

Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." It is one thing to own a Bible and another to discover it. Many have Bibles sealed tight by utter neglect. To find the Word of God is to ponder it until the message comes home to one's own life with transfiguring power. "They may take my Bible from me," said an old Armenian woman in time of persecution, "but they cannot take it from my heart." She had found the Bible never to lose it.

"He read." Everybody reads to-day and in the multiplicity of papers, magazines and books, the danger of losing the Bible is very real. It gets crowded out; all the more need of establishing the habit of regular Bible study. In answer to a correspondent, Lord Knollys informed the world a few years ago that King George V., "promised Queen Alexandra, as long ago as 1881, that he would read a chapter of the Bible daily, and that he has ever since adhered to this promise." At the time he made the promise the king was only a boy of sixteen, and a young sailor in the Royal Navy. Like all sailors he had to be away from home much and to go long distances. And like all mothers Queen Alexandra was anxious for him. She knew that he would meet many temptations and she would not be there to counsel and guide. We scarcely know which to admire most, the wisdom of the mother in making the request or the wisdom of the son in giving his promise and adhering so loyally to it. He has set a royal example. In the Bible lies the secret of kingly manhood, but it is to be found only by diligent searching.

The reformation began in the heart of Josiah through reading the law. They tell of an English officer in the Kashmir district in India, who was out shooting in the mountains, accompanied by a native servant who was Mohammedan. The officer used to read his Bible and engage in prayer daily in his tent. His servant grew curious and asked

him what he was reading. He replied, "The New Testament," and he promised to give the servant a copy in his own vernacular if he would pledge himself to read it. He did so and before long he asked to be baptized and he became a Christian minister. The best proof of the inspiration of the Bible is its power to inspire. And back of every great redemptive movement is a man or small group of men whose own lives have been enriched and enlarged through cherishing the Word of God in their hearts, and who have been set on fire with zeal for social righteousness thereby.

It was because Josiah covenanted to "walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments" that the Bible wrought such a revival in his life. There is power to save and comfort and inspire in the truth of God, but the indispensable condition is obedience. It is only when we obey the laws of electricity that it becomes our servant. To simply know those laws gets us nowhere. It is only as one does the will of God that he can know his doctrine. Warnings must be heeded. Promises must be appropriated. The truth must command our ways.

The reformation wrought by Josiah bore a twofold aspect. First, he "took away all the abominations out of all the countries." There is a place for legislation. We owe much to the Lord's Day Act for the preservation of our Sabbath as a day of rest and worship. Our recent prohibitory laws go far towards the safeguarding of our youth and homes from the ravages of the liquor traffic. There is a war to wage for better social conditions that ought to command the intelligence and the fighting qualities of our best men. Second, he gave the words of the law to all the people. The supreme need is not changed conditions but changed men, not education, agitation, legislation, but regeneration. In the work of regeneration the Bible is the channel through which the Spirit works. Pass the Word along.

THE LESSON GRADED

This section embraces teaching material for the various grades in the School.

For Teachers of Bible Classes

Read 2 Kgs. 22 : 8 to 23 : 22. The dis-

covery of this law-book is one of the greatest events in the history of God's ancient people. It is generally accepted that the Book of Deuteronomy is substantially the same as