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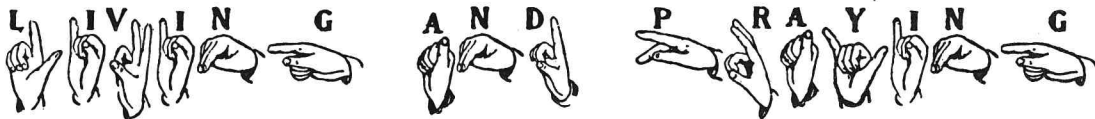
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Living and Praying.

I knelt to pray when day was done
And prayed, "O Lord, bless every one,
Lift from each saddened heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again."
And then I woke another day
And carelessly went on my way.
The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye;
I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on my road;
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me.
Yet once again when day was done,
I prayed, "O Lord, bless every one."
But as I prayed, into my ear
There came a voice that whispered clear:
"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray;
Whom have you tried to bless to-day?
God's sweetest blessings always go
By hands that serve Him here below."
And then I hid my face and cried,
"Forgive me, God, for I have lied;
Let me but see another day,
And I will live the way I pray."

Selected.

The Heart.

While the Bible has a great deal to say about the mind of man, yet its chief concern is with the heart. Experience teaches that the mere training of the mind does not make a man better. A man may be the brightest, but also the meanest of mankind. If he lacks honesty and a good heart, he may use his knowledge to destroy rather than to build. In the Holy Scriptures we read these words of wisdom: "Keep thy heart with all diligence;

for out of it are the issues of life," Prov. 4, 23. Training the heart in the ways of God makes a man both good and great. Solomon says: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," Prov. 23, 7. If the heart is full of good intentions, it is easy to speak well and to do good. If, on the other hand, the heart is a nest of evil, wickedness is the natural outcome.

Many drill their mind in knowledge and train their hands to trades, but neglect to develop the heart and permit it to go its own way. This makes them selfish and unhappy. A gentle spirit, a forgiving soul, a kind, generous mind, and true happiness cannot grow in the soil of selfishness. Because some allow their heart to become narrow, their interest in God and man grows cold. The richest man in the world becomes a mere beggar when greed and selfishness take possession of him. Knowledge, unbounded wealth, a mighty brain, are not as necessary to true happiness as a generous spirit. St. Paul tells us: "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing," 1 Cor. 13, 3.

Let us ask God daily to make us tender in spirit. Let us exercise our heart in doing good. Let us think of God's many undeserved blessings to us. Let us lead a life of obedience to Him in gratitude for His gifts. Then we shall feel deeply the spiritual bondage and misery of the unsaved, and we shall be eager to help them to a knowledge of Jesus Christ, the one and only Savior of mankind. We can do this best by leading a godly life and by

working with and through the Church, which preaches the Gospel of life, happiness, and salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. May we take an ever-increasing interest in the bodily and spiritual welfare of our fellow-men to the glory of Christ!

O. C. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain."

What does this mean?

"We should fear and love God that we may not curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie or deceive by His name —."

If we fear and love God, we shall neither curse nor in a forbidden manner swear by God's name. This was learned in our last study. Now our Catechism goes on and tells us that from fear and love of God we should also not use witchcraft nor lie or deceive by His name.

"Use Witchcraft."

What is witchcraft? This word is made up of the words witch and craft. According to the Bible a witch is a woman who has dealings with evil spirits, and craft is a trade, or work. Witchcraft therefore is a working with the devil in order to do seemingly wonderful things, as the witch of Endor did, to whom King Saul went for help, 1 Sam. 28. To use witchcraft therefore is to go to witches, or mediums, to fortune-tellers or those who say they can communicate with the dead or to those who do things like these. They often use God's name or Word to do things that man of his own power cannot do, although we have neither a command nor a promise of God for it, and so take God's name in vain. God tells us that all that do these things are an abomination unto Him, something that He hates, as we read in Deut. 18, 10—12. Oh, let us beware lest also we become an abomination unto the Lord!

"Lie or Deceive by His Name."

This a man does if he teaches or preaches his own thoughts, or ideas, or wisdom, saying, "The Lord saith." So many in the world to-day come with their word and wisdom and also use God's Word, falsely, however, as did the devil when he tempted Christ, Matt. 4, 6, and so deceive people with their false teachings. Therefore Jesus warns

us: "Beware of false prophets," Matt. 7, 15. Let us be careful lest we be deceived by these false teachers. Again, so many lie or deceive by God's name, as do the hypocrites, people who draw nigh unto God with their mouths and honor Him with their lips, but whose hearts are far from Him, Matt. 15, 8. Judas came near to the Lord Jesus, saying, "Master," and kissed Him; but in his heart were deceit and wickedness. People often say, "Lord, Lord," but they are not doing the will of the Father in heaven, Matt. 7, 22. This is using God's name in vain. Friend, we may deceive people, but we cannot deceive the Lord, our God. Jesus knew the wicked plans in the heart of Judas; for He said to him: "Friend, betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss?"

Trust Only in the Name of Jesus.

Let us not trust in witchcraft, but in the name of Jesus, which alone is our help and hiding-place in this vale of tears. Let us abide in the true Word of Jesus, which alone can save our souls, and also worship Him in spirit and in truth. May God grant this for Jesus' sake!

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Bible-Study for July.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," Mark 16, 15.

Bible-Lesson: Mark 5, 18—21.

"And when He was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed Him that he might be with Him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him. And all men did marvel."

Jesus had come to the country of the Gadarenes to bring to the inhabitants the message of salvation. By healing the man possessed with devils, He showed Himself to be the Savior. When the people saw, however, that their herd of swine had been drowned in the sea, they begged Jesus to leave their country. How blind they were! They rejected the Savior, who had come to save them.

So Jesus returned to the ship to leave their country. As Jesus prepared to leave, the man who had been possessed with devils begged Him to take

him with Him that he might become His disciple and follow Him on His journeys.

Jesus did not suffer (permit) the man to go with Him. He had other plans for the man. He had work for him to do in his own city and country. These people had begged Jesus to leave them; but Jesus still wanted them to have an opportunity to learn to know Him as their Savior. Therefore He said to the man whom He had healed, "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee and hath had compassion [pity] on thee." He should tell his friends how Jesus had helped him and that Jesus came to free them also from the power of Satan and sin and to open the doors of heaven for them. In this way he could do more for the kingdom of God than if he followed Jesus on His journeys.

And since this man now loved Jesus in true faith, he gladly obeyed the word of Jesus. He began to publish (preach) in Decapolis, a district containing ten cities, what Jesus had done for him. Through his preaching all the people in these cities were given an opportunity to learn about their Savior.

Jesus has saved us from the power of sin and death and the devil by His suffering and death, and He wants us to tell our friends about the salvation which He offers to all. Preach the Gospel to every creature, He says. Do you gladly obey Him and do what He asks you to do? Let us go and tell all the world what Jesus has done, so that many will come with us to the cross of Jesus and be saved by Him.

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, Thou hast done great things for me and hast saved me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil. Make me willing through Thy Holy Spirit to go and tell all people about Thy great love that many more will believe in Thee and be saved. Amen.

E. EN.

An Unburnable Promise.

Among the curiosities of the Bank of England may be seen some ashes, the remains of some banknotes that were burned in the great fire of Chicago. After the fire they were found and carefully brought to the bank. After applying chemical tests, the numbers and value were ascertained, and the Bank of England paid the money to the owners.

If a human promise can be worth so much, how much more precious is the promise of God!

Notice.

Many of our deaf friends throughout the country will visit Kansas City this summer. Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf cordially invites all visitors to worship with us. Our services are held at 10.30 A. M. every Sunday in the Y. M. C. A., 10th and Oak sts., Room 203, within walking distance of all down-town hotels. A. E. FERBER.

IN THE MORNING MAIL.

Omaha Mission.— "I will renounce [disown] the devil and all his works and all his ways, and I will remain true and faithful to the one and only Triune God unto death." This was the solemn promise made by ten pupils of the Council Bluffs and Omaha schools at the two confirmation services held on May 19 and June 2, respectively.

The services at Council Bluffs were held at the beautiful St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Rev. M. H. Mueller, pastor). About twenty members of this congregation and also a number of pupils from the Iowa school attended. After the confirmation service this class of five, and six who were confirmed in former years, partook of the Lord's Supper. Those confirmed at Council Bluffs were: Marie Van Der Broek, Orange City, Iowa; Arlene Goeke, Postville, Iowa; Arrahwanna Roberts, Eldon, Iowa; Francis Deitsch, Burlington, Iowa; Verne Sallade, Newton, Iowa.

The Omaha confirmation was held in Immanuel Lutheran Church, the usual meeting-place of our Omaha deaf. Many deaf and hearing friends were present, including pupils and teachers from the school. Those confirmed were: Emma Rentschler, Atkinson, Nebr.; Ruth Schulz, Pilger, Nebr.; Alfred Beckner, Bristow, Nebr.; Kenneth Cunningham, Petersburg, Nebr.; Robert Smith, Blair, Nebr. These pupils and twelve other confirmed pupils received Holy Communion in a special service conducted on the following Tuesday.

May the Lord keep all of these new members of His Church in the true faith in their Savior until death!

After our services at Yankton, S. Dak., on May 26, the pastor visited a deaf-mute patient, Mr. Royal Lampe, at the South Dakota State Hospital. Mr. Lampe was very happy to see us and to have us talk to him about Jesus.

At the service in Yankton that afternoon the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sylliaassen, Wannita Jocie, was brought to Jesus by Holy Baptism. Five deaf also received the Lord's Supper.

At the morning service on May 19 our Omaha congregation was invited to worship with Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Rev. P. E. Rohlfing, pastor). The entire service was interpreted for the deaf, and the special collection taken was turned over to our building fund. Members of Holy Cross Congregation furnished cars to convey twenty-five pupils from the Omaha school to the church. We appreciate this kindness, and we are glad to hear that the voters of Holy Cross intend to

make this an annual affair. Such a service gives our hearing friends a true insight into our mission-work and creates a feeling of warm friendship between our deaf and hearing Lutherans.

On June 5 Mr. Thomas McManus of Auburn, Nebr., and Miss Clara Rippe of Dunbar, Nebr., were united in holy wedlock at the parsonage. We wish them God's blessing and much joy in their married life.

Cleveland Mission.—Rev. Borchardt conducted the Lord's Supper services in the school library in June. Only the upper classes attended. Mr. Young, Mr. Riddlebaugh, and Miss Schmidt were present.

There will be no more services until the school opens again in fall. But Rev. Borchardt will arrange to come each month during this summer. Send him your name and address, and he will let you know when and where to meet for the services.

Please remember that we still have some alphabet cards and mats for sale. We hope to sell them all out before the school closes so we can order a new supply next fall. See Mr. Anderson.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Zorn for their willingness to chaperon us at the picnic last Sunday. Our class is very large, and it would have been difficult for Mr. Anderson to look after us alone. We do hope Mr. and Mrs. Zorn will be able to be with us again next year.

We also want to thank Mr. Abernathy for his kind guidance in our work the past year and Mrs. Anderson and Miss King for their generous prize donations.

More new pupils will join us next fall, and we hope to secure more teachers also.—*Ohio Chronicle.*

Milwaukee Mission.—June 2, 1935, was a happy day at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf. Five children and one elderly lady had been instructed in Milwaukee, and these six joined the class at the Lutheran church at Delavan on that day, making the class reach the twenty mark. However, one kind mother requested that her son take another year of instruction, and one of the boys came down with the measles a few days before confirmation, leaving a class of eighteen. This boy will be confirmed in his home church at Wilton, Wis., near Sparta, June 23, at 8 P. M. The service at Delavan was conducted for the hearing and for the deaf. Four of the children were baptized in the presence of the congregation.—This week the children will leave for their homes in various parts of the State. As far as can be determined at this time, the work at the school will be resumed September 8.—May the Lord in His mercy bless His Word greatly among these deaf children!

F. C. GADE.

Minneapolis Mission.—John Dorsch, who many years ago attended our services in Winona and then for almost ten years was a regular attendant at our services in the Fergus Falls State Hospital, passed away on April 20 after an illness of several months. The pastor visited him on the 11th. He knew the Lord Jesus and His salvation and trusted in Him. We therefore hope that he is now with Christ, who died to save sinners. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," Rev. 14, 13.

June 7 we confirmed Robert Norbeck, a member of

our oral class, who attended the Minneapolis School for the Deaf. His folks had come from Redfield, S. Dak., to take him back with them, and so he could not stay until June 16, when the other members of the class will be confirmed. He intends to attend school at Vermilion, S. Dak., next year and will go to Rev. Mappes's services at Sioux Falls occasionally. May God keep him in Christ Jesus unto the end!

J. L. S.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—A blind prisoner in one of the nation's penitentiaries recently thanked us for our magazines and said he was convinced that the reading of this Christian literature would be the turning-point in his life. May God grant it!

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