

Chapter 73

***“Let Not Your Heart
Be Troubled”***

Part 2

Sabbath December 25, 2021

Our Tiny-Tots Song

Praise The Lord



Sing A Joyful Song

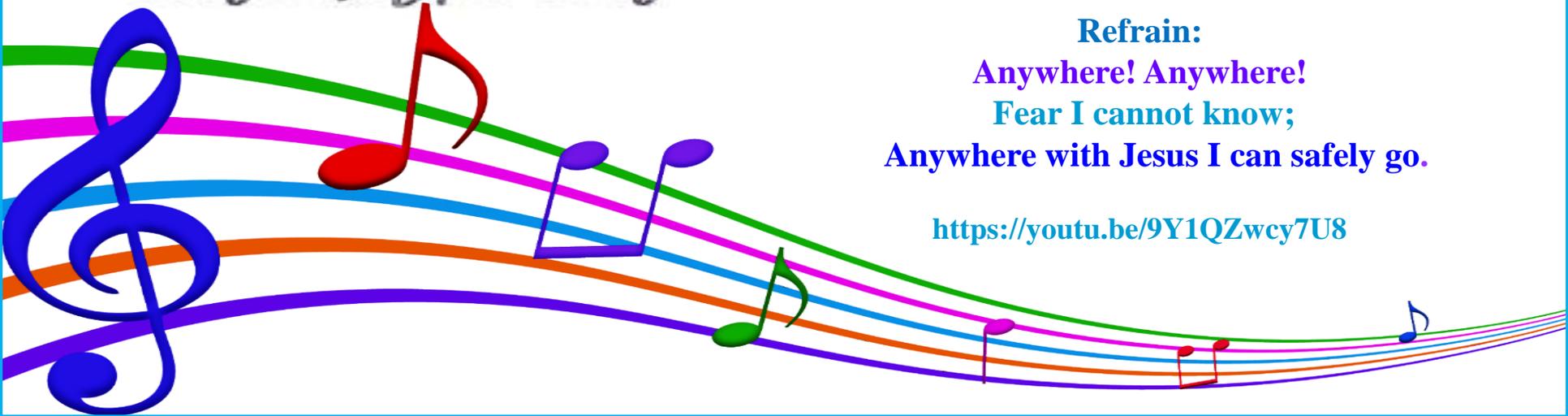
508 - Anywhere With Jesus

- 1). Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go,
Anywhere He leads me in this world below;
Anywhere without Him, dearest joys would fade;
Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid.
- 2). Anywhere with Jesus I am not alone;
Other friends may fail me, He is still my own;
Though His hand may lead me over dreary ways,
Anywhere with Jesus is a house of praise.
- 3). Anywhere with Jesus I can go to sleep,
When the gloomy shadows round about me creep,
Knowing I shall waken never more to roam;
Anywhere with Jesus will be home sweet home.

Refrain:

Anywhere! Anywhere!
Fear I cannot know;
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go.

<https://youtu.be/9Y1QZwcy7U8>



*Opening Prayer-
request one of the little ones
to give prayer.*



*It's Story time!
For our precious Tiny Tots
Sabbath Lesson.*

*Let's
use our listening ears
little ones!*



“The 25th of December has long been commemorated as the day of Jesus’ birth, and ...it is not my purpose to affirm or question the propriety of celebrating this event on this day, but to dwell upon the childhood life of our Saviour.

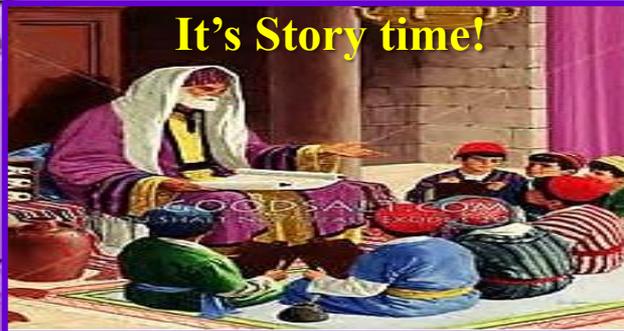
It is my purpose to call the attention of the children to the humble manner in which the Redeemer came to the world.”

TDG - This Day With God

Page 360 paragraph2



Gather around little ones!



This section of our study was inspired by
the Lord for all His precious little jewels.
Our book selection is entitled,
“The Story of Jesus”
by: (1896, 1900) [Adapted from EGW material]
Chapter 1 - The Birth of Jesus

Narrated by
Our Dear Brother Graves

Chapter 1 - The Birth of Jesus

(Luke Chapter 2:1-15)

In the little town of Nazareth, nestled among the hills of Galilee, was the home of Joseph and Mary, who were afterward known as the earthly parents of Jesus.

Now Joseph was of the lineage, or family, of David; and so, when a decree was sent out for the people to be taxed, he had to go to Bethlehem, the city of David, to have his name enrolled. This was a toilsome journey, as people traveled in those times. Mary, who went with her husband, was very weary as she climbed the hill on which Bethlehem stands.

How she longed for a comfortable place in which to rest! But the inns were already full. The rich and proud were well cared for, while these humble travelers had to find rest in a rude building where cattle were sheltered.

Joseph and Mary possessed little of earth's riches, but they had the love of God, and this made them rich in contentment and peace. They were children of the heavenly King, who was about to give them a wonderful honor.

Angels had been watching them while they were on their journey, and when night came on, and they went to rest, they were not left alone. Angels were still with them.

There, in that lowly shed, Jesus the Saviour was born and laid in a manger. In that rude cradle lay the Son of the Highest--He whose presence had filled the courts of Heaven with glory.

{SJ- Pages 13.1 - 15.1}

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Continuing: Before He came to the earth, Jesus was the Commander of the angel hosts. The brightest and most exalted of the sons of the morning heralded His glory at the creation.

They veiled their faces before Him as He sat upon His throne.

They cast their crowns at His feet, and sang His triumphs as they beheld His greatness.

Yet this glorious Being loved the poor sinner, and took upon Him the form of a servant, that He might suffer and die for us.

Jesus might have remained at the Father's side, wearing the kingly crown and the royal robe; but for our sake He chose to exchange the riches of Heaven for the poverty of earth.

He chose to leave His station of high command, to leave the angels who loved Him.

The adoration of the heavenly throng He chose to exchange for mockery and abuse by wicked men.

From love to us, He accepted a life of hardship and a death of shame.

All this Christ did to show how much God loves us. He lived on earth to show how we may honor God by obedience to His will. He did this so that by following His example we may at last dwell with Him in His heavenly home. The priests and rulers among the Jews were not ready to welcome Jesus.

They knew that the Saviour was soon to come, but they expected Him to be a mighty king who would make them rich and great.

They were too proud to think of the Messiah as being a helpless child.

So when Christ was born, God did not reveal it to them. He sent the glad news to some shepherds who kept their flocks on the hills around Bethlehem. {SJ 15.2 - 16.9}

Next Sabbath we will be Reviewing Part 1 of our lesson entitled,

“The Birth of Jesus”

January 1, 2022.



FIVE SENSES

Let's us learn of the things we had experience in Nature, through with the knowledge of its Creator!





Nature

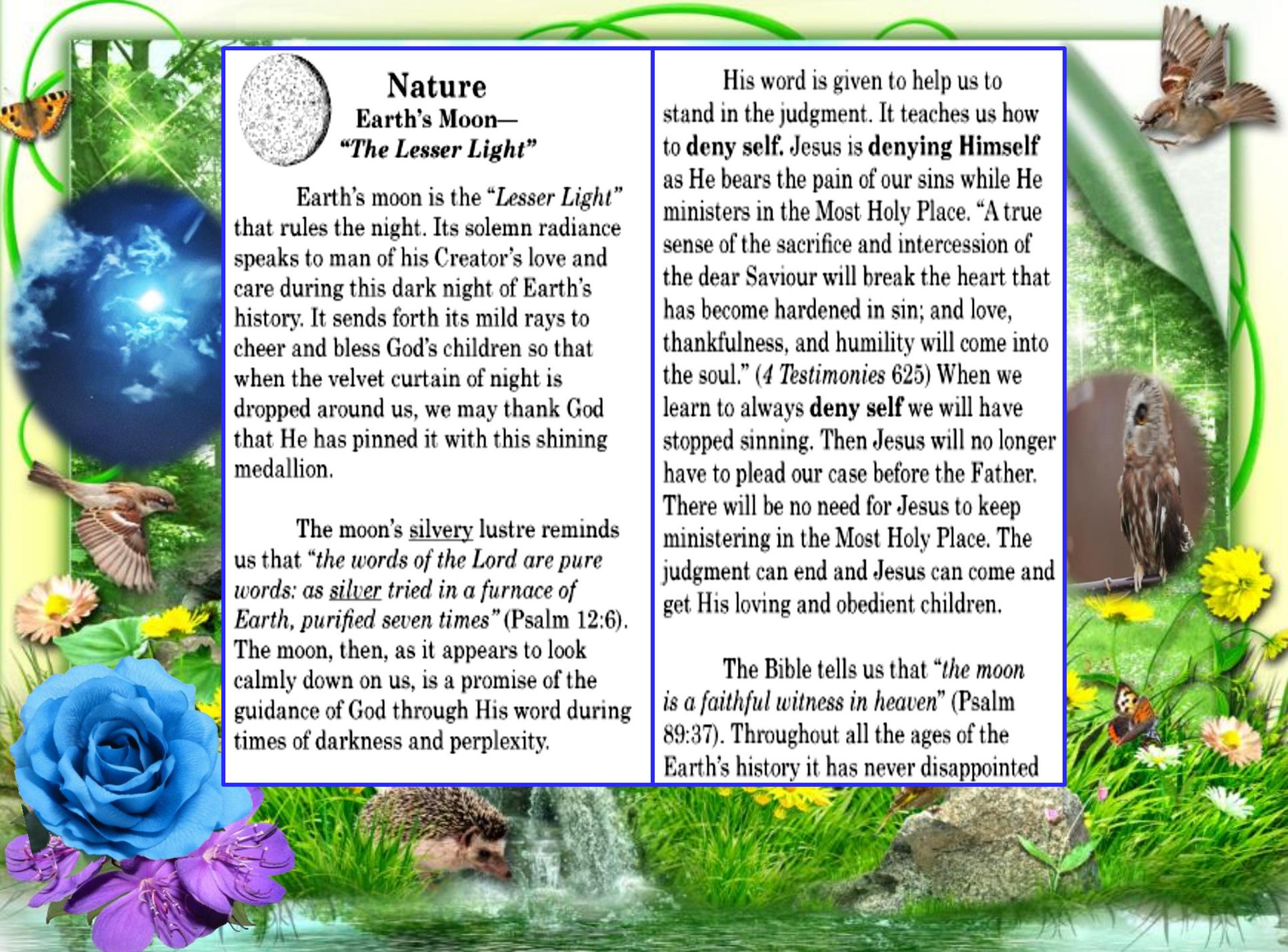
Earth's Moon— "The Lesser Light"

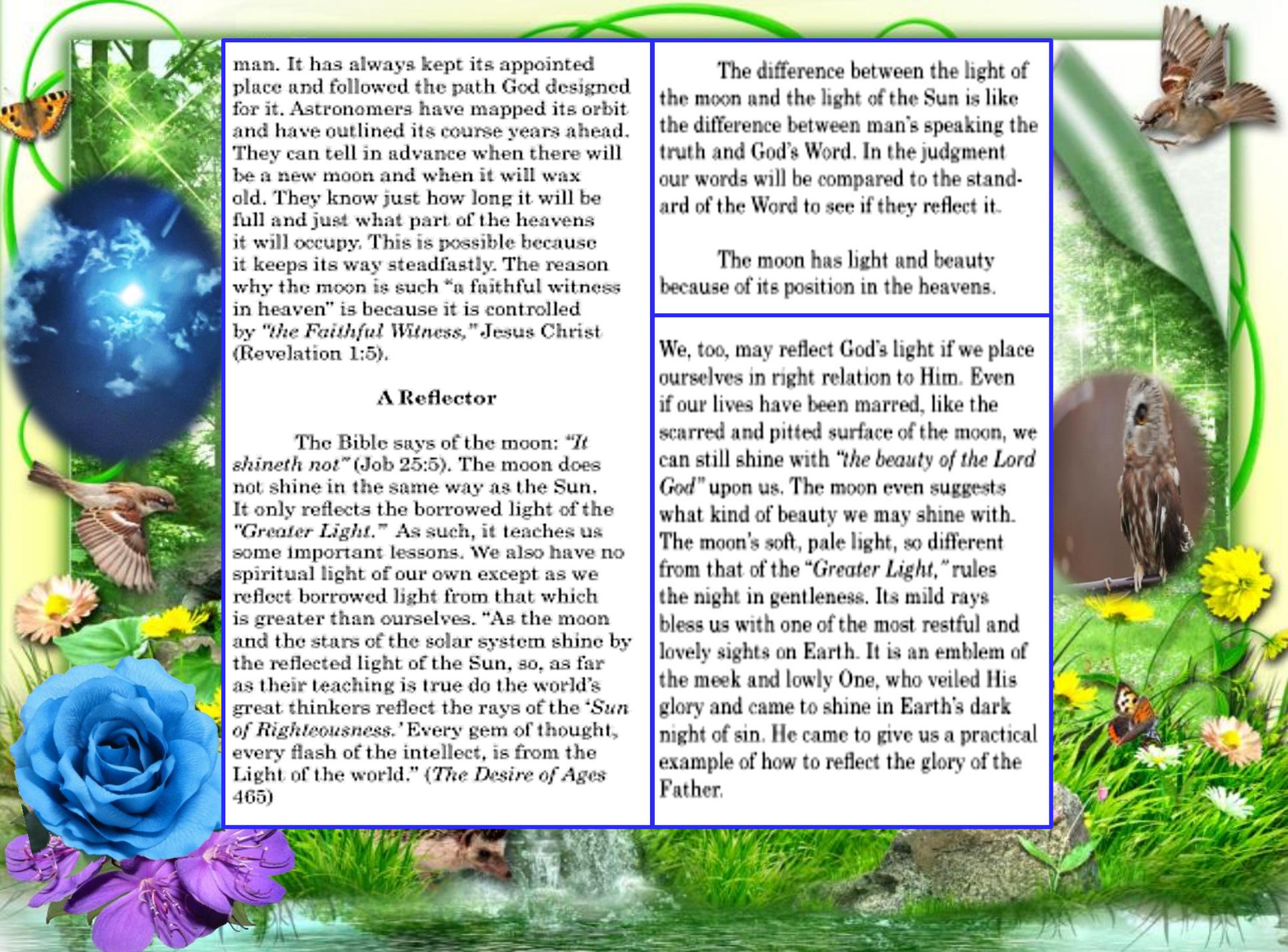
Earth's moon is the "*Lesser Light*" that rules the night. Its solemn radiance speaks to man of his Creator's love and care during this dark night of Earth's history. It sends forth its mild rays to cheer and bless God's children so that when the velvet curtain of night is dropped around us, we may thank God that He has pinned it with this shining medallion.

The moon's silvery lustre reminds us that "*the words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of Earth, purified seven times*" (Psalm 12:6). The moon, then, as it appears to look calmly down on us, is a promise of the guidance of God through His word during times of darkness and perplexity.

His word is given to help us to stand in the judgment. It teaches us how to **deny self**. Jesus is **denying Himself** as He bears the pain of our sins while He ministers in the Most Holy Place. "A true sense of the sacrifice and intercession of the dear Saviour will break the heart that has become hardened in sin; and love, thankfulness, and humility will come into the soul." (4 *Testimonies* 625) When we learn to always **deny self** we will have stopped sinning. Then Jesus will no longer have to plead our case before the Father. There will be no need for Jesus to keep ministering in the Most Holy Place. The judgment can end and Jesus can come and get His loving and obedient children.

The Bible tells us that "*the moon is a faithful witness in heaven*" (Psalm 89:37). Throughout all the ages of the Earth's history it has never disappointed





man. It has always kept its appointed place and followed the path God designed for it. Astronomers have mapped its orbit and have outlined its course years ahead. They can tell in advance when there will be a new moon and when it will wax old. They know just how long it will be full and just what part of the heavens it will occupy. This is possible because it keeps its way steadfastly. The reason why the moon is such "a faithful witness in heaven" is because it is controlled by *"the Faithful Witness,"* Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:5).

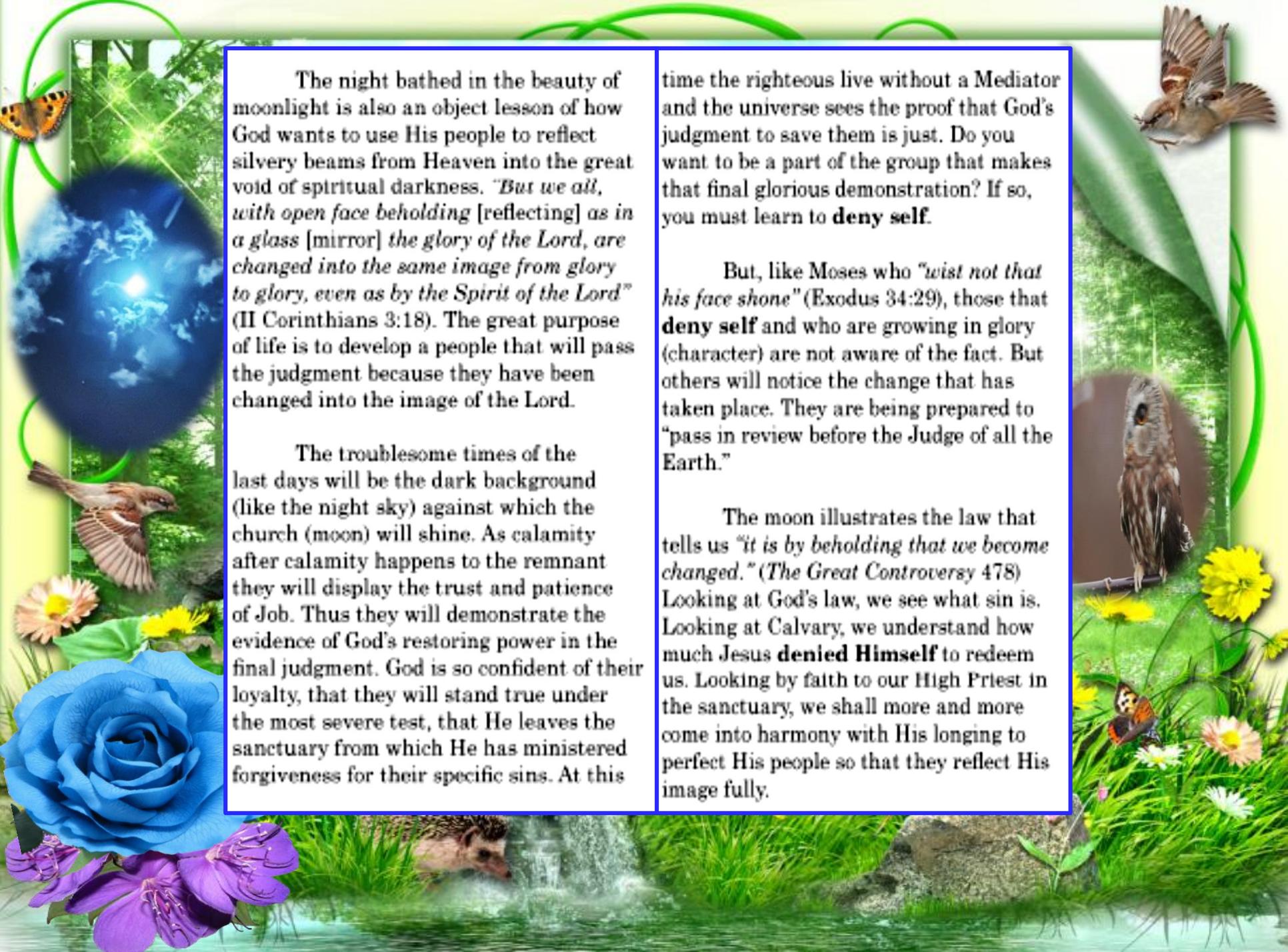
A Reflector

The Bible says of the moon: *"It shineth not"* (Job 25:5). The moon does not shine in the same way as the Sun. It only reflects the borrowed light of the *"Greater Light."* As such, it teaches us some important lessons. We also have no spiritual light of our own except as we reflect borrowed light from that which is greater than ourselves. "As the moon and the stars of the solar system shine by the reflected light of the Sun, so, as far as their teaching is true do the world's great thinkers reflect the rays of the *'Sun of Righteousness.'* Every gem of thought, every flash of the intellect, is from the Light of the world." (*The Desire of Ages* 465)

The difference between the light of the moon and the light of the Sun is like the difference between man's speaking the truth and God's Word. In the judgment our words will be compared to the standard of the Word to see if they reflect it.

The moon has light and beauty because of its position in the heavens.

We, too, may reflect God's light if we place ourselves in right relation to Him. Even if our lives have been marred, like the scarred and pitted surface of the moon, we can still shine with *"the beauty of the Lord God"* upon us. The moon even suggests what kind of beauty we may shine with. The moon's soft, pale light, so different from that of the *"Greater Light,"* rules the night in gentleness. Its mild rays bless us with one of the most restful and lovely sights on Earth. It is an emblem of the meek and lowly One, who veiled His glory and came to shine in Earth's dark night of sin. He came to give us a practical example of how to reflect the glory of the Father.



The night bathed in the beauty of moonlight is also an object lesson of how God wants to use His people to reflect silvery beams from Heaven into the great void of spiritual darkness. *"But we all, with open face beholding [reflecting] as in a glass [mirror] the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord"* (II Corinthians 3:18). The great purpose of life is to develop a people that will pass the judgment because they have been changed into the image of the Lord.

The troublesome times of the last days will be the dark background (like the night sky) against which the church (moon) will shine. As calamity after calamity happens to the remnant they will display the trust and patience of Job. Thus they will demonstrate the evidence of God's restoring power in the final judgment. God is so confident of their loyalty, that they will stand true under the most severe test, that He leaves the sanctuary from which He has ministered forgiveness for their specific sins. At this

time the righteous live without a Mediator and the universe sees the proof that God's judgment to save them is just. Do you want to be a part of the group that makes that final glorious demonstration? If so, you must learn to **deny self**.

But, like Moses who *"wist not that his face shone"* (Exodus 34:29), those that **deny self** and who are growing in glory (character) are not aware of the fact. But others will notice the change that has taken place. They are being prepared to "pass in review before the Judge of all the Earth."

The moon illustrates the law that tells us *"it is by beholding that we become changed."* (*The Great Controversy* 478) Looking at God's law, we see what sin is. Looking at Calvary, we understand how much Jesus **denied Himself** to redeem us. Looking by faith to our High Priest in the sanctuary, we shall more and more come into harmony with His longing to perfect His people so that they reflect His image fully.



Nature Needleleaf Trees

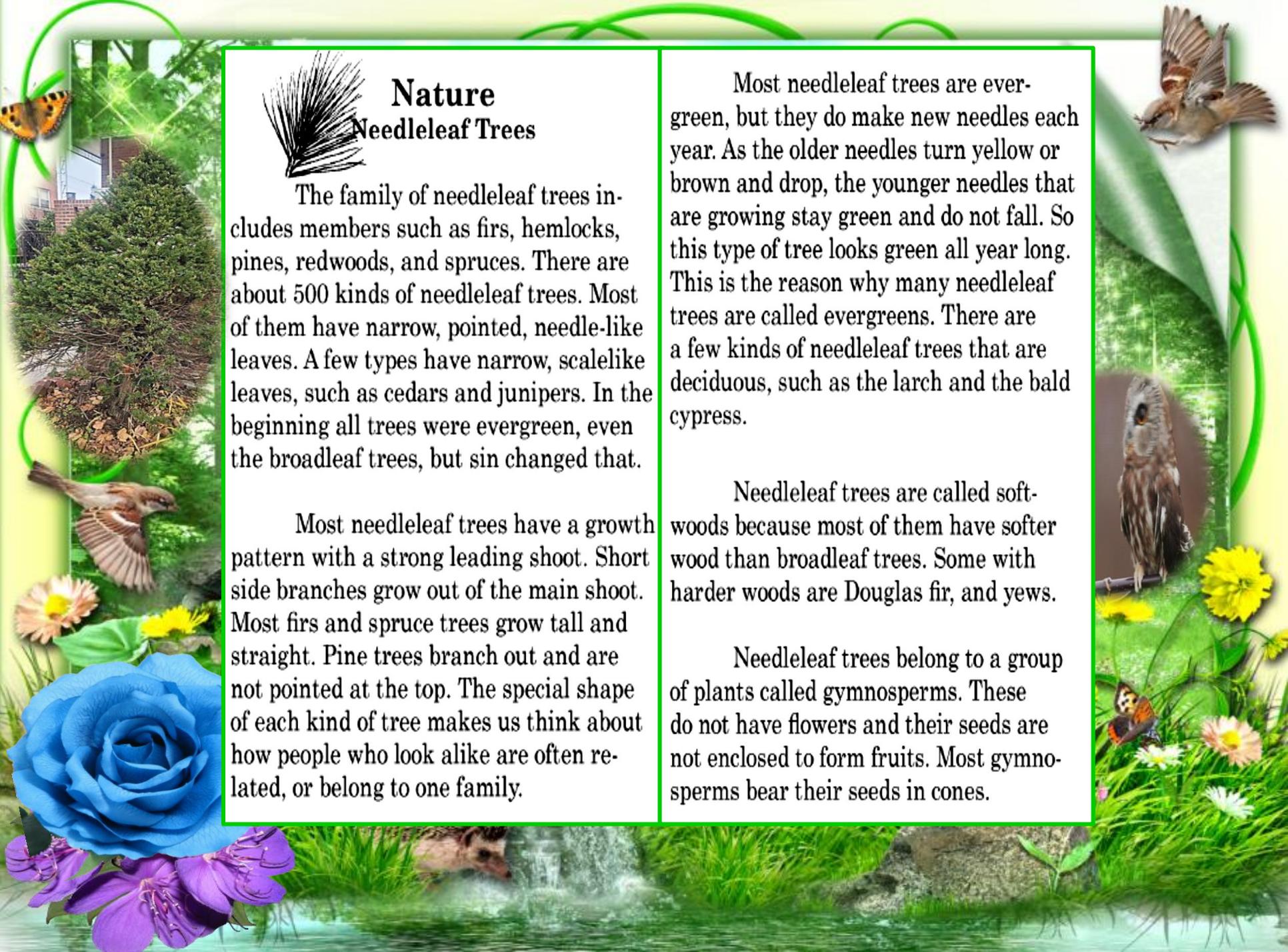
The family of needleleaf trees includes members such as firs, hemlocks, pines, redwoods, and spruces. There are about 500 kinds of needleleaf trees. Most of them have narrow, pointed, needle-like leaves. A few types have narrow, scalelike leaves, such as cedars and junipers. In the beginning all trees were evergreen, even the broadleaf trees, but sin changed that.

Most needleleaf trees have a growth pattern with a strong leading shoot. Short side branches grow out of the main shoot. Most firs and spruce trees grow tall and straight. Pine trees branch out and are not pointed at the top. The special shape of each kind of tree makes us think about how people who look alike are often related, or belong to one family.

Most needleleaf trees are evergreen, but they do make new needles each year. As the older needles turn yellow or brown and drop, the younger needles that are growing stay green and do not fall. So this type of tree looks green all year long. This is the reason why many needleleaf trees are called evergreens. There are a few kinds of needleleaf trees that are deciduous, such as the larch and the bald cypress.

Needleleaf trees are called softwoods because most of them have softer wood than broadleaf trees. Some with harder woods are Douglas fir, and yews.

Needleleaf trees belong to a group of plants called gymnosperms. These do not have flowers and their seeds are not enclosed to form fruits. Most gymnosperms bear their seeds in cones.



Botanists call such trees conifers, which means “cone bearers.”

Most conifers grow north of the equator. They form four families which include the pine, yew, cypress, and taxodium. The pine family has the most members, and includes pines, firs, hemlocks, larches, and spruces. The yew family includes yews and Japanese yews. The cypress family includes cypress, arborvitae, and junipers. While the taxodium family includes bald-cypresses, redwoods and giant sequoias. This last family of very large, stately trees calls to mind how Adam came forth from the hand of his Creator, and he was of lofty stature (height) and perfect symmetry. Eve was like the other conifers, she was somewhat less in stature. Man’s form, his physical structure, his mental moral qualities, his instincts and habits, are all symbolized in the forms and structures and habits of the trees around him. Think about each of these parallels and see what you can discern with the Great Interpreter’s **help**. *“I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings”* (Psalm 77:12).



Tending the trees of Eden, Adam and Eve would have to study them closely, to notice their special characteristics, to watch the way they grew and to adapt their treatment to their different requirements. In this way Adam and Eve would come to understand the secret spiritual truths which the different trees taught. God talked to man not only among the trees of the garden but also, in a sense, through them.





Nature Clouds

"He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them" (Job 26:8). What are clouds? They are lots and lots of very tiny water droplets or ice crystals that are floating in the air. Water vapor rises from salty oceans or slimy swamps leaving its impurities behind. It is changed into clouds. Fluffy white clouds moving across a blue sky or at sunset are very beautiful. Some who came to be baptized left their sins behind (and became like beautiful, fluffy white clouds) while others did not want to give them up. John said to those who would not give up their sins, *"O generation [Pharisees and Sadducees] of vipers [children of Satan] who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"* "The guilty secrets of their lives were unveiled," as the cloud of their hypocrisy was removed by John's rebuke. The people had been led to have a high opinion of the piety of these men. They looked up to them admiringly, but these men were like the men described in Proverbs 25:14. *"Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain."* These self-righteous people did not have the rain of repentance within them.

Clouds carry rain and snow which help to water the earth. Clouds can also bring destruction and even death with hail or a tornado. Dark clouds hide the sun. They are like trials that come to each of us. When the sun rises higher in the heavens, it melts away the dark clouds, like the love of God. In the east, one little cloud can develop quickly into a raging storm. Even so, one small sin can cause great destruction in a life. How important to have **purity** of life with every sin confessed and forsaken.

Clouds look different from one another. Some are fleecy masses, others look like feathers, while others are dull gray or dark. Many clouds are continually changing shape. They do this because parts of the cloud evaporate (change into vapor) when mixed with drier air than the cloud. Clouds also change shape as the wind blows them about.

John had multitudes (many) coming to hear his message of repentance and **purity** of life. Some were like the clouds that change shape, changing their lives of sin for a life of **purity** as the Holy Spirit (wind) moved upon their hearts. For them there was a special promise in the Scriptures: *"I have blotted out as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me for I have redeemed thee"* (Isaiah 44:22).



Anywhere! Anywhere!

**Fear I cannot know; Anywhere with Jesus
I can safely go!**



*Our Opening Song is a Hymn entitled,
“I am Thine, Oh Lord
(Draw Me Nearer)
#306*

1). I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

2). Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
May my soul look up with a steadfast hope
And my will be lost in Thine.

3). O the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

*Jesus Christ
The Lord of the
Sabbath!*



*Opening Prayer-
request one of the little ones or
mommies or daddies to give prayer.*

THE
Family
THAT PRAYS TOGETHER
STAYS *Together*



*Even the precious
creatures within
your gate!*



A golden scroll is unrolled, showing its texture and the way it is bound. A quill pen, also golden, lies across the scroll. The background is a soft, light yellow gradient.

John 14:7 (KJV)

If ye had known me,
ye should have known
my Father also: and
from henceforth
ye know him,
and have
seen him.

*This Sabbath boys and girls, we will continue with part 2 of our lesson entitled, “**Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled**” in our study book *Desire of Ages*!*

John 14:8 (KJV)

Philip saith unto him, Lord,
show us the Father,
and it sufficeth us.

John 14:9 (KJV)

Jesus saith unto him, Have I
Been so long time with you,
and yet hast thou not known me,
Philip? he that hath seen me hath
seen the Father; and how sayest
thou [then], Show us the Father?

John 14:10 (KJV)

Believest thou not that I am in the
Father, and the Father in me? the
words that I speak unto you I speak
not of myself: but the Father that
dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

John 14:11 (KJV)

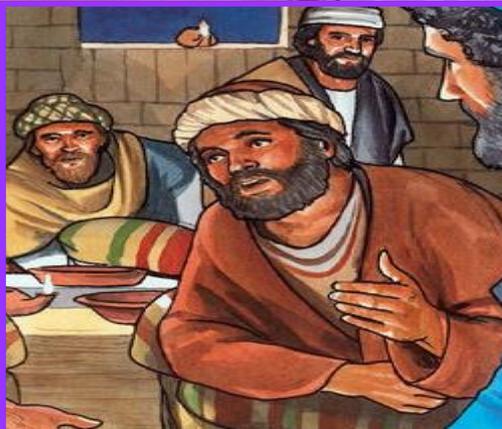
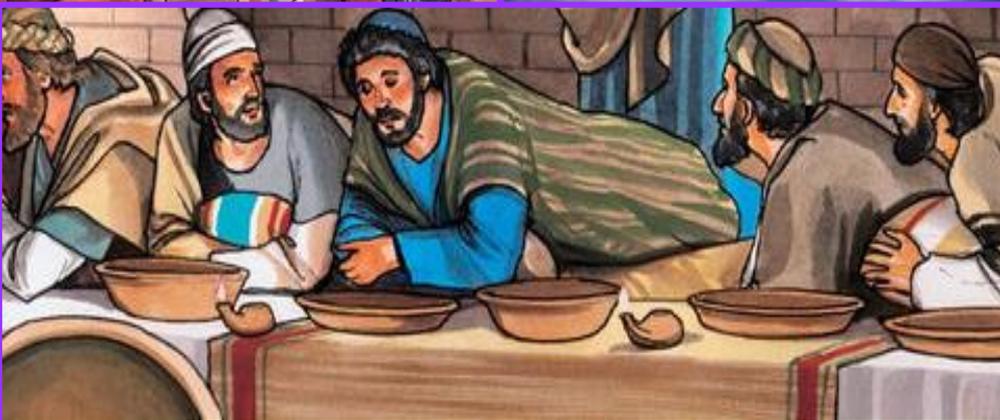
Believe me that I [am] in the Father,
and the Father in me: or else believe
me for the very works' sake.

John 14:12 (KJV)

Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that believeth on me,
the works that I do shall
he do also; and greater
[works] than these shall he do;
because I go unto my Father.

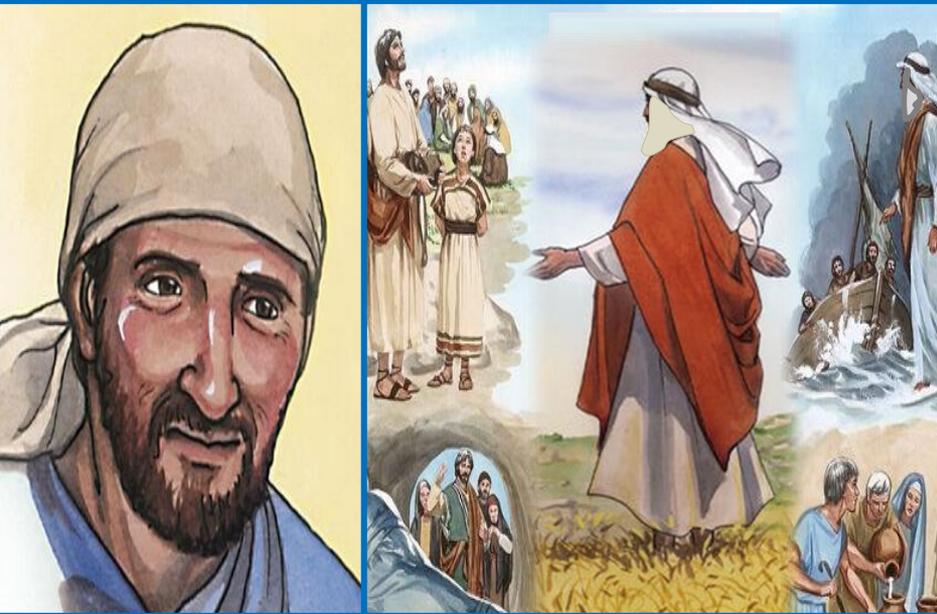
John 14:13 (KJV)

And whatsoever ye shall
ask in my name,
that will I do,
that the Father may
be glorified in the Son.



**“If ye had known Me,”
Christ said,
“ye should have known
My Father also:
and from henceforth
ye know Him,
and have seen Him.”**

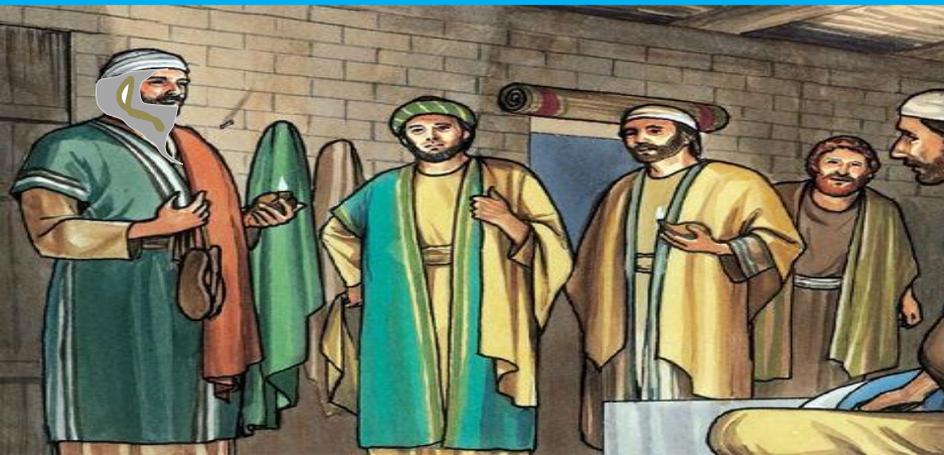
**But not yet did the
disciples understand.
“Lord, show us the Father,”
exclaimed Philip,
“and it sufficeth us.”
{DA 663.4}**



Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

John 14:9

Amazed at his dullness of comprehension, Christ asked with pained surprise, “Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip?” Is it possible that you do not see the Father in the works He does through Me? Do you not believe that I came to testify of the Father? “How sayest thou then, Show us the Father?” “He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.” {Next Slide Please}



Continuing:
Christ had not ceased to be God when He became man. Though He had humbled Himself to humanity, the Godhead was still His own. Christ alone could represent the Father to humanity, and this representation the disciples had been privileged to behold for over three years.
{DA 663.5}



*Let's learn our first beautiful
Scripture song together dear ones,
from the book of Philippians
Chapter 2 verses 5 and 11 (KJV) Margin!*

*Taken from: Scripture Singer Songs
Section-Pillar of Faith
Memory CD*



Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God,
thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made himself of no reputation,
and took upon him the form of a servant,
and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself,
and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,
and given him a name which is above every name:

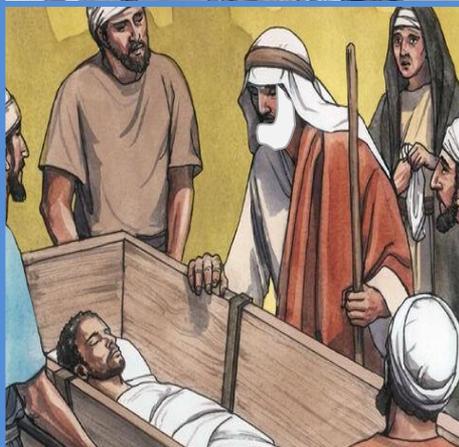
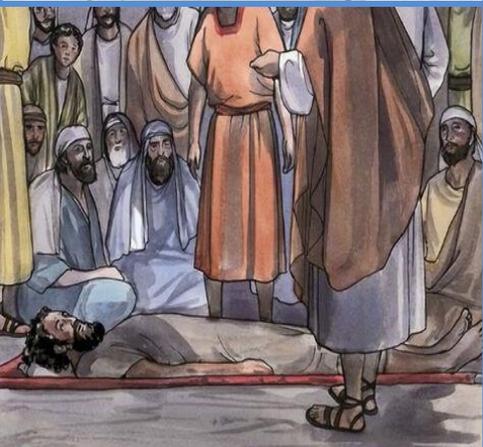
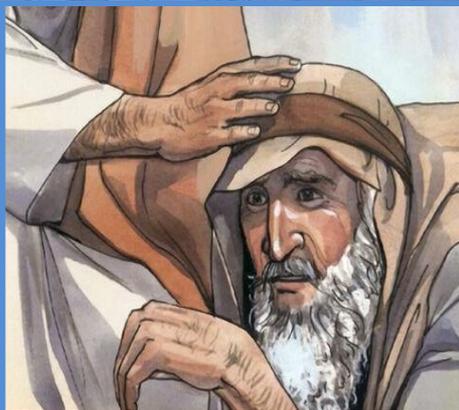
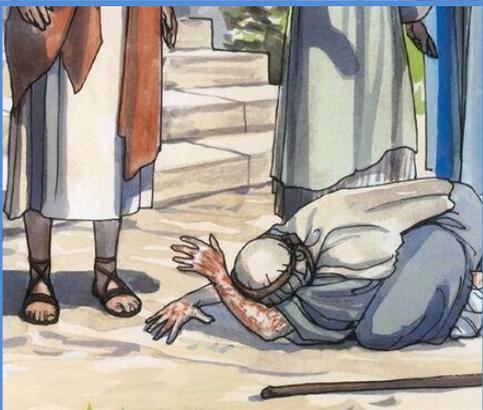
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
of things in heaven, and things in earth,
and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5 through 11

The Desire of Ages, p.664

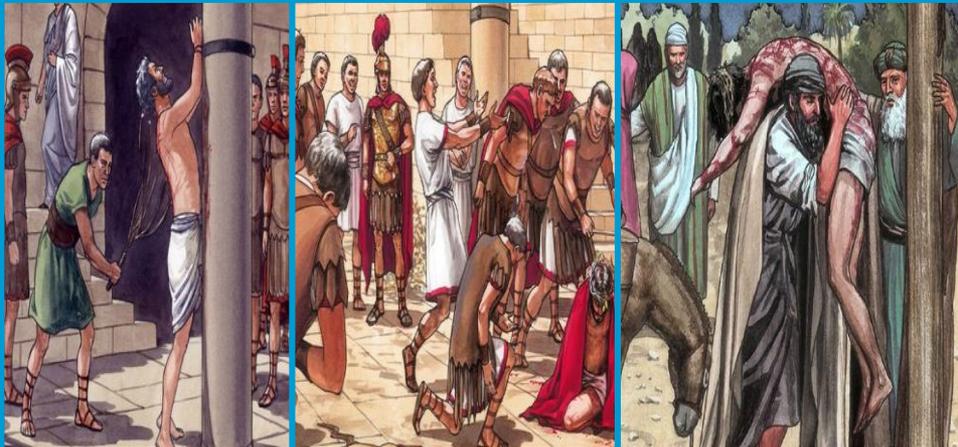
**“Believe Me that I am
in the Father,
and the Father in Me:
or else believe Me for
the very works’ sake.”
Their faith might safely
rest on the evidence given
in Christ’s works,
works that no man,
of himself, ever had done,
or ever could do.
Christ’s work testified
to His divinity.
Through Him the Father
had been revealed.
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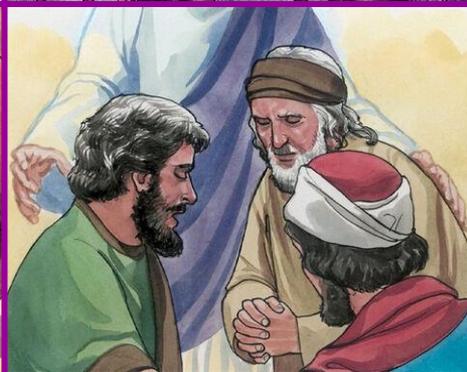
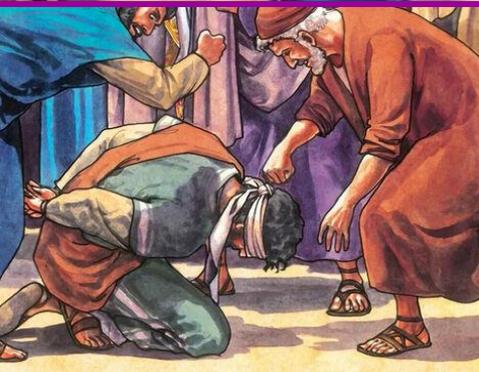
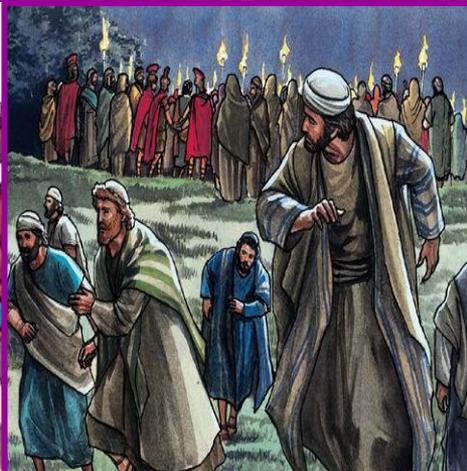
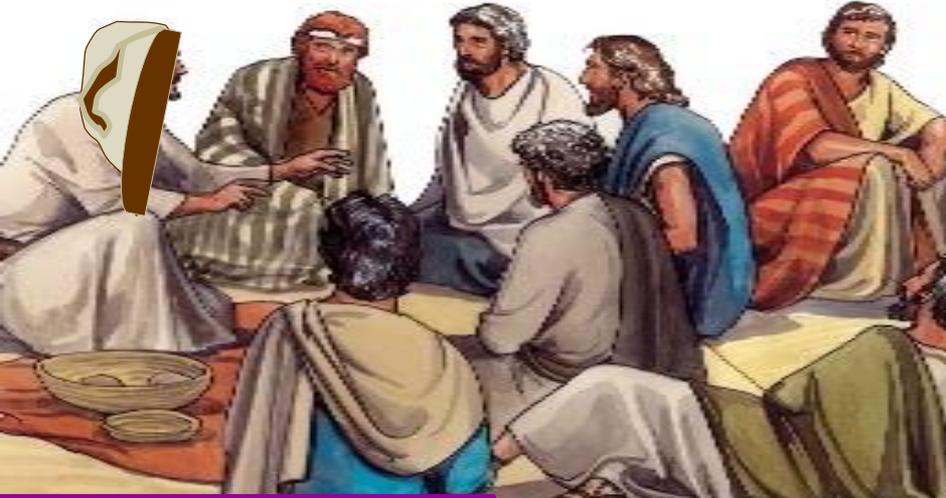




If the disciples believed this vital connection between the Father and the Son, their faith would not forsake them when they saw Christ's suffering and death to save a perishing world.

Christ was seeking to lead them from their low condition of faith to the experience they might receive if they truly realized what He was,--God in human flesh.
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**Continuing:
He desired them to see
that their faith must
lead up to God,
and be anchored there.
How earnestly and
perseveringly our
compassionate Saviour
sought to prepare
His disciples for the storm
of temptation that was
soon to beat upon them.
He would have them
hid with Him in God.
{DA 664.2}**



*Let's learn another beautiful song together
dear ones from our lesson book,
"The Desire of Ages"
Page 688, Paragraph 3!*

*Taken from: Scripture Singer Songs
Section-Encouraging Quotes
Memory Verse CD*

All true obedience comes from the heart.

It was heart work with Christ.

**And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims,
so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will,**

that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses.

The will, refined and sanctified, will find its highest delight in doing His service.

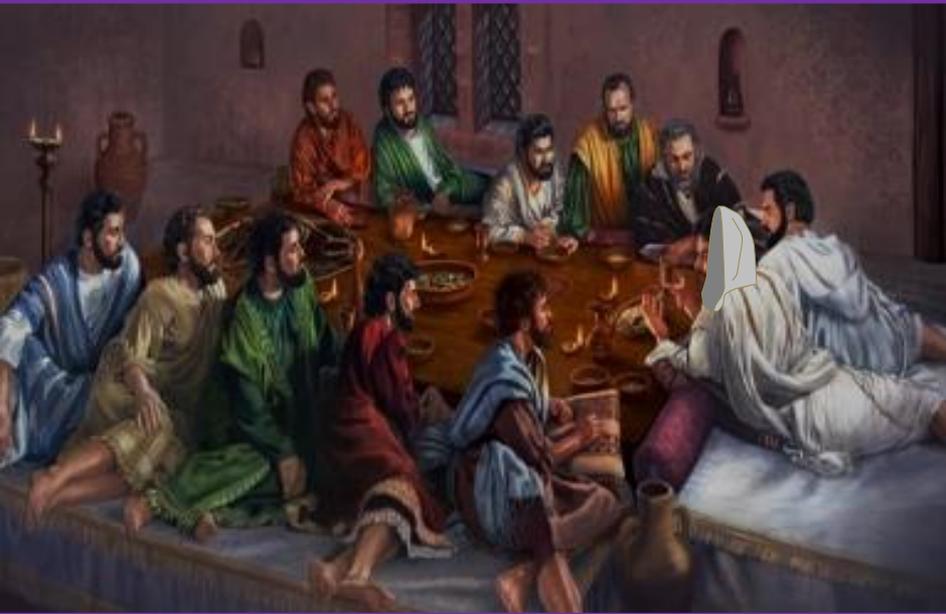
**When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him,
our life will be a life of continual obedience.**

**Through an appreciation of the character of Christ,
through communion with God,
sin will become hateful to us.**

{Desire of Ages page 668}



The Desire of Ages, p.664



As Christ was speaking these words, the glory of God was shining from His countenance, and all present felt a sacred awe as they listened with rapt attention to His words.

Their hearts were more decidedly drawn to Him; and as they were drawn to Christ in greater love,

they were drawn to one another.

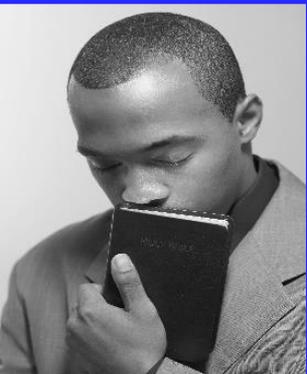
They felt that heaven was very near, and that the words to which they listened were a message to them from their heavenly Father.

{DA 664.3}

The Desire of Ages, p.664

“Verily, verily,
I say unto you,”
Christ continued,
“He that believeth on Me,
the works that I do
shall he do also.”

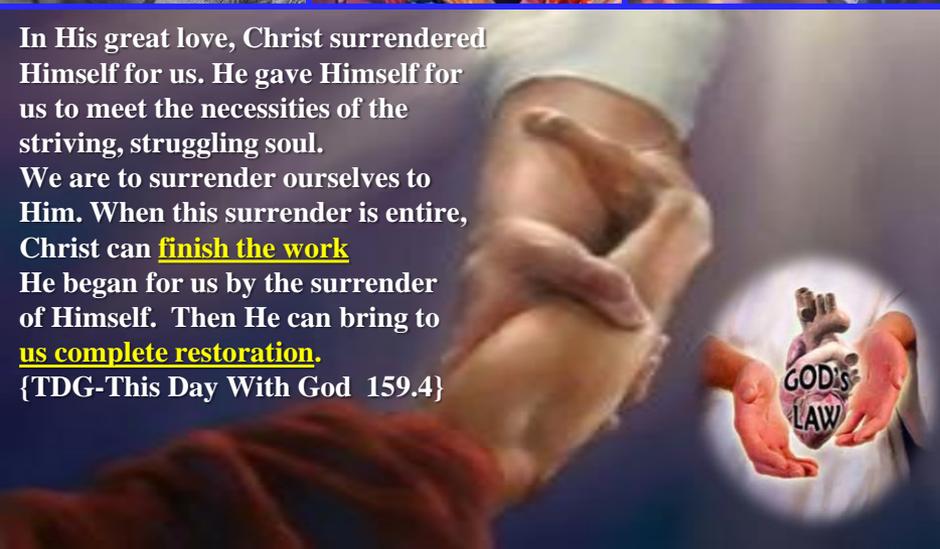
The Saviour was deeply
anxious for His disciples
to understand for what
purpose His divinity
was united to humanity.
He came to the world to
display the glory of God,
that man might be uplifted
by its restoring power.
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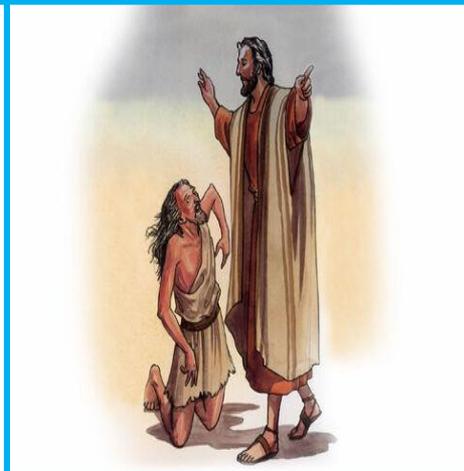
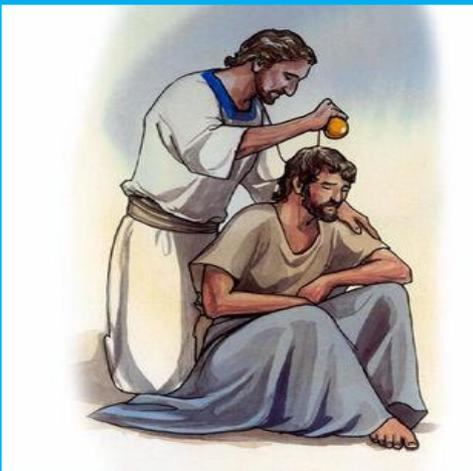
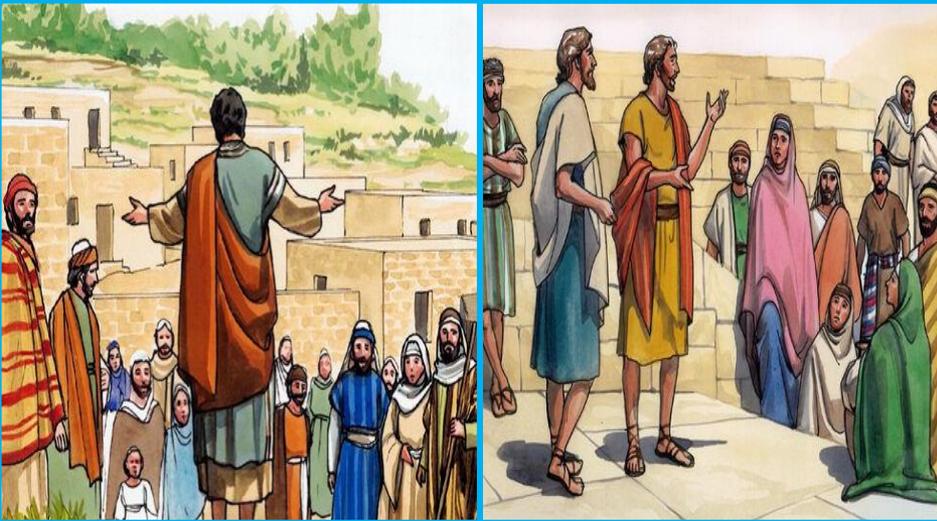


In His great love, Christ surrendered
Himself for us. He gave Himself for
us to meet the necessities of the
striving, struggling soul.

We are to surrender ourselves to
Him. When this surrender is entire,
Christ can **finish the work**
He began for us by the surrender
of Himself. Then He can bring to
us complete restoration.

{TDG-This Day With God 159.4}

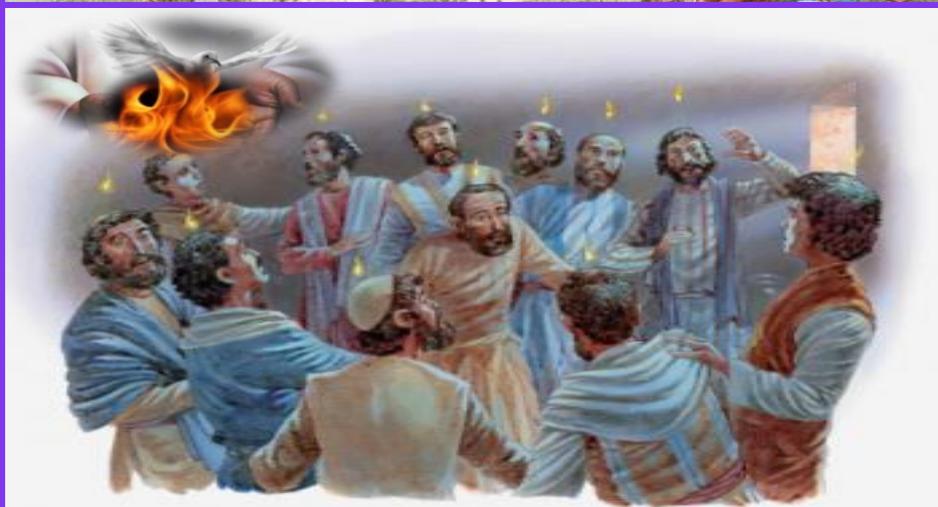




**Continuing:
God was manifested
in Him that He might
be manifested in them.
Jesus revealed no qualities,
and exercised no powers,
that men may not have
through faith in Him.
His perfect humanity
is that which all
His followers may possess,
if they will be in
subjection to God as He was.
{DA 664.4}**

The Desire of Ages, p.664

“And greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.”
By this Christ did not mean that the disciples’ work would be of a more exalted character than His, but that it would have greater extent. He did not refer merely to miracle working, but to all that would take place under the working of the Holy Spirit.
{DA 664.5}





*Let's learn our last beautiful
scripture song together dear ones,
from the book of Philippians
Chapter 1 verse 6 (KJV) Margin...*

*Taken from: Scripture Singer Songs
Section-Character Building
Memory Verse CD*

A decorative border of purple diamonds curves along the top and left sides of the page. On the right side, there is a vibrant floral arrangement featuring various purple and blue flowers, including a large light blue daisy, smaller purple blossoms, and ferns, with a blue butterfly and a blue heart floating nearby.

**Being confident of this very thing,
that he which hath begun a good work in you
will perform [it] until the day of Jesus Christ:
Being confident of this very thing, (3 xs)
Philippians 1:6**

*Dear Remnant Families
Boys, Girls and Guest,*

The Questions for our lesson will
be reserved for next Sabbath,
after the Review.

So dear ones,
you will have one week to answer
the questions and it will be open mic.
I'm looking forward for the participations
of all our Dear Remnant families.



Next Week:

*We will be reviewing part 2
of our lesson entitle,
“Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled”
Please have your questions
prepared and sent before
Thursday of this coming
Sabbath.*



Closing Prayer –

*request one of the little ones
or mommies or daddies to give prayer*

God bless

*Part 2 Review of
Chapter 73*

*“Let Not Your Heart Be
Troubled”*

Part 2

January 1, 2021

Have a Blessed and Peaceful Sabbath!

Our God Reigns



1 Thessalonians 5:23 (KJV)

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly;
and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul,
and body be preserved blameless unto the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ.”