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CREATION CORNER

Evolutionists want you to believe that you evolved from monkeys, which had evolved from other animals, way back to little slimy creatures. But this is not true. God created you.

We know this because the evidence points only in that direction. For over a hundred years, evolutionists have been trying to find proof that our earlier parents were dirty little animals. Yet, in all these years, they have been totally unable to produce any evidence denying our wonderful heritage.

Here are some of the facts about ancient Man:

No evidence has been found that our ancestors were half-ape and half-human. Several of the attempts to find such evidence have been outright frauds. There has been a lot of fakery in what evolutionists have presented to the people.

Evolutionists say that man became modern (that is, gained the brains and abilities you and I have) 100,000 years ago. Yet the evidence shows that all man's activities and records have only been done during less than 5,000 years. Why does human history only go back that far?

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Actually, that is when the great worldwide Flood occurred, which buried the wicked. So the evidence supports the Bible story of what hap-pened way back then.

If man descended from apes, we should have the same DNA, but ours is very different. In addition, we are shaped differently, have a different number of bones in our backbone, and our brains are much larger; our brain cases are almost twice as large. Many other differences could be mentioned.

Evolutionists publish books about half-ape cave men, which were hairy all over. But those are fiction books. There have been cave dwellers at different times in history. These were groups of fully human people who settled in places with difficult climates and, for a time, lived in caves or under trees in the jungle. There are tribes today who still live in the jungle. They may lack the learning opportunities you have, but when their children are raised in our culture, they graduate and become professionals.

The Neanderthals were people who lived in Europe several thousand years ago. Because of the bad climate back then, they had arthritis and rickets, but their brain capacities were larger than ours. That means that they were smarter

than we are today!

For over a century, evolutionists have tried to find bones of ancient people who were half-ape and half-human. But all they have found is ape bones and human bones. Sometimes the bones have been mismatched (a human skull with an ape jaw, for example), in an effort to make it appear that we descended from apes.

In order to try to prove their point, the evolutionists always come along with only a few pieces of bones. Those pieces can be matched together in several different ways, in an effort to show a part-ape, part-human creature.

But that is not really honest, is it?

Did you know that—in over a hundred years of searching—the evolutionists have only brought forth enough special bones to fill a tabletop? And there are many questions about those special bones, too! Many scientists have declared certain bones to be only ape bones, only human bones, or outright fakes.

There is another odd fact about that tabletop of bones: They are claimed to be a million years old—yet were often found in damp areas, such as England, Europe, Java, or China. Everyone knows that, what you put in the ground, -including bones—rots away within a century or so. There is no possible way that million-year-old bones could be found in those rainy areas.

Some of these fake and mismatched bones are called “Java Man,” “Piltdown Man,” “Rhodesian Man,” “Nebraska Man,” “Peking Man,” and “Nutcracker Man.” Some have complicated names to make them appear scientific, such as “Eoanthropus.” and “Australopithecines.” But do not let the big names fool you; they are not what the evolutionists claim for them.

One method used to produce “half-ape, half-human ancestors” is to use the skulls of baby apes or very large monkeys. These look somewhat like (forgive me for saying it) the skulls of humans who are 13 to 16 years old. Another method is to stain the ape bones, so they will look more ancient.

A Orthodontist named Dr. Jack Cuzzo, used a special portable x-ray machine to examine skulls of ‘Neanderthals’ that evolutionist were claiming to be ape-men. He found some of them had been filed to change them; some had the jaws removed and then pushed forward to make it look ape-like and one skull actually had a

bullet hole in it which had been hidden by the ‘scientists’ displaying it. He wrote a book about it called “Buried Alive” and you can buy it on the Internet.

Let us turn our attention to real bones and footprints of real ancient people. When we do, we find several interesting facts:

1 - They were fully human, No part-human, part-ape bones or tracks have been found, because none ever existed.

2 - Such bones and tracks have been found in deep strata, which the evolutionists declare to be millions of years old —far older than man is supposed to have existed. That tells us that the strata are not really ancient after all! People have only been on the earth for a few thousand years. Those supposedly million-year-old rock strata were really laid down by the waters of the Flood, which occurred about 2348 B.C.

3 - Human tracks have been found above by, and below dinosaur tracks! So people lived when the dinosaurs did.

4 - Human tracks have been found stepping on trilobites in the very lowest of the strata: the Cambrian. So humans have lived on earth as long as there has been life on our planet!

5 - Human remains and man-made objects have been found inside solid coal, which shows that coal is not ancient either.

It is an interesting fact that ancient man was more intelligent than we are today. We know this because their brain cases tended to be larger. But we also know it because their languages were far more complicated than ours today.

It is also an interesting fact that it is now known that nearly all the earliest examples of human activity not only began only a few thousand years ago—but also began in the Near East, where the people settled after coming out of the Ark, which rested among the Mountains of Ararat just north of there. = ^ .. ^ =

STORY-TIME

THE HARVEST! A PARABLE

There was once a spider that lived in a cornfield. He was a big spider and he had spun a beautiful web between the corn stalks. He got fat eating all the bugs that would get caught in his web. He liked his home and planned to stay there for the rest of his life.

One day the spider caught a little bug in his web, and just as the spider was about to eat him, the bug said, "If you let me go I will tell you something important that will save your life."

The spider paused for a moment and listened because he was amused. "You better get out of this cornfield," the little bug said, "The harvest is coming!"

The spider smiled and said, "What is this 'harvest' you are talking about? I think you are just telling me a story." But the little bug said, "Oh no, it is true. The owner of this field is coming to harvest it soon. All the stalks will be knocked down and the corn will be gathered up. You will be killed by the giant machines if you stay here."

The spider said, "I don't believe in harvests and giant machines that knock down corn stalks. How can you prove this?" The little bug continued, "Just look at the corn. See how it is planted in rows? It proves this field was created by an intelligent designer."

The spider laughed and mockingly said, "This field has evolved and has nothing to do with a creator. Corn always grows that way." The bug went on to explain, "Oh no. This field belongs to the owner who planted it, and the harvest is coming soon."

The spider laughed and said to the little bug, "I don't believe you," and then the spider ate the little bug for lunch.

A few days later, the spider was laughing about the story the little bug had told him. He thought to himself, "A harvest! What a silly idea. I have lived here all of my life and nothing has ever disturbed me. I have been here since these stalks were just a foot off the ground, and I'll be here for the rest of my life, because nothing is ever going to change in this field. Life is good, and I have it made."

The next day was a beautiful sunny day in the cornfield. The sky above was clear and there

was no wind at all. That afternoon as the spider was about to take a nap, he noticed some thick dusty clouds moving toward him. He could hear the roar of a great engine, and he said to himself, "I wonder what that could be?"

"Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Luke 12:40 = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON

Smelling, Tasting and Feeling

When we want to smell any-thing carefully, we sniff or suddenly draw the air up through the nose. We do this to bring more air to the nerves of smell, which are in the upper part of the inside of our nose.

Smelling is a sort of feeling. The nerves of smell are so sensitive that they can discover things in the air that we cannot taste or see. We do not use our sense of smell as much as do the animals. Many animals can smell things a long dis-tance away. Perhaps you have seen a dog put his nose up in the air and sniff. Our Creator has given some animals amazingly good smelling abilities so that they can find food. Many persons lose their sense of smell altogether, maybe from a sick-ness or from working around strong chemicals. Smoking tobacco or being around tobacco smoke ruins our sense of smell also.

Our tongue and pal-ate have very delicate nerves by which we taste. We cannot taste with all of the tongue. If you look closely at your tongue in a mirror, using a magnifying glass, you will see it is covered with little bumps called 'taste-buds'. Your tongue, by itself can only tell you about certain tastes, sweet, sour, salt, and bitter and there are separate buds for these flavors..

But when it works together with the sense of smell, then we can taste all sorts of things. God gave use taste and smell to give us pleasure and also to help us know what is good to eat or spoiled and harmful. Things that are rotten, poisonous or likely to make us sick, often have a disagreeable taste, as well as an unpleasant odor. But, this is not always the case. We cannot trust our taste only to decide if something is poisonous or not.

Also we cannot only use our taste to know what we should eat, as we can get in the habit of liking things that are not really good for us at

all. People get used to the taste of alcohol and tobacco and like it, while at first it tasted horrid to them. They can learn to like things that have very unpleasant taste. Pepper, mustard, hot pepper sauce, and vin-egar are all harmful things that people get into the habit of using. These things in-jure the sense of taste, so that it cannot detect and enjoy fine and delicate, natural flavors. These sub-stances do the stomach harm and injure the nerves and other parts of the body.

If you put your hand upon an object, you can tell whether it is hard or soft, smooth or rough, and whether it is round or square, or some other shape. Your nerves of touch, which are found in the skin in all parts of the body, make this possible.

When you want to know how something feels, do you touch it with your elbow, or your knee? No, you feel it with your hand, and touch it with the ends of your fingers. There are more nerves of touch in the ends of the fingers than in most other parts of the body.

The tip of your tongue has more of the sense of touch than in any other part. We use the sense of touch in the tongue to assist the sense of taste in find-ing out whether things are good to eat or not. The sense of touch is also very useful in many other ways. It can learn to be even more sensitive; for example, those who have lost their sight can learn to read by feeling little bumps on paper called 'Braille'.

All of our special senses; hear-ing, seeing, smelling, tasting, feeling, depend on the brain and nerves. Whatever harms the brain and nerves hurts the special senses also. We learned how alco-hol and tobacco, coffee, tea, cola, and all other narcotics and stimulants, injure and even destroy the brain cells and their nerve branches, and so a person who uses these poisonous substances will injure the delicate organs with which he hears, sees, smells, tastes and feels.

God never asks us to give up things unless He sees they are not good for us. If we want to be truly happy, we will pay attention and care for our body-houses wisely. We will not put things into them that would harm the delicate works of our organs, brains and nerves, and then we will be blest with keen senses, alert minds, and good health!

MISSION STORY

THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD!

We are continuing our stories from the life of John Fulton, one of our early missionaries to Fiji. Many dear souls, both young and old, were accepting the message and joining the Adventist church, which they called the Lotu Savasava, the 'Clean Church'.

Here is the story of an amazing thing that God did for one of these old saints, and the amazing thing that this old saint did for God. He had taken the name of Tevita (David) when he became a Christian, and his wife's name was Anareta.

Tevita was an old man and had lost practically all of his teeth, but that was not all. Some years before a piece of heavy lumber had fallen on him and had permanently injured his spine so that he was a pathetic look-ing cripple who had to hobble about with two canes. Yet in spite of his physical infirmity, Tevita was a good man and loved God with all his heart.

Tevita's wife, Anareta, was a Fijian Medicine-woman. Though Anareta was a nominal Christian she still clung to the old superstitions of the witch doctors. She believed that sickness and disease were caused by evil spirits entering the body to torment it. Therefore a cure demanded that some kind of torture be administered to drive the evil spirits out. The flesh was cut, or pierced with needles. The abdomen was often burned with coals of fire or red-hot stones, and the poor patients were forced to drink bitter and disgusting mixtures and concoctions. Anareta was an expert in all the ways of the witch doctors. She held a strange spell over the village folk, and was much sought after by Christians and heathen alike.

She tried all of her skill and incantations on poor old Tevita, but nothing did him any good, and with no teeth to chew his food he got thinner and thinner and weaker and weaker till he expected to die at any time.

It was about this time that Pastors Fulton and Parker held that series of meetings in Suva Vou we told about before. Tevita and Anareta and their six grown children attended. They attended every meeting and they all took their stand for the truth at the same time that old Ratu Ambrose took his stand, and they were all baptized. They gave up their tobacco and native beer,

as well as pork and unclean fish. When the church was organized old Tevita was chosen as the elder, and as he took up his duties for God he began to improve in health.

"Anareta," he said one day, "I'm getting better! My joints are not so stiff. I can walk better." "Indeed and you are better," admitted Anareta. "The Lotu Savasava is making a new man out of you." "That's it! That's it!" agreed old Tevita. "The third angel's message has given me new health!" In a few months he was able to throw away one of his canes. "Now see what the third angel's message has done for me!" he cried exultantly. "Truly God has given me new truth and new health. How I thank Him for the third angel's message and for health reform!"

But God wasn't finished with old Tevita yet. Just when everything was going well, Tevita's mouth began to feel sore. It hurt to even roll the mashed yams and taro around in his mouth before swallowing them.

"If we were not Seventh-day Adventists, I'd say it was the evil spirits!" declared Anareta. "No! No! Not evil spirits!" Tevita declared stoutly.

"Better let me look," suggested Anareta. "Maybe it is gum-boils in your mouth." "Well, you can look. But, Anareta, I want none of your witch-doctor humbug now, remember!" So Anareta looked. She put her fingers on the sore place and felt carefully. She rubbed gently and felt again. Then suddenly her eyes bugged out. She caught her breath, and gasped, "Tevita, old man, I do declare you are cutting a new tooth!"

Tevita was electrified. He sat up. "It can't be!" he cried, "I'm too old."

"Too old or not too old," declared Anareta, "you can't fool an old medicine woman like me. I have been feeling for babies' teeth all of my life, and as sure as I am alive, I tell you, old man, you are cutting a tooth."

Tevita put his finger in his mouth and felt. Sure enough, there was a new tooth coming through. In a month or so, another came through, and then another, and they didn't stop coming through till he had a complete third set of pearly white teeth!

Tevita showed his new teeth to everyone who would look, and to everyone who would listen he would say, "First, God gave me the third angel's message. Then the third angel's message gave me my third set of teeth. Did you ever see or hear tell of anything like this in all your life?" When old Tevita preached you never heard a

more inspiring sermon, and when he prayed you never heard a more fervent prayer. There was no question about it, Tevita knew God and walked with Him.

This is the amazing thing that God did for Tevita. Now listen while I tell you of an amazing thing that Tevita did for God. One weekend John Fulton and Calvin Parker were away worshipping with another company of believers, and Tevita as church elder was asked to look after the services and preach the sermon for the Suva Vou church. There was to be a meke (a ceremonial dance) that Sabbath on the nearby village playground. The playground was a large cleared place in the center of the village, around which the houses were all built. Since the houses were so close to the playground, and since there was always so much drinking, noise, shouting, laughter, and play connected with these mekes, old Tevita wondered what he could do to keep his church members, especially his young people, out of the way of temptation.

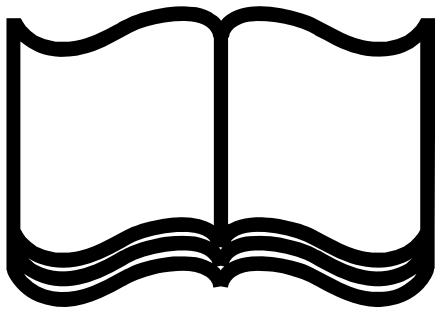
He talked earnestly with God about the problem, and God must have told him what to do, for that morning after the service he announced, "You all know there will be a meke on the village playground this afternoon at three o'clock. So in order to be out of temptation's way, the church drum will sound at three o'clock and we will have an afternoon service here in the church." "Vinaka! Vinaka ["good, good"]!" responded the old ones. "And you fathers and mothers make sure that not one of your children is missing at our service."

"Vinaka! Vinaka!" responded the fathers and the mothers. And at three o'clock, as the noise from the meke on the village playground began to sound, the church drum also sounded, Boom! boom! boom! And the believers and their children came to church. Every one of them came. There was not one missing. They had a good song service. Then old Tevita preached till four o'clock. As he closed his sermon he listened for a moment. The sounds from the meke could still be heard, so old Tevita said, "The meke has not yet finished, and we ought not go near there on God's holy day. My sermon is over and I haven't a new one prepared, so I will preach this one over again".

He preached till five o'clock. Then he listened a moment. The sounds from the meke could still be heard. He said, "The meke is not

yet finished, but I have preached my sermon twice, so I will not preach it again. But now I will let some of you say a word.” And several of them did. They told of their joy in serving the Lord. They told of their hope of being ready when Jesus comes. Then they had a season of prayer. As they rose from their knees the sun was setting. They listened, but no sounds came from the playground. The meke was over, and with it the hours of temptation were past.

Amazing as it sounds, not one person left the church during that three-hour service. There was no doubt about it. God loved old Tevita, and he loved God. = ^ .. ^ =



Year 2: 3rd Quarter:

“THE AMAZING EXODUS”

WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 2: “LET MY PEOPLE GO”

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 he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.” Exodus 3:12

Sunday

Text: Exodus 3:2,3 “And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.”

Things had gotten much worse for the Israelites during the forty years Moses was in Midian caring for his father-in-law's sheep. The Bible tells us in Exodus 2:23-24 “...the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.”

Moses was now eighty years old, any ideas that he was ever going to do anything for Israel was long gone from his mind. He expected to live peacefully in the land of Midian with his wife and two sons for the rest of his days. But God knew that Moses was now ready for the task for which he had been born. He also knew that the Israelites were ready to listen to Moses.

But Moses now had no thought that he could do anything for God and his people at all. Do you know that it is only when we realize that we are nothing and can do nothing that God can begin to really use us? It is hard for us to understand this because we tend to want to tell God all the wonderful things we will do for Him if He just ‘helps’ us.

But we can do nothing really for God; He has to do everything for us; and once we really know this deep down in our hearts, then, we are living in reality and God can begin to teach us.

Moses was out in the desert with the sheep when he saw in the distance an amazing sight; a bush was on fire, but as he watched it, it didn't burn up it just kept flaming there.

He decided to go and see this strange thing, but as he drew near, a voice told him to take off his shoes, because this was holy ground. The Angel of God was there, and Moses must not go near to the presence of the Lord with the attitude of careless curiosity. We must be reverent and truly humble when we approach God's presence!

Immediately Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. All the self-confidence and pride that Moses had before, was gone, and he humbly bowed before the presence of the Lord.

Thought – When you are thinking you can do great things for God, remember Moses, and what he had to learn before God could use him.

Monday

Text: Exodus 3:7-9 “And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; ... Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.”

Now the Angel of the Lord told Moses about the suffering of the children of Israel in the land of Egypt and that God was going to bring them out and take them to a fine land that He had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.

Then in verse 10, He says to Moses; “Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.”

Now here is the amazing thing; the man that was so sure he could do God’s work for Him forty years ago, now did not believe that he was able to do it at all! 11 “And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

God promised Moses that He would be with him. Then when Moses asked what was God’s name so he could tell the Israelites. God said unto Moses, “I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.”

God went on to tell Moses just what was going to happen and just what he was to do. But Moses said that they would not believe him if he told the people this.

God said to Moses, “What is that in thy hand?” “A rod.” He answered.

God told him to throw it on the ground and it turned into a real snake! Moses ran away from it, but God said to take it by the tail and pick it up. Now a poisonous snake is not good to ‘take by the tail’, but Moses obeyed and it was a rod again.

Then God said to put his hand into the top of his robe and when he took it out it was white with leprosy! Then when he put it back in and

took it out again it was normal!

Then God gave him a third sign, He told him when he got to Egypt to take water from the river and pour it on the ground and it *would become blood!*

Thought - The great I AM is the same One who we know as Jesus, our Creator and Redeemer. Remember how, when Jesus was on earth, he used that same Name and the Jews wanted to kill Him for it, because it is the Name of God! See John 8:58.

Tuesday

Text: Exodus 4:11,12 “And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man’s mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.”

Moses still kept on making excuses and telling God why he could not be the one to do this task. Now he told God that he couldn’t speak very well, after all he had been away from Egypt forty years and wasn’t using that language much in Midian. Also spending most of his time out in the wilderness with a flock of sheep, he didn’t do a lot of talking in any language.

But the Bible tells us that God promised to be with him and give him words to speak. Moses still made excuses and the Bible says in verse 14; “And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.”

Moses knew that he must not argue any more, and he was glad to hear that God had also been talking to Aaron his older brother and had sent him on his way to meet Moses and together they would go to the Israelites and Pharaoh.

So with the final instructions and promises from the Lord ringing in his ears, Moses went to Jethro, his father-in-law, and asked for his permission to go to Egypt. The man was also a servant of God and quickly gave his blessing. Moses took his wife and his two boys on a donkey and started on the long trip to Egypt.

God told Moses that the ones who had wanted

to kill him were all dead, but He also warned Moses that even though he was to do all the miracles before Pharaoh and tell him what God had said, that Pharaoh would not agree to let the people go. God knew the stubborn heart and the terrible pride of that man who thought himself a god.

Thought – Always remember that what God has done for others, He is ready to do for any of His children who need that help! If you don't know what to say, ask the Lord, and He will give you the right words.

Wednesday

Text: Exodus 4:27-28 “**And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.**”

On the way, while they were at an inn, a strange and terrible thing happened. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and threatened to kill Moses! Why would he do that? Moses was on his way to do a work for the Lord, why would the angel seek to kill him?

There is a very important lesson here for us today! Now Moses was an Israelite and his wife was a Midianite. God had given a special ceremony to Abraham as a sign that his children were God's chosen people. But Moses had listened to his wife and he had not carried out this duty on the youngest son. Now God was not going to allow him to go on further in his journey until all known duties were done.

His wife, afraid her husband was about to be killed, quickly performed the duty, and then the angel left them in peace.

Now why was this so important? It was a duty that Moses knew he was to do, but he had not done it. So he was in this thing disobeying God. He was starting out on a very dangerous task, and he was going to need the full and total protection of God and the angels or Satan would destroy him. But God could not fully protect him as long as there was any way in which he was being disobedient to God's requirements.

So it is with us, and we need to take this very seriously; we are in a time when we need the full care and protection and guidance of God and the holy angels or Satan will certainly find

a way to destroy us. And yet if we have habits, or practices in our life that we know the Lord does not want us to have or do, the angels are not able to fully protect us!

This is why Satan doesn't come to Christians who really love God and try to get them to do some terrible, horrible thing. No, he just gets them to want something that they know God has warned that we should not have or do, and then they lose a little bit of protection and he can come and get them into worse things and eventually, even destroy them.

Satan doesn't care which of God's 10 commandments he gets us to break, it leaves an opening in our protection if we break any one of them. Some he gets to break the second, by wearing ornaments or crosses or little gold angels; others he gets on the fifth by saying mean and nasty things about their parents; others he gets breaking the laws of health which are a part of 'Thou shalt not kill'; some he gets to admire a movie or Rock star, a sport or game, and this takes the place of God in their lives. For every commandment he has sneaky little things he gets people to do, so they break even just one of them, then they are open to his attacks.

Soon after this Aaron met Moses and you can imagine how glad they were to see each other after being apart for forty years!

Thought – Remember, there is no such thing as “Oh, it's just a little thing, God isn't going to keep me out of heaven for that!” We will surely keep ourselves out of Heaven and in the power of Satan if we neglect any known duty!

Thursday

Text: Exodus 4:29-31 “**And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.**”

Finally they reached Egypt and first they met with the leaders of Israel. They showed the signs God had given Moses and they told all the things God had said to them. The people believed and

worshipped God.

But now the two brothers went to the palace of Pharaoh to carry the message God had told them to tell to the cruel Monarch. When Moses and Aaron arrived and talked with the Hebrew leaders, quickly the news spread through the land, and soon reached the Pharaoh making him very angry.

Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, "Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness."

And Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go!" This is why 'Egypt' in Bible prophecy is used to refer to people who refuse to believe in God.

Again Moses and Aaron repeat the command of God for Pharaoh to let Israel go into the wilderness to serve their God.

Now the king flew into a rage and told them, "Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, hinder the people from their works? get you unto your burdens, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens."

Then the cruel Pharaoh turned to the taskmasters and order that the people not be given any more straw to use in making their bricks, but still they were to make just as many bricks as ever.

So the people had to go about gathering grass and straw to try to make their bricks and the situation was worse than ever for them. Satan hoped by this to turn the people away from Moses and Aaron, and it almost worked!

The leaders of the people went to Pharaoh and asked why he was treating them like this. In rage he shouted at them, "You are idle! You are idle! And that is why you want to go hold a feast to your God. Get back to work and no straw will be given you!"

Then they turned to Moses and Aaron and said, "just look what you have done to us! Now we are in worse trouble!"

Thought – Often when God is about to work in a wonderful way for His people, things at first get worse. We must always trust in Jesus and His promises, no matter what happens to us.

Friday

Text – Exodus 5:22, 23 "And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou so

evil entreated this people? why is it that thou hast sent me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all."

Moses did what we all must learn to do when trouble and trials come to us, we must go to God and tell Him all about it. Moses' faith was being tried here also, but he did not give up but cried to God for the answers.

God spoke to Moses and told him to tell the people that God was going to bring them out and take them to the good land that He had promised their fathers to give them. He told them that He would make Pharaoh drive them out of Egypt.

Moses told the people but they were so upset they paid no attention to what he told them. Then Moses cried to God again and said that if the people of Israel would not listen to him, how could he expect the Pharaoh to pay attention to him.

But God told Moses and Aaron to go to Pharaoh again and tell him, "Let My people go!" and He assured them that even though Pharaoh would harden his heart and refuse to obey God, yet in the end he would be forced to let Israel go.

Thought – God's Word always comes to pass, even when it seems absolutely impossible. We need to learn now that God means what He says, so that when trials come, we will know we can trust our Heavenly Father!

