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The Faithfulness of God

In His parable of the Lost Sheep, Jesus illustrates very clearly the truth that He cares for each one of us. With Him every one is of value. Christians at times are troubled with thoughts of self-disparagement and various doubts. These are obviously without foundation. The Good Shepherd is mindful of all their needs and perplexities. He watches over them even when they stray away from His fold. After a while He persuades them by His Holy Spirit that they have been weighed in the scales and have been found wanting; He convinces them of their sin, of their miserable failure in their temporal and spiritual life, and leads them back to the only hope and anchor of faith, His own Word and promise. After they have utterly despaired of their own ability to do anything toward their salvation, when they feel very weak and distrustful of themselves, He leads them on the right road to salvation; He assures them that they have nothing to do with the task or problem of conquering their enemies and that they need merely to trust Him. "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," Zech. 4:6. He commands dead souls to live, and His will is realized in man through His means of grace, the Word and the Sacraments.

Thus He is mindful of all His sheep even when they become too absorbed in the pursuits of this life and when they wander into spiritual dangers or become ensnared by worldly enjoyments. The Good Shepherd then calls them back to the fold. He creates in their hearts a restlessness and dissatisfaction with the pleasures of the wicked world and finally leads them back to Himself where weary sin-

ners find rest for their souls. Thus He makes them more than conquerors.

Let us never forsake His Word and Sacraments; for to these means of grace He has attached His power of salvation. O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed Are All Believers

In our Catechism Studies we have finished the Creed. We have learned that every word of it is the teaching of the Bible. If you know the Creed, you know what the Bible teaches in all things from the beginning of the world unto the end of it, yes, also after that. The second part of our Catechism begins with the creation of the world and ends with life everlasting. If you have faithfully studied the studies in the Creed with us, then surely you are well grounded in Christian teachings, and you will not be deceived by the many false teachings of today. May God grant it!

Believers Pray

In Acts 9:11 we read: "And the Lord said unto Ananias, Arise and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus; for, behold, he prayeth." What had happened to Saul? He had become a Christian, and then he prayed. When a child is born into the world, it sends forth a cry; likewise when a man is born again and comes to faith, he begins to pray.

Believers Pray to God Only

To whom should we pray? May we offer prayer to any so-called Higher Being? Some people think so. In lodge meetings people

often pray to the Great Architect, the Father of All, etc. Others pray to saints, as St. Peter, St. Joseph, and others. In all this we see the devil's work. He does not want us to pray to the true God. They who do not pray to this God worship devils. We should pray to no one else than the one true God. When the devil wanted Jesus to fall down and worship him, our Lord answered: "It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord, thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve," Matt. 4:10. To the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to Him only should we pray.

Do You Pray?

You pray if you are a believer in Jesus Christ. He Himself gives us a good example. Often He prayed to His heavenly Father. Yes, Luke 6:12 we read: "He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." Follow His example who loved you and gave Himself for you! J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for October

Bible-Lesson: Acts 3:8-12

"And he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered with them into the Temple, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this, or why look ye earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?"

It was an unfortunate, completely lame man about whom we learned in the beginning of this chapter. However, we learn from today's lesson that he is now a changed man. The third and the fifth word of the eighth verse inform us that he can *stand*, and he can walk, and he can *leap* for joy. The lesson moreover, contains the wonderful truth that this man was *thankful*. He did not forget Him to whom he owed his health. The text says twice, "He praised God." This lame man was more thankful than the nine lepers who not so much as returned to thank Jesus for their

health (Luke 17:11-19). This man not only spoke the words of thanks. He also *showed thanks with his actions*. He walked with the disciples into the Temple. We repeat that this man's thankfulness is a *lesson* to us. For many acquaintances the last few years of defense projects have been a great benefit. Oh, how many there are who three and four years ago could find no employment. Lately, however, they have not only had the opportunity to help our dear country make weapons of defense and other materials, but also wages have been better. Better living became possible. The question is: "How many have followed the example of the man in our text and have gone to *the house of the Lord to thank Him and praise Him*?" Or have some perhaps in the last months entirely forgotten God and their duties to Him? May our lesson admonish more and more of us to thank the Lord for all His blessings. Eph. 5:20.

The healed man wanted to *learn* more about Jesus from the Apostles. Verse 11 tells us that he "held Peter and John"; that is, he stayed close to them, so that he could hear all that they would say. He was now in a very fine place—Solomon's porch of the Temple. This was the same as an inner court in the Temple area, which had no roof, and where Jesus once had taught. A large audience had assembled. They were amazed (surprised) and happy. Peter and John, however, could see that the audience still had to learn *who alone it is that performs miracles*. A. E. F.

There's Only One Way to Rear a Family

"Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Dwight Hillis conducted the funeral of a beautiful girl who had been killed in an automobile accident on the Lord's Day, while out for pleasure. As the father bade good-by to the loved form, he turned to his friends and said in choking voice: "We have spent our Sundays playing golf or automobiling. Our children have followed our example and have outstripped us. My son has disgraced me; my daughter is dead. I tell you there is only one way to rear a family, and that is in the Sunday school and the church. I know what I am talking about." — *The United Presbyterian*.

The Minister

He's just an average minister. Works no longer hours, perhaps, than a lot of men and women engaged in other lines of endeavor. But it is the variety and range of interests that wears away his nervous energy. His interests must travel the whole line of human interests, a marriage, a newly made grave, a dinner party, a wayward boy, a fallen woman, an unsuccessful business adventure, a wasted life, a synodical program for raising money, somebody's long tongue, somebody's hurt feelings, a committee meeting, Sunday's services, with a sermon or two to prepare, hours of instruction, and obligations in his own home. He must deal with the whole catalog of human emotions—doubt, fear, jealousy, love, hate, hope, ambition, pain, sorrow, scorn, pride, vanity, shame. He meets them all. They draw on his soul. Truly it is a life filled with wondrous things. It is nevertheless a strenuous life. It saps one's strength. It sometimes makes nerves ragged. But there is nothing that will sustain a minister in his work like the prayers of the people he seeks to serve.

Selected

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Cleveland, Ohio.—On June 6 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Townsend were received as members in our service for lip readers and hard of hearing. In this service also their son Marvin Lee Townsend was baptized, which was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson.—On June 13 Elizabeth Bolton was confirmed in our service for the Cleveland colored deaf.—On June 20, at Findlay, Ohio, Mrs. Vernice Weitz was baptized, and

received as a member, together with Miss Irene Meiner.—In our Cleveland service on June 27 Mrs. Estella Mohan, Miss Elinor Ilse, and Mr. Frank Cassese were received as full members. May all these new members keep their promise to remain true to God and the Church, especially to abide in the faith of Jesus.

On August 7, Miss Lenna Mae Carpenter was married to Alfred Clauss in our Cleveland church, the maid of honor having been Miss Elsie Clauss and the best man Mr. Frank Hren. We wish the newly married couple God's blessings for a good life on earth and for eternal life in heaven.

Mr. Herbert Rohe, student preacher for the deaf, has arrived in Cleveland. We wish him great blessings of God for the benefit of many deaf. He will preach and teach chiefly in our New York and Pennsylvania stations, but will also help out in Ohio, where we hope to expand and preach in several new cities.

T. FREDERKING

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—In the Calumet District, adjoining Chicago, in the suburbs of Whiting, Indiana Harbor, East Chicago, Calumet City, Hammond, and Black Oak, we meet with four separate groups of deaf, blind, deaf-blind, and otherwise handicapped persons. Some deaf have recently moved into this District from Missouri, Illinois, and other States to seek employment in the local war industries. We now have 43 on our list, whom we serve at regular intervals in these suburbs.

A blind friend living in England sent us this message: "With pleasure I write to thank you for your most welcome magazine. It is like a godsend to me; the reading really does my heart good. God bless you."

In the past 8 years Mr. and Mrs. Max Hauser (picture on next page) have opened the doors of their home to the deaf for Bible classes in Hartford, Mich., and surrounding territory.

One of our pastors in New York State informed us of the death of one of our readers and added, "I want to tell you that the good soul received very much satisfaction, happiness, and comfort out of your magazine. She would read and reread it with great interest."

O. C. S.

New York City.—On June 6 another fine class came before the altar of their Lord to pledge faithfulness until death. May the Lord of the Church keep these new members in true faith, making them willing to accept His will as their will, and finally grant them their eternal reward in heaven.

August 29 was the day for the annual picnic of St. Matthew's. The congregation accepted



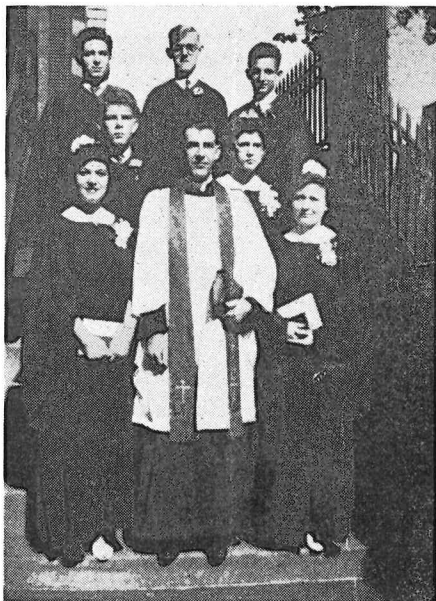
Mr. Leslie Campbell
La Fayette, Ind.

Though handicapped in many ways, he has never missed one of our services in that city



Cleveland Deaf After a Service

the invitation to spend the day on the lovely grounds of Bethlehem Orphans' Home. The tour through the buildings was very impressive, and the deaf showed their appreciation for the fine work the home is doing by making a very nice donation toward the work. Superintendent



Class Confirmed by Rev. F. Possehl
on June 6, 1943

First row l. to r.: Mrs. Philip Topfer, Rev. Floyd Possehl, Mrs. John Breden. Second row l. to r.: William Stoltz, Irene Bertha. Third row l. to r.: Richard Downs, William Anderson, Philip Donnelly

ent and Mrs. Wind arranged to have a very tasty lunch served to all the deaf, which was appreciated very much. Already the deaf are looking forward to the next opportunity we may have to visit the home again. F. P.



Mr. and Mrs. Max Hauser and Daughter
Hartford, Mich.

Minneapolis Mission.—Roy Gilbert Young of Minneapolis, a member of our classes in the Faribault School, was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of all his sins in Grace Chapel on Sunday, September 5. May our good Lord and Savior keep him in His grace unto life everlasting! J. L. S.

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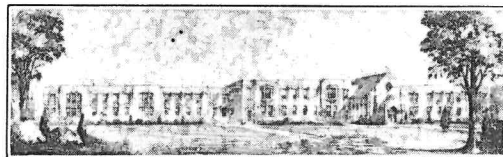
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