



THE MARYS AT THE CROSS OF JESUS.

Easter Morning.

The world itself keeps Easter day,
And Easter larks are singing,
And Easter flowers are blooming gay,
And Easter buds are springing;
The Lord of all things lives anew
And all his works are rising too.

There stood three Marys by the tomb,
On Easter morning early,
When day had scarce chased the gloom
And dew was white and pearly,
With loving, but with erring mind,
They came the Prince of Life to find.

But earlier still the angel sped,
His words sweet comfort giving;
"And why," he said, "among the dead,
Thus seek ye for the living?
The risen Jesus lives again,
To save the souls of sinful men."

The world itself keeps Easter day,
And Easter larks are singing,
And Easter flowers are blooming gay,
And Easter buds are springing;
The Lord is risen, as all things tell,
Good Christians, see ye rise as well!

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE PSALMS AND DANIEL.

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GOD'S WORKS AND WORD.

Palm 19. 1-14. Memory verses, 7-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.—Palm 19. 7.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

God reveals his truth to us by his works and by his Word.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

Firmament—The expanse—the heavens.
Handycork—i.e. His hand-work, the works of his hands. They show his goodness, wisdom, power, greatness, exactness, faithfulness. **Day unto day**—Day uttereth speech to day—it is continuous. **There is no speech, etc.**—Either (1) they are understood by all nations and people, for they speak a universal language; or (2), leaving out the italics in the verse, they have no speech nor language, their voice is not heard, yet (ver. 4) their line is gone out, etc. **Their line**—i.e., measuring line, that measures their extent. **In them**—The heavens, which are the sun's tabernacle. **As a bridegroom**—Bright, beaming, glorious. **As a strong man**—His work is done easily, joyously. **The law of the Lord**—God's revealed will, especially the ten commandments. **The Lord**—Printed in capitals, therefore Jehovah. **The testimony**—God's witness to what is right and true. **The same as the law**. **The fear**

of the Lord—Reverential fear. **Is clean**—Is pure, and makes others pure. **The judgments**—The decisions. What God decides to be right. **Who can understand his errors?**—(1) they are so many; (2) they are often unconscious; (3) they are far-reaching in their influence. **Presumptuous sins**—Defiant; done against knowledge and in the face of command. **The great transgression**—Leave out "the"; not a particular sin, but much sin.

Find in this lesson—

1. What God's works teach us about God.
2. What more his Word does for us.
3. How precious God's Word is.
4. What should be our daily desire and prayer.

REVIEW EXERCISE.

1. In what two ways does God reveal himself to us? "By his works and by his Word." 2. What do his works teach us about God? "His wisdom, power, greatness, goodness, and truth." 3. What four qualities has his Word? "It is perfect, right, sure, and pure." 3. What four things does it do for us? "(1) Converting the soul, (2) Making wise the simple, (3) Rejoicing the heart, (4) Enlightening the eyes." 5. What should be our prayer? (Repeat ver. 14.)

CATECHISM QUESTION.

16. Why is this sometimes called justification?

Because the forgiven penitent is justified or treated for Christ's sake as if he were righteous.

Being justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Romans 5. 1.

But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is reckoned for righteousness.—Romans 4. 5.

HOW JANE WAS CHANGED.

Mr. MOODY tells of an Episcopal clergyman in England who was staying at a hotel, and was waited on by a little girl. He asked her, "Do you ever pray?"

"Oh, no sir!" she replied; "we have no time here to pray. I am too busy to do that."

"I want you to promise me that during the next six months you will say three words of prayer every night, and when I come here at the end of that time I will give you half a crown."

"All right," she said; "I will do it."

"Well, I want you to say every night, 'Lord, save me.'"

He left, and two months after, when he came again to the same hotel, he inquired for Jane, and was told: "Oh, she got too good to stay at a hotel,

and has gone to the parsonage up yonder."

He went to see her, and as she opened the door for him, she said: "Oh, you blessed man, you! I don't want your half crown; I have got enough already."

And then she told him how she had at first just carelessly gone over the words as she was going to bed at nights. But after the first two weeks she began to think what the word *save* meant. Then she got a Bible and found the words: "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners," and the prayer was no longer a mere form.

"Now," she said, "I am happy, and I don't want your half crown. But I am so thankful you asked me to say that prayer."—*Ocean Grove Record*.

THE LIFEBOAT.

"A SHIP on the sands! a ship has struck!" was the cry that rang through a little fishing village, one stormy day in November.

Between two and three miles out to sea there were some treacherous sands, which were nearly uncovered at low water, and on which many fine ships had been wrecked. The day was stormy and wild, the rain fell, the wind was high, lashing the waves to fury, and the ill-fated ship was aground on the sands! Rocket after rocket was sent up to tell the tale of their peril to those on shore.

The rockets were seen, and the lifeboat was quickly taken out and put on a cart, and driven across the sands that it might be launched at the nearest point to the ship. The crew, with their oars and life-belts, followed it; brave, true men, risking their lives to save their fellow-creatures. The wives and children of the fishermen, and a few friends, struggled over the sands through the storm to cheer the noble lifeboat men, and to do what they could to help.

It was an awful time. The hungry waves looked ready to engulf the ship and drag it down; it shivered and staggered with every wave, and seemed ready to sink in a moment. The lifeboat was soon launched, and started amid the cheers and prayers of those on shore, who watched it with straining eyes, as now it floated on the top of a wave, and then was almost lost to sight deep down in the trough of the billows.

After what seemed a long, long time to those on shore, the boat was seen returning full of saved ones. Glad cries and welcomes greeted them, eager hands were stretched out to help them, and the lifeboat was pulled on shore, with many hearty cheers, as it was known that all on board were saved; and that though the ship was rapidly sinking no lives were lost.

How much we rejoice when life is saved at sea, how much we admire the brave men who risk their lives to save others, but oh, how little we think of the love of the Lord Jesus, who not only risked his life, but "gave it up," that we might be saved from everlasting death and misery!

Are you in the lifeboat, dear child? That is, have you come to the Saviour, and are you now sailing on over the seas of this world to the bright land on the other side of the sea? If so, live for Jesus, shine for him, and do all you can to bring others to him, too.—*Every Youth's Paper*.

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