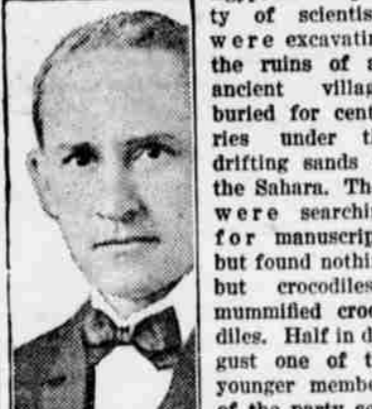




Faith, The "Title Deed"

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TEXT—Faith is the substance of things hoped for.—Heb. 11:1.



Think of crocodiles shedding light on Holy Writ! The story comes from Egypt how a party of scientists were excavating the ruins of an ancient village, buried for centuries under the drifting sands of the Sahara.

They were searching for manuscripts but found nothing but crocodile-mummified crocodiles. Half in disgust one of the younger members of the party seized a baby crocodile by the tail and dashed it against a stone, bursting it open. To his astonishment out rolled bundles of manuscripts of every description; legal documents, court records, bills of exchange, receipts for taxes and house rents, private letters of all sorts, and even a schoolboy's examination papers! The other crocodiles were also made to yield up the treasures with which they were stuffed. Imagine the excitement when they discovered that many of these "papyri" were written in the age of the Caesars and in the identical Greek of the New Testament. Great floods of light have been thrown by these manuscripts on the meaning of New Testament words, many of them standing forth with a picturesque vividness never before seen. From the "papyri" we now know that the word in common use in the apostolic age for "title deed" is the word in our text above given translated "substance." "Faith is the title deed of things hoped for." What a find!

An old saying has it, "Seeing is believing." Should it not read, "Believing is seeing?" Here lies before me a crumpled, fifty-dollar bill. It was issued a dozen years ago and has been handled by innumerable fingers, but the stamp of the United States government on it is still plainly visible. Which one of its possible holders ever saw the five silver dollars it claims to represent? No one cares to see them; the promise of the government is enough. Here, "believing is seeing." My five-dollar bill is only a promise, and yet my faith in it is my title deed for things I hope for: potatoes, flour, butter and what not.

But faith, to be valid, must rest upon the trustworthiness of the word of another. The support of faith is always outside of one. A five- peso note issued by the state of Chihuahua, Mex., may be worth five pesos, and again it may not. That is where the bandit, Villa, lives, and the scene of his most spectacular depredations. Is the state of Chihuahua solvent? And if so, will it continue to be so in case I want to redeem this promissory note? My faith in a promissory note is the measure of my confidence in the promisor.

The very essence of faith is strikingly illustrated in our word "aman." We use this ancient word every time we pray, but do we understand its meaning? It is really a Greek word. Jesus used it each time our version reads "verily, verily I say unto you." The old Hebrew word dates back to Abraham's time, and earlier, only he called it "aman." Anything is "aman" that is solid, firm, secure and absolutely dependable. Abraham and his wife Sarah were old and stricken in years, but childless. God promised them a son in their old age in spite of the fact that, humanly speaking, such a thing was impossible. Romans 4:19-21 describes how this startling promise affected Abraham: "Being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb; he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that what he had promised he was able also to perform." That is to say, Abraham recognized the fulfillment of this promise as entirely a miracle of God's power. What he said to God was, "Thou art 'aman.'" In other words, "Thou canst be depended upon!" Thy word is firm, secure, absolutely reliable." Abraham's rest of faith was in the almightiness of God and the faithfulness of his word, just as my confidence in a five-dollar note rests in the firmness and the security of the United States government.

God in his Word has offered to us eternal life in Christ Jesus. He tells me this is a gift bestowed miraculously from above by the Holy Spirit. How my heart eagerly reaches out for this alluring prize. He offers this to "whoever will." That includes me. I believe and it is mine. Faith is the "title deed" to things hoped for. My faith makes God real and his wonderful salvation a blessed fact here and now; and "being fully persuaded that what he has promised he is able also to perform," "I rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 8

JOSEPH MADE RULER OF EGYPT.
LESSON TEXT—Genesis 41:33-44.
GOLDEN TEXT—He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.—Luke 16:10.
DEVOTIONAL READING—Psalms 48.
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Genesis 39:41.

Thirteen long years have passed since his brethren sold him. They have been years of fiery testing for Joseph, but his faith is triumphant. There is a mighty contrast between Joseph in the pit at Dothan and Joseph as prime minister of Egypt. I. Joseph Made Prime Minister of Egypt (vv. 33-44).
1. The Occasion (vv. 33-32). It is the interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams. In his dream Pharaoh saw seven fat kine coming out of the river, followed by seven lean ones, which devoured the fat ones. This dream was followed by another in which he saw seven ears of corn come up on one stalk, rank and good, only to be destroyed by seven thin ones. These dreams produced uneasiness in Pharaoh's mind. Being thus troubled over them he sent for the magicians and wise men of Egypt to interpret them to him. Upon their failure to interpret them, the chief butler calls to mind the prisoner who had interpreted his dreams two years before. Pharaoh hastily brings Joseph from prison and places his dreams before him. Joseph disclaimed wisdom for himself, but confidently asserted his faith in the wisdom of God. God is pleased with those who will thus lean upon him in the crucial hour, and will never disappoint them (James 1:5). Little did Joseph's brethren, the Ishmaelites who carried him into Egypt, or Potiphar whose slave he became, realize what the future would bring to him. His years of suffering and waiting were part of God's plan for his discipline and education. It is God's law for those who would reign, that they suffer. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him" (2 Timothy 2:12). Joseph's exaltation from the state of humility is a fine illustration of Christ's humility and exaltation (Philippians 2:3, 10).

II. Joseph's Naturalization (v. 45). As soon as Pharaoh thus exalted him he changed his name to Zaphnath-paaneah, an Egyptian word having varying designations: as "Salvation of the world," "The prince of life of the world," "The revealer of secrets," "The food of life," etc. No doubt it was Pharaoh's purpose to designate him as the preserver of life, the revealer of secrets, the interpreter of dreams, and the author of the plan by which Egypt was saved from the awful famine. He thus was naturalized, and his civil status rendered compatible with his official rank. Then Asenath, the daughter of the priest, was given him to wife. Intermarriage with this caste completed his naturalization by elevating him to social position. Joseph's elevation was to save the world from famine. Christ's elevation was to save the world from spiritual death. All unknown to his brethren, the Jews, Christ is now at the right hand of the Father, the Savior of the world from its famine of death. As Joseph received a Gentile bride in the time of his rejection and exaltation, so Christ is now receiving a Gentile bride (Romans 11:25).

III. Joseph's Wise Administration (vv. 46-49). He first made a careful survey of the land, then organized his forces and looked after the details of the work. He did not use his power and position for himself, but to save others. He did not idle his time away, for he knew that only seven short years remained in which to work.

The Loom of Life.
It is a solemn thought that every one of us carries about with him a mystical loom, and we are always weaving—weave, weave, weave—this robe which we wear, every thought a thread of the warp, every action a thread of the woof. We weave it, and we dye it, and we cut it, and we stitch it, and then we put it on and wear it; and it sticks to us. Like a snail that crawls about your garden patches and makes its shell by a process of secretion from out of its own substance, so you and I are making that mysterious solemn thing, we call character, moment by moment. It is our own self-moulded by our actions. Character is the precipitate from the stream of conduct which, like the Nile delta, gradually rises solid and firm above the parent river, and confines its flow.—Alexander MacLaren.

An Inner Grace.
Holiness is something different from virtue. It is not the same as duty; still less is it the same as religious belief. It is a name for an inner grace of nature, an instinct of the soul, by which, though knowing of earthly appetites and worldly passions, the spirit, purifying itself of these, and independent of reason, argument and the struggles of the will, dwells in patient and confident communion with the seen and the unseen good.

Look to the Light!
Beyond every shadow lies a light. Beyond the Good Friday of a jeopardized resurrection dawn lies the palpable liberty for men which we will nurture into a civilization such as the world has never seen. God puts the blackness before the transfiguring light; therefore, let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

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Color Classification.
Hazel had been making mud pies and had gotten her face and hands smeared with dirt. Coming into the kitchen while the girl was out, she began stirring some batter she found on the table. Her father happened to enter the room just then and exclaimed: "What's going on here?" "I'm the new cook," announced Hazel readily. "Well, if you're going to cook," said her father, "you'd better wash your face and hands first."

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Another Angle.
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BETTER LET CHILD CHOOSE
Writer in Mother's Magazine Gives Advice as to Treatment of the Small People.

Mantha G. Nichols makes a strong plea in Mother's Magazine, to allow the child to choose between right and wrong:
"Don't make me do it, mamma, let me do it," pleaded a little fellow one day when his mother was trying to exercise rather arbitrary authority. A small boy was objecting to doing an errand for his mother. She said pleasantly, "I can manage if you do not do it, but I can get my work out of the way much sooner, if you do. Supposing I let you choose whether you will accommodate me, or I accommodate you. I'll say nothing more about this, and you may do just what you think it is fair for a boy to do by his mother." It did not take long for the son to choose the better way and to walk off proud of his independent action.

Concing a child to do what he ought to is a questionable policy, yet in a dignified, matter-of-fact manner to show him that you give him credit for common sense and a fair amount of amiability and right purpose is to encourage him to do those qualities. It helps him to do his best in the best possible way—he chooses his own action, and can choose again.

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