

Perhaps some loving little child may have slipped close to Jesus and put a lily in his hand as he talked, and Jesus may have held it up when he said, "See this beautiful flower. Its soft robe is more wonderful even than that of King Solomon, and yet it did not worry about where its dress was to come from. So why should you?"

Then he pointed to the birds flying about. "God takes care of them," he said, "And are ye not worth much more than the birds? If your Father in heaven takes care of the flowers and the birds, he will surely take care of his children."

All the people listening that day knew the story of how God had fed the Israelites when they were on their way from Egypt to that very land where they sat listening to Jesus. That was years and years before, but the story was written in the Book of God in the Temple.

The men and women and children were going away from cruel King Pharaoh, and by and by came a time when they had nothing to eat. There was a very great company of them; they were in a desert place where nothing was growing and where there were no stores at which to buy. So Moses told God about it, and God sent each day a strange food called "manna." It was tiny and

round and sweet (perhaps something like the tiniest round hail stones or balls of sleet in the winter). Every day, excepting Sunday, they gathered enough to last the family for the day; and on Saturday they gathered enough for two days, just as now in many of our homes mother cooks enough on Saturday to last over Sunday.

For forty years God fed his people with manna. Then they reached the land he had promised them and there they could sow grain and raise fruits and vegetables for themselves. God helps his people always to do for themselves, and we should not ask him to do what we can do.

Perhaps some of the men and women listening that day had been so busy making money for a fine house or fine clothes, that they had not had time to go to the Temple to worship. And perhaps they said in their hearts after they heard Jesus, "I will work hard and make all the money I can so that my family may be comfortable and happy, but I will always give a share of it to God. I will not worry if somebody else has more than I, because when I have God for my Father, he owns the whole world and that makes me as rich as can be."

Look in your PRIMARY QUARTERLY and see the picture of a boy who trusted God to take care of him.

FROM THE PLATFORM

THE CHOICE

GOD - MAMMON

Picture a traveler making his way along a road and desiring to reach some city, and before taking each step, wondering and questioning as to whether it will help him on towards his goal. The scholars will easily see that the time to settle such doubts and questions is not after one has started on his way, but at the starting point. If the right road has been chosen, then all that is required is that he move steadily onward. Now speak of THE CHOICE (Print) spoken of in the lesson. It is the choice between GOD (Print) and MAMMON (Print). Be sure that the scholars understand that "mammon" stands for earthly riches, and, further