

TIP ON WITNESSING TO MUSLIMS: "During Ramadan I was questioned several times a day as to why I was eating during the day, a forceful, almost condemning kind of questioning (see 'The Fan' 626:17a). Then the Lord reminded me how in a book I was reading about Mohammed it mentioned that it says in the Koran that the members of the 3 major religions shouldn't dispute, since God is the final judge. The book gave the reference which I looked up (Sura 5:51,53). Reading a little bit more in that section (starting at phrase 47) I found something very useful (just like Psalm 119:42). From there up to phrase 53 it tells the Muslims that Jews should follow the Law of Moses, & Christians should follow 'the light of the Gospel' & that God would judge later on according to each party's respective book. In phrases 68-69 of Sura 5: 'If only the People of the Book (ie-Jews & Christians) had stood fast by the Law & the Gospel, they would have enjoyed happiness on every side.' (Like John 13:17!) This was exactly what I needed! Since finding this I have answered my accusers right out of their own book which has put them immediately to silence, even, I believe, a certain amount of respect. Plus, I can say with boldness, 'I am a Christian!' TTL!"

—Luke Change; Mideast. (Dad: It is the corrupters of the Koran who are running Islam today, just like the corrupters of the Bible are the ones running Christendom today.)

"OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FACT WE'D BEEN FAILING TO PAY OUR 10% for the past couple of months. We were doing exactly what Dad said not to do in 'God First'—paying our other bills first & leaving the leftovers for God. As you can imagine we soon had no leftovers & then not even enough for our needs. I guess we have learned the hard way thru' personal experience the truth that the Lord will not bless anything you do if you do not put Him first in all areas. Plus, it wasn't until I filled in this Report that I saw first-hand evidence of something else Dad said in that Letter—that whether or not you put God first in your economics is a good indication of whether you're putting Him first in the rest of your life. All the zeros on our Report force me to admit that we have been failing to put him first anywhere at all. Admitting it was tough for me but we have asked the Lord to forgive us, & beginning this month we'll be putting our 10% first before our other bills. Also we'll be making more of an effort to remove the zeros from our Report!" —Michael & Faith Legend

"GALILEE TOOK A REAL STEP OF FAITH & FF'ED MY FATHER! PTL! He was miraculously saved & filled & wants to serve Jesus, has even considered dropping out. He's 51 yrs. old & like a newborn babel TYL!" —Gabriel & Galilee; U.S.A.

"AS WE ARE REALLY BEGINNING TO OBEY THE LETTERS more diligently & continuing to pay full 10%, the Lord has answered by bountifully blessing. While on the road visiting sheep & litnessing, we picked up an instant drop-out disciple who's now living with us. Everywhere we went sweet people gave us food & shelter, & an old couple helped us fix up the interior of our camper to meet the winter cold. The Lord gave us 90 souls & new friends & many more are talking about Jesus!" —Melchizedek; Scandinavia.

"WE SUGGEST THAT EVERYONE KNOW AS MUCH AS THEY CAN ABOUT LOCAL LAWS concerning things such as papers for cars, foreigners etc. This could avoid lots of hassles with authorities which we have seen lately because of our lack of knowledge." —Stephen & Joy; Europe. (Amen!-D.)

"AFTER RECEIVING 'GOD FIRST' we decided to tithe on the money we had borrowed to get our caravan. We had previously intended to pay the Tithe on it as we

repayed the borrowed money, but the Lord did not bless our first decision. But since we tithed the whole amount at once the Lord has been pouring it on us financially & spiritually as we have greater peace about it now. So we found that putting 'God First' & His bill, really does work!" —Ben, Joan & Ruth.

"WE HAD A CAR ACCIDENT ONE NIGHT when it was snowing & a girl ran into us. TTL for His mercy that no one was seriously hurt. Now we have no car & Obi hasn't been able to work for the last 2 weeks due to whiplash. We learned many lessons about safety from it, like being sure to secure the kids in car seats & to drive slower in bad weather. But the biggest lesson came a few days later in the mail—'God First!' Things had been getting more & more complicated & we knew we weren't making enough progress towards our goal of going to S.A. Now our whole emphasis on finances has changed. Now our top priority is to God's Kingdom! It puts all other bills into proper perspective & brings more peace of mind, knowing if we put the Lord first He can take care of the rest of our needs. GB Mo & Maria!" —Obadiah & Sunlight; U.S.A.

Oldie Goldies!

MY TRUST

Lord, Thou hast given to me a trust,
A high and holy dispensation,
To tell the world, and tell I must,
The story of Thy great salvation;
Thou might'st have sent from heaven above
Angelic hosts to tell the story,
But in Thy condescending love,
On men Thou hast conferred the glory.

Thou hast commanded us to go,
O never let our hearts betray Thee;
And Thou hast left an awful woe,
On all who lightly disobey Thee;
O let us feel and fear that woe,
As we would guard our own salvation,
And let us answer to that "go",
As witnesses in every nation.

We all are debtors to our race;
God holds us bound to one another;
The gifts and blessings of His grace
Were given thee to give thy brother;
We owe to every child of sin
One chance, at least, for hope of heaven,
O by the love that brought us in,
Let help and hope to them be given.

Let me be faithful to my trust,
Telling the world the story,
Press on my heart the woe;
Put in my feet the go;
Let me be faithful to my trust,
And use me for Thy glory.

(From Grandfather's collection) —A. B. Simpson

NO STONES (First time published!)

Beside a clear and crystal pool
I quickly stooped one day
To grasp a stone I'd throw at one
Who'd "fallen by the way".
But, as I stooped, I saw myself
Reflected clearly there,
My inner self, my naked heart,
My very soul laid bare
Quickly I dropped the stone
I'd throw and hurried fast away.
And that's the reason why I have
NO STONES TO THROW TODAY.
—Grandmother.

JESUS IS COMING

"Be Thou Watchful"

"WATCH ye therefore and pray"
—Luke 21:36
"WATCH for ye know not on what
day the Lord cometh"
—Matt. 24:42
"WATCH and PRAY that ye enter
not into temptation"
—Matt. 26:41
"Let us not sleep, as do the rest, but
let us WATCH and be sober"
—1 Thess. 5:6
"Continue steadfastly in PRAYER,
WATCHING therein with thanks-
giving"
—Col. 4:2
"Blessed are those servants, whom,
when the Lord cometh he shall find
WATCHING"
—Luke 12:37
"WATCH ye, stand fast in the faith,
quit you like men, be strong"
—1 Cor. 16:13
"What I say unto you I say unto all,
WATCH!"
—Mark 13:37



(MO's Dad & Mom)

MEDITATION MOMENT

Father, teach me to listen when I pray.
Thank You for listening, and for others
also, who are willing to listen.

No matter how confusing and frustrating
this life and these times may be,
come, let me never abandon the search for
wisdom and understanding. Through the
babble and the blinding lights, let me see
and hear and understand.

Make me realize that wisdom and understanding
are not necessarily found in
"the deep or in the sea" or in space, and
by no means can they be purchased.

Help me to accept the meanings of
Job 28:28, whether I like these admoni-
tions or not, and remind me that those
around me gain more wisdom and under-
standing from my own foolishness than
from any infinitesimal wisdom of my
own. (8 Oct. '78, regular newspaper
column by Dad's brother.) —Hjalmer

Jesus' Death and Resurrection

THE STORY AS TOLD IN POETRY BY GREAT SAINTS OF PAST YEARS!

"The Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself
for me" —Galatians 2:20.

My song is love unknown
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That thy might lovely be,
O who am I

That for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from His blest throne,
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.

But O, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then: 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for His death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?

He made the lame to run
He gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease,
And 'gainst Him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away.

A murderer they save,
The Prince of Love they slay.

Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

In life, no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;

In death, no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.

What may I say?
Heaven was His home;
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing
No story so divine;

Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.

This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

(Samuel Crossman—c. 1624-83.)

"He came unto his own, and his own received
him not" —John 1:11.

Thou didst leave Thy throne
And Thy kingly crown
When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home
Was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Heaven's arches rang
When the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;
But of lowly birth
Cam'st Thou, Lord, on earth,
And in great humility:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee.

The foxes found rest,
And the birds their nest
In the shade of the cedar tree;
But Thy couch was the sod,
O Thou Son of God,
In the deserts of Galilee:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Thou camest, O Lord,
With the living word
That should set Thy people free;
But, with mocking scorn,
And with crown of thorn,
They bore Thee to Calvary:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
Thy cross is my only plea.

When heaven's arches ring,
And her choirs shall sing
At Thy coming to victory
Let Thy voice call me home,
Saying, 'Yet there is room,
There is room at My side for thee!'
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When Thou comest & callest for me.
(Emily E. Steele Elliott—1836-97.)

"(He) became obedient unto death... Wherefore
God also hath highly exalted him" —Phil. 2:8,9.