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## What You Will Not Be Sorry For.

- For hearing before judging.
- For thinking before speaking.
- For holding an angry tongue.
- For stopping the ear to a tale-bearer.
- For being kind to the distressed.
- For being patient with all.
- For speaking evil of no man.
- For doing good to all men.
- For walking uprightly before God.
- For lending to the Lord.
- For laying up treasure in heaven.
- For asking pardon for all wrongs.
- For being courteous to all.

*El Paso Trestleboard.*

## Saved to Serve.

The story is told of a poor widow who saved the lives of many passengers on a train in the mountains of West Virginia by warning the engineer that a bridge had been washed out by the floods. The woman gathered her scanty furniture together on a pile on the railroad track and set fire to it. Her daughter, holding in her hand a blazing pine-knot torch, ran up the track, waving it wildly. The engineer saw the danger-signals and brought the train to a stop at the verge of the raging waters.

Christians everywhere to-day may serve their fellow-men in a like manner by telling them of the danger of sin and of its power to blacken and destroy the soul. It is true, we should also feed and clothe the poor in the name of Jesus. The Savior Himself always gave aid to the body in need. He healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, and made the lame to walk; but He never healed the body without trying to cure the soul. We, too, must try to reach the soul. Further-

more, we have no promise of reward for our service unless it is rendered from a heart of love in the name of Jesus. Likewise, a true believer is not looking for an easy place in this life. He is willing to sacrifice and to suffer that he may bring to sinners the message of life and salvation. He knows that bodily help, education, and learning alone win no souls for Christ.

Do you sincerely believe that the unbelieving world, all unrepentant sinners, are in danger of losing their soul? Do you really believe that everybody who does not receive Jesus is hopelessly, helplessly, and everlastingly lost? If you do, how can you live next to your unchurched neighbor for years or work with him in an office or in a shop and never mention to him Christ's Gospel of saving grace?

The world to-day needs the power of Christ's blood to cleanse it from sin. Many have never heard the saving Gospel. Others have turned from the living God to worship idols, such as success, pleasure, and money. Jesus tells us: "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations," Luke 24, 46. 47.

Ministers of the Gospel are always seeking new members for their Bible classes and churches. We have been saved to serve. Let us assist the pastors in winning new members. Let us grow ever more zealous in our service to God and our fellow-men to the glory of Jesus, our blessed Redeemer.

O. C. S.

A MAN may not be able to do the work of some other man, but he can do his own work, and that is all that is required. — *Hamilton W. Mabie.*

## Studies in Luther's Catechism.

### THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

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

Last month we learned that we honor or glorify God's holy name if we "call upon it in every trouble, pray," and then our Catechism tells us furthermore to "praise and give thanks."

#### "Praise."

We praise a person when we speak well of him. We praise our parents, who have done so much for us; we praise our teachers, who have taught us; we praise our friends, who have been kind to us. But above all we should praise the Lord, our God, who has bestowed so many blessings upon us. He has made us, given us body and soul, eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses, and still preserves them; He has sent His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and given Him into that shameful death on the cross for our sins; He has furthermore given His Holy Spirit to bring us to Jesus and to keep us with Him unto the end. Oh, who can count all the blessings which the good Lord has poured out upon us? With David we therefore ought to say: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name," Ps. 103, 1; and again: "While I live, will I praise the Lord; I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being," Ps. 146, 2. But, Christian friend, do we praise the Lord for all His goodness? Very, very little, if at all. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" Ps. 107, 8. Let us ask God to forgive us. And may we now praise Him always!

#### "Give Thanks."

Children so often forget to say, "Thank you," and therefore parents again and again must urge their children to do so. We ought not to forget to render thanks unto our God for the daily blessings which flow from Him, and above all we ought to thank Him for Jesus Christ, the "unspeakable Gift." But we, the children of God, thank Him so very little. So many good things we receive from Him every day, and not a word of thanks from many a child of God. If a friend gives us a little gift, we thank him again and again; but God, who daily loads us with benefits, receives but little thanks. Often we are like the nine lepers

who were healed and did not return to give thanks to God. Therefore Jesus often must ask as He did then: "Where are the nine?" And the Bible again and again urges us to give thanks to God, saying: "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good, because His mercy endureth forever," Ps. 118, 1. Let us pray God to forgive us our unthankfulness for Jesus' sake. And may we in future ever come before Him with thanksgiving!

God grant that "we fear and love Him that we may not curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks," and may thus God's name be glorified among us!

J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE.

### Bible-Study for September.

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life."*

*John 11, 25.*

Bible-Lesson: Mark 5, 35—43.

"While He yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagog's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead; why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He saith unto the ruler of the synagog, Be not afraid, only believe. And He suffered no man to follow Him save Peter and James and John, the brother of James. And He cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagog and seeth the tumult and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when He was come in, He saith unto them, Why make ye this ado and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. But when He had put them all out, He taketh the father and the mother of the damsel and them that were with Him and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And He took the damsel by the hand and said unto her, Talitha, cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. And He charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat."

While Jesus was speaking to the woman whom He had healed from her sickness, messengers from the house of Jairus arrived to tell him that his daughter was dead. What sad, yea, crushing news for the father! He had come to Jesus to ask Him to heal his sick daughter, and now she was dead. The messengers believed that now it was too late

for Jesus to help and told Jairus not to trouble Him any longer. There was danger that Jairus would listen to the words of the messengers and lose his faith in Jesus, and therefore Jesus told him, Fear not; only believe. It is never too late for Jesus to help, not even when death comes upon us or our loved ones. Jesus has broken the power of death, so that we need fear it no more.

Jesus continued His journey with Jairus, but suffered (allowed) no man to follow Him save (except) Peter and James and John. When He arrived at the house and saw the tumult (many people making a noise) and the people who had been engaged to weep and mourn over the dead girl, He said to them, Why make ye this ado (noise) and weep? The damsel (little girl) is not dead, but sleepeth. In the eyes of Jesus, death is nothing more than sleep. The people knew, however, that the little girl was dead, and therefore they laughed at Jesus' words. And so they were not permitted to see the great miracle which Jesus was about to perform; for He sent them all out of the house; only the father and the mother of the little girl and the three disciples Peter, James, and John were permitted to remain in the room where the dead girl lay. Then Jesus took her by the hand and said, "Talitha, cumi"; which means, "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise." At His command she at once opened her eyes, arose, and walked. By the almighty power of Jesus she had been restored to life.

Jesus has broken the power of death, and therefore for every believer death is merely a sleep, from which the Lord will raise him on the Last Day. By His almighty power He will awaken all that died in the faith in Him and take them to Himself in heaven. Do you trust in this Savior? He says to you: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

*Prayer:* O eternal God, the Lord of life and death, grant that, when our last hour is at hand, we may trust only in Thee, who by Thy blood hast redeemed us from sin, death, and hell, and thus pass from death into life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

E. EN.

"MANY in the service of Satan pray for God's blessing as though God would bless the devil's work!"

## Television will Be a Boon to the Deaf.

Marconi says that television is much nearer than we think.

If this will make it possible for men and women interested in the education and welfare of deaf, ministers and deaf persons of note, to broadcast lectures, talks, declamations, etc., by means of the sign-language, what a boon it would be to the deaf! Also, there may be games of hockey, football, baseball, and scenes in other parts of the earth they would like to see.

Would it not be an aid to schools in the teaching of geography, show the pupils how the workers in great industrial plants carry on, or bring before them the beauty spots of the country, the big fairs, or give them an aerial ride over the earth?

And all this could be shown in one's own home or in the school auditorium. The pictures will always be up to date, too.—*Manitoba Echo*.

## Man's Words — and God's.

I have been and am suffering from untruthful and unjust charges, but it is bringing great blessings to me. It is keeping me at the Throne of Grace, whereas, if everything were going smoothly, I might, as I often have done, forget to pray. It is keeping me in closer touch with God's Word and is leading me to search out, and put to the test, His great and precious promises. I cannot express the comfort I enjoy in these, even in the midst of sore trials. I hear Him say from Is. 41, 10: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee. Be not dismayed; for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." — *A Canadian Christian*.

## IN THE MORNING MAIL.

*Detroit Mission.*—Last spring two pupils of our Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit were baptized in the chapel of the school by your missionary. They were Sarah Hones, born at Henrietta, Okla., February 19, 1919, and June Marie Weinmann, the baby at our school, born June 3, 1932, at Ann Arbor.

Three other pupils of our school have left our Detroit congregation since they have graduated. They are Vahntee Berry of Fulton, Ky., Helen Bogenpohl of Rockwood, Ill., and Christel Erdman of Chicago. We wish them God's blessings in their future life. We shall surely miss them at our services next year.

We were glad to see such a large number of our

members and their friends present at the sixty-first annual festival of our Lutheran School for the Deaf on June 16. Both the morning and the afternoon services were interpreted for the deaf. On the following Sunday, June 23, we were privileged to take part in the ground-breaking ceremony for a girls' dormitory at our school.

When in Jackson, Mich., in May, we learned of the death of Mr. Hiram Chesebro, eighty-four years old, who had lived at the county home for the last few years and there had always greatly appreciated our visits.

On May 31 Clarence Wilson and Winifred Marsh, who are both faithful attendants of our Rochester services, and on June 22 Frank Soitz and Edith Elliott, both members of Our Savior Church of Detroit, were married in Elba, N. Y., and Detroit, respectively. We wish both couples a long, happy, and blessed married life.

In Western New York we also had the privilege of welcoming four of our deaf friends into membership on July 2 in a special service for both hearing and deaf in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, the Rev. Herbert E. Plehn, pastor. The four are: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Heinz and Miss Sophia Rose of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Bethel Meyers of North Tonawanda, N. Y. May the Holy Spirit keep all in the true faith until the end and give them the crown of eternal life for Jesus' sake!

Mrs. E. Pischke of South Bend, Ind., has been with us again for a number of weeks. We are sorry to learn that she does not intend to make Detroit her permanent home, at least not for the present. Mrs. Carl Feet is also again with us after several years' absence in Evanston, Ill. We are indeed glad to have her back with us.

We are pleased to learn of the decision of several of our friends, Edw. Lehmann of Toledo, O., Alfred Neumann and his sister, Mrs. Alma Jacks of Detroit, and Norman Maeder of Roseville, Mich., to take up the study of the Catechism preparatory to confirmation.

E. J. S.

*Minneapolis Mission.*— July 18 we laid to rest the body of another member of Grace Congregation, Mr. Herman Mellerke. He had been a member of our mission for many years. First he attended our services in Stillwater and then moved to Minneapolis, where he had obtained steady work. For several years he had been ailing, and on July 15 he closed his eyes trusting in our Savior, and now, we confidently hope, he is with Christ. June 30 he once more partook of the Lord's Supper. He was always very attentive when we spoke to him of Jesus. He died at the age of 72 years, 3 months, and 21 days. Jesus says: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," John 11, 25.

J. L. S.

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*— Among many others the following letter was received recently from a reader of the *Lutheran Herald*, Moon type: "I would like to write and thank you very much for sending me the Lutheran papers and to tell you how very much I enjoy reading them. They have been a very great blessing to me. I have passed all of them but the last one on to blind friends, and I trust they will be made a great blessing to them. I am one of those who are shut in,

not able to get out much and never to any place of worship. It is very kind indeed of you to send those papers, and I can assure you I thoroughly appreciate them. May God bless you and prosper your work!

"I remain yours,

"Very respectfully,

"A. E." (Hull, England.)

We wish herewith to acknowledge receipt of \$5 from Mrs. M. Kirchner, Oakland, Cal., and \$1 from a fellow-Christian in Milwaukee for our work among the deaf and the blind. Many thanks to the kind donors!

O. C. S.

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