

*Part 2 Review of
Chapter 73*

*“Let Not Your Heart Be
Troubled”
Part 2*

Sabbath January 1, 2022

Our Tiny-Tots Song

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Praise The Lord



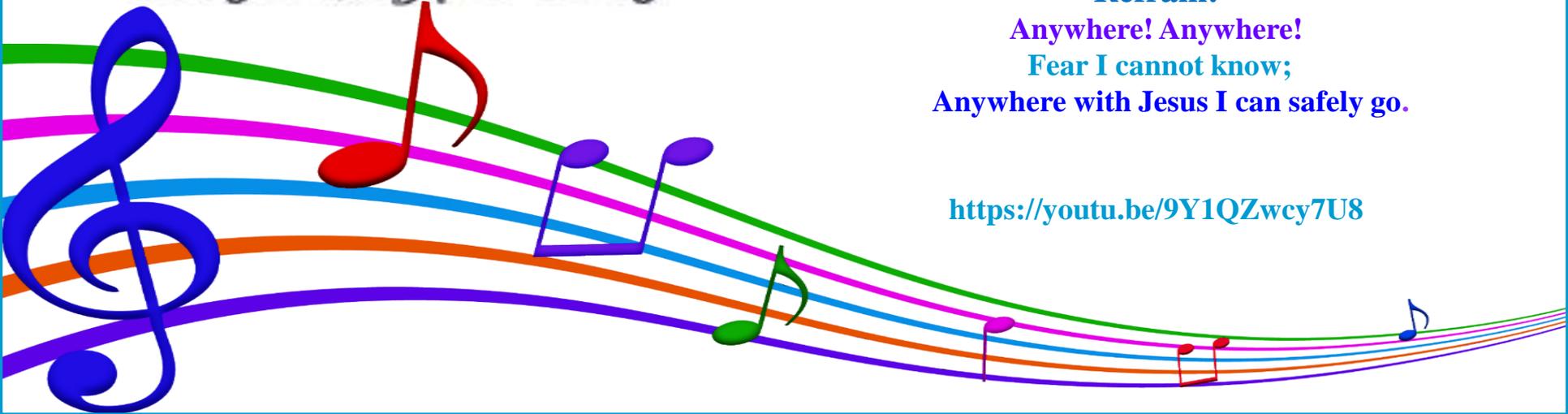
Sing A Joyful Song

- 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:

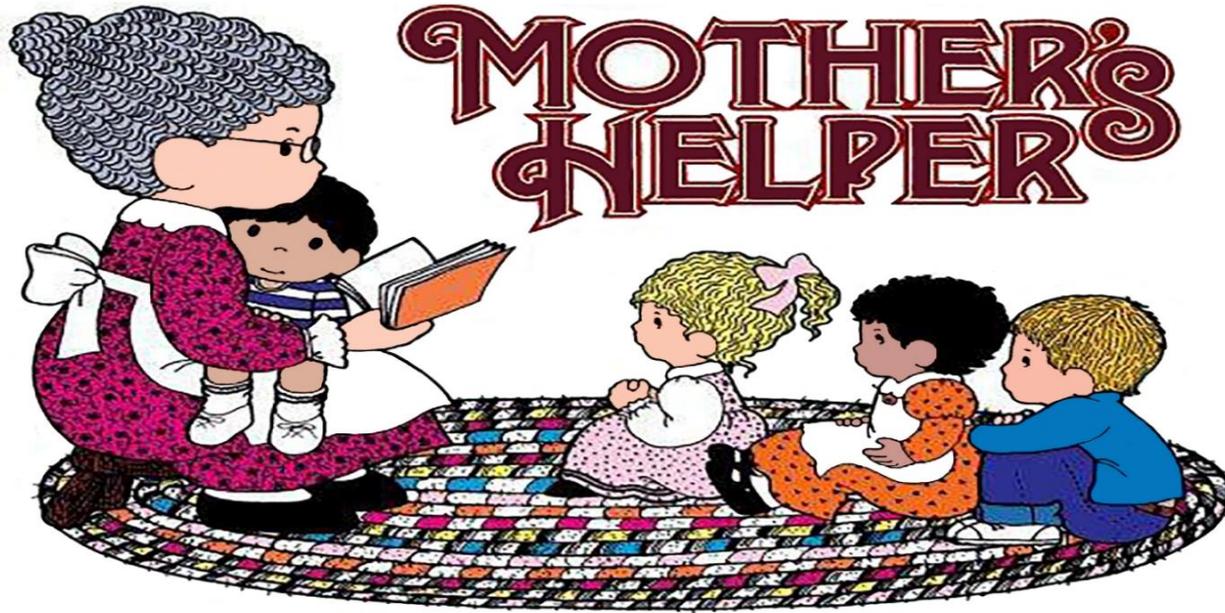
Anywhere! Anywhere!
Fear I cannot know;
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go.

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





MOTHER'S HELPER

Mommy & Daddy's
➤ LITTLE ➤
Blessing



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, Part 1 Review

(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.

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.

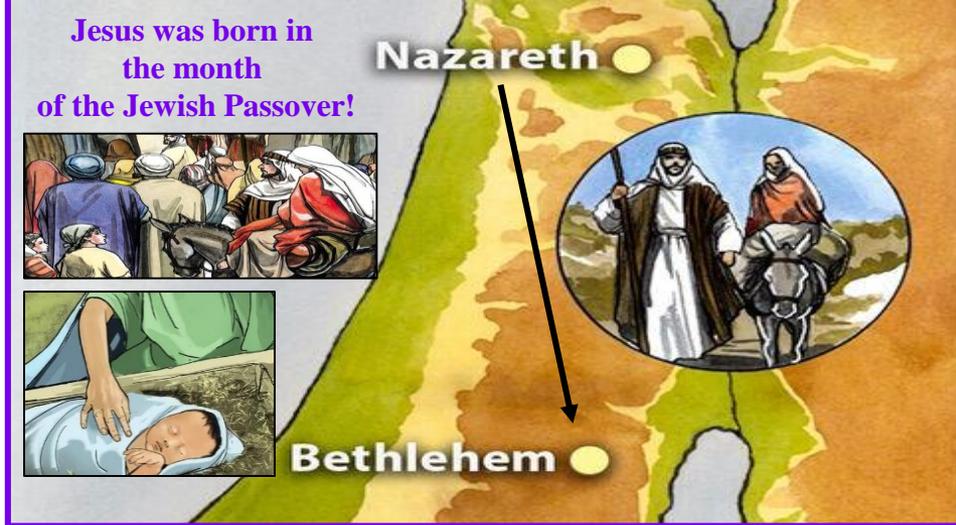
All this Christ did to show how much God loves us. He lived on earth to show how we may honor God by obedience to His will. He did this so that by following His example we may at last dwell with Him in His heavenly home. The priests and rulers among the Jews were not ready to welcome Jesus. They knew 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 13.1 - 16.9}

Next Sabbath we will continue with part 2 of our lesson entitled, "The Birth of Jesus" of our study book, "The Story of Jesus" for January 8, 2022.





Luke Chapter 2:1-5 KJV

- 2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
- 2:2 ([And] this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
- 2:3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
- 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
- 2:5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Meet Caesar Augustus in the Bible - First Roman Emperor

<https://www.learnreligions.com/caesar-augustus-first-roman-emperor-701063>

Caesar Augustus brought peace and prosperity to the Roman empire. Its many provinces were governed with a heavy hand, yet with some local autonomy. In Israel, the Jews were allowed to maintain their religion and culture.

While rulers like Caesar Augustus and Herod Antipas were essentially figureheads, the Sanhedrin, or national council, still held power over many aspects of daily life.

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Ironically, the peace and order established by Augustus and maintained by his successors helped in the spread of Christianity. The extensive network of Roman roads made travel easier. The Apostle Paul carried his missionary work westward over those roads. Both he and the Apostle Peter were executed in Rome, but not before they had spread the gospel there, causing the message to fan out on Roman roads to the rest of the ancient world.

Census in the New Testament

Two Roman censuses are found in the New Testament.

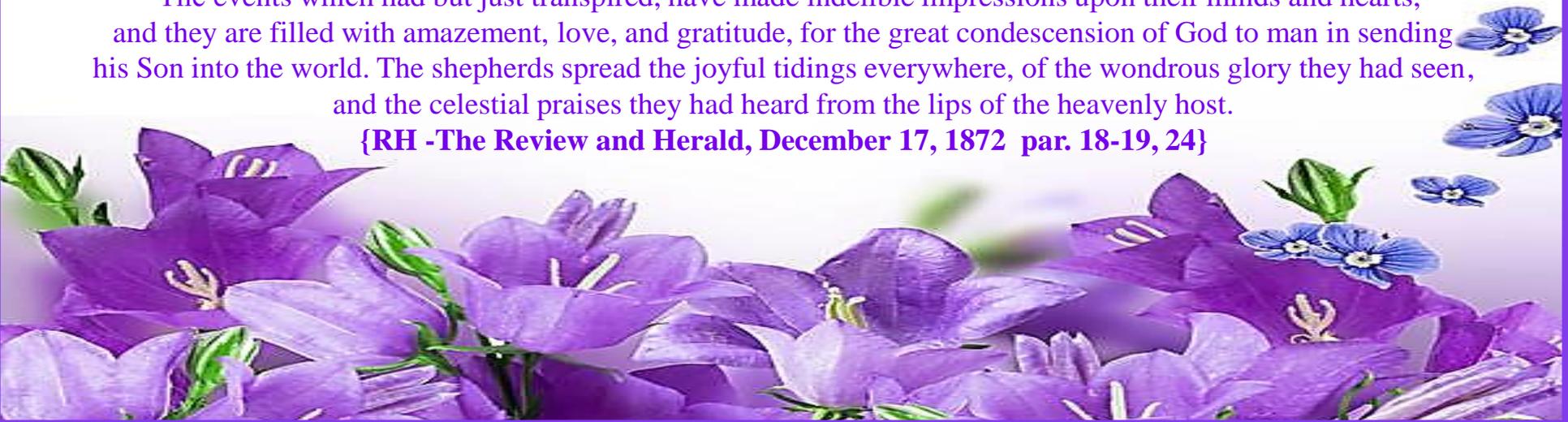
The most well-known, of course, took place at the time of Jesus Christ's birth, reported in Luke 2:1–5.

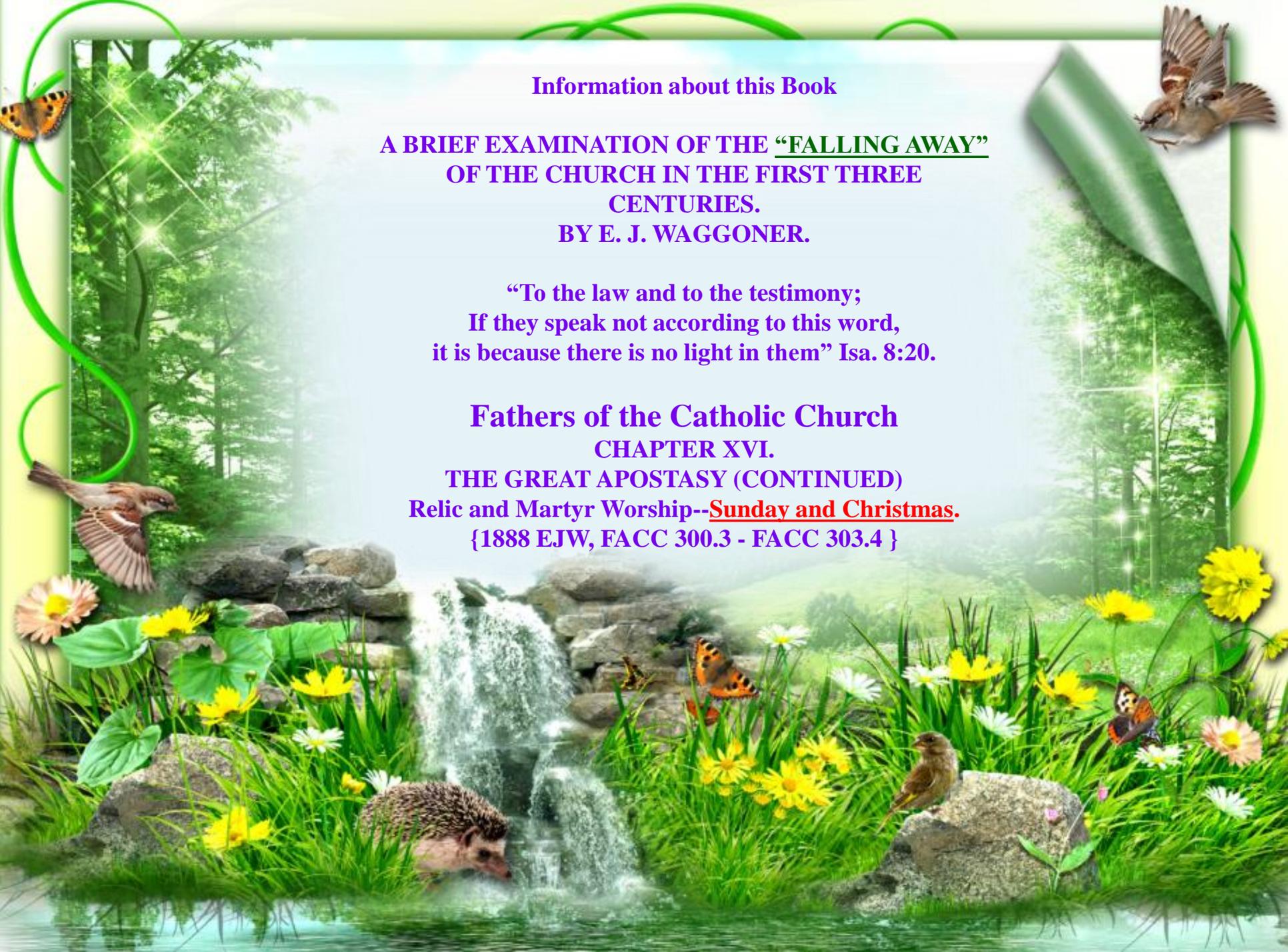
Angels behold the weary travelers, Joseph and Mary, making their way to the city of David, to be taxed, according to the decree of Caesar Augustus. Here, in the providence of God, Joseph and Mary had been brought; for this was the place prophecy had predicted that Christ should be born. They seek a place of rest at the inn, but are turned away because there is no room. The wealthy and honorable have been welcomed, and find refreshment and room, while these weary travelers are compelled to seek refuge in a coarse building which shelters the dumb beasts. Here the Saviour of the world is born. The majesty of glory, who filled all Heaven with admiration and splendor, is humiliated to a bed in a manger. In Heaven, he was surrounded by holy angels; but now his companions are the beasts of the stall. What humiliation is this! Wonder, O Heavens! and be astonished, O earth!

The Joyful News

“The events which had but just transpired, have made indelible impressions upon their minds and hearts, and they are filled with amazement, love, and gratitude, for the great condescension of God to man in sending his Son into the world. The shepherds spread the joyful tidings everywhere, of the wondrous glory they had seen, and the celestial praises they had heard from the lips of the heavenly host.

{RH -The Review and Herald, December 17, 1872 par. 18-19, 24}





Information about this Book

A BRIEF EXAMINATION OF THE “FALLING AWAY”
OF THE CHURCH IN THE FIRST THREE
CENTURIES.

BY E. J. WAGGONER.

“To the law and to the testimony;
If they speak not according to this word,
it is because there is no light in them” Isa. 8:20.

Fathers of the Catholic Church
CHAPTER XVI.

THE GREAT APOSTASY (CONTINUED)
Relic and Martyr Worship--Sunday and Christmas.
{1888 EJW, FACC 300.3 - FACC 303.4 }

“If, after all that has been given concerning the customs of the early church, the reader feels that the authority of the church is sufficient ground to warrant his continued observance of Sunday, there is still another “**holy day**” which he must by no means disregard, and that is **Christmas.**”

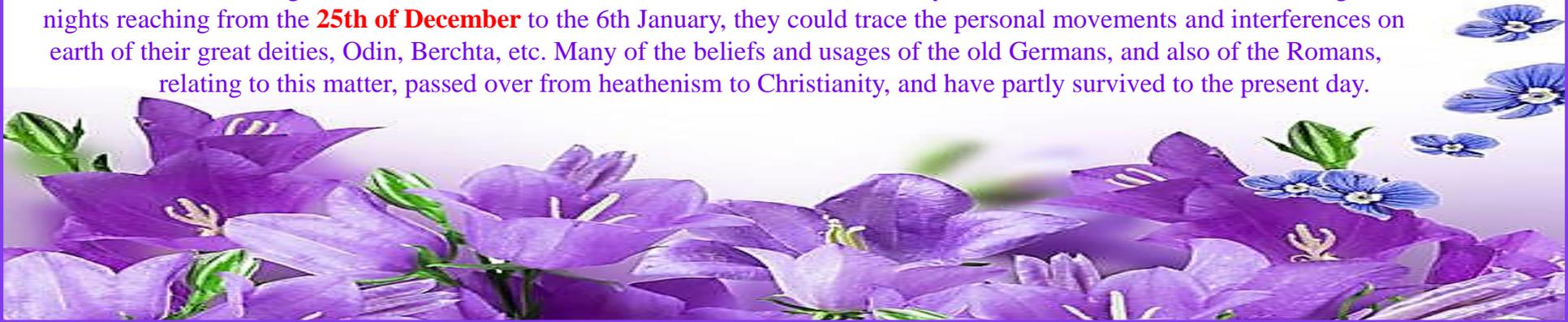
Concerning the origin of Christmas, "McClintock and Strong's Cyclopedia" has the following:--

“The observance of Christmas is not of divine appointment, nor is it of New Testament origin. The day of Christ's birth cannot be ascertained from the New Testament, or, indeed, from any other source. The Fathers of the first three centuries do not speak of any special observance of the nativity. . . . 'The institution may be sufficiently explained by the circumstance that it was the taste of the age to multiply festivals, and that the analogy of other events in our Saviour's history, which had already been marked by a distinct celebration, may naturally have pointed out the propriety of marking his nativity with the same honored distinction. It was celebrated with all the marks of respect usually bestowed on high festivals, and distinguished also by the custom, derived probably from heathen antiquity, of interchanging presents and making entertainments.' At the same time, the heathen winter holidays (**Saturnalia, Juvenalia, Brumalia**) were undoubtedly transformed, and, so to speak, sanctified by the establishment of the Christmas cycle of holidays; and the heathen customs, so far as they were harmless (e. g., the giving of presents, lighting of tapers, etc), were brought over into Christian use.”

“Chambers' Encyclopedia” gives the following account of the origin of Christmas:--

“It does not appear, however, that there was any uniformity in the period of observing the nativity among the early churches; some held the festival in the month of May or April, others in January. It is, nevertheless, almost certain that the **25th of December** cannot be the nativity of the Saviour, for it is then the height of the rainy season in Judea, and shepherds could hardly be watching their flocks by night in the plains.”

"Not casually or arbitrarily was the festival of the nativity celebrated on the **25th of December**. Among the causes that co-operated in fixing this period as the proper one, perhaps the most powerful was, that almost all the heathen nations regarded the winter solstice as a most important point of the year, as the beginning of the renewed life and activity of the powers of nature, and of the gods, who were originally merely the symbolical personifications of these. In more northerly countries, this fact must have made itself peculiarly palpable--hence the Celts and Germans, from the oldest times, celebrated the season with the greatest festivities. At the winter solstice the German held their great Yule-feast, in commemoration of the return of the fiery sun-wheel; and believed that, during the twelve nights reaching from the **25th of December** to the 6th January, they could trace the personal movements and interferences on earth of their great deities, Odin, Berchta, etc. Many of the beliefs and usages of the old Germans, and also of the Romans, relating to this matter, passed over from heathenism to Christianity, and have partly survived to the present day.



“Prof. J. G. Muller, the author of the article on the worship of the sun, in the “Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia,” after mentioning that the sun was worshipped by the Persians, under the form of Mithras, which finally became the Sol Deus Invictus of the Romans, says:-- “The Mithras-worship even exercised its influence upon the fixing of the Christian Christmas festival in December. As the new birth of the sun-god was celebrated at the end of December, so, likewise, **in Christ the new sun in the field of spiritual life was adored.” (Was adapted through Paganism)**

And the **“Encyclopedia Britannica,” after mentioning the obscurity in which the origin of the Christmas festival rests, proceeds thus:--** “By the fifth century, however, whether from the influence of some tradition, or from the desire to supplant heathen festivals of that period of the year, such **as the Saturnalia, the 25th of December** had been generally agreed upon.”

Bingham gives the following account of the “Christian” method of keeping this heathen festival:--

“As to the manner of keeping this festival, we may observe, they did it with the greatest veneration. For they always speak of it in the highest terms, as the principal festival of Christians, from which all others took their original. Chrysostom styles it the most venerable and tremendous of all festivals, and the metropolis or mother of all festivals. . . . And we may observe, that the day was kept with the same veneration and religious solemnity as the Lord’s day. . . . Neither did they let this day ever pass without a solemn communion.”

“Finally, to show all possible honor to this day, the church obliged all persons to frequent religious assemblies in the city churches, and not go to any of the lesser churches in the country, except some necessity of sickness or infirmity compelled them so to do. And the laws of the State prohibited all public games and shows on this day, as on the Lord’s day.”--**Book 20, chap. 4.**

We seldom see statements of this character quoted by first-day writers; but people who “rest the designation of Sunday on the church having set it apart of its own authority,” should certainly keep Christmas more strictly than they do Sunday, for so did “the church.”

The same author says of the festivals adopted from the heathen into the Christian church:--

“As to those festivals which were purely civil, we are to observe that some of them were of long standing in the Roman Empire, and no new institution of Christians, but only reformed and regulated by them in some particulars, to cut off the idolatrous rites and other corruptions that sometimes attended them.”--**Antiquities, book 20, chap. 1.**

That Sunday was one of these festivals of long standing among all the ancient heathen, and that its adoption by the Christian church was the adoption of heathenism, will be clearly shown in the next chapter.”

{We have come to the end of our topic on Christmas, but you can continue to look into the Birth of Jesus with the Power Point PDF-file sent out with your project to investigate through Isaiah 8:20 in the scriptures!}



*It's time for our Tiny Tots and parents
to continue their lesson about the
Evergreen Tree and what is the Secret
that lies beneath in
God's creation with Nature!*

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





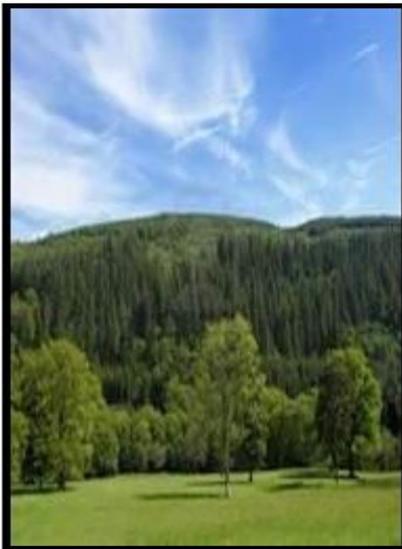
The Secret of the Evergreen Tree

“I am come,” He said, “that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” “Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 4:14 (KJV)



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter



When the testing time shall come, those who have made God's word their rule of life will be revealed. In summer there is no noticeable difference between evergreens and other trees; but when the blasts of winter come, the evergreens remain unchanged, while other trees are stripped of their foliage.

So the false-hearted professor may not now be distinguished from the real Christian, but the time is just upon us when the difference will be apparent.

Let opposition arise, let the voice of the dragon be heard, let persecution be kindled, and the half-hearted and hypocritical will waver and yield the faith; but the true Christian will stand firm as a rock, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, than in days of prosperity.

{4SP- The Spirit of Prophecy 420.1}



Non-evergreens through the Seasons are affected by the changes in environment!

The man who loves God meditates on the law of God day and night.

He is instant in season and out of season.

He bears the fruit of a branch vitally connected with the Vine.

As he has opportunity, he does good; and everywhere,
at all times and in all places, he finds opportunity to work for God.

He is one of the Lord's evergreen trees; and he carries fragrance with him wherever he goes.

A wholesome atmosphere surrounds his soul. The beauty of his well-ordered life and godly conversation inspires faith and hope and courage in others. This is Christianity in practice. Seek to be an evergreen tree.

Wear the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

Cherish the grace of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness. This is the fruit of the Christian tree.

Planted by the rivers of water, it always brings forth its fruit in due season.

If we have the love of Christ in our souls, it will be a natural consequence for us to have all the graces--joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. . . .

When the love of Christ is enshrined in the heart, . . . His presence will be felt.

{ML - My Life Today 50.3 - 5}

What Makes an Evergreen Christian?—

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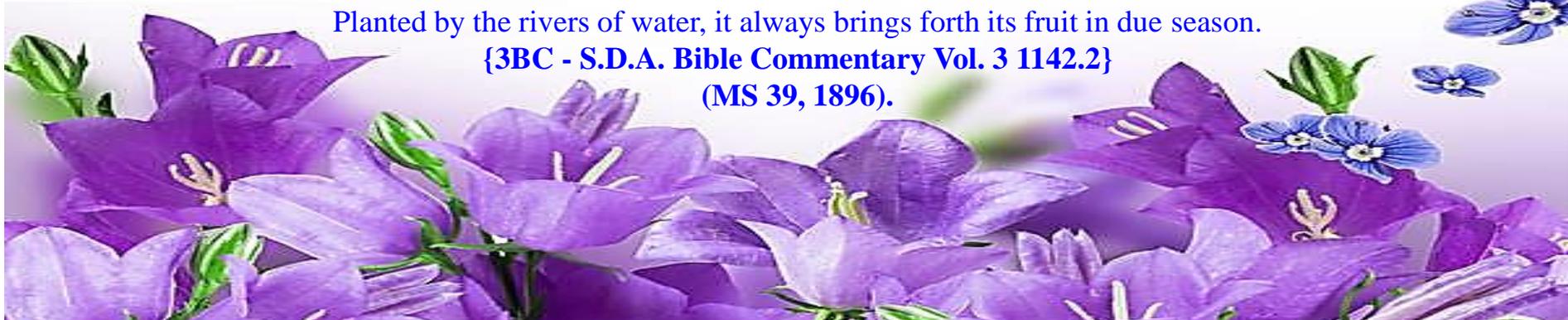
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{3BC - S.D.A. Bible Commentary Vol. 3 1142.2}

(MS 39, 1896).



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!*



*Our Opening scripture for our Review Lesson is taken from the book of:
John 14:1-3 (KJV) Margin...*

Let not your heart be troubled: (2 xs)

ye believe in God, believe also in me.

**In my Father's house are many mansions:
if [it were] not [so], I would have told you.**

I go to prepare a place for you.

**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again,
and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.**

John 14:1 through 3

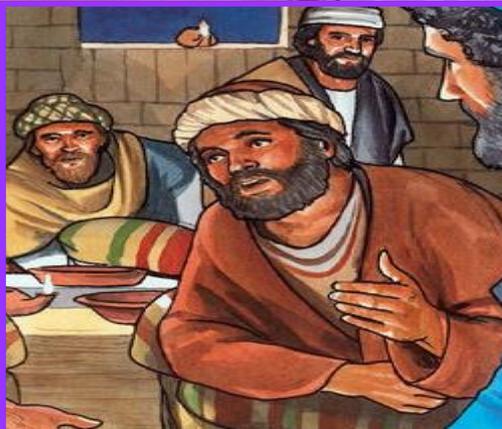
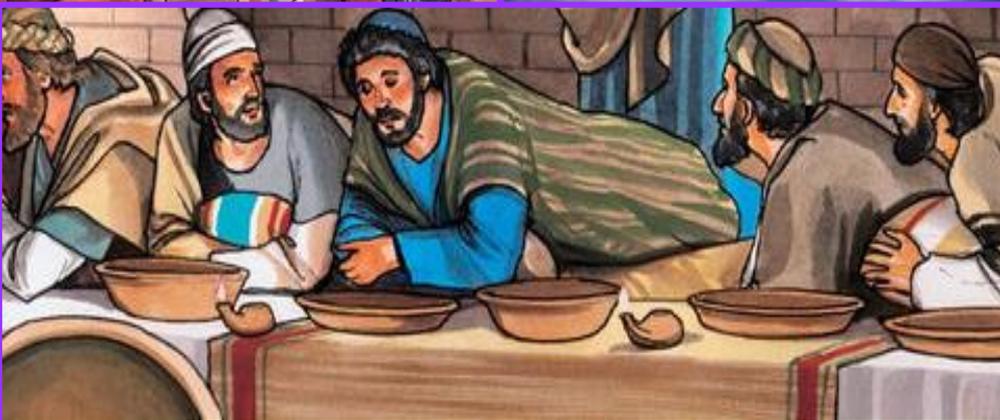


What I Have Learned and Ways I Have Grown This Week!

*Before we hear your questions dear ones!
Let's take a few minutes to review
what you have read last Sabbath from
Part 1 of our Lesson entitled,
“Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled” Part 2
in our study book *Desire of Ages!**

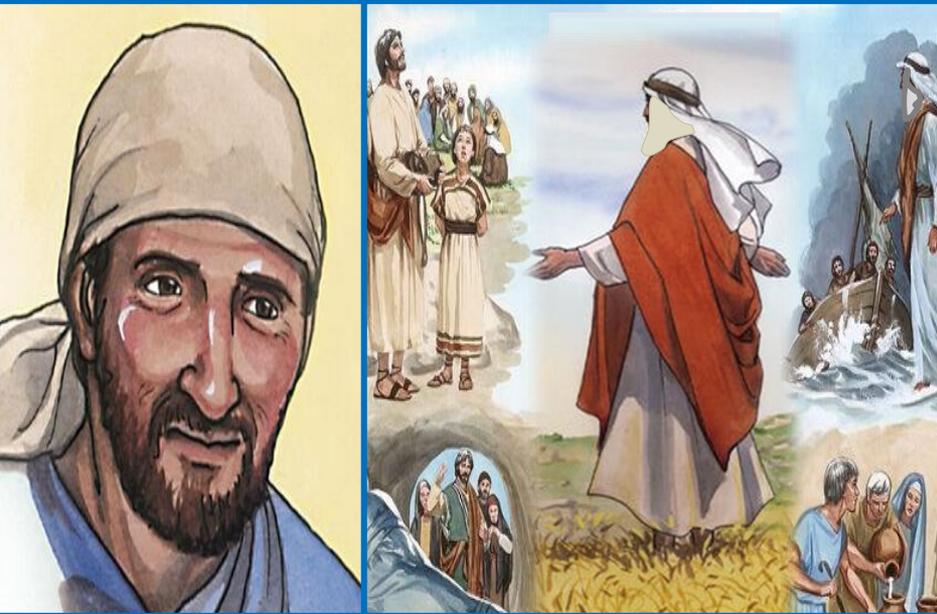


**Raise your
hands dear
ones!**



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

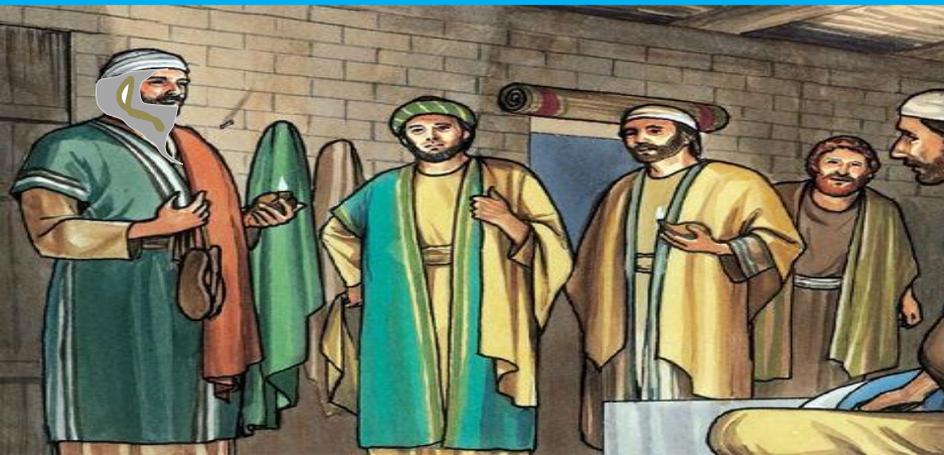
**But not yet did the
disciples understand.
“Lord, show us the Father,”
exclaimed Philip,
“and it sufficeth us.”
{DA 663.4}**



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

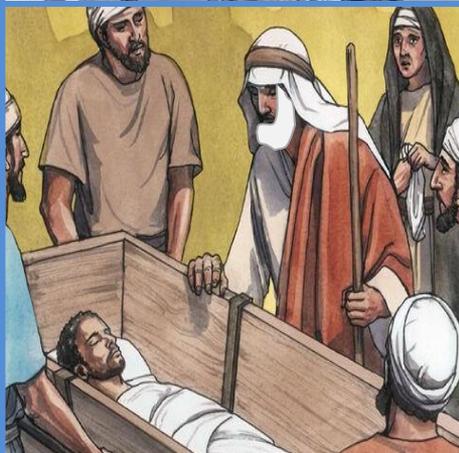
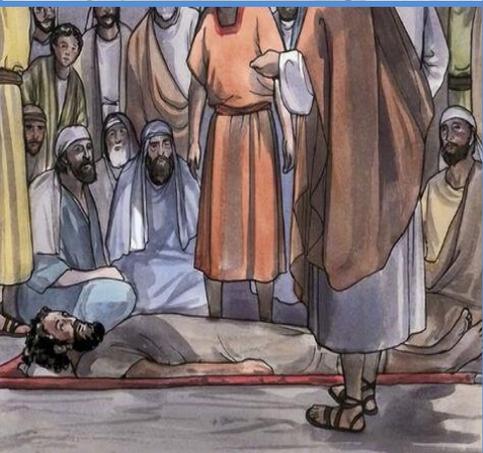
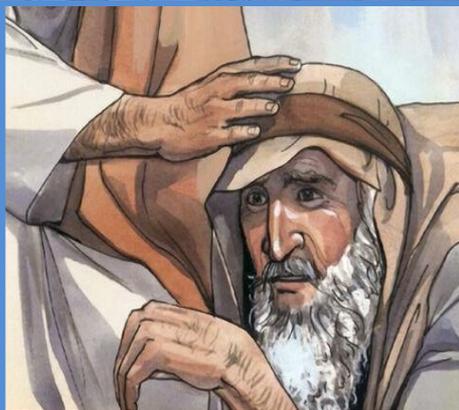
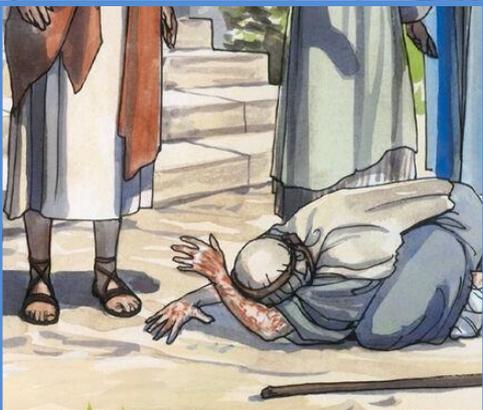
Amazed at his dullness of comprehension, Christ asked with pained surprise, “Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip?” Is it possible that you do not see the Father in the works He does through Me? Do you not believe that I came to testify of the Father? “How sayest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

The Desire of Ages, p.664

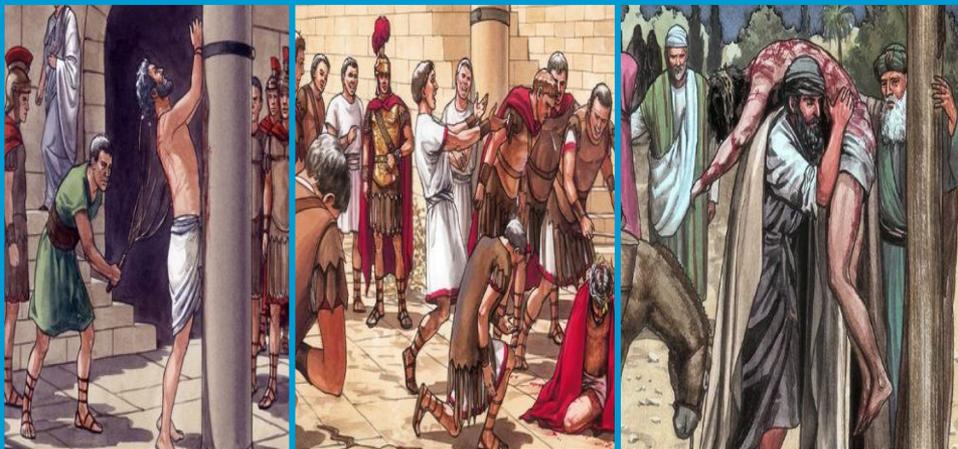
**“Believe Me that I am
in the Father,
and the Father in Me:
or else believe Me for
the very works’ sake.”
Their faith might safely
rest on the evidence given
in Christ’s works,
works that no man,
of himself, ever had done,
or ever could do.
Christ’s work testified
to His divinity.
Through Him the Father
had been revealed.
{DA 664.1}**

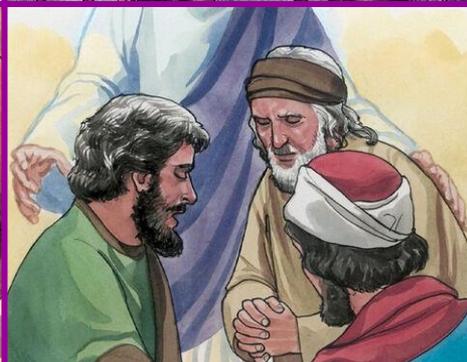
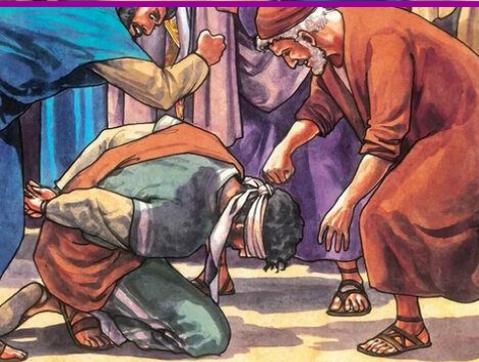
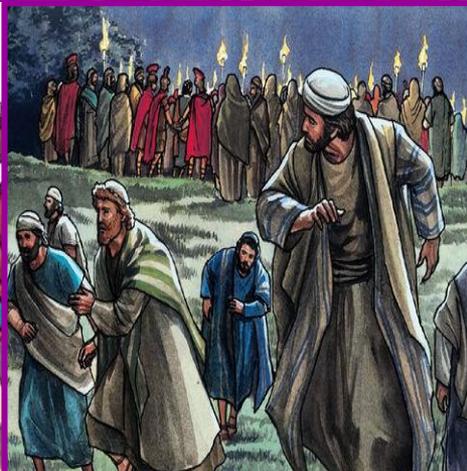




If the disciples believed this vital connection between the Father and the Son, their faith would not forsake them when they saw Christ's suffering and death to save a perishing world.

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}**

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.

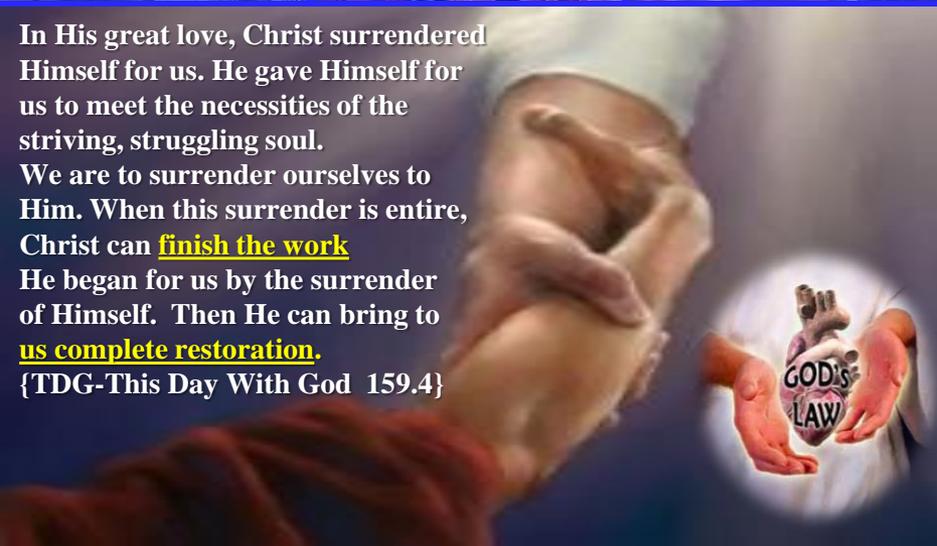
They felt that heaven was very near, and that the words to which they listened were a message to them from their heavenly Father.

{DA 664.3}

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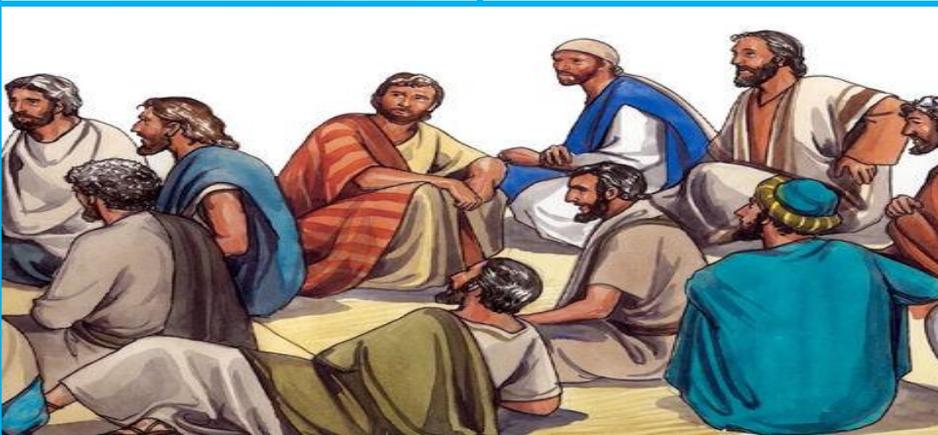
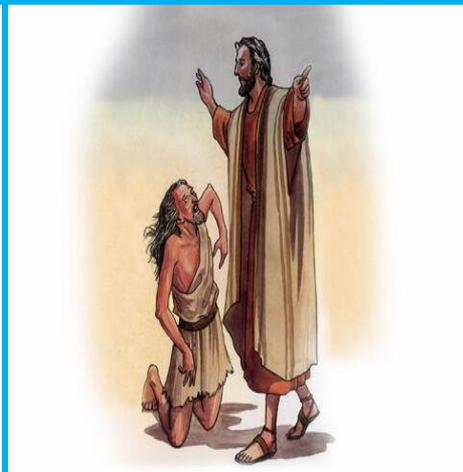
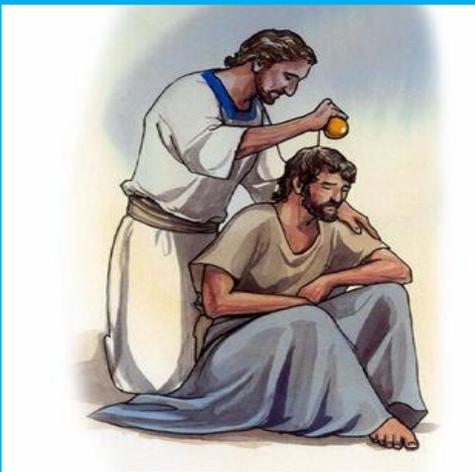
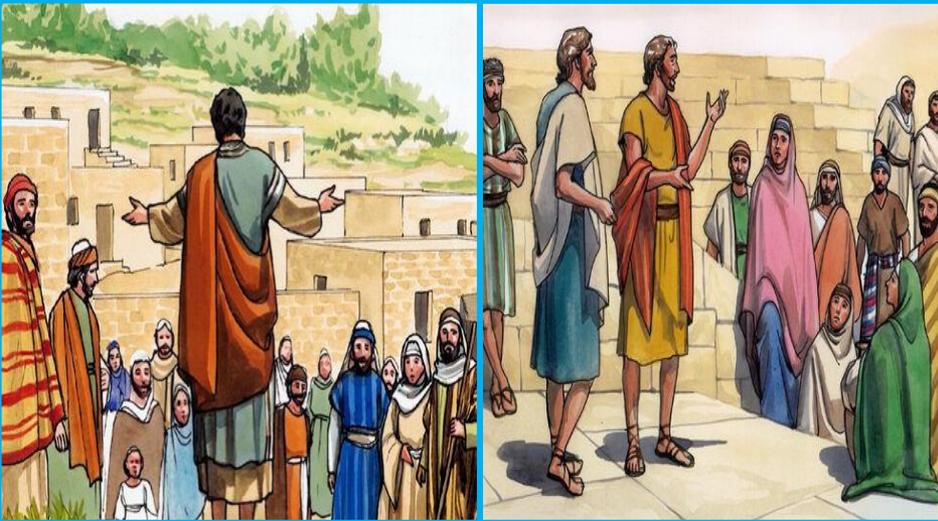
“Verily, verily,
I say unto you,”
Christ continued,
“He that believeth on Me,
the works that I do
shall he do also.”

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}

The Desire of Ages, p.664



**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 consider this verse for our
Review Section! Taking from
1 Peter 3:15 (KJV)*

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and [be] ready always to [give] an answer
to every man that asketh you a reason
of the hope that is in you
with meekness and fear:*

What I Have



Learned and Ways I

Have Grown



These questions were reserved from last Sabbath for your reading comprehension and we will review them today!

1. Who is the main character (s)?
2. What is the main idea for this section of our story?
3. Where did the story take place?
4. When did the story begin?
5. How could you relate to the story?
6. What did you learn from this lesson?

(Please dear ones, write your answers in your own words.)



If you know the answers to these questions,
Please unmute your mic dear one!



Please, raise your hand dear ones!

Share Your Thoughts

*Or Favorite
Poems*



*Sharing a Thought taking from
R.H. - The Review and Herald*

Christ gave to His disciples truths whose breadth and depth and value they little appreciated, or even comprehended, and the same condition exists among the people of God today.

We too have failed to take in the greatness, to perceive the beauty of the truth which God has entrusted to us today. Should we advance in spiritual knowledge, we would see the truth developing and expanding in lines of which we have little dreamed,

but it will never develop in any line that will lead us to imagine that we may know the times and the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power. Again and again have I been warned in regard to time-setting. There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time.

We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ (RH - The Review and Herald March 22, 1892).



“My Heart’s Prayer”

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1). Father in Heaven hear me pray,
And keep me in the narrow way;
Cleanse me, dear Lord, from every stain,
And make me pure, O! make me clean.

3). Help me from stupor to awake
Open my heart ere ‘tis too late,
To realize the solemn hour
In which I live, and Satan’s power.

2). Help me to tread the narrow way,
And guide me that I may not stray;
Help that the light which I possess,
May shine in action, word, and dress.

4). Help me to buy the gold that’s bright
The robe which is so pure and white;
The ointment to my eyes apply,
That I may see, and self deny.

5). Help me that I at last may stand
Among that throng, who, harp in hand
Will fill the air with music sweet,
As they march up each golden street.

My Testimony

Everyone Has a Story

Share Yours!

Next Week:

*We will continue with part 3
of our lesson entitled,
“**Let Not Your Heart Be
Troubled**”*

*in our study book
The Desire of Ages*



Closing Prayer –

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

God bless

Chapter 73

*“Let Not Your Heart
Be Troubled”*

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Have a Blessed and Peaceful Sabbath!

Our God Reigns



Do Good to Everyone

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10

