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A New Year's Verse

Jesus, precious Saviour,
Make us all Thine own,
Make us Thine for ever,
Make us Thine alone.
Let each day, each moment,
Of this glad New Year
Be for Jesus only,
Jesus, Saviour dear.

Some Great Servants of God

I. A FIERY PROPHET

God has difficult tasks for His servants. The task He gave to the prophet Elijah was a very hard one. Wicked King Ahab was on the throne. Instead of worshiping and serving God, he worshiped and served idols, and led his people to do the same. Wicked Queen Jezebel encouraged and helped him in this. Elijah's task was to rebuke the wicked king and queen, and to lead them and the people to worship and serve God.

See how brave and strong he was. Suddenly he appears before the king, and in the name of the Lord declares, "There shall not be dew nor rain for three years, but according to my word"; and then disappears.

There was a dreadful drought and famine for three years, and, all the time, King Ahab was searching for the prophet, to slay him. Then, just as suddenly as at the first, Elijah appeared again, and told the king, that it was his own wickedness,—because he and the people worshiped idols,—that had brought the drought and famine; and he demanded of him that he should gather all

the people to Mount Carmel, that God might show them whether He or Baal, whom they worshiped, was the true God. Read, or get some one to read you, the wonderful story, in 1 Kings, 18th chapter, of how this was done, and of the terror and fright of the wicked king and queen. Single-handed, Elijah had stood up for God.

He had many such hard errands, and brave and strong as he was, Elijah's courage sometimes failed him; but God, who sent him on the errands, was always near-by to give him strength and courage. The Lessons of the Quarter tell how he was fed by the ravens for three years, when he was hiding from the angry king, and how an angel brought him food and drink, and how God Himself spoke to him in a still small voice; and how, at the last, because he had been faithful to his hard tasks, God took him up to heaven in a whirlwind, with a chariot of fire and horses of fire, to be with Himself forever.

Telling the Bible Story

By Miss E. M. Russell

A little Canadian boy was once left to entertain a visitor in the absence of the other members of the family. After showing him all his treasures, he turned to the gentleman and said: "Mr. J.—, you're a minister, aren't you? Then I suppose you know *all* the stories in the Bible. Tell them to me, please",—and he settled himself with an air of pleasant expectancy.

That child had evidently found Bible stories a pleasure. If judiciously chosen and