

of the Pharaohs, or would he choose his own people? Oh, what a crisis hour it was for this young man, Moses!

JUST PICTURE IT as he climbs to some high place & looks at the lights of the palace as they twinkle out from the imperial city; the palace with all its riches & beauty, the things he had been used to all his life. Then he looks out at the Pyramids where he sees the glow of the brick kilns where his own people, slaves of Pharaoh, are making bricks. And as they drag, half starved, at the sound of the slave driver's whip, Moses' heart burns within him.

THEY ARE HIS PEOPLE & GOD'S PEOPLE. If he chooses to be one of them he must forget all the comfort & luxury he has always had, wear the hated garb of the slave & renounce forever the only mother he has ever known, Pharaoh's daughter.

SO HE MAKES HIS CHOICE, & he chooses, as God's Word says, "to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." Now these pleasures of sin, spoken of here in the Bible, were more tempting than appears by this mere statement. But he refused to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, Egypt at this time being the most attractive spot on earth, her granaries bursting with grain & the wealth pouring into her treasuries, with Moses being heir to it all!

FROM THE POSSESSIONS OF THE MIGHTIEST EMPIRE ON EARTH he turned to mere slavery. Moses was wise. He had been educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. He knew exactly what such a choice would mean. He wasn't turning that way thru' any ignorance of just what it meant. But he was not only well-educated & wise, **HE WAS FAR-SIGHTED,** & that's what I really want to talk

to you about. This far-sightedness that's willing to sacrifice for the future gain. For God's Word says "he had respect unto the recompense of the reward". In other words, he knew that the pleasures of sin were only for a moment & the future recompense of God's reward was for all eternity. He believed that without God's favour, a millionaire is only a pauper.

THE CHOICE THAT MOSES EMBRACED ENTAILED POVERTY & suffering & terrible humiliation. But he'd rather be the least of God's children here without an earthly crown, & wear a diadem forever there. So he took a stand with God's children that he might stand with them before the eternal King over there. Oh what a choice! That's why his name's enrolled in God's Gallery of Fame in this 11th Chapter of Hebrews.

IN 2 PETER 1:9 IT SPEAKS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND & cannot see afar off. So many are like that today when they make their choice. They can see only the present. They sell out the future for the present. So many are blind spiritually to the great recompense of reward that God has.

THEY HAVE SPIRITUAL NEAR-SIGHTEDNESS OF THE SOUL. Standing with Moses on the steps of the palace, it looks like a foolish choice. But standing on the steps of the Throne of God over there as Moses looks back, oh, what a wise & glorious choice it was! His name has gone down in history, men rise up today & call him blessed, & his influence reaches to this very day.

I WONDER ABOUT YOUR CHOICES TODAY. Are you living mostly for the present & you don't keep your heart & eyes on the great recompense of reward? The Lord says, "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him" (Ro. 8:17). The realities of

eternity are pleasures forevermore! God loves you & has made great plans for you & your life.

ARE YOU MAKING YOUR CHOICE? Does the time come some evening when you could read your Bible, but instead you just look at some television program? Or in the morning when you could start your day with a real season of prayer in the presence of God & get His leading for the day, but you decide to sleep a little longer.

THEY'RE LITTLE CHOICES, IT SEEMS, but oh, they're big after all. God loves you & God has planned so much, so very much for you. Won't you take His way? Live in the Word! Trust Him to work it all out for your good & His glory. Make your choice. He's still on the Throne & prayer changes things, & will change them for you! (Transcribed by John Beloved just before leaving Australia for the mission fields of S.E. Asia.)

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Children's Corner!



Josh cheers up the old folks! A little bit of love goes a long long way!

8 SOULS AT OLD FOLKS HOME!

From Joshua Crusade, age 7, U.S.A.:

I went to the old folks home with my 2 moms, my aunt and my 2 sisters and 2 brothers. I won 6 souls to the Lord! My brother Eli won 2 souls to the Lord! Wow! It was fun!

We sang songs and loved the old people. We made the old people very happy, especially one blind lady. This made us very happy! PTL!

And then we had a birthday party for Eli after we came home from the old folks home. Praise God for letting Jesus die on the cross for us! We love you, Family! Love,—Joshua.

(Hannah Crusade, mother.)

WITNESSING AT SCHOOL!

From Paul Lion-Hearted, age 7½, Canada:

Today the Lord checked me to save a soul. I have a certain bus stop to get off at, but the soul I wanted to win to Jesus got off at another bus stop. So I rode to his stop and when he got off, I did too. Then I asked him if he'd like

to receive Jesus into his heart. He said yes so we prayed together.

One day as I was going out for recess I asked my teacher if she wanted to receive Jesus. And she did! Then the next day in religion class the Lord checked me to go up to the front and ask the teacher if we could pray with the whole class. At first she asked me to go sit down. But then as I was walking back to my desk she suddenly said, "Do you want to do that experiment you did with me?" I said yes, so I got them all to come up to the front and hold hands and we all prayed.—24 more souls!—Love, Paul. (Parents: Peter Boy & Saphir Lovelight.)

POSTERS YOU WEAR AS A WITNESS!



From Job-5 and Daniella-2½; U.S.A.:

Hope you have fun getting out the Word! We do! Here we are going out witnessing and witnessing with our posters and copies of "The Big Lie". Lots of people stop to read our sign when we go to the shopping center. Even tho' they don't let us pass out the Letters inside, the people still get the message! Love, Job and Daniella (children of Jebalina).

Sheba Bear—Now With The Lord!

Her ultimate fight-of-faith victory & "But If Not" encouragement to keep G-F-G!

From Giacomo; Canada:

Dear Dad, Maria & Family, **GBY ALL! THIS IS TO TELL YOU ALL THAT OUR BELOVED SHEBA BEAR IS GONE TO BE WITH THE LORD,** on the 16th of March. GBHI—After a long time of suffering (almost 5 years, especially the last 3). I'll try in this letter to explain to you what happened in these last 2 months preceding her death.

AS SHEBA ALREADY EXPLAINED in a testimony she wrote for the FN (see Mag 20), we were trusting the Lord for her healing & expecting a miracle & we always felt that the Lord was with us in our step of faith. She wasn't accepting any cure or treatment like Chemotherapy or X-ray treatment.

ALTHO' HER CONDITION WAS GETTING WORSE & more hopeless, we knew that with God all things are possible & is there anything too hard for the Lord? So as she was getting worse, our faith was growing stronger & we knew that the miracle was getting closer.

ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE



Giacomo & Sheba in Italy, 1975, just 4 months after they were married.

SHE DIED she couldn't walk & could hardly talk & I had to massage her legs almost constantly when she was awake. But in spite of her terrible conditions & the hard time that we were going thru', we felt relieved to know that everything was going to be over soon & we could finally enjoy together our 3 beautiful children & witness to everybody about the miracle. During this hard period the Lord gave us some very encouraging verses like 2 Pt. 2: 20, Je. 17:10, John 11:40, Is. 2:17 & others. The end was close, PGI!

ON MARCH 11TH AN AMBULANCE TOOK HER TO THE HOSPITAL & she was in the same ward as previously where she had witnessed to everybody about faith & healing & salvation. Now she couldn't talk & she touched everybody's heart because she looked so bad & yet she still had faith that the Lord would heal her.

AT THIS POINT I WAS STAYING DAY & NIGHT BESIDE HER to help & encourage her. The children were staying with a brother & sister with 5 children of their own, GBTI! Satur-

day the 15th I took the children home but at 9:30 p.m. a nurse phoned me & said that Sheba was unconscious & under oxygen. As I was waiting for Sheba's sister Colleen (she's in the Family in Mexico) to pick me up in the car, I prayed desperately for the Lord to encourage & lead us according to His will.

AS I OPENED THE BIBLE, my eyes fell on the 8th Chapter of 2 Kings & the verse was right there: "...whose son he had restored to life" & another verse: "...how he had restored a dead body to life". The Spirit of the Lord was very strong & I knew that even if she died the Lord would "restore her dead body to life". Colleen & I were very excited as we drove to the hospital.

THAT NIGHT SHEBA'S CONDITION REMAINED UNCHANGED. She was almost always unconscious & was getting injections of morphine every 3-4 hours. The next afternoon at 3:30 p.m. the nurses told us that she was dying, so soon all her family members & the doctor were gathered around her. She passed away at 5:15 p.m. in a very peaceful way, TGI! She just stopped breathing & sort of fell asleep in Jesus' arms, TYJ!

AFTER SHE DIED I FELT INSPIRED TO PRAY for God to bring her back to life but the time passed by & nothing happened. After an hour everybody else left & Colleen & I stayed until 9 p.m. & then left wondering what the Lord was waiting for. Everything seemed so crazy, but I knew that the Lord was with us & I had just to follow His directions, PGI!

AS THE HOURS PASSED I FELT A LITTLE DISCOURAGED but after I read the whole

story of the "child whose dead body was restored to life" in 2 Kings 4:8-37, I was very encouraged because I realized that it took at least 2 days from the time when the child died until Elisha came from Mount Carmel to Shuna (about 50 km.) to heal him.

ANYWAY, TODAY HER BODY WAS CREMATED, so the Lord didn't save her body for some reason. I don't understand why the Lord let it end this way contrary to all our expectations & what He showed us for years. All I know is that He was behind the whole thing & I don't feel under condemnation for what happened.

NOW, 4 DAYS AFTER I WROTE THIS, I believe that I must have made some mistake somewhere & probably hardened my ear to what the Lord was trying to show me, Lord forgive me! Now heaviness is in my heart because I don't have my dear Sheba with me & all our projects won't come true.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND, I'M NOT TRYING TO GET SOME SYMPATHY! I consider myself a very blessed person & I thank God for all He gave me.—A new life & a wonderful Family & then He gave me Sheba who loved me so intensely & the Lord blessed us with 3 beautiful children. Well, in these 5 years with her I sure learned lots of lessons about love, faith, patience, faithfulness & to PTL no matter what! We went thru' many frustrating periods & we fought many times but our love for each other grew stronger & stronger all the time, PGI! She was my woman & I feel so lucky that the Lord chose me to take care of such a special person as my Sheba.

LIFE HAD ALWAYS BEEN HARD FOR HER TO LIVE & many times she wished that she could be with the Lord. She

had a very high standard in everything & she couldn't stand injustice & hypocrisy. The Lord gave her the desire of her heart & I'm happy to know that now she's happy with Jesus & not suffering anymore. She deserved it!

WHAT I DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND IS WHY THE LORD MADE HER SUFFER so much before dying. Of course, I know that we didn't make a mistake by trusting God for her healing & I wouldn't hesitate to do it myself if I'll ever be sick. It's difficult for me to see the trees from the forest now, but I know that the Lord somehow will answer my questions in the long run. I just read the Letter "But If Not" & it's been a great encouragement for me to keep going no matter what.

SORRY IF THIS LETTER IS SO LONG, but I wanted to write all the details & let everybody know what happened. I hope that somehow it will be inspiring. I love you very much & feel so privileged to be part of such a wonderful Family & know the Truth, Hallelujah! Love, Giacomo Servo & children.

P.S. YESTERDAY I RECEIVED A VERY INSPIRING PHONE CALL from Colleen in Mexico & spoke with a brother there who told me that on the day Sheba died he later felt her presence & she told him that she was happy now & helping her people. Hallelujah! He said the next day he felt her presence again & she reassured him that she was fine & happy with Jesus! PGI! Hope you can understand my English; I'm Italian. ILY!

(From Dad: WLY2! GBKAY in this time of grief! You are certainly taking such a great disappointment with great faith & courage! GBY! Perhaps you'll find the answers to some of these questions in some old & recent Letters such as those a-

bout the death of our Abner, Aaron my own son, a number of children & others of our Family who have died for the Lord or in His service or after leaving the Family.

One which may help you is one you may have already read by this time—"New Models", particularly the story of my uncle in Paragraph 58 & on: "God does not always heal the way we expect, & death is the greatest deliverance of all! We are often tempted to ask why, but God knows best, & all things still work together for good to them who love Him."

Often we suffer that we may comfort others with the same comfort with which we ourselves are comforted (2Cor. 1:4), which she is no doubt doing now, as the brother in Mexico told you. Also sometimes we suffer here from God's chastenings, that we may learn & not have to suffer hereafter (1Cor. 11 & Heb. 11). I too could ask why, as I did in my answer to her letter on page 134 of Mag 20, which I regret was published only a month after her death, why she refused treatment for a disease which is often curable, even with medication?—God helps those who help themselves when they can't help themselves!

We also wondered why, when she was the World Shiner she suddenly almost stopped witnessing entirely, expressing her doubts even to the hurt of others! It is sad to stumble, but worse to stumble others! (Lk. 17:1-2).—Perhaps someone caused her to stumble!

This we know: She's now well & with the Lord & understands it all, so she can be an even greater help to others! May God help us to trust His infinite love & wisdom that passes all understanding! (Phil. 4:7).—And may you learn the lessons He is teaching you thru' it all!—Love,—Dad.)