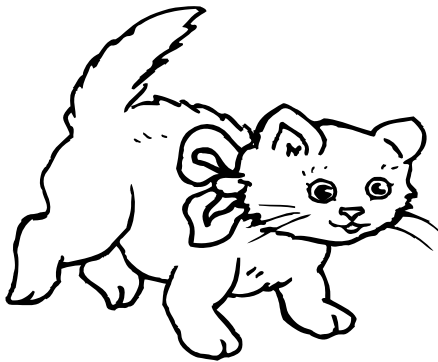


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Cruelty To Animals

Thoughts from Spirit of Prophecy

"The moral evils of a flesh diet are not less marked than are the physical ills. Flesh food is injurious to health, and whatever affects the body has a corresponding effect on the mind and the soul. Think of the cruelty to animals that meat eating involves, and its effect on those who inflict and those who behold it. How it destroys the tenderness with which we should regard these creatures of God!

"The intelligence displayed by many dumb animals approaches so closely to human intelligence that it is a mystery. The animals see and hear and love and fear and suffer. They use their organs far more faithfully than many human beings use theirs. They manifest sympathy and tenderness toward their companions in suffering. Many animals show an affection for those who have charge of them, far superior to the affection shown by some of the human race. They form attachments for man which are not broken without great suffering to them.

"What man with a human heart, who has

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ever cared for domestic animals, could look into their eyes, so full of confidence and affection, and willingly give them over to the butcher's knife? How could he devour their flesh as a sweet morsel?" The Ministry of Healing -PG-315

"It is because of man's sin that "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together." Romans 8:22. Suffering and death were thus entailed, not only upon the human race, but upon the animals. Surely, then, it becomes man to seek to lighten, instead of increasing, the weight of suffering which his transgression has brought upon God's creatures. He who will abuse animals because he has them in his power is both a coward and a tyrant. A disposition to cause pain, whether to our fellow men or to the brute creation, is satanic. Many do not realize that their cruelty will ever be known, because the poor dumb animals cannot reveal it. But could the eyes of these men be opened, as were those of Balaam, they would see an angel of God standing as a witness, to testify against them in the courts above. A record goes up to heaven, and a day is coming when judgment will be pronounced against those who abuse God's creatures." Patriarchs and Prophets PG- 443

"I will tell you what I saw in the street coming to this place. A boy was abusing a dog. He was a small boy, but I thought, 'that child is educating himself in cruelty.' I thought how my heart would ache if one of you should do as he was doing.

"I passed along another street and a well-dressed man, who appeared like a gentleman, was driving a fine horse. The wind blew a piece of paper under the horse's feet and he started and jumped to one side. That was all, but the man who appeared to be a gentleman whipped the horse cruelly. He was not satisfied with this. He became more and more excited until he was worked up into a rage. He jumped from the carriage and seized the bit and jerked the horse's head back and then kicked the horse several times with his heavy boot.

"I thought probably that man began his acts of cruelty as did the little boy—upon small animals. He acted the tyrant over God's helpless creatures until the temper and spirit were educated to cruelty. That man could not be a patient, kind, affectionate father. He was cultivating traits of character which would cause others sorrow and make himself miserable." E. G. White Letters for Primary Book PG- 48

"If animals could speak, what deeds of horror would be revealed—what tales of suffering, because of the perversity of man's temper! How often those creatures of God's care suffer pain, endure hunger and thirst, because they cannot make known their wants. And how often is it determined by the mercy or the caprice of man, whether they receive attention and kindness, or neglect and abuse. Punishment given in passion to an animal is frequently excessive, and is then absolute cruelty. Animals have a kind of dignity and self-respect, akin to that possessed by human beings. If abused, under the influence of blind passion, their spirits will be crushed, and they will become nervous, irritable, and ungovernable." The Signs of the Times 11-25-80
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TRUE-STORY-TIME

The Flying Kite Prayer

By Josephine Cunningham Edwards

Abubaker held his mother's hand tightly as they fled from their village in India. It was World War II, and bombs were destroying homes all over the country. As they hurried along with the other villagers, little Abubaker and his mother were separated from his father.

"Where's Daddy?" Abubaker asked.

"I don't know, son," his mother answered. "It's wartime, and many people get lost or hurt. Maybe Daddy's been killed."

But Abubaker refused to believe his father was dead. He remembered his father walking and talking with him, helping him fly kites, and playing little games.

Abubaker remembered their house down in the village and the store where his father used to sell cloth, soap, spices, saris, and teapots. It had been a wonderful shop. Abubaker used to sit on a pile of rugs and watch Daddy sell things for hours at a time and not get tired. He loved to smell the tea from Ceylon, the cloves from Zanzibar, and figs from Smyrna, and the dates from Egypt. Now it was all gone. Abubaker and his mother had been moved to a city in the hills, far away from the fighting.

One day as Abubaker walked by a school in the hills, he stopped to look inside. He saw children reading books and writing on slates. He watched for a long time. Just before noon they all knelt down and shut their eyes. The teacher began to talk to someone. Abubaker looked all around as quietly as he could, but he couldn't see anyone.

When all the boys were going home, Abubaker spoke to one of them. "Who were you talking to when you were kneeling down?"

The boy smiled. "OH, we were talking to the great God in Heaven."

Abubaker trotted along beside the bigger boy and thought about this strange thing for a minute.

"Did he hear you?" Abubaker persisted.

"Oh, yes, but not always right away, and not just what we ask for. God gives us what's best for us. But here's where I have to turn. Come visit our school, and they will tell you more about these things." With that, the boy turned and headed for home.

Abubaker walked slowly toward the place where he and his mother lived. I'm sure it's best for us to have Daddy, he thought. And if God hears those boys, I think he might hear me.

He walked along, wondering how he could pray. As he passed a little shop, Abubaker had a bright idea. The shop had hardly anything for sale, but there were some beautiful kites made of bright colored paper. Abubaker bought the biggest kite he could buy with his coins. Then he went home with his treasure. His mother wasn't home, so he took the kite inside, got the writing instruments, and started writing a prayer on the big kite. Surely God—if He were up there on the other side of the clouds—would see the kite bobbing. He would likely lean over and read the prayer he had written on it.

Abubaker told God who he was and where he had lived and where he was now and how badly he wanted to see his daddy. Then he went out in the hills to fly his kite. He used up all his string so that the kite could get as close to the clouds as possible. He wanted it to be easy for God to read his message. He didn't know much about God, but he was doing the best he knew how to do. Suddenly a big gust of wind broke the string. The kite flopped around in the air and then went down. Abubaker walked home slowly, hoping the great God had had time to read his request.

Abubaker didn't know this, but the kite tumbled down on top of a railroad train that was winding through hills on the way to the coast. There it lay, flapping around with the string caught on some bars on the back of a car. And there it rode and fluttered all the way to Calcutta.

Meanwhile, Abuabker's father was in Calcutta, longing to find his wife and son. He met every train he could, hoping to see his loved ones.

This day the train from the hills thundered into the station. Abubaker's father watched everyone get off, but his wife and son weren't on the train. Then he saw a kite dangling along the side. Little Abubaker loves these, he thought as he reached up and grabbed the broken kite.

He saw the boyish handwriting and started to read. "Dear God, I am Abubaker. I want to find my daddy. I think you can see me here, God. I'm at the hill village flying a kite here in

the field. I knew we—."

But Abubaker's father didn't wait to read the rest. He ran as fast as he could to catch a train into the hill country. He knew exactly where to find little Abubaker and his mother. = ^ . ^ =

STORY LESSON

Water Treatments # 4

SECTION ONE - LOCAL COLD

WHAT THEY ARE-These are localized applications of cold water, which means that they are applied only to smaller parts of the body. These cold applications can also be used to slow down blood flow to an arm or leg.

1: COLD COMPRESS

WHAT IT IS: A Cold Compress is a local application of cold given by means of a cloth wrung out of cold water. Either hand towels or cotton cloths may be used.

HOW IT CAN HELP YOU: The Cold Compress is very helpful in cases of fever, pain due to edema (swelling) or trauma (such as sprains). And they are used for congestion in the sinuses and for congestive headaches (for both of these, use a Cold Compress along with a Hot Foot Bath. In addition, they are helpful for tachycardia (heartbeat over a 100 per minute).

HOW TO APPLY IT: 1: Use heavy towels to protect the bedding, as well as his clothing, from becoming wet. You can also put a sheet of plastic, like a garbage bag, under the towels.

2: Fold a towel or cloth to a desired size, then dip into cold water and wring them out; but only enough to prevent dripping. (Better: take the wet cloths off a block of ice or out of a freezer, and quickly apply them. In this way the compresses will be far colder.)

3: Lay them on the afflicted part.

4: Change the compress for a fresh cold one every 1-5 minutes. A set of two compresses will be needed so they can be continually alternated. If this is not done, the compress quickly warms up. The thicker the compress, the less often will it have to be changed for a new one.

5: Cold compresses can be placed on the head, neck, over the heart or lungs, and to the abdomen, spine, etc. When applied to the head, they need to be pressed down firmly: especially over the forehead and temporal arteries (these arteries are to the right and left of the front

forehead, just above and to the front of the ears). The compresses can be placed over the abdomen in typhoid fever.

ADDITIONAL POINTS: Unless the application is quite thick, and always when it is left on too long (over 3-5 minutes), the application changes from a cold compress to a heating compress. And when you are applying a Cold Compress, you do not want it to turn into a Heating Compress!

2 - ICE PACK

WHAT IT IS: Although not given that name, this is actually an ice compress, and it will always produce a stronger cold effect than cold cloths wrung out of water.

HOW IT CAN HELP YOU: It can be used over the heart and chest to slow the heart. It has been used for sprains or torn ligaments, acute joint inflammation, in rheumatic fever, acute infectious arthritis, bursitis, and burns.

HOW TO APPLY IT: 1: Pound ice into snowy bits and pieces, or use snow itself.

2: Wrap the body part in flannel (to keep it from freezing).

3: Pack the snow or pounded ice very closely around it, until the pack is about one inch thick.

4: Wrap a large flannel cloth over it all to keep everything in place. Pin it together.

5: Interrupt the ice pack frequently in order to prevent freezing. Rub the part with snow, or apply a hot fomentation over the body part to bring a local heating reaction.

3: ICE CRAVAT

WHAT IT IS- The Ice Cravat is basically the same as the Ice Pack. Instead of being laid around part of the body and then wrapped, the snow or crushed ice is placed inside a towel and then wrapped around the neck or another joint area of the body. The Ice Cravat is thus easier to work with than is the Ice Pack.

ICE PACK and ICE CRAVAT

When wrapped around the neck, the Ice Cravat becomes an Ice Collar (ice neck pack). But it can also be laid around a shoulder, elbow, knee, or ankle.

The effect slows down the blood flow to the head. The carotid arteries in the neck, and the arteries by the spine that go into the head, along with their small branch arteries, are all contracted. Thus the blood supply to the brain and

the head is lessened.

HOW IT CAN HELP YOU: The Ice Cravat is used in fever, congestive headache, sunstroke, and whenever prolonged sweating treatments are given. Contraction of the blood vessels slows down the oozing of blood into the injured tissues; thus edema is prevented. It can also help prevent black-and-blue and swelling when tissue has been injured (by sprains, contusions, etc.). In addition, it is used for rheumatoid arthritis, acute infectious arthritis, and the acute joint inflammation of rheumatic fever.

HOW TO APPLY IT: 1: Crush ice and place it in a towel. (Instead of placing snow or crushed ice inside of a dry towel, you can, instead, wring the towel from cold water - without putting ice or snow inside it. But this will not be as cold and must be changed much more often.)

2: Fold the towel until it is about 3 inches wide, and long enough to encircle the neck.

3: Put it in place around the neck.

4: If, instead of being applied to the neck, it is to be placed on a different body joint area: Use a piece of flannel that is at least 12 by 12 inches - for the shoulders and knees; and 8 by 9 inches - for the elbow or ankle.

4: ICE BAG (ICE CAP)

WHAT IT IS: Ice bags and ice caps can be purchased or ordered from your local drug store. Ice bags come in various shapes and sizes.

HOW IT CAN HELP YOU: The Ice Bag (or Ice Cap) prevents or reduces swelling, relieves pain, checks bleeding, and reduces congestion and inflammation.

A second value lies in their reflex effects: They can relieve congestion and inflammation of deeper, internal organs. A third use is to strengthen and slow the activity of the heart when the pulse is rapid and weak.

HOW TO APPLY IT: 1: Fill the icecap or ice bag about one-half full with finely chopped ice. Press it down to expel the air, and then screw the cap on tightly. Dry it and test for leaks.

2: Cover it with a flannel or hand towel, and apply it where needed. Never apply an ice bag or ice cap directly to the skin; always place a cloth over the body part first.

3: Continually watch to see that there is no danger of injuring the skin through frostbite.

4: When the ice melts, refill it with more ground ice

5: PROXIMAL COMPRESS

WHAT IT IS: A Proximal Compress is any type of cold compress, ice bag, etc., that is placed over a large artery in order to reduce blood circulation in the part of the body or limb served by that artery. It is not always convenient to apply a wet cloth to an afflicted part. This is especially true with open wounds, which need to be kept very clean.

HOW TO APPLY IT: 1: A Cold Compress is wrung out of water (60-70° F.) and then placed over the artery supplying the afflicted part. Instead of a Cold Compress, an Ice Bag, filled with ice or ice-water, can be used.

2: The compress must be frequently changed in order to maintain the cold effect.

WHERE TO APPLY IT: 1: To the knee and the calf of the leg (to affect the foot).

2: To the artery on the inside of the leg, or to the whole thigh, or an ice bag to the back side of the knee (to affect the portion of the leg below the knee).

3: An ice bag to the groin (to affect the whole leg).

4: A cold compress around the elbow joint (to affect the hand).

5: To the whole upper arm (to affect the forearm).

6: An ice bag to the arm pit (to affect the whole arm).

7: An ice bag at the bend of the elbow (to affect the hand).

8: An ice collar or cold, wet towel, around the neck (to affect the brain).

9: Over the carotid arteries, which are located on both sides of the neck (to affect the brain). = ^ .. ^ =



MISSION STORY WHY 'DR. RABBIT'? 5

One day as they chatted about their work, Miss Gibbs grinned broadly and asked, "Do you know what?"

"No, what?" Eric responded.

"The people keep asking what your name is," she said, "and I tell them it is Hare. But the word doesn't mean a thing to them. I try to explain its meaning in Karen, but their language makes no distinction between hare and rabbit. Then their eyes brighten up and their heads nod in approval, and they repeat, 'TharaPa-Deh! TharaPa-Deh!' That, you know, is 'Dr. Rabbit! Dr. Rabbit!' So don't be surprised to hear them calling you Dr. Rabbit someday."

Eric was delighted, and when he shared the news with Agnes, she too was greatly pleased. Both were puzzled, however, as to why the Karen liked that name especially. At least they felt they were being accepted and that they had indeed found their "special place" in God's great work.

News came that the man who had run amok and cut up the woman and her son, was in jail. The injured woman was still alive, but it was not certain that she could survive. If she did not, the assailant would be hanged. If she lived, he would be sentenced to life imprisonment. With that news the little mission settled back into the usual busy routine. Six weeks went by. As Eric was treating the usual run of patients, a woman came up to him and gave him a big smile from a face that was scarred and misshapen like nothing he had ever seen. Then she spoke: "Don't you remember me, doctor?"

"No, Auntie," he answered, "I can't recall ever seeing anyone with scars like you have on your face." With a quick motion the woman threw back the shawl from her left arm, and Eric saw the stump where it had been hacked off. "Now do you know me?" and the woman burst into tears.

Of course Eric knew her then, and remembering the trauma of that night brought an emotional shock. Before he realized what was happening the woman fell at his feet and with her good arm embraced them. Weeping, she cried, "Oh, if you hadn't come that night when the fiend cut me up, I surely would have died. But you weren't afraid of the greased-up men who called you. You weren't afraid of the night or of tigers. You came, and now my son and I both live."

Patients had gathered around. "Aye! Aye!" they said. "Of course he came! Of course you live. Isn't his name Dr. Rabbit?" asked an old man. Everyone laughed, including Eric. He wondered what would come next.

“Didn’t the rabbit save the elephant’s life when the tiger was going to eat him all up?” questioned the old man.

“Aye! Aye!” replied the group.

“And didn’t the rabbit tell the horse how to get two sets of teeth so he could whinny?”

“Aye! Aye!” came the chorus.

“And didn’t grandfather rabbit overcome grandfa-ther alligator, and pull his tongue out and plant it on the tall tree?”

“Aye! Aye!” The chorus was louder.

“And didn’t the rabbit frighten the tiger so that he ran away with the monkey tied on his back, and the jungle bushes were so thick that the monkey’s head and arms kept catching in the branches and his stomach was stretched out so much that to this day it is the thinnest part of his body?”

“Aye! Aye!”

“And wasn’t the rabbit the best doctor? And didn’t his medicine cure every disease?”

“Aye! Aye!”

All at once Eric realized that the old man was referring to the animal folktales of his people. He had already read some of them when studying the Karen language and had noted with satisfaction that the rabbit had superior talents. Still he was surprised at what came next.

“Well, then, isn’t this white doctor our Dr. Rabbit?”

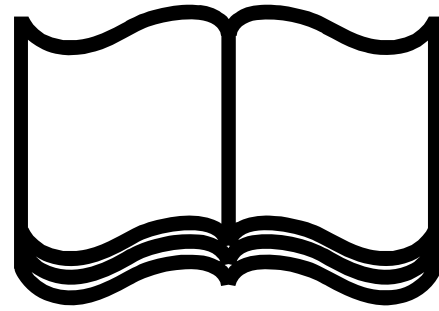
“Aye! Aye!”

“And won’t he overcome all our sickness enemies?” “Aye! Aye!”

“And won’t we all get better if we eat his medicine?” “Aye! Aye!” and the people nodded and smiled at each other as they said, “Sure, he is our Dr. Rabbit. He is our Dr. Rabbit!”

It is not difficult to imagine how pleased and satisfied both Eric and, Agnes were that evening as they reviewed the happenings of the day and began to realize just how much it meant that they had now become Dr. and Mama Rabbit. Surely’ this was their “special place.” = ^ .. ^ =

MEMORY VERSE: “Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.”
Deuteronomy 27:10



Year 2: 3rd Quarter:
“THE AMAZING EXODUS”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 13: “BACK INTO THE WILDERNESS”

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.

Sunday

Text: Numbers 14:30, 31, 34 “Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. ... After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.”

Because of their wicked unbelief and rebellion against God, the people were now told that they had to go back into the wilderness for forty years. It was a terrible blow to them, but their own refusing to obey God was what caused it.

God could not bring into the land a nation of people who were almost as wicked as the Canaanites He was driving out! Time after time God had been patient with these people, and had shown them more and more of His mighty power and love.

But time after time they just rebelled and complained again. Now on the very border of the Promised Land, they had been ready to kill God’s faithful ones and choose another leader

than Moses and head back to Egypt.

What more could God do with them? So the sentence fell that the adults would not get to go into the land, except for Caleb and Joshua. They would get the wish they had cried into the ears of God; “Would God we had died in the wilderness.”

It may seem like a hard thing that God was doing, but actually He did it out of love. He could not use His mighty power to help the people to take the land, while they were rebelling against Him. So rather than they go and all get killed by the Canaanites, He sent them back where they would be safe and live out their lives. He also was going to have to provide Manna and water for them in the wilderness for forty years!

Thought – Moses, Aaron and Caleb and Joshua were also very disappointed, but they did not complain or murmur against God. In this world, the works of the wicked affect even the obedient, but if they are patient, God will bless them.

Monday

Text: Numbers 14:39, 40 “And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.”

First when God had promised to give them the land, they didn't believe Him, and sent the spies rather than go ahead into the land. And when the spies came back, they believed the lying report rather than the faithful ones who told them to believe God. We are told that if only two spies had brought a bad report and ten a good report, they still would have listened to the bad.

They cried and wept and rebelled until God said, “OK, you go back into the wilderness”. The night was spent crying, but in the morning came a hope. They were going to get the land. Maybe God would accept their works and change His mind.

Now they were rebelling the other way, and they said they were obeying God. They were not at all obeying God. They were still disobeying Him.

They were doing an even more foolish thing! Now that God had said they could not go into the land, and were going to go back and live and die in the wilderness, they decided they would now ‘obey God’, and go and try and capture the land.

Satan had won by stopping them from entering Canaan; and now he urged them on to do the very thing they had refused to do when God told them to. So Satan won again, by getting them to disobey God the second time.

They had not trusted the power of God to give them the land and now they decided they could do it without His help. “We have sinned against the Lord,” they cried; “we will go up and fight, according to all that the Lord our God commanded us.” Deuteronomy 1:41.

So terribly blinded had they become, the Lord had never commanded them to “go up and fight.” It was not His purpose that they should gain the land by fighting, but by obeying Him.

Thought – The people had admitted they had sinned, but their hearts were not changed. They were still refusing to obey the Lord. They were only sorry for the trouble they brought to themselves, not for their wicked sin against a loving God.

Tuesday

Text: Numbers 14:41-43 “And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper. Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.”

When Moses saw what they were planning to do, he had a trumpet blown to warn the camp and gather them to listen to him. “Don't do this!” he warned them, “you will not win because God is not with you. You will get killed by the enemy!”

But the people didn't listen to him and the army they had gathered together headed out to attack the city. They had no proper leader and the blessing of God was not with them. Moses stayed in the camp and the Ark of the Lord stayed in the sanctuary.

The Canaanites had heard of the mysterious power that seemed to be guarding this people and of the wonders wrought in their behalf. They had been afraid to attack the Israelites, but now they were ready to fight for their lives.

They were up on a high place where the Israelites had to climb up to attack them. Great rocks were thrown down on them as they tried to climb the steep path. When some managed to get to the top, they were out of breath and tired and the Canaanites attacked them and killed many. The rest were forced to flee for their lives down the rugged way and back to the camp.

“And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies. So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill. And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, even unto Hormah.” De 1:42-44

Thought – Nothing good ever comes from not obeying God.

Wednesday

Text: Deuteronomy 1:45 “**And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.**”

The survivors “returned, and wept before the Lord;” but “the Lord would not hearken” to their voice. Now the enemies of Israel, who had been afraid of the Israelites, decided that the stories they had heard about the great power of Israel’s God were just a bunch of lies and they decided to attack them and destroy them.

God now ordered the people back into the wilderness back toward the Red Sea, because He knew that now the enemy wasn’t afraid any more, they would attack the camp.

Israel had to fall back from the face of their enemies into the wilderness, knowing that here must be the grave of a whole generation. All because they refused to trust and obey God.

This was a very sad thing, because people, who were starting to believe that there really was a Mighty Creator God in Heaven, now decided that it was just a made up story.

Thought – There is a lovely hymn that says:

Trust and obey, for there is no other way, to be happy in Jesus – but to trust and obey!

Thursday

Text: Exodus 23:27-30 “**I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee. And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.**”

God’s plan for Israel was a wonderful plan. If they had only trusted Him, He was going to gradually drive out the people from the Promised Land by using things like hornets. Israel was not going to have to fight. They were going to be able to just march into the land, and by following the instructions that God would give them, they would win.

Now the heathen people decided that the Israelite God was not any better than their own idol gods. They also decided to make and train greater and stronger armies to defend their land. Now when God did bring Israel back to the land in forty years time, they were going to have a much harder time and they would have to fight.

The land of Canaan was in a place where people from all over the world came through on routes for trading and travel. God wanted to have Israel set up there as a holy and happy people, who would worship Him and tell others of His goodness. In this way he hoped to bring the knowledge of His truth to the entire world and have other nations learn to love Him also.

But now His perfect plan was spoiled by the disobedience of the people, and would not work as wonderfully as He had wanted it to. But still God hoped that He might be able to use the children to become this special nation that He could bless and use to bless the entire world.

Thought – God’s plans are always good and bless everyone who will obey them, all the time.

Friday

Text: Jeremiah 35:15 “I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.”

In the time of the 1840s, God called out a people from the fallen churches. He had a special plan for them. He was going to give them a lot of special instructions by the Spirit of Prophecy.

These special instructions were a lot like what He gave to Israel through Moses. They were rules and information that if they were obeyed, would make those people to be the wisest people on earth.

It was His plan that as they practiced the wonderful directions from God in how they lived, how they trained their children, how they ran their business and churches, that He could bless them. Then all the people on earth would see the blessing, and want to learn about our wonderful Heavenly Father and His Word of truth.

But just like the Israelites, who were always saying that they wanted to go back to Egypt and

enjoy the pleasures of sin, these people have wanted to have the worldly ways, and live like the world and do things like the other churches, that have not been given this special light, do.

God has not been able to bless them, and when they refused to listen and obey His messenger, he has left them to wander in the wilderness of this troubled, old world for many, many years.

Each new generation gets a chance to see if they will listen and obey, so that God can bless them and use them to bless others. So far, each generation has refused to obey.

Don't be like them! There is wonderful happiness and blessing in obeying God's counsel in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The world and worldly churches and heathen religions, have nothing that comes even close to how wonderful life is when you obey God. Start today and read and study your Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy books faithfully, and when you learn something about what God wants you to do, do it.

Thought – Two of the best books for you to start with to learn about how God wants you to live, are “Thoughts from the mount of Blessing”, which is all about Jesus' sermon on the mount, and “Christ's Object Lessons”, which is all about the wonderful parables Jesus told to teach us about His kingdom. Get them and read them as soon as you can! = ^ .. ^ =

