

I have loved thee with an everlasting love.—Jer. xxxi. 3.

### Loved, Though Naughty.



**W**HAT a blessing that the Lord's measure of forgiveness is not according to our tears or even our feeble faith! "He will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah lv. 7). Not once, and never again, but according to His own blessed rule, "until seventy times seven" Matt. xviii. 22.

"Ah!" says Satan you've done it again! Now God will not love you." Liar! He still loves me—loves me when I fall—loves me even when I am naughty.

"Granny," said a little girl, "do you love me?"

"Yes, dear, of course I do."

"Do you love me when I am naughty?"

"Yes dear."

The little one looked up into her grandma's kind, forgiving face with some surprise, and said, "My mother doesn't love me when I'm naughty. I wish I lived with you."

"Why May?"

Because if you always loved me I'd never be naughty."

What good arguing! Loved and so kept. Loved when naughty, and so kept from being naughty. May such a life be ours!—*William Luff.*

### True Honesty.

"**W**HY did you not pocket some of those pears?" said one boy to another. "Nobody was there to see you."

"Yes, there was; I was there myself, and I don't ever intend to see myself doing a mean thing."

Noble words! Let every boy adopt and practice this sentiment.

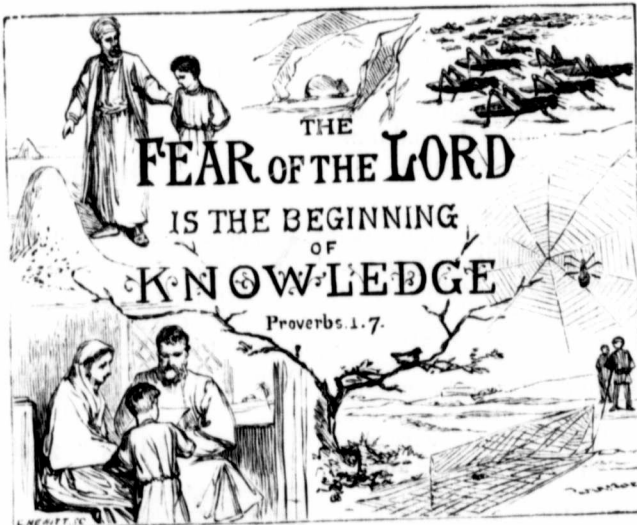
### Reward of Obedience.



**C**IRCUS came to town and everybody knows how the music, and the grand tent and horses set all the little boys a-going. Quarters of dollars and shillings are in great demand; and many a choice bit of money have the circus-riders carried away which was meant

for better purposes. A little boy was seen looking around the premises with a great deal of curiosity.

"Halloo, Johnny!" said a man who knew him, "going to the circus?" "No, sir," answered Johnny: "father don't like 'em." "Oh, well! I'll give you money to go, Johnny," said the man. "Father don't approve of them," answered Johnny. "Well, go for once and I'll pay for you." "No, sir," said Johnny; "my father would give me money if he thought it were best; besides, I've got twenty-five cents in my strong box,—twice enough to go." "I'd go, Johnny, for once: it is wonderful the way the horses do," said the man. "Your father needn't know it." "I shan't" said the boy. "Now why?" asked the man. "Cause," said Johnny, twirling his bare toes in the sand, "after I've been, I could not look my father in the eye, and I can now."



THE  
**FEAR OF THE LORD**  
IS THE BEGINNING  
OF  
**KNOWLEDGE**

Proverbs. 1. 7.

**Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.**

Eph. vi. 1.

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