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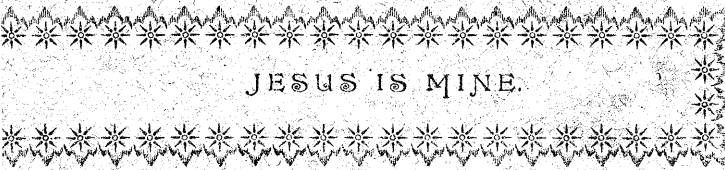
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THE OLD, OLD STORY.

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*Earnest Inquirer.—*

TELL me the old, old story.  
Some say from heav'n above,  
One, Jesus, left great glory  
To show to men God's love.

Tell me the story simply,  
As to a little child;  
For I with sin am wearied,  
Dissatisfied, defiled.

Tell me the story slowly,  
That I may take it in—  
That story of redemption,  
God's remedy for sin.

Tell me the story clearly,  
How Christ a ransom gave.  
O friend, am I the sinner  
Whom Jesus came to save?

*Young Christian.—*

Tell me the story often,  
For I forget so soon;  
The early dew of morning  
Has passed away at noon.

Tell me the same old story  
When you have cause to fear,  
That this world's empty glory  
Is costing me too dear.

*Christian in affliction.—*

Tell me the story always,  
If you would really be,  
In any time of trouble,  
A comforter to me.

Tell me the story sweetly,  
In calm and soothing strain,  
And let its blessed message  
Refresh my soul again.

Yes, and while coming glory  
Is dawning on my soul,  
Tell me the old, old story:  
'Twill help me reach the goal.

The Wonderful Story  
"Able to Make Thee Wise unto Salvation."



*"From a Child thou (Timothy) hast Known the Holy Scriptures,  
Which are Able to Make Thee Wise unto Salvation, through  
Faith, Which is in Christ Jesus."—2 Tim. 3:15.*

“Thy Words were Found and I did Eat Them.”

—Jer. 15 : 16.

“All Scripture given by Inspiration of God is Profitable, that the Man of God may be Perfect, Thoroughly Furnished unto All Good Works.”—

2 Tim. 3 : 16, 17.

## THE RESPONSE.

You ask me for the story  
How Jesus, from above,  
Left all his heavenly glory,  
To prove that God is love.

Well, you shall have the story,  
The old, old story, too;  
And I am pleased to tell it;  
To me 'tis always new.

I'd gladly tell to some one  
These tidings every day.  
I never should grow weary  
Of pointing out the way—

The way to life and glory,  
Whose end is bliss complete,  
In which the blest old story  
Directs our willing feet.

And as you hear these tidings  
Of joy and peace, you'll see  
They're not the awful warnings  
Of endless misery;—

Of a death "whose pang outlasts  
The quiv'ring, fleeting breath,"  
Round which "eternal horrors hang."  
A never dying death.

And this, the hopeless doom for all  
Except a "little flock."  
You see they do not comprehend  
The precious old, old Book—

But as the herald angels sang,  
*Good news* without alloy, \*  
Which yet "shall to all people be  
*Good tidings of great joy.*"

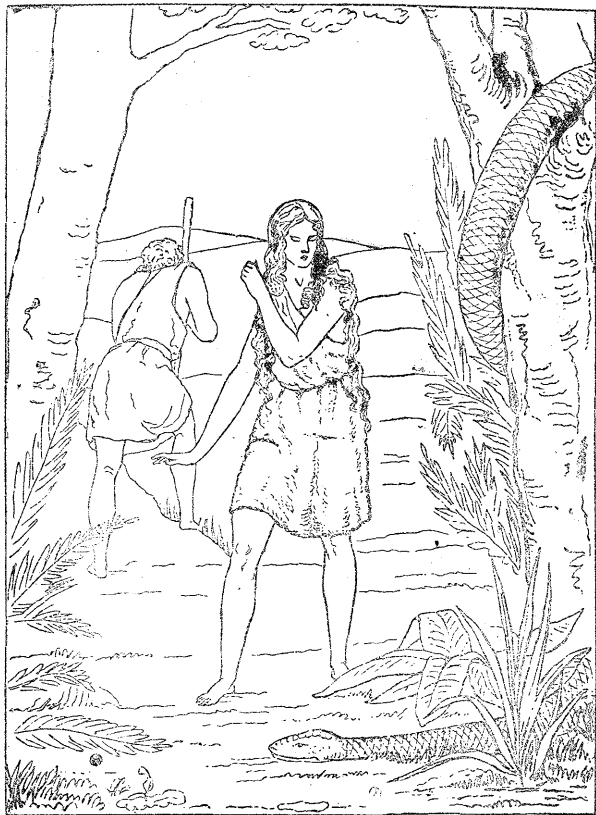
The story of our mournful fall †  
From Eden's blissful state,  
Into the depths of sin and death, †  
Called pity forth so great—

That, from his shining courts above,  
God sent his own dear Son, §  
And by his full empowered arm,  
For us deliv'rance won.

Not in a way which set aside  
His wise and just decree,  
That whosoe'er his law defied  
Must therefore cease to be, ||

\* Luke 2: 10; † Gen. 3; ‡ Gen. 2: 17, margin; Rom. 5: 12; 6: 23; § John 3: 16; || Job 14: 14, 12, 13, 15; 10: 19; Psa. 146: 3, 4; 90: 3; Matt. 7: 13.

The Wonderful Story  
Its Necessity—The Fall—Sin, Sorrow, Death.



*"Cursed is the Ground for Thy Sake.—In the Sweat of Thy Face shalt Thou Eat Bread." And I will put Enmity Between the Serpent and the Woman.—Gen. 3:14-19.*

“ By One Man's Disobedience Sin Entered into the World, and Death as a Result of Sin, and so Death Passed upon All because All are Sinners.”  
“ As by One Man's Disobedience Many were made Sinners, so by the Obedience of One [Christ] shall Many be made Righteous.”— Rom. 5 : 12, 19.

But by rend'ring unto Justice  
The fullest satisfaction, \*  
That thus he might be just, and still  
Perform the great transaction—  
Saving a lost and ruined race  
To endless life and glory.  
This is the burden of his plan,  
So I'll begin the story.

### THE FALL AND THE PROMISED REMEDY.

In Eden's pleasant garden †  
God placed a perfect pair;  
Their surroundings were delightful,  
Their eternal prospects fair.  
But soon they disobeyed him  
In the only thing denied: ‡  
Forbidden fruit they tasted,  
So in course of time they died.  
Yet even with this sentence,  
God's mercy was declared §  
In a promise of redemption,  
Through the woman's seed prepar'd.  
Yes, one of Eve's descendants  
Should bring to all the rest  
The boon of life thus promised,  
And all through him be blest.

\*Rom. 3: 24-26; †Gen. 2: 8-15; ‡2: 16; § 3: 15.

He should indeed be Son of Eve,  
But Son of God as well; \*  
And bring a full salvation, †  
The Holy Scriptures tell.

Thus as a new creation—  
The Son of God by Eve,  
No trace of condemnation  
Would he from man receive. ‡

Thus escaping condemnation  
That fell on Adam's race.  
As a suitable oblation  
He'd take the sinner's place.

He did not come of sinful blood,  
Though by a human mother,  
His spotless life was but transferred  
When he became our Brother.

And thus for us was he made poor  
Who once in glory reigned, §  
Eternal riches to secure  
For man, to life regained.

#### THE FULFILMENT BEGUN.

Four thousand years had passed away,  
Adam and Eve had died,  
And all mankind were struggling  
In death's o'erwhelming tide.

\* Luke 1:35; † 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; ‡ Matt. 1:20-23; Heb. 7:26; § Phil. 2:6-9.

The Wonderful Story  
"He Mumbled Himself—He was Made Flesh."



*"And when the Wise Men were come into the house, They Saw the Young Child, with Mary his Mother; and They fell down and Worshiped Him—and presented unto Him Gifts,"—Matt. 2:11.*

“Fear not: for Behold, I Bring you Good Tidings of Great Joy, which Shall Be to All People.—Glory to God in the Highest, on Earth Peace, Good Will toward Men.”—Luke 2: 10-14.

One night some shepherds, watching  
On fair Judea's plains, \*  
A heavenly light saw streaming,  
And heard angelic strains.

A beautiful holy angel †  
Had come from heaven above,  
To tell the then new story  
Of God's and Christ's great love.

[It was not only love of Christ, †  
But of Jehovah first,  
Who planned the great deliv'rance,  
The bands of death to burst;

Who "*sent*" his well-beloved Son,  
The idol of his heart,  
And thus his love commended §  
By a sacrificer's part.

In this great plan his love devised,  
Which Christ was pleased with too:  
Both love of God and love of Christ ||  
Are thus brought to our view.]

He came to bring good tidings—  
Saying, You must not fear;  
For Christ, your new-born Savior,  
Lies in the village near.

\*† Luke 2:8-12. † John 3:16, 17. ‡ Rom. 5:8.  
|| Heb. 10:4-7; Psa. 40:7, 8.

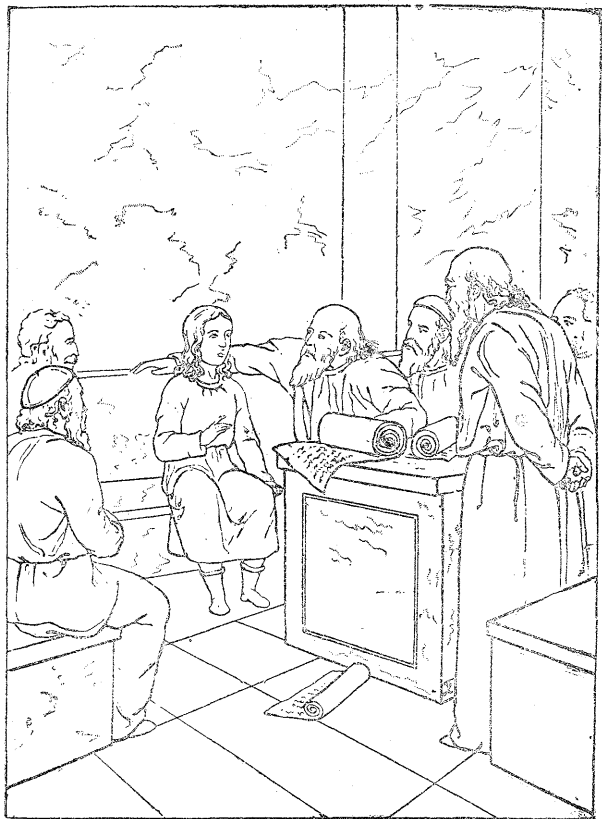
And a multitude of angels \*  
Joined in an anthem then:  
"Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace on earth! Good will to men!"  
And was that strange new story true?  
They went at once to see, †  
And found the babe in a manger.  
Yes, it was truly he—  
The Seed that had been promised  
So many ages past,  
Had come to save lost sinners:  
Yes, he had come at last.

### THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.

The babe to lovely boyhood grew,  
And then to manhood's prime;  
Then, "Lo, I come, Thy will to do,  
O God," he said, "not mine."  
He did his work so faithfully;  
It was his heart's delight,  
To show the path of duty,  
From early dawn till night.  
He heard of sin and sorrow  
With sympathetic ear,  
His words were like a healing balm  
For trouble and for fear.

\* Luke 2:13, 14. † Luke 2:16.

The Wonderful Story  
"I Must be About My Father's Business."



*After three days They found Him in the Temple, sitting in The Midst of the Doctors, both Hearing Them and Asking them Questions. And All that Heard Him were Astonished."—Luke 2:46.*

“Wist Ye, Not that I must be About My Father's Business?”—Luke 2 : 49.

“Whosoever doth not Bear His Cross, and Come after Me, Cannot be My Disciple.”—Luke 14 : 27.

He, too, was a man of sorrows, \*  
Acquainted with our grief,  
Hence his sympathy a brother's  
Which brought with it relief.

Indeed, of him it is written, †  
Our sorrows he did bear,  
And all our griefs he carried, too;  
O, what a load of care!—

And that he bore our sickness, ‡  
When he gave the healing balm,  
And virtue from his body went, §  
Men's sufferings to calm.

Thus from the day of his baptism  
His sacrifice began;  
And then he said, "It is finished," ||  
When he gave his life for man.

### OUR RANSOM SACRIFICE.

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Such was "the man Christ Jesus,"  
Savior of fallen man:  
You've heard of his death so tragic,  
Yet part of God's good plan.

\* Isa. 53:3. † Isa. 53:4. ‡ Matt. 8:17. § Mark 5:30; || John 17:4; 19:30.

Wicked priests stirred up the people  
To clamor for his life,  
And the Roman Judge was feeble  
And yielded to their strife.

So the Lamb of God, Christ Jesus,  
Was crucified and slain,  
Though not a proof was given  
Of any sinful stain.

Meekly for us he bore disgrace  
And undeserved pain,  
Submitted to the cruel cross,  
For our eternal gain.

Look, dear one, if you can bear it,  
Look at our dying Lord;  
Draw near the cross; behold him;  
"Behold the Lamb of God!" \*

How his hands and feet are mangled,  
And before his loving face,  
Hard, cruel men stand mocking  
At his undeserved disgrace.

A crown of thorns they've placed upon  
His truly royal brow;  
How little do they comprehend  
The "King of Glory" now!

\* John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 5:12.

The Wonderful Story  
"Truly This was the Son of God."



*"And Jesus cried with a Loud Voice, and gave up the Spirit [of life]. And the Veil of the Temple was rent in Twain From the Top to the Bottom."—Mark 15:37, 38.*

“Having therefore, Brethren, Liberty to Enter the Holiest by the Blood of Jesus, By a New and Living Way . . . through the Veil, that is to say, His Flesh . . . Let us Draw Near with a True Heart in Full Assurance of Faith.”—Heb. 10: 19-23.

With heartless laugh and cruel scorn  
They told him to come down,  
And leave that cross of suffering  
And take a kingly crown.  
But little did they realize  
What cost 'twould be to men,  
Or that he could have done it \*  
And spared himself the pain;  
And that 'twas love that held him there  
A willing sacrifice,  
Preferring even death to share,  
To bring to men release.  
Yes, he became man's surety;  
The debt we could not pay  
He willingly paid for us,  
On that dark, dreadful day.  
For his Bride, the Church, he suffered,  
'Twas for our sins he died;  
And not for our sins only, †  
But all the world's beside.

### HOLY, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD.

From infancy to thirty years †  
The perfect man was coming;  
He there, the Lamb acceptable, §  
Became the world's sin-off'ring.

\*Matt. 26: 53, 54. †1 John 2: 2. ‡ Num. 4: 3; 1 Chron. 23: 3; Luke 3: 23. § Gen. 22: 8; John 1: 29, 36.

At once to John, on Jordan's banks,  
He came to symbolize \*  
His consecration e'en to death,  
And, too, that he should rise—

Be lifted up by God's own power,  
From out the silent grave;  
That death, led captive in that hour,  
Should prove him strong to save.

Thus, with our Lord, this solemn rite  
Did a new meaning gain;  
No sins had he to wash away,  
No evil to restrain.

His life, without one sinful spot,  
Was pleasing in God's sight: †  
Even his enemies found naught ‡  
But what was pure and right.

Assured of this, the prophet John  
From such a task drew back, §  
Saying, I've need to be baptized of thee,  
In whom there is no lack.

And comest thou to me, to be  
Baptized in Jordan's wave?  
Yea, Suffer it to be so now,  
Said he who came to save.

\* Luke 3:23. † Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 1:19; Matt. 3:17. ‡ John 7:46. § Luke 23:4, 14-22.

The Wonderful Story  
Of The Spotless Lamb of God — The Sin-Bearer.



*"The next day after, John stood and two of His Disciples;  
and Looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith: Behold the  
Lamb of God!—And they followed Jesus."—John 1:29, 35, 36.*

“If Ye then be Risen with Christ, Seek those Things which are Above, where Christ Sitteth on the Right Hand of God.”—Col. 3 : 1.

“Godliness is Profitable unto All Things, having Promise of the Life that now is, and of That which is to Come.”—1 Tim. 4 : 8.

This speaking symbol did proclaim  
His consecration and his faith—  
That he should rise in God's own name,  
Though faithful unto death.

### HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY.

His station in life was lowly;  
He was a working man: \*  
Hence knew the poor man's trials  
As only a poor man can.

The three years of his ministry  
After the age of thirty,  
Were busy years of toils and cares,  
Teaching the way of duty:

The duty of love to God and man,  
Which is the law's fulfilling; †  
And then of trust in God's great plan  
To save all who are willing. †

His mighty works in those three years  
But shadowed forth his glory; §  
His kingly ministry will end  
The scope of this old story.

\* Matt. 3:13, 15; Mark 6:3. † Matt. 22:37-40; Rom. 13:10. ‡ Mark 1:15; 9:23; 11:24; John 11:40; Rev. 22:17. § John 2:11.

As when he opened blinded eyes,  
And unstopped deafened ears,  
And even waked the dead to life,  
And gave sweet smiles for tears,

So, then, he'll cause the blind to see,  
And all the dead shall hear; \*  
And his kind hand, from every eye,  
Shall wipe the falling tear.

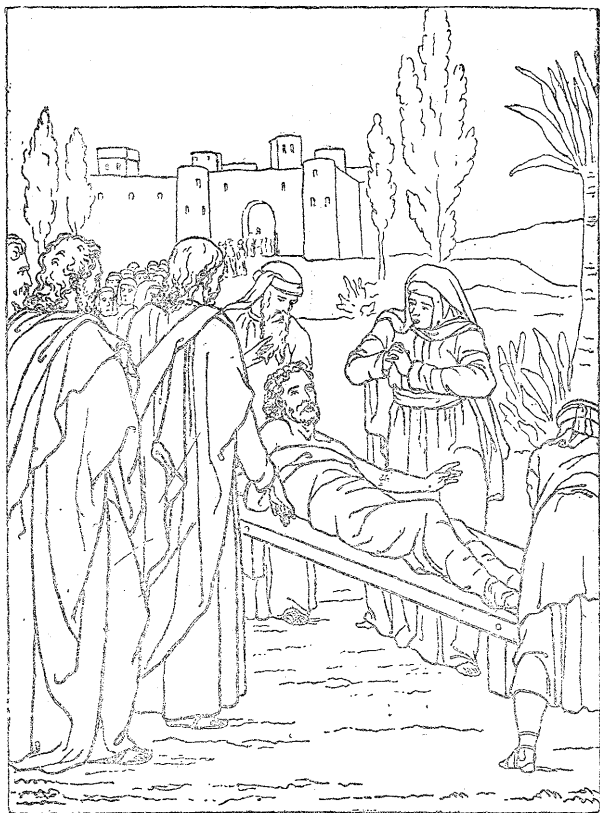
Beauty he'll give for ashes, oil  
Of joy for heaviness; †  
And in the end, with joy and praise,  
Rightness and peace shall kiss.

In his teaching was the freshness  
And simplicity of truth,  
Which corrected false traditions  
Men had cherished from their youth.

Many said, "This Jesus speaketh  
As ne'er before man spake; ‡  
With authority he teacheth:"  
Yet his words they would not take.

\* Isa. 29: 18, 19; 35: 5, 6; John 5: 28, 29; Rev. 21: 4. † Isa. 61: 3; Psa. 85: 10; ‡ John 7: 46; Matt. 7: 28, 29; Mark 1: 27, 28.

The Wonderful Story  
The Dead shall Hear His Voice and Come Forth.



*"And Jesus came and Touched the Bier: and They that bare it stood still. And he said, Young Man, I say unto Thee, Arise!"—Luke 7:14.*  
*These Miracles did Jesus, Manifesting beforehand Coming Glory. Jno. 2:11.*

“The Redeemed of the Lord shall Return, and Come with Singing unto Zion; and Everlasting Joy shall be upon their Head: They shall obtain Gladness and Joy; and Sorrow and Mourning shall flee Away.”—Isa. 51 : 11.

His sacrificed humanity  
Remains an off'ring still, \*  
Though as the high exalted One  
He lives to save who will.

HIS COMING REIGN OF GLORY AND  
BLESSING.

He lives; and at his coming, †  
He'll wake men from the dust—  
In the glad Millennial morning  
When all will learn to trust.

Then he'll banish sin and sorrow †  
And triumph o'er the grave,  
When from death, on that glad morrow,  
Earth's ransomed hosts he'll save.

Yes, at the time appointed  
By the Father's wise decree, §  
The Times of glad Refreshing  
Earth's blood-bought hosts shall see.

A highway grand he'll then cast up,  
And gather out the stones; ||  
And up to everlasting life  
He'll lead obedient ones.

\* Matt. 13:46; 20:28; John 6:51; 1 Cor. 15:21; 1 Pet. 3:18; Phil. 2:9; Heb. 7:25; † Acts 3:19-21. ‡ Isa. 35:10; 51:11; 1 Cor. 15:21, 54, 57. § Acts 17:31; 3:19-21. || Isa. 35:8; 62:10.

No lion shall go up thereon, \*  
Nor any ravenous beast;  
For all the ills these symbolize,  
Forevermore must cease.

The desert he will make to bloom  
And blossom as the rose; †  
Beside the lion and the lamb  
May the young child repose.

For nothing shall offend or hurt  
In all his holy mountain; †  
And evil, sin and death shall be  
Washed out in Calv'ry's fountain.

In a thousand years of reigning ‡  
He'll instruct and train and bless;  
And fully he'll establish them  
In life and righteousness.

To his Father he'll present them—  
Pure, blameless, without fault;  
And earth's true lord shall nevermore  
Be blind or maimed or halt. §

\* Isa. 35:9, 10. † Isa. 35:1, 2; Isa. 11:6-9.  
‡ I Cor. 15:25; Rev. 5:10; 20:6; Isa. 32:1;  
Jer. 23:5; Gen. 28:14. § I Cor. 15:24; Matt.  
25:34; Psal. 8:5-8.

The Wonderful Story  
Typified in Isaac Abraham's Seed.—Gal. 3:16,19.



*"And Isaac said, My Father, behold the fire and the wood; but Where is the Lamb for a Burnt Offering? And Abraham said: My Son, God will provide Himself a Lamb."—Gen. 22:7, 8.*

“The Spirit Itself Beareth Witness with our Spirit that We are the Children of God : and if Children, then Heirs ; Heirs of God, and Joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we Suffer With Him.”—Rom. 8 : 16, 17.

With lasting joy and singing \*  
They'll come to Zion's mount:  
But of Zion's wondrous glory  
I must give you an account.

JOINT-HEIRS WITH JESUS CHRIST,  
OUR LORD.

But where begins the story †  
Of this "Seed of Abraham?"  
How can pen portray thy glory,  
Thou Bride of God's own Lamb?

True Zion is a "little flock,"  
The Lord's own faithful few, ‡  
Who firmly build upon the rock  
With truths both old and new.

Called to be sons and heirs of God  
And Bride of his dear Son, §  
They sacrifice the earthly good  
To join the heav'nly One.

They mark the steps their Leader trod,  
And in his shining track,  
With courage high and faith in God,  
Follow and ne'er turn back—||

\* Isa. 35:5-10. † Gal. 3:29; Rev. 21:2,9; Eph.  
5:31,32. ‡ Luke 12:32; Matt. 7:24; 13:52;  
2 Pet. 1:4. § Rom. 8:28; Gal. 4:7; Acts 15:14.

|| Rev. 17:14.

Till life itself goes out in night:  
Faithful unto the end,  
They walk by faith, and not by sight,  
And every talent spend.

Worthy are they to be his Bride,  
The Bride of God's Anointed, \*  
Whom, for the work of blessing all,  
Jehovah hath appointed.

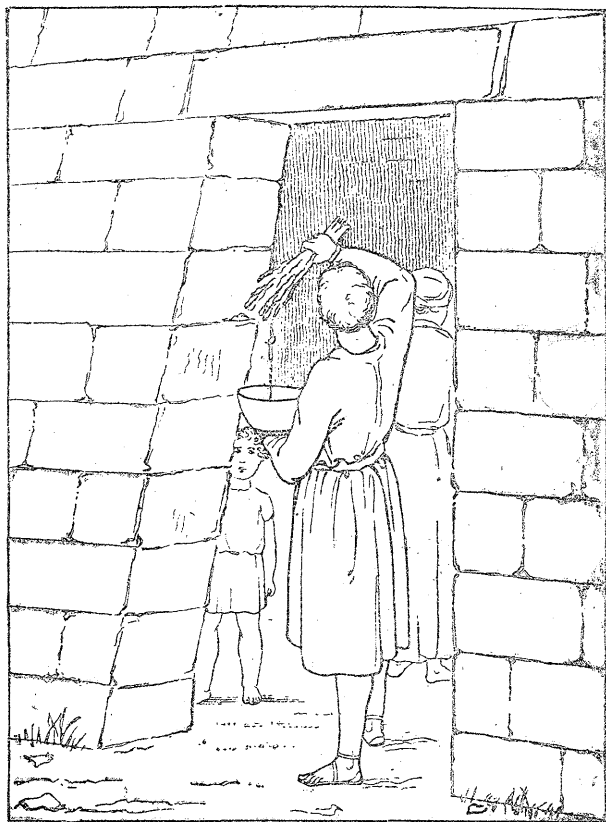
This is the New Jerusalem, †  
This is the great Mount Zion.  
Heav'nly, from God it shall come down;  
Its King is Judah's Lion.

In exaltation these shall shine—  
A "Sun of Righteousness," ‡  
They shall be like their Lord, divine,  
And men and angels bless. §

Now, in her low and trial state,  
Despised and scorned of men,  
This "little flock," the Church of Christ,  
Delights to follow him.

\* Rev. 3:4. † Rev. 21:2, 10. ‡ Matt. 13:43; Mal.  
4:2. § 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 John 3:2; 1 Cor. 6:2, 3.

The Wonderful Story  
The Precious Blood of Sprinkling Typified.



*The Sprinkling of the Blood of the Typical Lamb.—Exod. 12:22.  
The Precious Blood of Christ effects the Pass-Over of the Church  
of the First-born, through whom All are to be Blessed.—Gal. 3:129.*

“Herein is Love, not that We loved God, but that He loved Us, and sent His Son to be the Propitiation for our Sins.”—1 John 4 : 10.

“He Died for All, that They which Live should not henceforth Live unto Themselves, but unto Him Which Died for Them, and Rose again.”—2 Cor. 5; 15.

Her glory and exceeding joy  
In symbols now appear; \*  
Yet, of that grace without alloy,  
She has a foretaste here.

Now she's a troop of "soldiers"  
Following Christ's command,  
His flock of "sheep" well tended,  
And fed by his own hand. †

She's a band of the Lord's "brethren"  
Of whom he's not ashamed,  
And the very "salt of earth," ‡  
The Lord himself has claimed.

Ay, more: the "light of earth" is she,  
Amidst gross darkness shining, §  
Since her dear Lord his light withdrew  
From men, the undeserving.

A pure and "virgin" Church is she,  
Espoused unto her Lord. ||  
Like a meek and comely maiden  
She trusts his faithful word.

\* 1 Cor. 10:17. † 2 Tim. 2:3,4; John 10:  
4-15; Psa. 23. ‡ Heb. 2:11; 3:1; Matt. 5:1.  
§ Matt. 5:14, 16; John 1:4, 5; John 9:3.  
12:35. || 2 Cor. 11:2; Mark 13:35; Psa. 5;  
45:10, 11, 13, 14.

But when she has crossed the borders  
Into the promised land,  
His glorious Bride and full joint-heir,  
She'll be at Christ's right hand. \*

Together, they'll be a "Priesthood,"  
A "Royal Priesthood," too; †  
And their royal, priestly power  
Shall make earth's all things new.

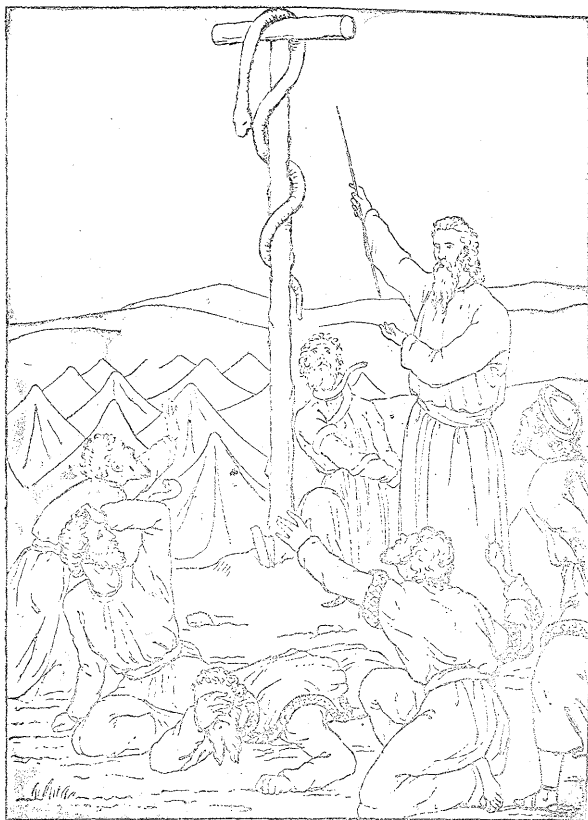
Then, together they're presented  
As King, enthroned and great; ‡  
Jesus as the head considered,  
And the body, his elect.

This Christ shall be the Prince of Peace,  
"Wonderful," "Counselor,"  
A "Mighty God" of truth and grace,  
Man's "Everlasting Father." §

As mighty Prophet, Priest and King,  
In "Times of Restitution," ||  
He shall to men salvation bring—  
An everlasting portion.

\* Rev. 19:7; Rom. 8:17. † 1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 21:2, 5. § Rev. 3:21; 20:6; Col. 1:18. ‡ Isa. 9:6. § Acts 3:21-23; Heb. 7:15, 17, 1, 2.

The Wonderful Story  
Taught Typically by Moses.—John 5. 46.



*"As Moses lifted up the Serpent in the Wilderness, even so Must the Son of Man be lifted up, that Whosoever Believeth in Him should not Perish, but have Eternal Life."—John 3:14-15.*

“He hath made Him to be Sin for Us, who Knew no Sin; that We might be Made the Righteousness of God in Him.”—2 Cor. 5 : 21.

“Like as Christ was Raised up from the Dead by the Glory of the Father, even so We also Should Walk in Newness of Life.”—Rom. 6 : 4.

But to share this exaltation,  
Christ's Bride must like him be;  
And the "first resurrection" \*  
Shall complete her perfectly.

Though this chief and heav'nly portion  
"The Elect" alone shall gain,  
Yet for others there's salvation  
From every sinful stain.

Such of all earth's many millions  
As obey "That Prophet's" voice †  
Shall be pluck'd from death's dominion,  
Choosing life, may have their choice.

Yet remember, all this blessing  
Which to earth and men shall come  
Is dependent on Christ's coming:  
Hence we pray, Thy Kingdom come.

To claim his Bride he comes with stealth  
Not then to men appearing; [wealth,  
First she's endowed with pow'r and  
Then comes the world's great blessing.

\* 1 John 3:2; Rev. 20:6. † Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:22, 23.

This Christ, the 'Sun of Righteousness,'  
Shall rise with healing beams,  
And, as the glorious years progress,  
Sweet peace shall flow in streams. \*

There naught that's wrong shall be  
termed right,  
Nor right as wrong appear; †  
The Lord, the Way, the Life, the Truth,  
Shall make the right most clear.

### CHRIST'S PAROUSIA AND THE GOSPEL HARVEST.

When for his Bride the Lord has come  
With joy and glad surprise,  
His presence she will recognize  
By faith's anointed eyes. †

Then soon she will be like him  
And see him as he is—§  
When her blessed hope's fruition  
The heavenly Father gives.

Quickly she hears his welcome voice,  
Not borne upon the wind;  
Nor in the secret chamber ||  
Does she her loved one find.

\* Isa. 66:12. † Mal. 3:18. ‡ 2 Cor. 5:16.

§ 1 John 3:2. || John 10:4, 5; Matt. 24:26.

The Wonderful Story  
The One Thing Needful Oft Forgot.



*"Jesus said unto her: Martha, Martha, Thou art Careful and Troubled about Many Things: But One thing is Needful, and Mary hath Chosen that Good Part."—Luke 10:41, 42.*

“Whatever Ye Do, do it Heartily as to the Lord  
—for Ye Serve the Lord Christ.”—Col. 3 : 23, 24.

“Blessed are those Servants whom the Lord  
when He Cometh shall find Watching : Verily, I  
say unto you, that He shall Gird Himself, and  
Make Them to Sit down to Meat, and will Come  
Forth and Serve them.”—Luke 12 : 37.

But in the prophecies fulfilled, \*  
And in the signs foretold,  
By faith, with fullest confidence,  
She doth her Lord behold.

For him she long has waited  
And watched by night and day;  
And, for his promised kingdom,  
She has never ceased to pray. †

Christ's appearing to the world at large  
Will be in wrathful token, ‡  
With "iron rod" and heavy scourge,  
Because God's law they've broken.

Human pride will not be willing  
To yield to his control;  
And selfishness will aggravate  
The weakness from the fall.

The kings of earth and lords of lands,  
The rich and clergy, too,  
Will cling to pow'r within their hands  
As erst they used to do.

"A time of trouble" there shall be  
On every tribe and nation;  
With fear and trembling earth shall see  
Her greatest tribulation. §

\* Matt. 24: 33. † Matt. 6: 10. ‡ Matt. 24: 30;  
Rev. 1: 7; 2: 27. § Dan. 12: 1.

Empires and thrones shall disappear,  
And creeds and systems fall;  
And on their ruins God will rear  
His kingdom over all.

Yet to men this tribulation  
Is a blessing in disguise.  
The desire of every nation—\*  
God's Kingdom—then shall rise.

#### TIMES OF RESTITUTION. †

That is the good time coming, though  
This dark night lies between,  
Whose gathering shadows even now  
By thinking men are seen.

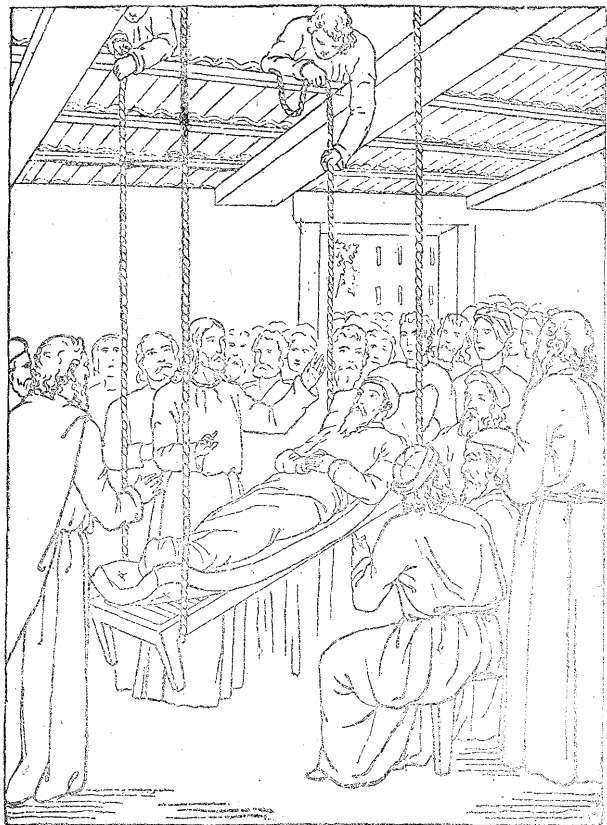
'Twill teach mankind the lesson  
Which eternally will last—  
That sin brings tribulation,  
And virtue blessings vast.

Then fetters and bonds all broken,  
Earth's idols all destroyed,  
The bow of peace, God's token,  
O'er man shall e'er abide.

Knowledge of God shall fill the earth  
As waters cover the sea; ‡ [mirth  
And praise, thanksgiving, and voice of  
Make sweetest melody.

\* Hag. 2:7. † Acts 3:19-21. ‡ Isa. 11:9.

The Wonderful Story  
Foreshadowings of Coming Blessings.



*"Son, thy Sins be Forgiven thee!—Whether is it Easier to say—  
Thy Sins be Forgiven thee, or to say, Take up thy Bed and Walk?—  
The Son of Man hath Power on Earth to Forgive Sins."—Mark 2:5-12.*

“Times of Refreshing shall Come from the Presence of the Lord ; and He shall send Jesus—Whom the Heavens must Retain until the Times of Res-titution of All Things which God hath Spoken by the Mouth of All His Holy Prophets since the World began.”—Acts 3 : 19-21.

There joyfully men will press along  
The highway to perfection, \*  
With faith and hope and courage strong  
Under divine direction.

When crowned at last with perfect life  
And everlasting joy, [praise—  
They'll raise to heaven their notes of  
Through Christ this Victory! †

[And those who shall refuse him—  
Few, exceptions of the race—[earth,  
Who, when clear knowledge fills the  
Reject the proffered grace—

These shall no further thus proceed:  
A second time they'll die;  
They'll be cut off, as God hath said  
The soul that sins shall die.

Their souls, redeemed by Jesus' blood  
From the Adamic fall,  
They'll forfeit by not willing good—  
The terms of life to all.] †

#### THE RANSOM, THE BASIS OF BLESSING.

Thus will the work be finished  
Because our debt was paid,  
Because on Christ, the righteous,  
The sin of all was laid.

\* Isa. 35:8. † Rev. 5:13. ‡ Acts 3:23; Heb.  
6:4-6; 10:26.

Wherefore, because Christ did this  
He's now exalted high, \* [work,  
To nature and to power divine, †  
Never again to die.

O, this wonderful redemption!  
God's remedy for sin;  
The way to life is opened †  
That all may enter in.

Who, who hath been God's counselor?  
Or who hath known his mind? §  
Not one of all the heav'nly host,  
And surely not mankind.

This wisdom, power, love and grace,  
His blessed Word reveals,  
Are but the beamings of his face  
In whom all goodness dwells.

### THE JOYFUL STORY.

Thus runs the old, old story.  
Do you now take it in?—  
This wonderful redemption,  
God's remedy for sin.  
Search the Scriptures, and believe it;  
The Bible says it's true;  
'Tis provided for all sinners,  
And therefore meant for you.

\* Phil. 2:8-11. † Rom. 6:9; Matt. 28:18.

† 2 Tim. 1:10. § Rom. 11:33-36.

The Wonderful Story  
Water of Life from the Life-Giver.



*"Jesus said unto her, If thou Knewest the Gift of God, and Who it is that Saith to Thee, Give me to Drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have Given Thee Living Water."—John 4:10.*

“Thou hast the Words of Eternal Life. And We Believe and are Sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the Living God.”—John 6 : 68,69.

“There is No Condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the Flesh, but after the Spirit.”—Rom. 8 : 1.

Then take this great salvation,  
Which our Father loves to give;  
Just now by faith receive it,  
In due time you shall live.

And since this simple message  
Brings peace and joy to you,  
Make known the wondrous story;  
For others need it too.

Go tell the blessed tidings  
That legally we're free \*  
From sin and pain and dying,  
To live eternally.

By faith enjoy the prospect now,  
And by and by fruition; †  
Let every act of life now show  
Your thanks for this salvation.

Soon shall our eyes behold it—  
Salvation from above!  
The theme of this old story  
Of precious, heavenly love.

#### EXPERIENCE AND JOY OF THE SAINTS.

"I love to tell the story  
Of gracious, heavenly love;  
How Jesus left his glory,  
That wondrous love to prove.

\* Rom. 8 : 1. † Rom. 8 : 24.

"I love to tell the story,  
Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else would do.

"I love to tell the story!  
More wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies  
Of all our golden dreams.

"I love to tell the story!  
It did so much for me;  
And that is just the reason  
I tell it now to thee.

"I love to tell the story!  
'Tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it,  
More wonderfully sweet.

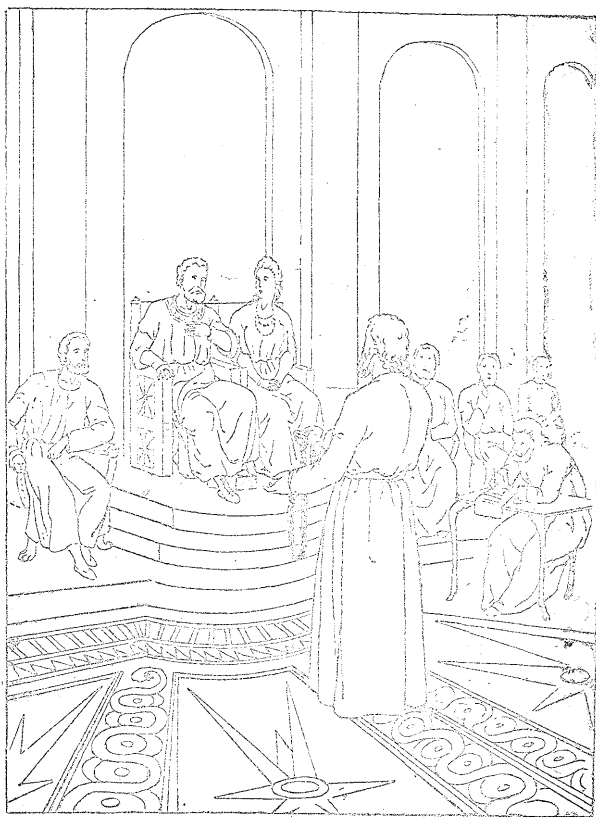
"I love to tell the story,  
For some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
From God's own holy Word.

"I love to tell the story!  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
To hear it, like the rest.

"And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story  
That I have loved so long."

## The Wonderful Story

"I Love to Tell the Story! It did so Much for Me!"



*Then Agrippa said, Almost thou Persuadest Me to be a Christian:  
And Paul said, I would to God that All that Hear Me were  
Altogether such as I am, Except these Bonds.—Acts 26:28, 29.*

“Remember the Word that I said unto You, The Servant is not Greater than his Lord. If they have Persecuted Me, they will also Persecute You.”—John 15 : 20.

“My Grace is Sufficient for Thee : for My Strength is made Perfect in Weakness.”—2 Cor. 12 : 9.

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