he came. "Queer," he said, "how I get this funny old fever and have to come to see you every year, isn't it?"

"How did you like the little book?" I asked.

"Fine!" he replied. "Do you know, that little book says it's bad to smoke, so I've thrown my pipe away, and I haven't smoked ever since?"

"Good for you, brother!" I replied, and calling my evangelist, said, "Say, Brother Evangelist, this man is interested; go home with him, and stay a week or two and study with him."

The evangelist came back with the report that in that village was one of the most wonderful openings he had seen for a village school. "Let us do our best," he urged, "to put a teacher in that village, and I'm sure we shall get results." So we put Ohn Bwint out there, and he gathered the children into school and organized a Sabbath school, and at the end of the year he came into our jungle camp meeting at the main station with four bullock carts loaded with people. And Hte Po, the headman, was baptized. The next year the brother was baptized, and the next his eldest daughter, and we confidently hope for more fruit still from that jungle village. And strange to say, Hte Po has no more funny old fever. He declares it was a special kind of fever from the Lord to bring him in contact with the truth; and how we rejoice to acknowledge God's wonderful, mysterious ways!

But my story isn't finished yet. Hte Po was a headman, and was therefore allowed by the government to keep a gun for the protection of the crops and the village against wild animals and robbers. And whenever he went up to church in the village schoolhouse, he chained his gun to a post in his house and locked it with a big padlock to make it secure. Now it happened that Hte Po had a cousin who was very fond of hunting. And oh, how his heart beat when he saw the headman going to church! He would sneak up into his house and look at that gun and the padlock and wish for a key. And one day—joy of joys—he found a key! And it did—it fitted the padlock!

Next Sabbath while Hte Po went to church, he sneaked up into the house, unlocked the padlock, and away he went with the gun to the paddy fields where he was almost sure to find a barking deer, nibbling at the young rice. Through the jungle on tiptoe he went. Silently, noiselessly, as the deer he was after, and emerging cautiously on to the paddy field,—oh, what good fortune! A deer not twenty feet away! He raised the gun, aimed carefully, and pulled the trigger—no report! Oh, a dud! He pulled the other trigger. No report! Ouch! Useless weapon! He pulled again,—each trigger twice, but no use, it wouldn't go off. And shamefully he sneaked back and locked up the gun again before his cousin came down from church. And while outwardly he could make no complaint, inwardly he boiled.

A week or two later one Friday evening, as he was coming home from his field, he was startled to hear a tiger killing a pig in a thicket right close to the village. Away he rushed for the headman, but he had gone to chapel for vesper service. Never mind, he'd shoot the gun himself,—so producing his key, his hands soon held the coveted weapon, as he scurried through the jungle where Mr. Stripes was still enjoying his evening meal. He sneaked quietly up as only jungle men can sneak up, till he was within fifteen feet of the tiger behind a barricade of logs and branches. He could see him through the leaves, and, aiming his gun, he pulled both triggers at once. "Bang!" the jungle echoed and re-echoed with the terrible noise. He looked to see Stripes drop dead as he stood, but there he stood, quietly and determinedly licking his chops—calmly eating—peacefully eating; till by and by, having had enough, he walked off of his

own accord. The hunter looked for blood drops, but not a sign. He looked for signs of the shots having hit the trees near by if he had missed the tiger, but no signs. And he was looking, forgetting he had taken the gun without permission, when a group of villagers headed by Hte Po came upon him.

“Here, where did you get that gun?” “Oh, I-er-er-I-”

“How did you unlock that gun?” “Oh, I-er-er-I-” but finding he could not cover his sin, he grumbled -”Huh, you can that thing a gun? Why, I wasn’t fifteen feet away and I gave him both barrels, and he stood there as if it were only a mosquito buzzing around till he had had enough! And I might as well tell you all, a couple of weeks ago, I pulled each trigger three times at a deer while you were in church, and it wouldn’t even go off. I wouldn’t call it a gun; I’d call it something else if I were you.”

Then Hte Po smiled, came close, and, putting his hand on his cousin’s shoulder, said, “Oh no, cousin, it’s a gun all right, but it’s a Seventh-day Adventist gun, and it won’t shoot on Sabbath! When I go to church, it stays at home and rests; and, cousin, I think you’d better rest too, and come to church with me.”

Now that was proof positive. It was indeed a Seventh day Adventist gun. There was no argument against that, so the cousin has since been coming to Sabbath school and church. = ^ .. ^ =



Year 2: 1st Quarter:

**“THE WONDERS OF REVELATION”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 13: “YOUR
WONDERFUL FUTURE”**

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: “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Revelation 21:4.

Sunday

Text: Revelation 19:1,2 “And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.”

Chapter 19 tells us about how Jesus will fight for His people, and the cruel, corrupt powers that torture and kill, will come to an end forever! This is really the story of Jesus coming for to rescue His bride and receiving His kingdom.

Verse after verse tell of the joy of the redeemed ones in all the different groups; how they all agree that the Lord God is so wonderful and they are so happy that He is reigning.

This was such a wonderful scene that John, caught up in the wonder of it all, fell down to worship the angel who was showing him the scenes, (Vs.10.) and the angel quickly told him not to do it, but instead to worship God. He also told John something important. He told him that he, and the other angels are servants, to serve and help the people who have the 'testimony of Jesus', which is the 'Spirit of Prophecy.'

Now we call the writings of Ellen White, the 'Spirit of Prophecy', and indeed they are a wonderful gift of the Spirit to us today. Yet there is more to this work of the angels, as their job is to guide and direct every person who chooses to follow Jesus with all their heart. They also work with people who haven't given their hearts to Jesus, trying to guide them to the light.

If you really give your whole heart to Jesus, then the angels will help and guide you and God's 'Spirit of Prophecy' will teach you; both through the writings of Ellen White, and the Bible. Sometimes, even if you are not a prophet, He will show you things by dreams and impressions. But always check out these things by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy writings, because Satan tries to fool us. God will never send you a message that says something that doesn't agree with the Bible and Mrs. White's writings.

Thought - Sometimes the 'Holy Spirit of Prophecy' guides people who have given their hearts to Jesus, to help and teach people who don't know Him yet. In the story of Phillip and the Ethiopian, this Spirit sent Phillip out where he met a person who wanted to learn about Jesus.

Monday

Text: Revelation 20:1 "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years."

Chapter 20 shows us what is going to happen after Jesus comes and gathers His dear children from off this earth. It talks about Satan getting tied up with a great chain. Now remember these picture stories are full of symbols. You could not tie up a spirit being with a real

chain. It says he is cast into a 'bottomless pit', which means a place that is empty and deserted.

What happens when Jesus comes? All the people who have chosen to belong to Him are taken up into the cloud to go to heaven with Jesus. All the people who chose to go their own way and fight against God and His law are dead. So who is left? Just Satan and his nasty angels!

When Satan was first cast out of heaven, he was allowed to come back and visit at times. But after he cruelly killed dear Jesus on the cross, the angels would not allow him to even visit anymore. He can still visit other planets though, and they are looking forward to the day when he can't come any more, because even though he cannot harm them, he likes to tell them all about the bad things God's children are doing. But when Jesus returns and takes His people to the heavenly city, God is going to do something that stops Satan and his bunch from being able to leave this planet.

For one thousand years these cruel and rebellious angels will have nothing to do except walk around and see the terrible mess they made of this once beautiful planet. Everywhere the cities are all smashed; the houses are all broken; nothing is left alive and there are dead bodies everywhere. And it is dark and dismal.

Children, that is the destiny of all who choose this world's so-called pleasures— to be one of the dead bodies rotting on this earth! Satan may give you the idea that the wrong things of this earth are 'fun' and that having your own way is what you need to try and do. But he doesn't have his own way, even now, and he sure won't in the future.

There is only one way to be truly happy and to 'have your own way' and that is to always choose God's ways. You see Jesus knows what is good, and He also knows what will only lead to pain and death. Everything the Bible or Spirit of Prophecy tells us not to do, is because those things will hurt you sooner or later. Remember this when you feel angry that you can't have things the way you want.

Thought - Remember, when we, who claim to belong to Jesus, do wrong things and say cruel nasty words, we give Satan something he can use to accuse Jesus with, to the angels and other beings.

Tuesday

Text: Revelation 20:4 “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

What will the people, who go to heaven, do during the thousand years that Satan is stuck on this earth? They get to open the books and see why the ones who are lost are not in heaven. There may be someone who you thought would be in heaven and when you get there you look around and you don't find him or her. You will go and look in the books and there you will learn why they are not able to be there.

But more than this, we will judge the wicked people and the wicked angels. Each life will be looked at carefully, and the amount of time they must suffer in the final punishment, before they die forever, is written by each name. This is only fair of God, for some, like Satan's angels, have spent thousands of years doing cruel and horrible things while some people only lived a few years doing nasty things.

I have long looked forward to the time in heaven when we get to see history as it REALLY happened; when all the lies that have been told to us are exposed and the TRUTH is seen. Then we will see the stories of the poor martyrs who were killed hidden away where nobody knew about it. We will see how greedy and selfish men, under the control of devils, planned the terrible wars and cruel happenings in this world, behind the scenes.

We will know the truth about many leaders in the churches who pretend to be holy and are greatly admired, but behind the scenes, when they think nobody sees, they are wicked and cruel. We will know about how the corrupt ceremonies of Rome came down through the ages from before the flood. All questions will be answered, never again will we have to say, “I don't know.”

We will also see the true and brave deeds of the redeemed, even little children that nobody

knew about, who bravely stood for their faith in Jesus even unto death. In that day all TRUTH will be known. Learn to love TRUTH now, and don't watch, read, or make up, or listen to things that are not true. Only TRUTH will set you free and keep you free; lies and fiction will only enslave you and end up destroying you.

Thought - I have often wished that everything written in books and libraries, that was not true and honest, would just disappear! If that happened most libraries would be nearly empty! And most textbooks, students have to study, would be nearly empty too.

Wednesday

Text: Revelation 21:1,2 “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

In chapter 21, John is shown the most glorious sight ever seen by human eye! The Holy city, New Jerusalem, that will one day be your home, if you choose to be faithful to Jesus. When you think about heaven, think about how wonderful it will be to live there!

It says in Hebrews 11:10 that Abraham looked for a city, whose builder and maker is God. There are some very nice cities on earth. Some have been carefully planned and laid out well and they are a pleasure to visit or live in, but most cities of earth are large and crowded and dirty and full of wickedness. In fact the evil in cities is growing so much that no Christian, who can possibly live away from the cities, should be in them today. But a city that God builds— would be a wonderful place!

3 “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”

The most wonderful thing about Heaven is that Jesus is there with us forever! When you were little, do you remember that the happiest times for you would be when your Mom or Daddy would come and play with you and spend time with you? You might have lots of toys and things to do, but nothing was as much fun as when Mom or Dad did it with you.

It will be like that in Heaven; everything will be so much more wonderful and fun because Jesus will be with us doing things with us. He will answer all our questions and teach us wonderful things that we can't even imagine now.

4 "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

After the wicked are all destroyed, along with the devil and his nasty angels, all suffering and pain and death and fear will be gone from the whole universe. And it will never come back any more!

5 "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."

The Holy City will come down to earth and after the fires that purify the earth, Jesus, our Creator, will make it all new for us. And we will be able to watch it happen! And then, what a celebration of joy and peace will come on that first Sabbath in the new earth! What music! What beauty! What wonderful friends we will have!

You will have animals and birds to enjoy, and you will be able to run and never get tired and also to fly! You will be able to travel through space and see things we can't even imagine. You will travel with Jesus and angels and get to meet the people in other planets, who have been watching the sad history of this sin sick world and are so happy to see people redeemed from it. They will all be your friends.

Thought - Do you know that the people in other planets will want to hear about how Jesus saved you? Yes; this will be the wonderful story we will tell over and over again.

Thursday

Text: Revelation 21:24-26 "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it."

Did you know that everything that is good and wonderful on this earth will be found in

heaven? Yes, indeed! All the wonderful heroes of the faith will be there, and all the kind and noble people will be there. Everything that is right and good to do, will be also done in heaven.

There are so many funny ideas about what heaven is like, that some children have thought they would not want to go to such a place. They have been told that all you do is sit around on a cloud and play a harp all day. Or some have thought that everybody just sits around on hard chairs and looks very solemn and you have to be quiet.

But this is not true at all; heaven will be the happiest place that you can ever imagine! But there would be people who would not want to go to heaven—because the only things they like to do are sad, bad things and things that are harmful and wicked. Unless they allow Jesus to give them a new heart that loves the kind of things God loves, they would not be happy in heaven. That is why they will not be there.

27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

If a person wants to smoke dirty cigarettes or drink harmful alcohol or take drugs that hurt his body and brain; if he wants to do things that hurt or destroy other people or animals, they can never be allowed in heaven. They would be miserable there and they would also ruin the place.

Some people, if they were there, the first thing they would try to do is make rules to spoil everyone's happiness; and then they would make a plan to keep all the gold and jewels just for themselves and not share with others. First thing you know they would make people have to pay to have fruit from the Tree of Life, and guards would be placed around the River of Life, and only certain people could go there.

This will not ever happen; heaven is a place of joy and freedom such as us poor creatures down here cannot even imagine! Never again will fear or oppression raise its ugly head.

Thought - As the years of eternity roll, we will have more and more joy and happiness and as we learn more and more about our kind Heavenly Father and our Saviour, we will have more and more LOVE. 'Tis love that makes us happy'.

Friday

Text: Revelation 22:6,7 “And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Here Jesus is telling us, “This is for real; it is true; and it is soon going to happen!” He then says those who ‘keep the things in the book’ are blessed. What does that mean? Well, it is telling us if we learn about the things this book tells us and we give our whole hearts to Jesus and let Him help us to live His kind of life, we will be very glad and happy. And someday, very soon, He will come and take us home.

Oh, I see some children interested in things that are only traps of Satan; they have TV programs or cartoons and videos and video or computer games and they think they are so important. Or they are all caught up with baseball, or football, or soccer, or hockey, or basketball and they think it is the most important thing in the whole world.

But it isn’t at all! The most important thing in the whole world is to live like Jesus, with Him in your heart, and be every day getting ready for heaven!

8-9 “And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.”

Here John gets excited again because of the wonderful things he is seeing and forgets and tries to worship the angel again, but he patiently reminds him, “Worship God.”

This is very good advice; when we really worship God, we think about Him, we admire Him, we love to talk about Him, our whole life aims towards Him; Then we will be truly happy.

14 “Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the

city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.”

Who are going to be in heaven? Those who obey God. Who are going to be left out?

‘Dogs’; This isn’t bow-wow doggies, no, it means cruel and heartless, wicked people.

‘Sorcerers’; Have you noticed a lot of people into magic and witches and wizards these days? Well, they must repent and leave those things or never see heaven!

‘Whoremongers and murderers’; This means sexually impure people and those who kill and are cruel to others.

‘Idolaters’; people who love something better than they love Jesus and His ways.

Those who ‘Love and Make lies’; this is a very serious one, it includes people who like to pretend things are true, that are not true, and people who like to read or see fiction stories, and it includes people who write or make fiction stories or movies. It also includes being dishonest in any way, and those who refuse to believe the Bible because they would rather have things some other way. The only safety is always love what is true!

Thought – I would invite all who read this, to look around in your life and if you find any things, (games, stories, books, TV, Movies) that are not true – get them out of your life! Then replace them with God’s Word and true things. I can tell you from my own experience, you will be soooo happy you did! = ^ .. ^ =

