



Times Remembered
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The First Day of Third Grade

ally bought my sister and I dresses alike or made similarly. I loved getting new clothes, shoes and school supplies.

I was very excited about the first day of third grade at Hargett School. I went to bed early to be fresh and extra smart the next day, but sleep escaped me, and the night seemed endless. The nights were breathlessly hot, even with the windows open and all the fans going. It was the kind of weather we are experiencing this week. Ninety degrees and rising. I tossed and turned and sighed, waiting patiently for sleep to come . . . but it didn't happen. Finally after midnight I begin to doze.

I awoke to the smell of frying bacon and Mom calling to me, "Wake up, sleepy-head, guess what day it is?"

"I guess you will miss the bus if don't hurry up and get ready for school."

I stared up at her half awake; had I missed the first day of school? After being assured there was plenty of time to get ready, I began to

dress. Every item of clothing was brand-new. Mama had chosen my new dress . . . it was white with small red roses with black designs through it with a Peter Pan collar and a big red bow with a long, wide ribbon that floated from the collar to the waist. My socks were white and my shoes were shiny and stiff.

I combed my blonde hair and placed hair barrettes in the sides with a little help from Mom. I hated my bangs; Mom seemed to cut them way too short. She claimed I needed to see my books and papers to be able to study.

I sat down to a breakfast of bacon, scrambled eggs and biscuits and syrup.

I had to walk down our gravel road, (now Avery Hollow Road), to catch the bus with the other kids that lived nearby. The Horns and Rawlins kids from Sweet Lick, the Dawes and Brinegars from Grindstone Road, and the Estes from Wall Street would gather at the old Elliott and Witt Buick dealership on Winchester Road to catch the bus.

Hargett School looked much like it looks today except classes aren't held there anymore and it is for sale. It is a long, ranch style building with dark red brick and white columns. It seemed empty in the summer, but today it would come alive with noise and excitement.

I speculated what my teacher, Mrs. Harris would

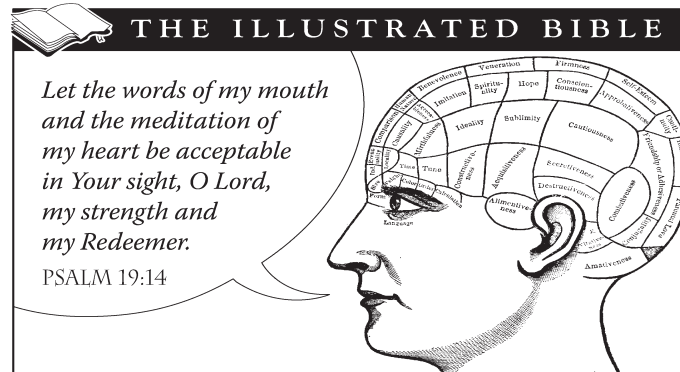
be like.

The classroom and bulletin board was decorated appropriately and everything seemed to be in the right place. The flag was standing in the front corner of the classroom where every morning we said the Pledge of Allegiance. Each desk had an identical stack of books . . . our reader, spelling book, geography book, history book, curative writing workbook, and of course, our arithmetic book.

The teacher's desk always seemed much prettier, with it all polished with a neat stack of books and a vase of roses.

At last we were seated at our desks alphabetically; I always sat in the front because my name began with an "A"; but that was ok I liked sitting in the front. My hands were clasped in front of me, and my feet were flat on the floor. I listened intently to the voice that would surround me all school year. I just knew that I would be a good student and she would be a great teacher.

Today . . . gone are the strict rules of my childhood classroom, things have changed a lot. No more paddling with a wooden paddle; discipline is absent at schools. We wonder why kids get into so much trouble . . . they are not made to mind their parents or their teachers.



Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.
PSALM 19:14

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1. Is the book of Mark in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What words did Jesus use three times in resisting the temptations of Satan? My father above, God is love, It is written, Thou must repent
3. In 2 Peter 1, what

were holy men moved by in regard to prophecy? Kindred spirit, Holy Ghost, Sins, Love of God

4. From Judges 6, what judge threshed wheat by the wine-press? Gideon, Joash, Neco, Hosea

5. Whom was Saul's daughter that married David? Jephthah, Oholah, Rahab, Michal

6. Shechem the son of ...? James, Hamor, Jacob, Onan

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seeds of Hope



Failure is never a welcome guest. Nor does one choose failure to be an associate or companion. Yet it is something that often invades our lives even though it is unwanted. Yet, from it we learn some of life's most valuable lessons.

In Psalm 21 David begins with shouts of praise: "How the king rejoices in Your strength, O Lord...how he shouts with joy because You gave him victory...how You gave him a crown...how You preserved his life." Here we find David rejoicing and praising His Lord for the gracious gifts that He gave him. He praised God for granting him the desires of his heart and giving him victory over his enemies.

But notice carefully: he realized that the source of his strength, the joy of his victories, his golden crown and the preservation of his life all came from his Lord. He recognized God as his source of strength, survival and success. And in doing so, he gave thanks!

David learned from his mistakes. And wisely, when he came confident from his victories, he knew whom to thank. His victories came from the Lord.

God often allows us to experience the agony of defeat and the sorrow of disappointment to learn that we must rely on Him for everything, every day. In this Psalm David reminds us that his strength, joy, victory, rewards and protection all come from God. He learned from experience to trust God. What a great lesson for us.

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Why Would Anyone Follow The Devil?

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In **John 8:44** Jesus is speaking unto the Pharisees who were the main religious group of that day; saying unto them: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it."

If we did not use another scripture this would be enough to warn each person that they do not want to align themselves unto him. At this time we will use some of the descriptive terms assigned to him. Accuser of the brethren, adversary, belial, the deceiver of the whole world, the evil one, here the father of lies, the god of this world, a murderer, the old serpent, the prince of this world and of the power of the air, and the tempter. So then, these designations indicate the dignity and the character of Satan. And notice that he walks among the sons of God upon the earth, **Job 1 and 2**. So the very nation of Satan is always inherently evil.

So why would any one follow him? Especially when we see his end in the lake of fire in **Revelation 20**. Sadly, most of this world do not consider themselves followers of Satan, when in fact that is just what they are doing. In **John 8:34** verily, verily I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin, is the servant of sin.

We all recognize that in the beginning that Satan caused sin to enter into this world, and in so doing it brought death unto all mankind. Sadly this arch deceiver is still at his work today, still trying to tell people that they will not be lost if they follow him. John says that Satan abode not in the truth. This implies that he is a fallen angel. Then in **1 John 3:8** asserts that the devil sinneth from the beginning. Sadly in **Matthew 13:19**, he snatches away the word of God sown in the hearts of the unsaved. How then do people align themselves to the devil? Simply by refusing to hear, believe, and obey the truth that our Lord brought from God our father. Also, by disobeying our Lord even though they know his will for them. This is being done through procrastination, putting off what they know to do by letting the devil tell them they have plenty of time to do it. Then, when people lie, cheat, steal, murder, ravage their bodies with alcohol, drugs, etc., are they not children of the devil by choice? **Matthew 6:24**, "No man can serve two masters: for he will hate the one, and love the other; ye cannot serve God and the world at the same time." Have you ever considered yourself to be a child of the devil? Then let me say as sternly as I can, if you have not obeyed the gospel, then you are still a child of the devil. It plainly teaches us in **Hebrews 5:8-9** that obedience or humility is the only thing that will bring us eternal life. To obey is life. To refuse is death. Think about it!

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