

abundantly blessed in your work; and also in your own soul, and realize that all the Lord's dealings with his children are best, drawing them closer to Himself!

An important part of the marriage ceremony in China is the worship of the husband's ancestors. A young Christian bride refused to bow before the ancestral tablets. They could bring her into the presence of the tablets, but she refused to kneel; they could then pull her feet from under her and force her into a kneeling posture, but she refused to bow her head; they could then by main strength force her head to the ground three times, as the ceremony required, but her heart did not respond. As she afterwards told the missionary with tears streaming down her cheeks, "I prayed to Jesus all the while, and I hope He will forgive what my body was forced to do, for my heart was towards him all the while."

The Society of the Treasury of God.

WE cannot do better than insert here the following excellent catechism on Christian giving, taken from St. Luke's (Peterboro') parish magazine:—

1. Q.—What did the Lord Jesus say about giving?

A.—It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts xx. 35.)

2. Q.—What kind of a giver does God love?

A.—God loveth a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. ix. 7.)

3. Q.—How have we received, and how should we give?

A.—Freely ye have received, freely give. (S. Matt. x. 8.)

4. Q.—How much should we give?

A.—Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God, which He hath given thee. (Deut. xvi. 17.)

(Also,) Thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God according as the Lord thy God has blessed thee. (Deut. xvi. 10.)

5. Q.—What is the least that we should give?

A.—Of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee. (Gen. xxv. 22.)

6. Q.—How are our gifts accepted?

A.—It there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. (2 Cor. viii. 12.)

7. Q.—How should we honor the Lord?

A.—Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase. (Prov. iii. 9.)

8. Q.—What promise does God make to such?

A.—So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. (Prov. iii. 10.)

9. Q.—What is said of him that pities the poor?

A.—He that hath pity on the poor, lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again. (Prov. xix. 17.)

10. Q.—How shall we give?

A.—Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. ix. 7.)

11. Q.—From whom does God accept offerings?

A.—Of every man that giveth it willingly, with his heart, ye shall take My offering. (Ex. xxv. 2.)

12. Q.—How often should we give?

A.—Upon the first day of the week let every man of you lay by him a score, as God hath prospered him. (I. Cor. xvi. 2.)

13. Q.—What promise is given to those who consider the poor?

A.—Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. (Psalm xli. 1.)

14. Q.—What measure shall be given to those who give liberally?

A.—Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again. (S. Luke vi. 38.)

15. Q.—What does Isaiah say of liberal people?

A.—The liberal deviseth liberal things: and by liberal things shall he stand. (Isa. xxxii. 8.)

16. Q.—What command does God give about the poor?

A.—Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy in thy land. (Deut. xv. 11.)

17. Q.—How should we treat those who ask for favors?

A.—Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee, turn not thou away. (St. Matt. v. 42.)

18. Q.—What about the first fruits?

A.—The first of the first fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God. (Ezek. xxiii. 19.)

19. Q.—Give us another promise about liberal souls.

A.—The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. (Prov. xi. 25.)

20. Q.—What is God's greatest gift to man?

A.—God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (S. John iii. 16.)

21. Q.—What should we say for this?

A.—Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift. (II. Cor. ix. 15.)

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