

where at the same time. You cannot get away from Him. You cannot hide from Him. So is Jesus everywhere. And these are the reasons why Jesus was named, "The Mighty God." Let us write these reasons down on the blackboard opposite the name.

"What is the next name?"

"The Everlasting Father."

"Now I must explain that this might have been translated, 'The Father of Eternity.' It just means that Jesus never had a beginning and never will have an end. He was with God away back before the world was created, and He will be with God long, long after this world is destroyed. Read the first chapter of John again. And it also means that He is Immutible. He never changes. He is the same yesterday, to day and for ever.

"Now we come to the last name. And I think it is the most beautiful of them all. What is it?"

"The Prince of Peace."

"The reason why Jesus is called the Prince of Peace is because he stands at the head of all peace loving, and peace making beings. (1) He made peace between the Holy God and sinful men. He became a Mediator. (2) He makes peace between man and man. He breaks up factions. He stops quarreling. He puts an end to war. (3) He brings peace of soul. He said to His disciples, 'My peace I give unto you.'"

"Now let us read over all these names once more." (All read.)

"How many think Jesus ought to be loved and trusted and obeyed because of what He is?" (Nearly all hands go up)

No Time to Praise.

No time to praise!
Oh, who so filled with earthly ways,
As not to give to joyful praise,
Some place each day!

No time to praise!
For soul made clean from every sin,
And Holy Spirit's rest within,
Who would not praise?

No time to praise!
When daily mercies, nightly care,
And help in need, and answered prayer,
All call for praise.

No time to praise!
With Jesus' presence freed from fear;
With written word the heart to cheer,
We ought to praise.

No time to praise!
Yet all the blessings we possess
In Jesus Christ, our righteousness,
Claim grateful praise.

No time to praise!
When, every day, and hour by hour,
So filled with God's great love and power,
Should call forth praise.

No time to praise!
Yet 'tis on earth we should prepare
With heaven's host in praise to share,
Where all is praise.

—F. E. Grafton in the Witness.

Daily Readings.

Mon., Sept. 28.—A lesson in generosity.
Gen. 13: 10-12
Tues., Sept. 29.—A lesson in obedience.
Gen. 13: 14-18
Wed., Sept. 30.—A lesson in chivalry.
Gen. 14: 10-16
Thurs., Oct. 1.—A lesson in hospitality.
Gen. 18: 1-8
Fri., Oct. 2.—A lesson in prayer.
Gen. 18: 23-33
Sat., Oct. 3.—A lesson in faith.
Gal. 3: 1-9
Sun., Oct. 4.—Topic—Great Men of the Bible: what Abraham teaches us. Gen. 12: 1-8; Heb. 7: 1-10; Rom. 4: 1-9

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A Princely Patriarch.

Abraham was a fit ancestor for a great nation. His hospitality was boundless, his generosity splendid, his faith unshakable. We breathe a larger air as we meet this noble patriarch in the pages of Genesis. His greatness did not unfit him, however, for the humblest and simplest obedience. When God called him, he left lands and kindred, and followed unquestioningly.

He saw chiefly the spiritual side of things, which is always greater and more important than the material. He never put the material before the spiritual, but shaped his life on great outlines, and trusted God rather than himself. He threw himself and his destiny on God's promise, believing that it could not fail. No delay, no disappointment, could shake his trust. His obedience never faltered.

Yet the smaller details of life were not neglected by him. We find in Abraham courtesy and chivalry as well as heroic faith. He was merciful and forbearing, as we see by his plea for Sodom.

The Altars of Abraham.

Abraham left his land and his people for God. He loved God first, and his first thought was to honor him. Accordingly, every occasion, whether of advance into the promised land, or peace made with enemies, or division of the country with Lot, was marked by an altar consecrated to Jehovah. His path was shown by these milestones of faith, erected in the heathen land.

Abraham was the only man, in all that country, who knew and served the true God. Yet his faith never wavered. He saw the heathenism all about him, the luxury, the temptations of the cities of the plain; he saw Lot yield little by little, and pitch his tent toward Sodom, and finally enter it; but he held to his lonely worship, and built his solitary altars. To the Christian in a strange land or a strange community, Abraham is a lesson and an inspiration.

These lonely altars to Jehovah were the earliest symbols of a worship that was to drive the false religions out of the land. In our own days the Christian missionary, like Abraham, goes out into strange and heathen lands to build altars among the heathen to the one true God, and no such altar is ever built in vain.

Life's Strange Uncertainty.

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No lesson is oftener impressed upon us than this of life's strange uncertainty, and no other lesson are we so slow to learn. We act as if we were to live forever. We plan and build for years ahead, and lo! we are crushed before the moth, and our houses, that we fancied were on rock foundations, are consumed by fire or swept away by flood, and the places where they stood yesterday are vacant to-day. Our very names seem writ in the water, and we spend our years as a tale that is told.

At times, with sharp and terrible insistence, this lesson of life's terrible uncertainty presses upon our souls. A dear one in the prime of youth and joy is snatched hence by

death, while the aged and the feeble remain. A fortune that had appeared safe from accident melts away like snow in a thaw. A good name that had been stainless is darkened by reproach. Friendships that had been cemented by years of pleasant association are shattered by misunderstanding. Life's grim uncertainty is accentuated when physical health is undermined by an unsuspected malady. We grow melancholy when we dwell on this aspect of life, and we tread as those do who walk on a lava crust, or whose lightest misstep may start a falling avalanche.

Another and more cheering aspect there is to those who look upon life as taking hold upon eternity. This strange, panoramic, swiftly changing, swiftly fitting life is bearing us out on a tide that seeks a steadfast shore. Our trials are for our good; our losses are to fit us for gains, our disappointments are to be compensated in a future inheritance. The one solution to our puzzles, the one clew to life's strange mazes, the one comfort in our manifold sorrow, is the belief that the Lord reigns, and the assurance that we belong to Him, and are precious in His sight.

Earthly life is uncertain. Let this fact that no one denies teach us to be more considerate of others, gentler, less selfish, more solicitous to plant the garden of our mortal life with flowers that catch their fragrance from those radiant coasts where evermore life thrills and knows no ending.

"This Man Receiveth Sinners."

The most beautiful thing that could be said of the Lord Jesus was said by those who his enemies and understood him least: "This man receiveth sinners." They said it with scorn for the man who would condescend to sit with people whom they disdainfully called "sinners," but there is a world of comfort in it for us who know it is true. He did not choose their company because he was interested in their sin, and wished to become familiar with it. No, no; he knew them through and through, and his holy nature revolted from their wrong doing; yet with only compassion in his heart, without upbraiding allusion even to their sin, he sat down and talked with them that he might do them good. The proud Pharisees and conceited scribes murmured, but the angels in heaven rejoiced. Those pure beings have a very different attitude toward the sinful ones of earth than that of the self-righteous human heart. How harsh are our judgments of those who have gone astray; what little pity and tenderness we feel toward them! We count it an effort to be with them and to help them. Not so it is with angels in heaven. They know the heart of God, how full of pity, love and tenderness toward his erring children it is, and they rejoice to see Jesus and sinners meet. It is an evidence of growing Christlikeness in ourselves when we find a great pity and love in our hearts toward the fallen and lost, rather than the aversion we once felt. There is joy among the angels when just one soul repents and is saved. They know the value of every soul and its possibilities. Oh to have more of the spirit of Jesus in loving sinners, while we hate the sin.—Christian Advocate.