

TESTAMENT TIMES
BROOKLYN TABERNACLE
BIBLE STUDIES

SURROUNDED BY HEAVENLY HOSTS

II Kings 6:18-23—April 9

"He shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways."—Psalm 91:11.

WHEN war was declared by Syria against Israel the invaders sought to gain an entrance into Israel's army in the mountain passes, but God through the Prophet Elisha forewarned the Israelites. When this had happened several times the Syrian king concluded that there were traitors amongst his counselors, but was answered, Not the Prophet Elisha surely warns Israel's king of anything that you plan secretly.

Learning that the Prophet was living at Dothan, near the Syrian border, the king sent a detachment of soldiers to capture him. They came by night. Elisha's servant, arising early, saw that the little city was surrounded. He ran to his master in fear, but the latter, unperturbed, answered, Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. These words sounded strangely untrue to the servant, until the Prophet prayed for him. The angels of the Lord, an opening of Elisha's defenders.



The lesson to us is that whoever are God's servants, and wherever they may be, Divine power, like a mighty army, surrounds them. Modern inventions and discoveries are more and more revealing to us secrets of nature and hinting at far more beyond. Whoever has knowledge of wireless telegraphy, X-rays, radium, etc., can readily believe that the Almighty God may have thousands of agencies and powers invisible to men whereby he can work all things according as he pleases.

"The Angel of the Lord Encampeth Round About Them That Fear Him and Delivereth Them."

Angels are beings of a grade a little higher than man—beings with spirit bodies instead of flesh bodies. "Thou madest man a little lower than the angels." The Scriptures declare that the angels are sent forth to minister to or serve all those who are heirs of salvation. They encamp around about God's servants in the sense that Divine agency and power are everywhere and ready at any instant to be exercised as much as need be for the accomplishment of God's will. The same God who willed that Elisha should flee before Jezebel arranged that Elisha should be specially protected. But we are to remember that only those who are in covenant relationship with God are under this special watch-care and protection.

We are to remember also that there are fallen angels, called "wicked spirits," and that these are on the alert to entrap and ensnare humanity through spirit mediums, spirit rappings, tiltings, clairvoyants, outboards, etc. God's people are warned against these, and they in turn should warn the world of the great danger resulting from any association with these fallen angels, who misrepresent themselves to be our dead friends.

Many are being misled by these evil spirits. They have introduced various false doctrines and continually seek to entrap the human will and, if possible, to gain control over it through obsession. Curiosity is one of the main baits to the hook of spiritism.

Spiritists, including mediums, are being deceived. They think that they converse with the dead. They will indeed acknowledge that there are "wicked spirits," "lying spirits," as the Bible says; but they do not acknowledge that they are all wicked. The fact is that they have only partially realized the depth of Satan's power and deceit. Comparatively Few Have Yet Learned of God's Love

Only God's consecrated people have yet learned of his love, and they very imperfectly. The tactics of Satan and his demon hosts for centuries has been to blind the whole world and, as much as possible, God's people respecting his true character. By misrepresentations of the Scriptures and some interpolations and some mistranslations they have succeeded to a wonderful degree in putting light for darkness and darkness for light. This is shown in the creeds of all denominations—some in a greater and some in a less degree.

A century or more ago, when the creeds were believed more fully than today, the effect was terribly demoralizing. Good men and women under the delusion of those creeds tortured one another, often to death, with thumb-screws, racks, burning-irons, the stake, etc. Their hearts were not so much worse, perhaps, than ours; but their heads were more deluded. Believing thoroughly in the doctrine of eternal torment, etc., they sought to copy this misconception of the Divine character and dealing.

TERRYVILLE.

On March 22nd 1911, the residence of E. H. Skaggs a beautiful wedding took place at the hour of 2 p. m. in the contracting parties being William Lester and Miss Lora Skaggs. Mr. Lester is the son of Jeff Lester, of Barnrock, a prosperous farmer and stockman of that place, and Miss Skaggs the daughter of E. H. Skaggs, a prosperous farmer and stockman of this place. The holy bond was tied by the Rev. H. F. Hamilton in the presence of a select few of their many friends, as they wished a very quiet affair. After the impressive ceremony was performed the bride and groom with a few friends went to the home of the groom at Barnrock, where a most beautiful supper was in waiting. The bride was dressed in white silk, with white shoes to match. The groom was dressed in a suit of black. They both looked their best. Mr. and Mrs. Lester start well in life and have the best wishes of all.

Baptizing at this place last Saturday by Wm. Lester and Asa Hav. Mart Skaggs is no better at present.

Mrs. Sarah Skaggs has received a letter from her daughter, Vesta, who is in the insane asylum at Lexington. The letter was written by Miss Skaggs and says she is better and getting better every day, which is glad news to her family and friends.

We have a new telephone line under way from Terryville to Rehef, via Brig. It will be completed as soon as possible, also a line from Terryville to Ironville, which will be completed as soon as material can be procured.

L. H. Skaggs is fencing for Mrs. Laura Skaggs, this week.

Lewis Skaggs is building a new residence. Goo Goo Eyes.

Midnight in the Ozarks and yet sleepless Hiram Scranton, of Clay City, Ill., coughed and coughed. He was in the mountains on the advice of five doctors, who said he had consumption, but found no help in the climate and started home. Hearing of Dr. King's New Discovery, he began to use it. "I believe it saved my life," he writes "for it made a new man of me, so that I can now do good work again." For all lung trouble, diseases, coughs, colds, influenza, asthma, croup, whooping cough, hay fever, hemorrhages, hoarseness or quinsy, it is \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by A. M. Hughes.

JEAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Biggs spent Saturday and Sunday with their father, Milton Perkins.

Miss May Woods is visiting relatives and friends on Cherokee this week.

Miss Varna and Grady Webb were visiting their sister, Mrs. Holmes, of Webbville last week.

Steve Boggs was visiting J. H. Woods, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Butler, of Cherokee is visiting her daughter of this place.

Frank Webb is building a house for Columbus Miles.

Mrs. Cassie Hicks was visiting Mr. Sarah Webb last Sunday.

Miss Frona Webb entertained quite a number of young folks Saturday evening.

Aman Holbrook, of Hicksville, is doing a fine business farming at this place.

Russel Boggs was visiting at A. T. Webb's Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Woods and little daughter, Irena, were visiting her mother last week.

Mrs. Arizona Webb of Webbville, was shopping here Monday.

John Long, of Webbville, was very bad hurt by a falling tree this week and may not recover.

The Regular Baptist people had a fine meeting at Providence Saturday and Sunday.

Tommy Perkins and Fannie Hicks were visiting Mrs. R. Boggs last week.

Mrs. Lee Perkins, Mrs. Tom Kitchen, and her little sister, Gretta Sparks, visited Mrs. Nelson Boggs Monday.

Miss Beulah Boggs was visiting Miss Mary Presley this week.

The people at this place is doing good work farming, and are very busy planting their gardens.

Nelson Boggs and Stephen Boggs are going to farm 6 acres in corn and 10 acres of oats and are getting a long fine turning.

Shelby Boggs was visiting his cousin Ossie Hicks last Sunday at Centerville.

Miss Boggs was visiting Miss Mary Perkins Saturday and Sunday.

Two Chums.

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HOME CIRCLE COLUMN.

COLUMN DEDICATED TO TIRED MOTHERS AS THEY JOY THE HOME CIRCLE.

We may not realize, perchance, what home means to us until seas and mountains separate us from the loved ones—perchance not until sickness and misfortune come—perchance not until the Dreaded Shadow falls upon the threshold and the Raven croaks above the bust of Pallas. But when some tie is snapped and some link is broken and some chair is vacant at the fireside then we realize that the cords which bind us to the homestead are knotted in the bosoms then we realize that the poet sang for us and sang for all the world when he sang beside the Thames. "Mid pleasures and palaces tho' I may roam, Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

Tribute to his Mother.

"I owe a great deal to my mother. She was a seamstress, cook, washlady, and never until late in life had a servant in the house. And yet she was a cultivated woman. She read Channing and kept up with the literature of the day. When I was a little tot she used to read good books to me.

"You young women have here every opportunity for literary culture and you ought to avail yourselves of it. You ought to be very proud with money earned so honorably it money that is not earned honorably will never do you any good."

The above words were spoken by Mr. Carnegie, the iron-master, while talking to a large company of working girls in New York city. And then this man of unlimited wealth closed by saying:

"I shall never forget how proud I was when I got my first wages of \$1.25 a week, and how I felt when I was raised to \$1.50 as a telegraph operator. To take home that sum to my good mother gave me such a feeling of manly independence."

God give us happy homes—pure homes! They may be humble enough; but if love be in them they will keep the ship of state anchored in secure and peaceful waters. No blot will stain the flag. The laws of the country will be framed in wisdom and upheld in honor. The statesman will be steadfast in the forum. The soldier will be valiant in the field. The sentinel upon the watch-tower will be faithful in the hour of danger; and all will be well with the republic.

Some Advice to IWives.

Remember that you are married to a man and not to a god; be prepared for imperfections.

Anticipate the discovery by your husband that you are "only a woman;" if you were not he would not care about you.

Once in a while let your husband have the last word; it will gratify him and be no particular loss to you.

Be reasonable. It is a great deal to ask under some circumstances, but do try; reasonable women are rare—be rare.

Remember that servants are made of the same material as you are; a little coarser grained, perhaps but the same in essentials.

Try and forget yourself; as to your husband, forget that you married him, and remember that he married you; he will then probably do the reverse.

Let him read the newspaper at breakfast-table; it is unobscure, but then it is only a trifle after all, and he likes it.

Let him know more than you do once in a while; it keeps up his self-respect and you will be none the worse for admitting that you are not actually infallible.

Read something in the paper beside fashion notes and society columns; have some knowledge of what is going on in foreign countries.

Be a companion to your husband if he is a wise man; and if he is not try to make him become your companion. Raise his standard; do not let him lower yours.

Respect your husband's relations, especially his mother—she is not the less his mother because she is your mother-in-law; she loved him before you did.

Home! Home! To decline this simple English word is to exhaust the resources of metaphor. It is the charmed center of all existence. It is the golden axle-tree around which all industry—all thought—all feeling—rotates. It is the casket of humanity's crown-jewels. It is the hive of love's sweet honeycomb for which we hoard and hope and and hunger. It is the haven of retreat to which we turn our footsteps when the labors of the day are over. It is our binnacle on the

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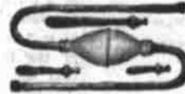
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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The following resolutions were adopted by Normal Council Jr. O. U. A. M. at its last meeting.

Resolved, that Normal Council Jr. O. U. A. M. No 192, has in the death of Watt Riffe lost a true and loyal member and its members a beloved friend.

That we deeply sympathize with the sorrowing relatives and friends in their bereavement.

That the Council hereby express or regret that we were unable to attend the rites of burial on account of the fact that we did not receive the news in time.

That our thanks are due to the brethren of Louisa Council for their presence and assistance at the burial of our brother.

That these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and that they be spread upon the minutes of Normal Council.

G. W. WELLS,
B. F. SPRADLIN,
W. L. JAYNE,

Committee.

DIAMOND RINGS

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HEMPHILL, W. VA.

Work is improving at this place now.

Preaching here every fourth Sunday by Bro. Prichard.

Born to Grant Bentley and wife a fine boy.

Miss Maggie Smith visited home folks Saturday.

Mrs. Minnie Cox, of Thacker, W. Va., and Mrs. Susie Marshall, of Burnwell, were visiting their sister last week.

Charlie Bentley and wife have to Hemphill.

D. C. Bentley is slowly improving.

Several of the young folks attended church here Sunday.

Kelly.

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