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WELCOME

We would like to say that we are happy that you are reading this book. If you are trying to improve your ability to speak and understand English word, this book will be helpful. It has been written in easy-to-read English for you. Word are spelled correctly. They are put together in the right way in short sentences. The word are not too difficult to pronounce. As you read the words aloud many time, two thing will happen.

First, your ability to read, speak and understand English will get better and better. Practicing in the right way is the secret to becoming stronger in the use of English. Hearing your own voice speaking the words will give you confidence. This will be very valuable to you.

Second, you will gradually come to the point of hearing the soft, quiet voice of the One who created you. The stories point you to the One who loves you and stands ready to help you. He is living and is able to speak to you heart. This will be more valuable to you than anything else.

We encourage you to continue practice reading these stories for years to come. Your life will be richer because of it.

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PREEACE

Millions of people today, throughout the world, are struggling to improve their English. This language is not easy, but it is universal. Better jobs are opening to those people who are able to converse in English.

Along with this great movement, there is a vast shortage of suitable material for encouraging people to read English. This is especially true in countries where English is not the “mother language.” In those countries in pronouncing English words correctly, knowing the meaning of the words and being able to engage in English conversation.

This book, that is offered without charge, is an effort to provide more easy-to-read English material to encourage all persons-adults as well as children. The words and thoughts relate to the Eternal God who created all things. This same Creator God will give assistance to anyone who practices reading these stories from the Bible over and over. He promises, “Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it shall be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7

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GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE

Genesis, Chapter 1

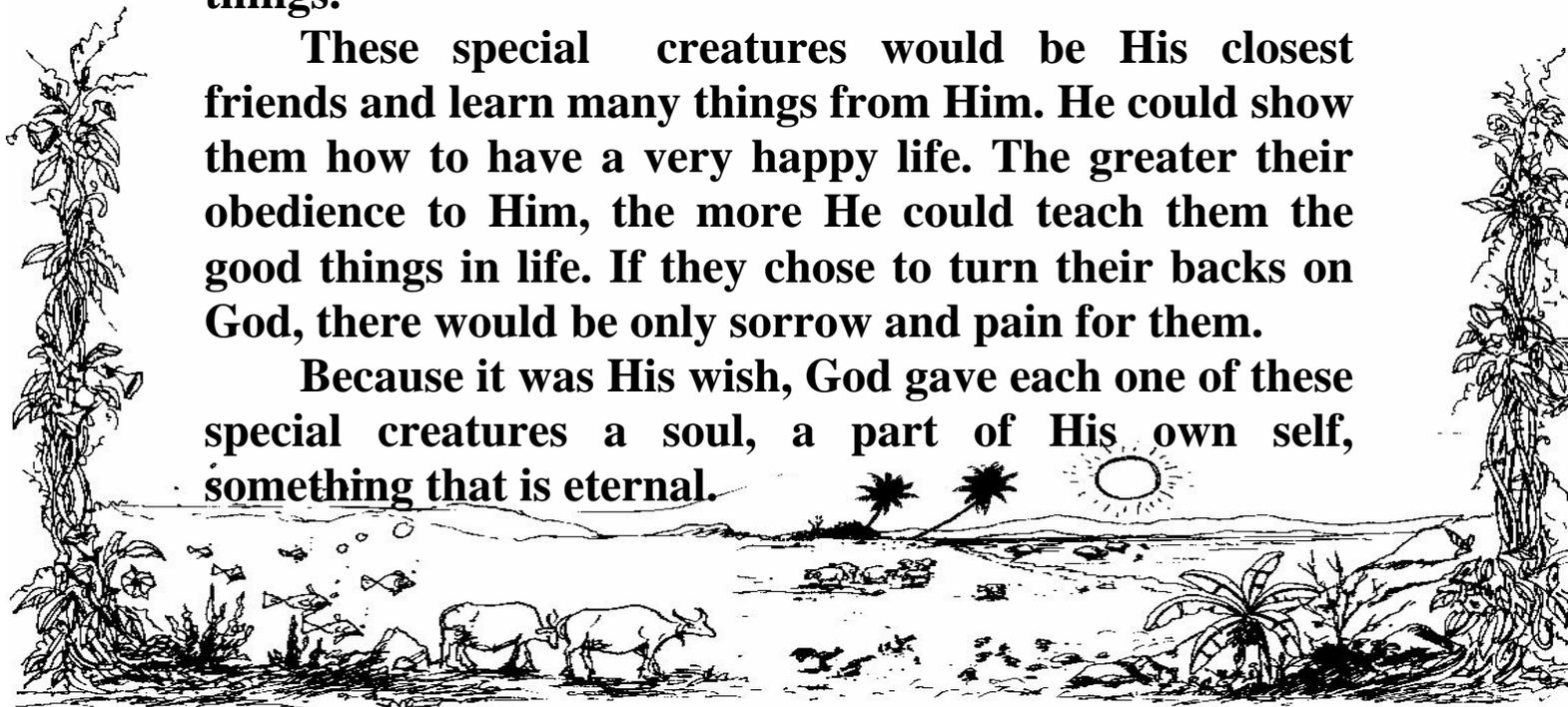
It was the One True God who made the earth. There was nothing here before He did that. First, He created light. Then, one thing after the other, He created day and night, and a round-shaped earth. Next, He placed water on the earth, an area of air. Next, He gave the water a special place to be and the land a special place to be.

On the land, God made great numbers of plants. Then He made the sun, moon and stars. He made many kinds of fish to live in the water and birds to fly in the air around the earth.

God also made animals who would live on the land and move from place to place. Last, God made His greatest creation—a man and a woman. He did that because He wanted creatures who could love and think and create things.

These special creatures would be His closest friends and learn many things from Him. He could show them how to have a very happy life. The greater their obedience to Him, the more He could teach them the good things in life. If they chose to turn their backs on God, there would be only sorrow and pain for them.

Because it was His wish, God gave each one of these special creatures a soul, a part of His own self, something that is eternal.



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GENESIS 3

The snake, more than any other creature, could cause people to disobey God. He could convince people to do wrong things.

Eve was the name of the first woman the One True God created. One day the snake convinced Eve to disobey God. She knew that God had told her clearly not to do a certain thing. She did that thing even though she knew that she should not. She also convinced her husband, Adam, to do the same thing. Both, the first man and the first woman, chose to do something God had told them not to do.

God came to visit Adam and Eve in the place that He had given to them as a home. It was called the Garden of Eden. It was very beautiful. God saw that the man and woman had disobeyed Him. He was very disappointed. He had wanted to love them and be their teacher. God knew that He had to punish this man and his wife so they would learn to obey Him. They could not live a happy life unless they learned to obey Him.

God sent Adam and Eve out of the beautiful garden that was their home. He also sent the snake out of the garden. Adam and Eve then had to work very hard to get enough food to eat. The snake was made to crawl on his stomach. The people and the snake would always be enemies of each other.



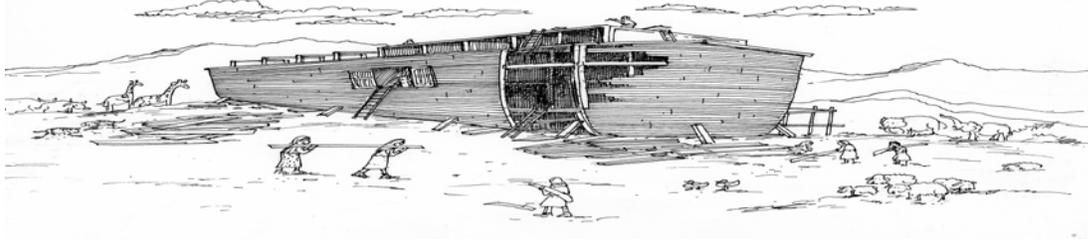
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GENESIS 6

As the years passed, more and more people were born on the earth. God loved every one of them, but they refused to love Him. They chose to live very wicked lives. They filled their minds with bad thoughts every day. This made the One True God very sad. He wanted to teach them how to be happy and how to love each other. But they would not allow Him to do that. They refused to understand why God had created them.

God knew that He had to punish them. He found only one man who loved Him. His name was Noah. God told Noah about the plan He had in mind. He told Noah that He was going to send water to cover the whole earth. Only Noah, his family and some animals and birds would be saved from drowning. God gave Noah the plan for building a very large ship. This ship would be called the Ark and would protect every living thing that was inside the Ark.

For more than one hundred years, Noah and his three sons worked hard to build the Ark. Many, many people came to watch these men and call them foolish names. They laughed at the One True God who had told Noah to do this. There was no water to make this big boat float. At certain times, Noah stopped work and spoke to the people who were watching. He explained God's plan to them. He encouraged them to turn away from their bad way of living before God destroyed them. He asked them to become followers of God. All of them refused.



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GENESIS 7

One day God told Noah that He was ready to send a great flood that would cover the earth. He told Noah to take all of his family into the large boat that they had built. Male and female animals and birds should also be put into the boat. Food for people and animals should also be put into the boat. Noah did everything God told him to do.

Everything was ready. People, animals, birds and food were in the big boat called the Ark. God Himself closed the door. Then, God sent much water. Rain began to fall and did not stop for forty days and forty nights. Rivers began to get bigger and bigger. The people who had turned their backs on God became afraid. However, there was no place for them to go. Water covered even the highest mountains. Every living thing outside of the Ark died.

Noah, his family and all of the animals and birds were safe inside the Ark. The big boat floated day after day on the water. After the rain stopped falling, Noah could see nothing but water everywhere. After the Ark had floated on the water for one hundred fifty days, the water began to go down.



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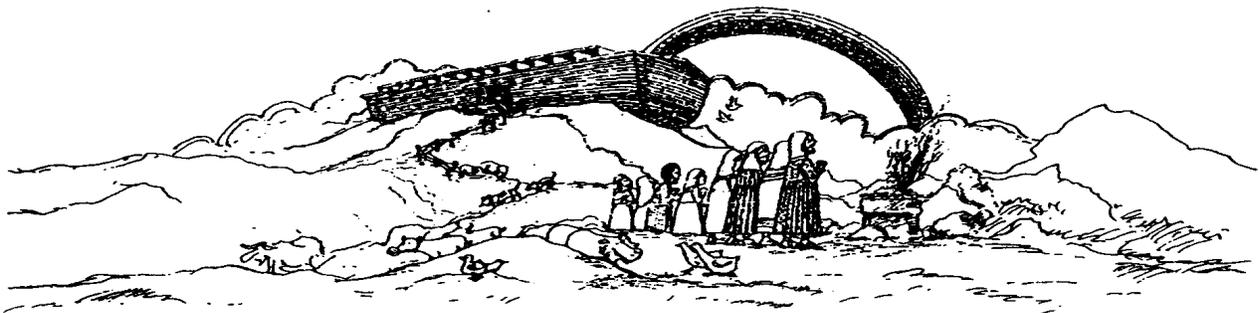
Genesis 9

After one hundred fifty days, the water of the flood went away. After more days, the land became dry. Noah's family opened the door of the Ark so all of the animals could go out. After all of the animals had gone out, Noah built an altar. There the family worshiped God and thanked Him for saving them from death.

God was very happy that Noah loved Him and wanted to obey Him. God was happy that Noah thanked Him for all that He had done for him and his family.

There were no other people on the earth besides Noah's family after the flood. God had destroyed all other people because they were living wicked lives. Now God wanted the earth to have many people again – people who would love Him

God made a promise to Noah. He promised that He would not send a flood again to destroy all people. He told Noah that He would put a sign in the heavens for all people to see. Then they would remember God's promise. The sign would be a rainbow. When there are rain clouds in the sky, the rainbow would be seen in the clouds. Noah's sons then moved to new homes.



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Genesis, Chapter 15

The One True God helped Abram bring back his nephew, Lot. Lot and his family had been captured by an enemy army. After this experience, God and Abram continued to talk with each other

In a vision, God said to Abram, “Don’t be afraid Abram. I am like a shield to you. Your reward will be very great.”

Abram answered God, “How can you give me the reward you promised? I am old, and you have not given me a child to inherit the things You have promised. It seems that I will have to give all of my things to a person who is not my own child.”

God said to Abram, “Someone else will not be the one to receive the things I have given you and the promises I have made to you. The person who will receive these things will be one of your own children.”

God told Abram to go outside of his tent and look up at the sky. Abram obeyed God. As he looked up at sky, God said to him, “Count all of the stars you see, if you are able to do it. I will give you so many descendants that you will not be able to count them the same way you cannot count all of the stars.”

Abram did not laugh at the things God told him. He believed that god would do the things He said He would do. Then God accepted Abram.



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GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE

1 Kings 18

Ahab, the King of Israel, and his wife, did not love God. They caused the people to worship gods that were not real—gods made from wood, stone and metal.

The One True God was not happy because of these things. He sent a message to His prophet, Elijah. He told Elijah to gather all of the Israelites together in a certain place. There, God would show the people that He is the One True God. Elijah obeyed God.

Two animals called oxen were killed and cut into pieces and put on two altars to be burned. No fire would be used by the two groups of people who were there. The prophets of a false god would pray and ask their god to send fire. Then Elijah would pray and ask the One True God to send fire. The one who sent fire would be the One True God whom the people should follow.

The prophets of the false god prayed for many hours. There were 450 of them praying, jumping and screaming, but no fire came. Then Elijah prayed, and the One True God sent fire immediately. The people accepted Elijah's God.



FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**8****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****2 Chronicles 7**

The third king of the country of Israel was Solomon. He helped the people of Israel build a beautiful temple and a beautiful king's palace. After these two buildings were finished, Solomon had a very big ceremony to dedicate them to God.

God was very happy. He saw how much Solomon and his people loved Him. He spoke to Solomon and told him how easy it is for people to forget God. He wanted Solomon and his people to be faithful in continuing to obey God's commandments.

God said to Solomon, "I have power to keep the rains from falling. And, I have power to send insects to destroy all of the growing plants. I also have power to cause diseases to come to My people. If any of these things happen, My people should stop feeling too proud to obey My commandments. They should pray to Me. They should talk to me as a friend talks to a friend—face to face. They should stop doing the bad things they are doing.

If they will do these things, I will honor their prayers, I will forgive their sins, and I will take away the difficulty."

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**9****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Psalm 1**

This person has great joy and peace in his heart: the one who does not follow the example of people who are living in a way that does not please God; this person does not select wicked people as his close friends; he does not decide that obeying the One True God is foolish and is for foolish people.

The person who has found great joy and peace in his heart has decided that God's commandments are the best things for him. During the day and during the night, this person thinks about what God wants him to do and how God wants him to live.

The truly happy person loves God will be like a strong tree that grows near a river so that the roots always have enough water. This strong tree will continue to produce the fruit that God wants it to produce. The leaves on this tree will never wither and die because they get everything they need from the tree. This person will have success in whatever kind of work he does.

The person who is living a life that is disobedient to God is not like the one who loves God. The disobedient person is like the chaff from the harvesting of wheat. The chaff is not good to eat and does not produce anything good. The wind just blows it away as the wheat is harvested.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**10****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Psalm 2**

Why are so many people in the world confused and excited? They are working hard on ideas and plans that produce nothing good. Leaders in many countries are meeting together and agreeing on actions that are against the One True God. They are against His Son, Jesus Christ.

Let us not allow them to tie our hands and keep us from giving honor to the Creator of all the earth. God is the one who has chosen to give Jesus Christ a Name that is above every other name.

The Almighty God looks at these foolish actions of the world leaders and laughs at them. He does not like the things they are doing. He will show them that what they are doing is wrong. He will put terror in their hearts by His mighty power.

God says that He has placed Jesus Christ on His throne to be the Ruler of all nations. He will tell the world that Jesus is His Son. He has given all nations as an inheritance to His Son. The whole earth belongs to Him. He will break these foolish leaders who continue to reject His authority.

Because of the mighty plan and authority of the One True God, world leaders should humble themselves and worship Him. He is waiting to receive all people who realize that God will not be defeated. He has shown His love and power to the whole world. He gave His Son to be crucified, for us. Then He raised His Son up from the dead.



FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**11****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Psalm 23**

The One True God is like a shepherd to me. I am like one of the sheep in His flock. There will never be a time when He does not watch over me. He will help me get the things I need to have a life that satisfies.

My Shepherd gives me food for my body and my spirit, just like a large field of beautiful green grass for a sheep. As I follow Him, He shows me how to have peace and quietness in my heart. This is like a quiet stream of water that gives a sheep water for his thirsty spirit.

When I wander away from Him, He brings me back so that my soul is close to His soul. Every day He guides me so that I go in the way He wants me to go. I am not afraid of what will happen to me because my Shepherd is with me. He lets me know when I obey Him and when I disobey Him.

He helps my life to be full of His love and care, even when there are dangers all around me. He gives me the assurance that there are special things that He wants me to do. He has a special purpose for my life. Knowing this gives my heart more than I need to be happy and fruitful.

There is no need for me to doubt that He loves me. He will give me the things I need all of my life. Even after I leave this world, I know that I will belong to Him and live with Him forever.



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The One True God keeps His eyes on those people who love Him and trust Him. God hears them when they pray to Him and ask for help. He turns away from those people who desire only to do evil things. God does not honor even the memory of those people who reject Him.

Those who trust in God with all their heart and depend on Him for help ask Him for the things they need, and He answers. He leads them out of their troubles. When they are sad and discouraged, He stays very close to them and comforts them.

Even those people who trust in God have many problems and difficulties, but God takes them safely through their difficult days.

Those people who choose to live a life disobedient to God will suffer the death of their spirit. They will be guilty and condemned when God judges them.

God safely keeps the soul of every person who loves Him and trusts Him. That person will not be condemned on the day of judgment.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**13****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Isaiah 1**

The One True God loved Abraham because Abraham accepted God as his leader, teacher and closest friend. This pleased God very much. Because of this, God selected Abraham to be the first person in a great nation of people who love God as Abraham did. This developing nation was named Israel.

Many generations passed, and this growing nation became known as God's Chosen People. They became very large in number. In the time that the Prophet Isaiah lived, God's Chosen People were not obeying God's commandments. God was not happy. He tried many times to help them see the big mistake they were making. God used Isaiah to warn the Chosen People of terrible punishment if they did not change.

God told these people, "Let us get together and look at the true facts. You must realize that I am the Creator of all things. All power is mine. I love you and want you to love Me. You are doing some very bad things. Your lives are very dirty. If you come back to following Me, I will accept your lives as being clean and white. I will forgive your sins. I will teach you good things."

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GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE

Isaiah, Chapter 6

Note: Isaiah, one of the prophets of the One True, God lived several hundred years before Christ, the Son of God, came to live on the earth. God gave him a vision which he wrote down in this chapter from the Bible.

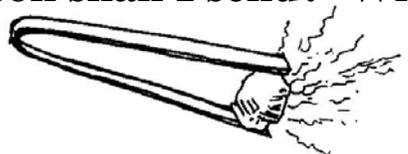
In the same year that King Uzziah died, God gave me a vision. I saw the Lord sitting on a throne. He was high and greatly honored. The train of his robe filled the temple.

Living creatures stood above the Lord. Each one had six wings. One of the creatures called out to the other and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord who is the Ruler over all. The whole earth is full of His greatness.” This made the foundations of the building shake. Smoke began filling the temple.

Isaiah said, “I am in trouble. I have seen the Lord with my own eyes. It is not right for me to do that. I am only a man who has spoken bad things. I live among people who have spoken bad things. Yet, my eyes have seen the holy and pure King over all the earth.

“Then, one of the creatures flew to me with a piece of coal from the fire. He had used tongs to pick up the hot coal. He flew over to me and touched my mouth with the hot coal. He said, ‘Look, this has touched your lips and your bad things have been forgiven.’

“After that, I heard the voice of the One True God saying, ‘Which person shall I send? Who will



(Isaiah 6, continued)

go and speak for Us?’ Then I answered, ‘Here I am. Send me.’

“Then God said, ‘Go and tell the people, You have listened to My message many times. Yet, you do not want to obey Me. I will continue to give my message to you through Isaiah. If you continue turning your back on me, you will go down to complete destruction. If you turn and come back to me, you will be saved from destruction. I will hear your cries, asking forgiveness, and I will make your land well and happy again.’”

“Then I asked God, ‘How long do You want me to continue taking Your message to the people?’ God said, ‘Continue until every city is broken down and every person has gone. Continue until the whole land is empty and forsaken.’

“Then God told me that, in His plan, He will save a small part of the people from destruction. With that small part, He will rebuild His Kingdom.”

*Who will go
and speak?*

SEND ME.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**15****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Isaiah 7**

Two kings wanted to join their armies together and defeat the army of Jerusalem. They tried and failed. Then these two kings decided to make their camp near Jerusalem. They wanted to wait and fight again after the people of Jerusalem became more and more afraid of what might happen.

The King of Jerusalem and his people did become very afraid. Then God spoke to the Prophet Isaiah. This prophet was living in Jerusalem. God told Isaiah to tell the King of Jerusalem, Ahaz, that these two kings and their armies would never defeat Jerusalem's army.

Ahaz was still afraid that these two enemy kings would defeat his army and take Jerusalem. Then God promised Ahaz that He would give him a sign to show that His promise to Ahaz is true.

God said, "This is the sign that I will give you and your people. I will cause a young, unmarried woman to become pregnant. She will give birth to a boy child. His name will be Immanuel, which means 'God with us.' By the time this child is born, the two kings who want to fight you will be gone and forgotten."

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**16****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Isaiah 9**

The One True God gave His messages many times through His prophet Isaiah. Many times God had to punish His Chosen People to teach them to obey Him. After punishing His people, He always gave a message of hope for the future.

Through Isaiah, God said to His people one day, “A child will be born to us, the Israelites. He will be the head of the government in God’s Kingdom. He will be called by many names: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. His government will never stop growing. It will always have peace. He will set up this Kingdom and rule it with justice. He will always do what is fair and acceptable to God.

There will never be a time that this Kingdom of God will stop. It will continue forever and ever.

The power of God will cause this great thing to happen. There is no power that will be able to stop it.

Wonderful Counselor
Mighty God
Eternal Father
Prince of Peace

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**17****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Isaiah 40**

The One True God was very patient with the Israelite people. He had a wonderful plan for them because they were descendants of Abraham. Abraham had loved God with all of his heart. God wanted Abraham's descendants to do the same way. But they often disobeyed and had to be punished. During one period of punishment, God sent the following message to them through the prophet Isaiah:

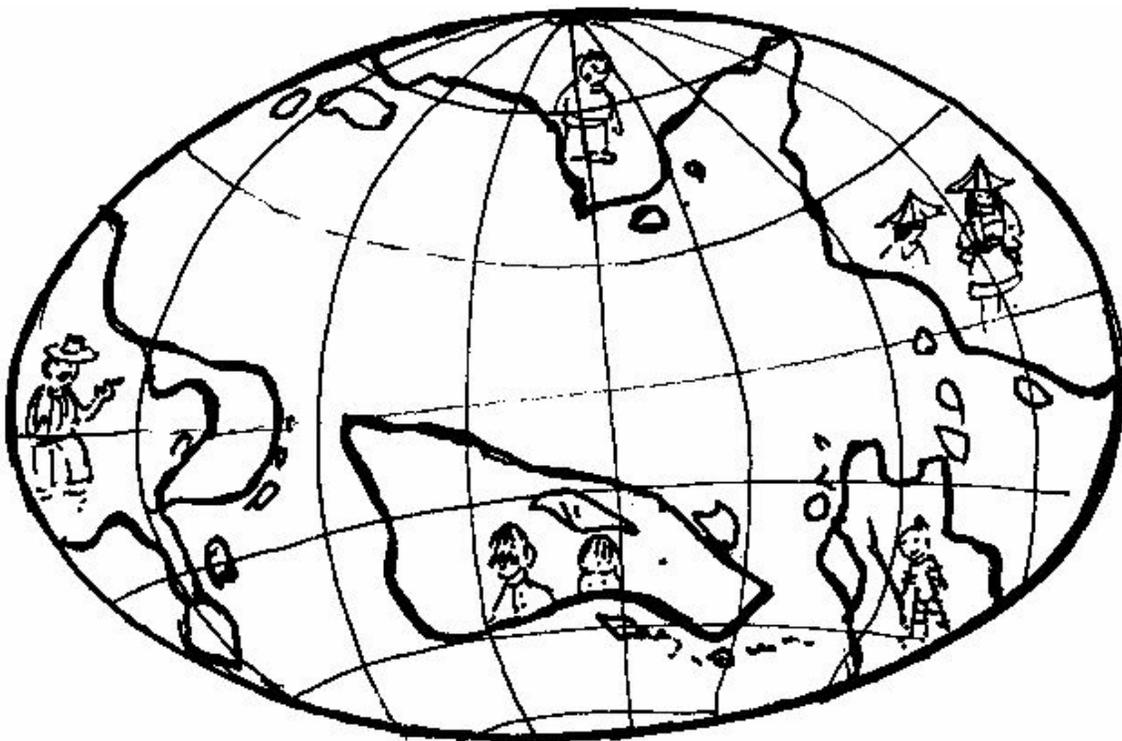
“Don't you know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of all things does not become tired. He understands all things. He gives strength to the weak.

Even young people get tired and need help. However, anyone who allows the Spirit of God to live in his heart will be given new strength. He will get strength to do things that he did not know he could do. He will be given strength to continue serving God day after day. He will not stop allowing God to use him.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**18****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Isaiah, Chapter 53**

Many years before Jesus Christ came to live on the earth, God gave a vision to one of His followers. His name was Isaiah. God told him that Jesus Christ would give His life as a payment for our sins. This is what God told Isaiah about Jesus: He will take our place in being punished for the bad things we have done. The people who kill Jesus will treat him as a criminal who should be punished for His own bad things.

The truth is, Jesus has already been chosen by God the Father to be the one to die for the sins of all people. God has chosen to let His Son, whom He loves very much, be killed by people who hate God. His Son will not disobey His Father, but God knows that this act will show His love for all people in every country.



FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**19****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Isaiah, Chapter 55**

Try to be close friends with God while you feel that you need Him. It is difficult after you begin to feel that He cannot help you. The person who is doing bad things and thinking bad thoughts needs to turn away from those things and open his heart to God. If any person does this, God will receive him. God will forgive the bad deeds and thoughts.

If you think that opening your heart to God is foolish, remember that God's ways of thinking and doing things are much higher than man's ways.

"Look at the rain and the snow I send to the earth. They don't return to Me until they have given water to the dry earth. I do this so that the earth will produce all kinds of seed for planting and all kinds of food for eating.

"This is the way that My words will do. When I say things to teach you how to live better, My words will not come back to Me empty. They will produce what I want them to produce. My words will cause people to desire a better way of living, and My words will convince people that I love them."

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**20****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Isaiah, Chapter 59**

One of God's prophets, Isaiah, received this message from God and wrote it down. God wanted the whole world to understand an important truth.

"You wonder why God is not here with you to do all the things you are asking. His arm is not too short to reach out and help you. And He is not hard of hearing. The truth is that the bad things you are doing have caused a separation between you and God. You are not living each day in such a way that you show that you believe in God. The things you are choosing to do show clearly that you do not want to obey God. You and God are not together. You have gone away from your Creator, who loves you.

"You are living your lives in darkness. It is God who gives the light of understanding. When you turn away from Him, you begin to live in darkness. Life has no meaning and you have emptiness and fear in your heart.

" I am going to send a special Person to the nation of Israel. He will be a Person who obeys Me. He is the Person who will make My message clear to you. His message, which He will give to you, will never pass away. Your children and your children's children will carry this message."

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**21****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Isaiah, Chapter 66**

Many people have built beautiful buildings for the One True God. Each person has come to believe that God lives in his building. He believes that he has built a “home” for God. The people of Israel had this thought also. God gave a message to His prophet Isaiah to help people understand a very important thing.

God said, “All of heaven is like a place where I can sit down. The whole earth is just big enough to be My foot stool. How can you say that you will build a house for Me to live in? My own hands have made all of the things that you can see.

“The place where I have chosen to live is in the hearts of the people I have created. This is the kind of person in whom I want to live: one who is not proud, he does not think that he is better than other people; one who has a strong desire to love and help other people; and one who commits himself to learning and obeying My commandments.”

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Matthew, Chapter 6

No person can be true to two masters. He will hate one and love the other. He will love the things of this world or he will love the things of God. He must choose which one will control his life.

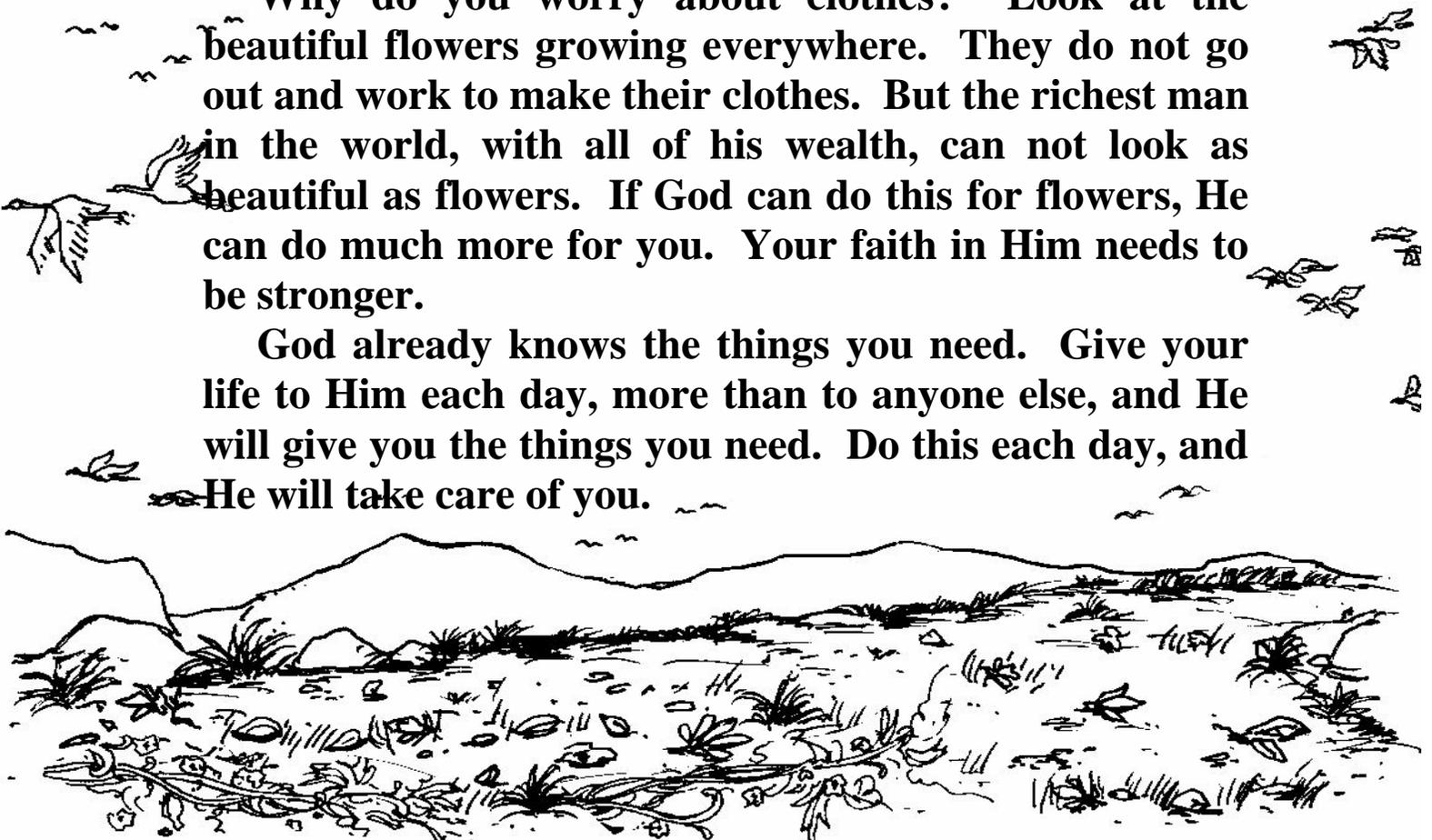
If you choose to trust in God and obey Him, don't worry about the things you eat, the things you drink or what kind of things you will wear.

Look at the birds flying in the air. They do not sow seed in the ground and grow things. But the One True God feeds them. You have much more value than birds.

Also look at the length of your life on the earth. No person can make his life longer by worrying about it.

Why do you worry about clothes? Look at the beautiful flowers growing everywhere. They do not go out and work to make their clothes. But the richest man in the world, with all of his wealth, can not look as beautiful as flowers. If God can do this for flowers, He can do much more for you. Your faith in Him needs to be stronger.

God already knows the things you need. Give your life to Him each day, more than to anyone else, and He will give you the things you need. Do this each day, and He will take care of you.



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The One True God had a plan before He created the world and everything in it. Today He is still following His plan. All of the power of all the armies in the world cannot change that plan.

One day Jesus and His disciples were coming out of the Temple in Jerusalem. His disciples talked about the beauty of all of the buildings in the Temple area.

Jesus said, “The time is coming when none of these buildings will still be standing. They are beautiful but they are only temporary. All of them will be torn down.”

The disciples became very anxious to know more about God’s plan. They asked Jesus, “When will all of this happen?” Then Jesus described many things that would happen before the end of the world comes.

Then Jesus said, “Only God the Father knows the exact hour when the end will come. It will come when no person on earth expects it to come. The wise person will be ready. He will be like the people who were in the Ark when God sent the great flood. He will be safe. God the Son is like the Ark. Only those people who have committed their lives to Jesus, who is God the Son, will be safe at the end of the world. This is the eternal plan of God the Father.”

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Matthew, Chapter 25

In this chapter, God makes it clear that this world will come to an end. It was made as a temporary place to live for the things that He created. After this world has been destroyed, He will provide a new heaven and a new earth. In this new place will be only those people who love God and want to worship Him.

The big question that must be answered is “Who will be allowed to live with God in the new earth He will make?” Someone must be the judge and make this decision. The selection of the person to be the judge has already been made. In this chapter of the Bible , God tells us that His Son, Jesus Christ will be the Judge. God the Son said, “The Son of Man will come in all of His power and greatness. His angels will come with Him. He will sit on His Throne, and all the nations of the earth will be brought together in front of the Judge.”

Jesus, who is God the Son, told us that there will be only two possible decisions as He judges the people of the world:

- 1. “Come, you who have been blessed by God the Father. God’s Kingdom is yours. It has been ready since the earth was created.”**
- 2. “Depart from Me, condemned ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.”**

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Matthew, Chapter 27

This chapter describes for us the crucifixion of Jesus: The Roman Governor allowed a famous prisoner to go out of jail. But he gave Jesus to the soldiers with orders to crucify Him. After the soldiers had beaten Jesus and treated Him very badly, they took Him outside the city of Jerusalem and nailed Him to a cross made of wood.

As soon as Jesus was dead, a rich man named Joseph asked the Governor to give him the body of Jesus. Then the Governor did as the man had asked. The rich man and other friends of Jesus took the dead body and buried it in a grave that had been cut into the side of a small hill.

The leaders of the Jews had caused the Roman Governor to crucify Jesus. After the death of Jesus, these leaders went back to talk with the Roman Governor. They told him that Jesus had said that He would come out of the grave on the third day after He was killed. The leaders were given permission to put a group of soldiers in front of the grave. They also put a very large stone to cover the opening to the grave. They did not understand the power of God.



FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**26****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Matthew, Chapter 28**

On the Sunday after the crucifixion, a group of ladies went to the grave where Jesus was buried. They were very surprised when they came to the place. An angel was there sitting on the stone that had been moved from the entrance to the grave. The guards were shaking because of fear.

The angel spoke to the women, “Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has come out of the grave alive. This is what He said He would do. Come and see the place where His body was put. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead. He is going to Galilee and will meet you there.”

The women were very excited. Immediately they began running to tell the disciples. While they were running, Jesus met them. They stopped and bowed down to Him. They put their arms around His feet as a way of worshiping Him. Then He said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell the disciples that I will meet them in Galilee.” The ladies obeyed the angel.

The Jewish leaders heard what had happened. They called the guards together and told them they must say that the disciples of Jesus had taken away His body during the night. Then they gave the guards much money to tell this lie.



FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**27****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Luke, Chapter 2**

The One True God loves the people He creates. He has known from the beginning of the world that every person needs help in the battle against Satan. Many times God told people that He would send help. For many, many years, people looked for the special person whom God had promised to send.

One night God made a great announcement to a group of shepherds near the town of Bethlehem. One of His angels came and spoke to the men, “Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news. Something has happened that will bring great joy to all the people in the world.

“In Bethlehem, God’s Chosen One has been born. He is Christ the Lord. You will know this baby when you go into the town and see Him wrapped in pieces of cloth. He will be lying in a manger, on straw that cattle eat.”

While the angel was speaking, a large group of angels began to sing. They were giving thanks to God for His love, power and greatness. There was great joy among the angels because God had sent the help He had promised. He had sent the One who would pay the terrible price for people’s sins to be forgiven. He had sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, to the world.



FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**28****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****John, Chapter 3**

God loves each person so much that He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as a sacrifice for all of our sins. Any person who believes in His Son will not receive eternal death but will be given eternal life with Him.

God did not send His Son into the world to be a judge for all people. His plan is to give all people a way to be saved from eternal death through Jesus.

The person who believes in Jesus will not be condemned to death in the time of judgment. The person who does not believe in Jesus is already guilty of death. He has not believed in the One whom God has sent to the earth, Jesus Christ. He has not allowed God to change him.

This is the way God's Judgment works: God has shown us the way He wants all people to live. He did this in the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus let His actions be seen by all people. He did not hide His actions in the darkness. He wanted to show that God is love and wants all people to love each other. But, people like to do things in the darkness, so that others will not see the bad things they do. This is why God condemns all people who do not turn to Him for help.

The person who loves other people and does not enjoy hiding the bad things he is doing is living as God wants him to live. He is showing that God is the One who should be honored.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**29****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****John, Chapter 11**

One day Jesus received a message that Lazarus, His close friend, was very sick.

Jesus did not go immediately to be with Lazarus. He waited two more days in the place where He was teaching and healing people. His disciples did not understand why Jesus did not leave quickly to go to His sick friend. Jesus explained to them that this was happening so that God the Father could bring honor to His Son, Jesus.

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, His friend's town, Lazarus had already been dead four days. Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, took Jesus to the place where they had buried their brother. They said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, our brother would not have died."

Jesus said to the sisters, "Your brother shall rise again." They answered, "We know that he will rise when the resurrection comes for all people, on the day when God will come to judge the people of the world."

Jesus said to Mary and Martha, "I Am the Resurrection. I Am the One who gives life. Any person who believes in Me shall have eternal life. His physical body may die, but his spiritual body will continue to live with Me. Do you believe this?" The sisters said, "Yes." Then Jesus raised Lazarus from his grave and gave him back to his sisters.



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Jesus said to His followers, “Do not become worried about what will happen to you after you die. Believe that there is One True God. Also believe that I am the Son of the One True God. In the place where My Father lives, there are many, many beautiful places to live. If this were not true, I would have told you.

“I will go there and make a place for you. I will come back and take you with me. Then, you will live in the same place where I live. You know the way to the place I am telling you about.”

One of His followers named Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way to go there?"

Jesus said to Thomas, “I Am the Way. Believe in Me. What I tell you is true. I Am the one who gives eternal life. No one else can do this for you. My Father and I are just like one person. To have an eternal home with God the Father and God the Son, you must believe Me.”

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John, Chapter 15

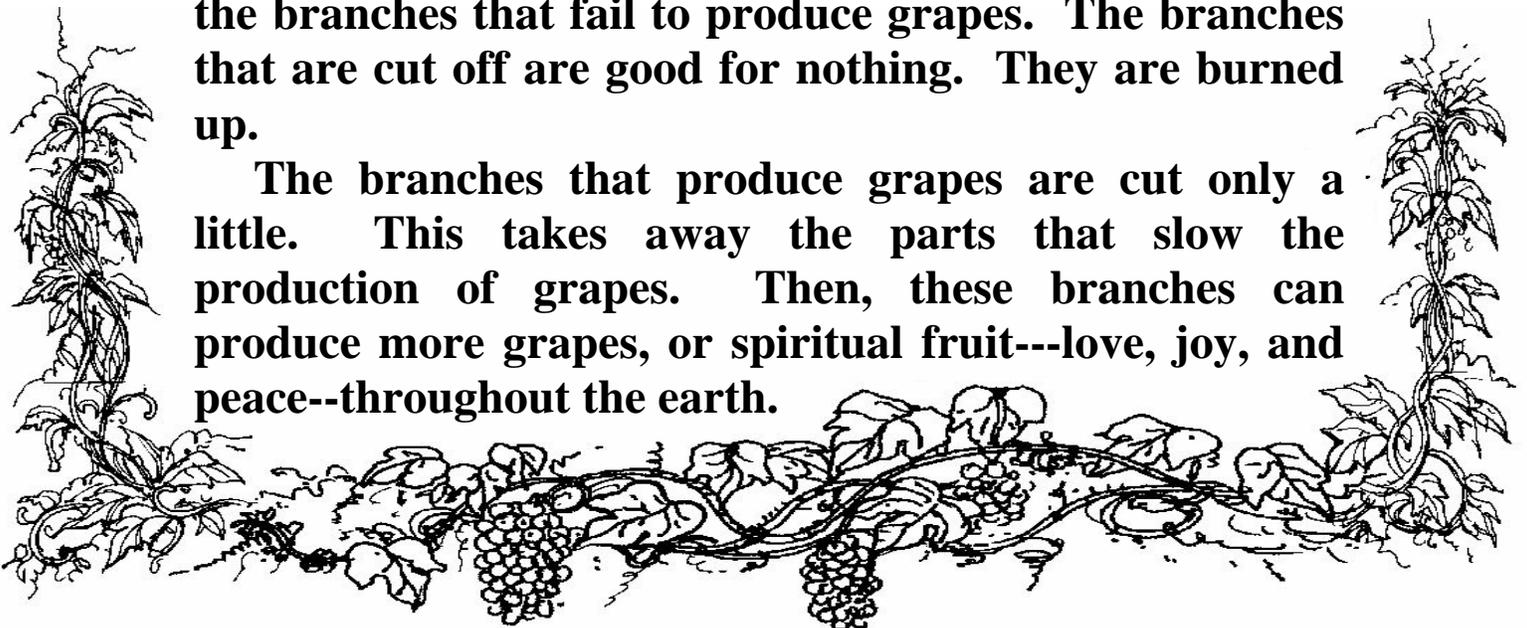
The One True God has made the world for a definite purpose. As Jesus Christ taught people during His life on earth, He made this purpose very clear. By using a grape vine as an example, Jesus helped people everywhere understand what God wants.

God the Father is the one who takes care of the vine. God the Son is the vine that grows out of the ground. All people are the little branches that grow from the vine. The purpose of the little branches is to produce grapes.

God the Son provides everything needed by the people to do their work. However, some people do not want to do the work God has given them to do. They do not want to be attached to the vine. They deny God's plan and purpose. Their lives fail to produce the kind of fruit God wants.

The One who takes care of the vine must prune off the branches that fail to produce grapes. The branches that are cut off are good for nothing. They are burned up.

The branches that produce grapes are cut only a little. This takes away the parts that slow the production of grapes. Then, these branches can produce more grapes, or spiritual fruit---love, joy, and peace--throughout the earth.



FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**32****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****John, Chapter 16**

Jesus helped us understand more of what the One True God is like. We cannot know everything about God. We can only know the things He chooses to make known to us.

A short time before He left the earth, Jesus said, “I am going to Him who sent Me. It is better that I go away instead of staying with you. If I do not go away, I cannot send the Helper to you. When He comes, the Helper will guide you into all truth.”

Very soon after Jesus left the earth, He did send the Spirit of God, or the Holy Spirit. He was sent to the believers in Jerusalem. This is recorded in chapter 2 of the Book of Acts, in the Bible. God’s Spirit was given to continue, in an active way, God’s work among the people in the world.

Therefore, the One True God has shown Himself to the people of the world in three ways, even though He is One God. We know Him as a Father, as a Son and as the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, “When He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will tell you the things that God the Father tells Him. He will bring honor to God the Father and God the Son.”



FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**33****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Acts, Chapter 1**

On the third day after He was crucified, Jesus rose up from the grave. During the next forty days He continued to teach His disciples. Then, it was time for Him to leave the earth and return to His home with God the Father.

While His disciples watched, Jesus was lifted up from the earth. Then a cloud hid Him as He went up. The group continued to look into the sky.

Two men dressed in white clothes came and stood beside the group as they were looking into the sky. The two men spoke. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven will return to you. He will come back the same way you have seen Him go.”

Then the disciples went back into Jerusalem. They had been told to wait in Jerusalem until Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to them. Jesus had said, “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. Then you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and on to every part of the earth. You shall tell of My death and resurrection wherever there are people.”



FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**34****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Romans, Chapter 3**

In this chapter of the Bible, God sends us a very important message through a believer named Paul. The message is the same one that Jesus gave us when He lived on the earth.

God is telling us that every person on earth has failed to obey His commandments. This has caused a separation between the person and his Creator. God Himself has provided a way for any person to return to Him.

God Himself has already paid the price necessary for any person to return to God and to be accepted by God. He gave God the Son, Jesus Christ, as a sacrifice for the sins of every person. Jesus gave His life for each one of us. No other sacrifice is necessary. The one death that Jesus suffered is the only payment for sin that will ever be needed.

A miracle happens in a person's heart when he opens up his life to God and decides to let God be his Master and his Lord. The person cannot see God with his physical eyes. He surrenders himself to God by faith. When he tells God that he believes that Jesus Christ is His Son, and commits himself to obeying the commandments of Jesus, the miracle happens.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**35****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Romans, Chapter 10**

The One True God used a believer named Paul to help people understand what God wants. Paul explained God's message very clearly. We can easily see that anyone in the world can do what God asks. Money is not required. A university education is not required. Building up a big supply of "good deeds" is not required.

These are the things that God requires if a person wants to be accepted by God:

First, a person must believe in his heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God--that He is God's Chosen One to pay the price for our sins--that He was crucified for the sins of every person--that He was raised up from the grave by the power of God after His crucifixion.

Second, the person should speak with his mouth and make known what he has believed in his heart.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**36****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****1 Corinthians, Chapter 11**

Jesus knew why God the Father had sent Him to live on the earth--to die for the sins of all people. This was God's plan from the beginning of the world. It was a very hard thing to do. It meant giving the Son He loved to people who would torture Him—hate Him—give Him a bloody death.

Jesus knew this. When the time came for Him to die, He prayed to God the Father. He said, “Please take this terrible experience away. Find another way to pay for the world's sins. But if this is the way You have chosen, I will do what You say.”

Jesus prepared His disciples for His crucifixion. He called them together. He arranged for a supper with them. He explained that He would die. But He did not want the world to forget why He died.

After supper, Jesus took a piece of bread. He broke it into little pieces. Each disciple took a piece and ate it. Jesus said, “This broken bread represents My broken body. I did this for you.”

Next, He took a small container of grape juice. Each disciple took a small taste of the juice. Jesus said, “This juice represents blood that flowed from My body. I did this for you.”

Jesus then said, “Continue having this ceremony until I return to the earth. This will help you to remember how much I love you.”

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**37****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****1 Corinthians, Chapter 12**

The One True God created all people. He gave each person spiritual gifts or talents for doing something. All together, the world's people make up one body. Each person has something to help the body do its work better.

There are many different talents among people, but there is only One True God. God the Son is the one head of the body. He is the one who has given the talents. The talents are for the purpose of helping Jesus do His work better.

God the Son has only one goal---to bring the whole world under His leadership so that there can be love and peace and joy among all people. All of the talents He gives are to be used for that purpose. The body is for following the commands of the head.

This chapter in the Bible explains this great truth. The many different talents among people are meant to help the body do the things that need to be done. A human body is a good illustration. The eye, the hand, and the foot all work together to do something that needs to be done. They don't try to show each other which is the most important.

The various talents that God has given to people are meant to help each other. Trying to prove which is greatest is a sure road to failure.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**38****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****1 Corinthians, Chapter 13**

It is important to learn how to use our talents in the right way. Satan is working day and night to confuse us. There is a right way to use our talents. This chapter from the Bible helps us to see the right way more clearly.

God's great power is love. He uses it because God is love. No other power can cause good things to happen as much as love can. When God gave His Son to die for us, that was a great act of love. That reaches into the hearts of people like nothing else can do. That draws us to God in a way that Satan's ways can never do.

This helps us to see better how to use the talents God has given us. Great athletic ability is admired around the world today. But, if the athlete does not have love for God and for other people, his ability ends up being worthless. Great intellectual ability is greatly respected. But if the intellectual person does not have love for God and for other people, his talent ends up being worthless.

This chapter describes beautifully the qualities that love has. 1)Love is patient and kind. 2)It is not jealous. 3)It does not make a person feel greater than other people. 4)It does not cause one person to look down on other people. 5)Love does not try to get everything for itself, but considers the needs of other people. Love has many good qualities.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**39****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****1 Corinthians, Chapter 15**

Through His word in the Bible, the One True God explains some things about the life to come. As we look at the things that happened to Jesus Christ, we can see God's pattern.

God the Son, who is Jesus, was given a physical body. He had the body of a man. People could see Him. They could touch Him. They could talk to Him. After He was crucified, He was buried just as a dead person is buried. Then Jesus rose from the grave. At that time, He had a spiritual body—different from a physical body.

When our physical body dies, it is usually buried. It is like a seed that is put into the ground. A seed decays and disappears. Out of that seed comes something that looks different—a different kind of body. Out of the decayed human body, there comes a different kind of body—a spiritual body.

This chapter in the Bible makes clear what God has prepared for each person after death. There will be a new, different body that can live in a different kind of world.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, will be the ruler in this different kind of world. He will be the ruler until He has put everything under His authority. All of His enemies will be put under His authority. Then the Son of God will turn all authority over to God the Father. God's Kingdom will be complete.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**40****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****2 Corinthians, Chapter 5**

This chapter in the Bible helps us understand the meaning of the crucifixion of Jesus better. It tells us that Jesus gave His life to help all people. He took the sins of everyone on Himself. After His death, He rose from the grave, with a different body. It is a picture of what happens to a person who agrees to die to the sinful nature of his own body.

To trust in Jesus means to die to our old life of loving the things that cause disobedience to God. Jesus gave His own life, as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. We agree to sacrifice our old life of sin. We die to our old life. As a seed sprouts with a new form of life, we are given a new form of life. God gives the believer a new attitude—a new leader---a new purpose in living---a new future--- a new home.

Our new purpose is to use our life in a way that God approves. We have become co-workers with God. God's goal has become our goal. We see the world as filled with people who need to commit themselves to God also. We begin to work toward reaching that goal. We want everyone to become close friends with God and love Him.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**41****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Galatians, Chapter 5**

Every country and every group of people have laws. Some things are accepted by most of the people in any group. Other things are not accepted. Laws tell the people of the group the things that are accepted and the things that are not accepted.

The One True God, who created all things, including people, has given us laws. These laws are for people who want to do as they desire. The laws tell them that they cannot go beyond a certain kind of living. For example, God has given a law that says, “One person is not allowed to kill another person.”

There is a better way for a person to live his life. Laws do not affect his way of living. A person can commit his life to God who can put a spirit of love into his heart. That spirit of love leads the person to want only the best for other people. He has a strong desire to help other people.

Allowing God’s Spirit to lead us produces very good qualities in our lives. Some of these are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. There are no laws against any of these things.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**42****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Ephesians, Chapter 1**

God spoke through the Apostle Paul and gave us a very important message. He told Paul that He had made a decision before He created the world. His chosen way to build His Kingdom was through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. People would always have a way to come to the One True God---through Jesus Christ. Through Him, any person would find forgiveness of sin and acceptance into God's family. God's own Son would pay the penalty of sin with His blood.

God continued to speak to Paul. He told Paul that those people who committed their lives to Jesus Christ would have proof of God's loving favor. He would give each believer the Holy Spirit as proof of God's promise of full acceptance.

Paul, in writing to the believers in the city of Ephesus, assured them of his prayers. He was asking God to give wisdom to those believers. He was asking God to open their hearts wide so they could see with "the eyes of their heart" the wonderful love and power of God.

Paul reminded the believers that God the Father has received His Son back into heaven. He has given Jesus a name that is above any other name that can be named. He has made Jesus the head of the body of believers called the church. Through Jesus, God's purpose for the world is being fulfilled.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**43****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Ephesians, Chapter 2**

Through many years, God continued to tell the Apostle Paul the things that were happening. Paul was able to explain these things clearly to believers.

Paul explained that every person has broken God's laws. But God has made a way for persons to have complete forgiveness. God's chosen way is through the sacrifice of His Son on a cross. No one can earn forgiveness. God was giving this wonderful gift because of His love. No one could brag about how he had earned his own salvation by doing good things.

Paul explained that the new life possessed by a believer is the result of God's work. God is doing this for a reason. He is preparing people for doing good things with their life instead of continually choosing to do bad things. This is His plan for people who are Jews and people who are not Jews. This is God's plan for all people in the world.

The people in the world are like a building that is being built gradually. It is a building to be used for the worship of the One True God. Each new believer is like a stone being added to the building. The building is gradually becoming larger.

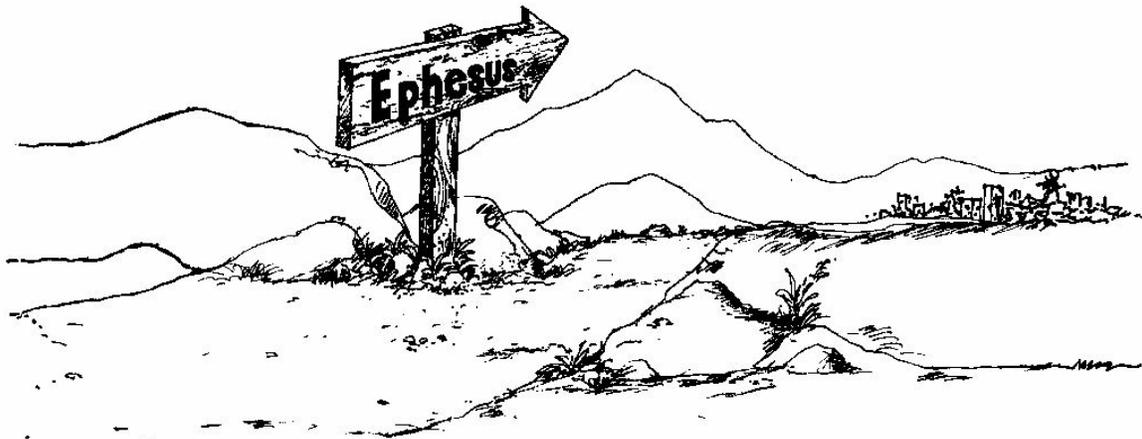
FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**44****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Ephesians, Chapter 4**

God's special servant, Paul, wrote many letters to new churches. As God taught Paul, Paul continued to teach the new Christians who were coming into the new churches.

He explained to the church, in a city named Ephesus, that there is only One True God. There is only one God the Son. He is the head of the church, which is the body of believers. God the Son has only one body of believers throughout the world. There is only one Holy Spirit throughout the world.

Therefore, we can see that all of the people of the world should have one common goal---being united as one family, under the head of the family, Jesus Christ.

God continues to encourage us in this chapter of the Bible. He explains to us ways in which our daily lives can be much happier. He says, "Be kind to each other. Forgive each other." This is what the One True God is doing for us through Jesus Christ. Let people speak things that are true to each other, because we belong to each other."



FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**45****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Philippians, Chapter 2**

The One True God told the Apostle Paul to encourage people to look at the life of Jesus and learn many things.

God the Son had a good attitude. That is, He wanted to be helpful. He wanted to love people. He wanted to please His Heavenly Father.

Before the world was made, God the Son lived with His Father in heaven. He and His Father were like one person. The Son did not try to hold to this nice, high position in life. He gave up all He had and became like a lowly servant. He took the form of a human being who lives on the earth, along with millions of other people.

As a human being who lived among other human beings, the Son chose to obey His Heavenly Father in every part of His life. His Father wanted Him to die for the sins of the people in the world. So, the Son obeyed. He let wicked people kill Him.

God the Father was very happy because His Son obeyed Him, even to giving up His life. The Father gave His Son the greatest name that anyone could have—Jesus Christ--a name that is greater than every other name. This name is so great that every person who has ever lived will be required to bow down and worship Him. Every person will have to speak up and agree that Jesus Christ is Lord over all things. This will bring honor to God the Father.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**46****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Philippians, Chapter 4**

God the Son made it clear that worry is not pleasing to God the Father. It shows a lack of faith in the One who has all power. Worry causes the mind to stop thinking clearly. Worry destroys happiness and good health. The Apostle Paul wrote letters to new Christians to warn them against worry.

In his letter to the Christians in the church in Philippi, Paul said, “Don’t worry about anything. When difficulty and problems come, don’t begin to worry. What God wants is for believers to talk with Him—to pray—to tell Him about the problems or dangers. Ask God for help. Then a peace and calmness will come to the person who prays. This is God’s peace. How this happens is more than we can understand.”

The truth is that God already knows the problem. He wants the believer to come to the point of understanding that no problem is too difficult for Him. As the believer explains his problem, the Holy Spirit will bring a peace and calm to the heart of the one who is praying. He will help the person guard against the worry that is trying to destroy faith. God will prove again and again to the person praying that God is in control. He will give the believer strength and guidance through the difficulty.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**47****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Colossians, Chapter 1**

It is very important that the world know who God the Son is. In a letter to the church located in a city named Colossae, the Apostle Paul wrote explaining, in much detail, who Jesus is.

Paul explained that Jesus Christ is the one who moves us from spiritual darkness to spiritual light. He moves believers into His Kingdom.

We can look at Jesus to learn what God is like. God is a Spirit. We cannot see Him with our physical eyes. God the Son came to live on the earth so we could see what the invisible God is like. In Jesus, we can see what love means. We can observe the mighty power of God. We can learn directly from God the Son why people were created. We can understand more about God's master plan for the world He created.

As we look at God the Son, we can see the Creator of the universe. All things have been created for Him and by Him. He was here before all the things He created. By His power, all things hold together. He is the head of His body, which is the church.

In the Person of Jesus Christ, all the fullness of God is found. That is why the Prophet Isaiah said that when Jesus comes to earth, He would be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**48****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****1 Thessalonians, Chapter 5**

The One True God has promised that Jesus Christ will return to the earth. That will be a Day of Judgment for all people. This will be sudden. There will be no time to make changes.

In this chapter, God gives us a warning through His messenger, the Apostle Paul. He tells us that only God the Father knows when this day will come. He has chosen to keep this information a secret. His reason is a good one.

Those persons who sincerely want to have eternal life with God will live each day expecting Jesus to come back. They love God. And they respect God's Word. Those persons who are not sincere about being in God's Kingdom will continue to live to please only themselves. They do not respect God. They do not respect God's Word.

Jesus Christ gave His life for us on a cross. He gave us the greatest gift He could give. He knows how much we need forgiveness of our sins and life eternal with Him. He was willing to do what was necessary, for us. Those people who do not take this gift seriously only make a joke of Jesus' sacrifice. The Day of Judgment will not be a happy day for them. This is God's plan.



FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**49****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE**

Hebrews, Chapter 11

Faith is believing that you will have the thing that you hope to get. You have the conviction that you will have something that you do not yet have. People who lived many, many years ago pleased the One True God by having faith.

It is by faith that we understand that the creation of the universe happened because God commanded it to happen. He took things that were not seen and made things we can see.

A man named Abel lived on the earth soon after the earth was created. By having faith in the One True God, Abel made an acceptable offering to God. His brother, Cain, did not. God was very pleased with Abel's offering. God forgave the bad things that Abel had done because Abel believed in the One True God. Abel is dead, but the story of his love for God helps us to know that he did the right thing.

Another man, Enoch, lived many, many years ago. He had faith in the One True God and loved God very much. This made God happy.

If a person does not have faith in the One True God, he cannot make God happy. Any person who comes to God must believe that God is living and is the Creator of all things. He must believe that God receives and helps every person who looks for ways to obey God.

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH**50****GREAT CHAPTERS FROM THE BIBLE****Revelation, Chapter 21**

The One True God chose to show one of His disciples, John, what God's plan is for the future. After God showed these things to John, John wrote them down.

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth. I did not see the first heaven and the first earth. They had passed away. And the ocean had also disappeared.

"I saw the new city, Jerusalem, where God now lives. It was coming down from God. It was beautiful, like a bride dressed to meet the man she was marrying.

"From God's throne there came a loud voice. It was saying, 'Look at this. The place where God lives is now among the people He created. He is there in Person. God shall live with them. They will be His people. He shall take away all of the tears and sorrows of His people. There shall no longer be any death. There shall be no more mourning, or crying, or pain. The suffering that used to happen to people on the earth has passed away.'

"God also said, 'Look carefully. I am making all things new. John, I want you to write down these things I am showing and telling you. These things will happen just as I say they will. They are true."

FIFTY STORIES IN EASY ENGLISH

SOME WORDS FROM THE STORIES

A

Abel (AA bul)---the second boy borne to Adam and Eve
acceptable (ak SEP tuh bul)---something that is all right to receive
acceptance (ak SEP tun suh)---the act of receiving something
accepted (ak SEP ted)---past tense of accept; to receive
Ahab (AA hab)---one of the kings of the country of Israel
allowing (uh LOU wing)---permitting
announcement (uh NOUNCE mun tuh)---something that is told to people openly
anxious (ANG shus)---nervous, worried
athletic (ath LEH tik)---able to do physical things
attached (uh TACH duh)---past tense of attach; to join together
authority (uh THAH ry ty)---the one who commands or leads

B

Bethany (BEH thuh ny)---the name of a small town near Jerusalem

C

ceremony (SER ruh mow ny)---a special program or activity
chaff (CHAF)---the tiny parts of a plant left after the harvesting is completed
Colossae (ko LAH sy)---the name of an ancient town in Asia Minor
commandments (kuh MAND mun suh)---laws
commits (kuh MIT suh)---to do a definite act or action
committed (kuh MIT ted)---past tense of commit
condemned (kun DIM duh)---past tense of condemn; punish by death

confidence (KON fuh dun suh)---a strong feeling that you can do a certain thing

confused (kun FUZE duh)---past tense of confuse; unable to make the right choice

container (kun TANE ur)---a vessel that can hold liquids or solids

continuing (kun TIN you ing)---not stopping

conversation (kon ver SAY shun)---words spoken to each other by two or more persons

conviction (kun VIK shun)---a strong feeling that a certain thing is right

convince (kun VIN suh)---to persuade another person to accept a certain thing

correctly (kuh REK ly)---adverb form of the word, correct; does not have an error or mistake

criminal (KRIM muh nul)---a person who has broken a law

crucified (KREW sy fide)---past tense of the word, crucify; to put a person to death by nailing him to a cross

crucifixion (krew sy FIK shun)---the noun form of the word, crucify; to put to a person death by nailing him to a cross

D

decayed (deh KAY duh)---past tense of the word, decay; to break apart because of age and chemical actions

decisions (deh SIZ yun zuh)---plural form of the word, decision; a choice that has been made

dedicate (DED uh kate)---to choose a special purpose or honor for some object

definite (DEF fuh nit)---something that is sure or chosen

descendants (dee SIN dun suh)---plural of the word, descendant; a person who is born in a later generation of the same family.

described (dee SKIBE duh)---past tense of the word, describe; to give a description or word picture of something

destruction (dee STRUK shun)---torn down completely, destroyed

developing (dee VEL low ping)---participle of the word, develop; to bring to completion

difficulty (DIF fuh kul ty)---noun form of the word, difficult; not easy to do

disappeared (dis uh PEER duh)---past tense of the word, disappear; to go out of sight; cannot be seen by the eye
disappointed (dis suh POINT ted)---past tense of the word, disappoint; to have a result that was not expected or desired
diseases (dis EE zez zuh)---plural form of the word, disease; a condition that makes the body sick
drowning (DROWN ing)---participle of the word, drown; to cause death by filling the lungs with water

E

education (ed jew KAY shun)---getting new knowledge about many things
Elijah (ee LIE juh)---the name of one of God's prophets
emptiness (EM ty ness)---noun form of the word, empty; containing nothing
encourage (in KUH rij)---to give assurance or new hope
enemies (IN uh miz)---plural form of enemy; one who seeks to harm or kill you
Enoch (EE nuk)---the name of a man who lived in ancient times. His name is recorded in the Bible.
Ephesus (EF eh sus)---the name of an ancient city in Asia Minor
eternal (ee TURN ul)---having no end
excited (ek SITE ted)---past tense of the word, excite; causing strong emotions or feelings

F

followers (FAH luh were zuh)---plural form of the word, follower; a person who goes with another person who is a teacher or leader
forgiveness (for GIVE ness)---the noun form of the word, forgive; to stop feeling anger because of something a person has done
foundations (foun DAY shun zuh)---plural form of the word, foundation; the base on which a building is built
fruitful (FROOT ful)---producing fruit

fulfilled (full FILL duh)---past tense of the word, fulfill; to complete all that needs to be done

G

Galilee (GAL luh lee)---the name of one of the provinces of ancient Israel; also the name of a lake

generations (jin uh RAY shun zuh)---plural form of the word, generation; all of the persons in one family who live at the same time

gradually (GRAD jew uh ly)---adverb form of the word, gradual; done a little at a time

guidance (GIE dun suh)---noun form of the word, guide; to show the way

guilty (GIL ty)---the condition of a person who has broken a law

H

harvesting (HAR ves sting)---participle of the word, harvest; to take in a crop after it has matured

humble (HUM bul)---the opposite of proud; not considering yourself better or more important than other people

I

Immanuel (im MAN you el)---the Hebrew word for “God with us”

immediately (im ME dy et ly)---at this moment; now

improve (im PROO vuh)---to make better

information (in for MAY shun)---noun form of the word, inform; to give knowledge concerning something; to make facts known

inherit (in HEH rit)---to receive something at the request of someone who has died

inheritance (in HEH ri tun suh)---the noun form of the word, inherit; to receive something at the request of someone who has died

intellectual (in tuh LEK chu ul)---a person who has much learning about one or more subjects

invisible (in VIZ un bul)---not seen by the eye

Isaiah (eye ZAY uh)---the name of one of God's prophets

Israel (IZ rah el)---the name of a race of people who are descendants of Abraham; a special race chosen by God

Israelites (IZ rah el lite zuh)---persons who belong to the special race of people chosen by God

J

jealous (JEH lus)---afraid that someone will get what you want

Jerusalem (jeh RU sah lem)---most famous city in Israel

judgment (JUHJE munt)---deciding who is right and who is wrong concerning the actions of the people on the earth

L

Lazarus (LAZ zuh rus)---a man Jesus raised from the dead

M

manger (MAIN jer)---a structure where hay is put for cattle to eat

memory (MIM o ry)---ability to remember things that happened in the past

miracle (MIR ruh kul)---something that can happen only by the power of God

mourning (MORE ning)---participle of the word, mourn; expressing sadness because of the death of a person

N

nephew (NEF few)---your brother's son

Noah (NO uh)---the man chosen by God to build the Ark that saved his family from drowning during the Great Flood.

O

obedience (oh BE dy un suh)---the noun form of the word, obedient; doing what you are told to do

P

pattern (PAT tern)---a guide for building something

penalty (PEN ul ty)---the punishment for breaking a law or a rule

permission (per MISH shun)---the noun form of the word, permit; allow a certain thing or action to be done

Philippi (FIL uh pie)---a city in ancient Macedonia

physical (FIZ uh kul)---those things that can be seen by the eye and touched by the hand

practicing (PRAK ty sing)---participle form of the word, practice; doing a certain action many times for the purpose of learning

production (pruh DUK shun)---noun form of the word, produce; to make or manufacture something

pronounce (pruh NOUN suh)---to speak with the mouth in making the sounds necessary for saying words

prophet (PRAH fit)---a person chosen by God to give His messages to the world

provided (pro VIE ded)---past tense of the word, provide; to make available items that are necessary

prune (PROON)---to cut off part of the branches of a tree or vine to help the plant produce more fruit

punishment (PUN ish munt)---noun form of the word, punish; to give pain to a person for breaking a law or rule

Q

qualities (KWAL uh tiz)---plural of the word, quality; a measure of the good things that a person does day by day

R

refused (ree FUZE duh)---past tense of the word, refuse; unwilling to accept or do something

reject (ree JEK tuh)---to refuse to accept something

S

sacrifice (SAK ree fice)---to give up something so that you can help someone else

screaming (SKREEM ing)---participle of the word, scream; to make a loud noise with the voice when feeling pain or fear

secret (SEE krit)---something that is not known by other people

separation (sep uh RAY shun)---noun form of the word, separate---to be apart from other people or other things

seriously (SEER ry us ly)---adverb form of the word, serious; opposite of funny or humorous

shortage (SHORT tij)---not enough of something

Solomon (SOL oh mun)---the name of a man in the Bible; the son of King David

spiritual (SPIH ry chu al)---the adjective form of the word, spirit; the part of a person that relates to God, our unseen Creator

struggling (STRUG ling)---participle of the word, struggle; to fight against something or someone

success (suk SES)---to do something that has been attempted

suitable (SOOT uh bul)---adjective form of the word, suit; to be accepted or useable for a certain activity

surrenders (suh REN der zuh)---a form of the word, surrender; to give yourself up to an opponent or enemy

T

temporary (TEM po ray ry)---for a short time; not permanent

thirsty (THUR sty)---desiring or wanting water to drink

throughout (threw OUT)---affecting the whole action, object or group

tongs (TONG zuh)---two parts of an instrument used for picking up small objects

torture (TOR chur)---to do things to a person that cause pain

U

universal (you nuh VER sul)---affecting all things or persons

universe (you nuh VER suh)---all creatures and things that have been made

university (you nuh VER sy ty)---a school that specializes in advanced courses of study

Uzziah (you ZI uh)---a king of the ancient country of Israel

V

valuable (VAL you uh bul)---adjective form of the word, value; having worth or use fullness



A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHERS OF ESL(ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE) AND EFL(ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

1. Keep in mind the needs of the students
 - A. They are struggling with something new.
 - B. They need to hear each word pronounced slowly and correctly.
 - C. They need much repetition.
 - D. They need a patient teacher.
 - E. They need much encouraging.
 - F. They need to know the meaning of the words that are being spoken.
 - G. They need to hear sentences spoken with the correct syntax.
 - H. They (and not the teacher) need to do most of the speaking during the class period.
2. Demonstrate phonetic pronunciations
(Example: jee AH gruh fy)
3. Always use full sentences when asking questions and answering questions.
4. When using a story as a lesson, do not hurry through the story just to get it finished in one class period.
5. Insist that the students do not laugh at each other when one makes a mistake.
6. Encourage the students to ask questions.

Suggestions For Teaching Conversational English, Using Books Written By Gary and Evelyn Harthcock

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Note: It is good to be aware of the situation in which these books were and are being written. Gary and Evelyn Harthcock are teachers of Conversational English in Southeast Asia. These books which they have written and used in their classes have combined two elements: simply-written English and Bible teaching. The level of English was determined by the proficiency of the vast majority of students being taught. Asia is an emerging part of the world as far as mastery of the English language is concerned. It is also an emerging part of the world as far as knowledge of the One True God is concerned.

These books are simply tools that can be used to help teachers bond with their students. Much variation and adaptation are possible in the use of the books. The suggestions given below are practical procedures and ideas that are not new to many teachers of English. They are suggestions concerning things we have done and ideas that have come to us. We hope this will help you understand that, in teaching people, any one tool can be used in many ways. The important thing is for the teacher to try to meet the needs of his students as he/she understands them. Someone has rightfully said, “Where there is no learning, there is no teaching.”

1. Contacts

In Asia, as elsewhere, we meet people every day who have studied English grammar but have very little confidence in their ability to speak English. In Cambodia we took at least one copy of “A True Story” with us each time we left our house. In Thailand we do the same thing. When we meet an Asian who speaks a little English, we compliment him on his ability to use English words. He usually responds, “No, my English is very poor, but I would like to speak English better.” We take that as our cue to introduce ourselves as English teachers. We explain that we have some books of stories written in very easy English. We open a copy of “A True Story” and turn to the first story in the book. We ask him to look at the words and see if they are too difficult for him to read. He is usually very eager to look at the words. Some Asians cannot read these simple words, but most of them who speak a little English can read

the words. If a person can read these simple stories, he usually expresses joy and appreciation. We then ask if he would like to have one of the books as his own, without charge. The person is usually very glad to have a book like this because books written on his level of ability are very scarce. He gladly takes the book. We encourage him to take it home and read the stories aloud to family members and friends. We go back in a few days to see how things are going. We are surprised many times with the enthusiasm the person shows in wanting to continue. We encourage this kind of person to introduce us to his friends who want to improve their English. We give each one of the friends an opportunity to read us a story from the book. Then we give each person who can read a copy of "A True Story." Persons like this are splendid contacts for starting a class. They have already begun reading the stories about the One True God.

2. Teaching a class

In the beginning, Asians are primarily interested in improving their ability to speak English. With this in mind, we emphasize to each new group that we want to help them, as individuals, to do three things:

- 1. Learn to pronounce English words correctly.**
- 2. Learn the meaning of English words**
- 3. Learn to speak English in a conversation with another person. Use sentences with the words in the right order (syntax).**

In the beginning, it is also helpful for the teacher to remember and practice several important points:

1. **Speak slowly and clearly and loudly enough** for each member of the class to hear. English is a new language to them. Students have complained to us that many teachers speak English too fast. Every technique we learn in life begins simply and slowly. As we learn, the speed increases. It is difficult to get on a fast-moving vehicle.
2. **Use a minimum of words that are above the vocabulary level of the students.** Even with stories written in simple English, the meaning of many words must be explained. Unless the students grasp the meaning of the words in their context, they do not understand the story and the message the One True God wants them to get.
3. **At the beginning of each story, model the story for the class.** That is, the teacher should read the story slowly, pronouncing each word very carefully and using meaningful expressions. The students will try to imitate the teacher's sounds and actions in order to be like those of a native English-speaking person.
4. **Move from one story to the next very slowly.** If a story requires two or three class periods for the students to grasp the meaning, don't be afraid to take the necessary time. Many new things are not understood quickly. It is easy to assume that the students understand the important points in the story, when actually, they do not.
5. **Repetition is extremely important for students learning a new language.** The use of various kinds of drills will help the students hear and speak English sounds again and again. Some of these drills are

chain drills, substitution drills and transformation drills.

Chain Drill (oral)---Model the drill first (the teacher will ask a simple question about the story. Then he gives the answer.

“Are we speaking English today?”

“Yes, we are speaking English today.”

Next, the teacher will ask one student the same question. The student will give the same answer. That student turns to another student and asks the same question. Each student will have a chance to ask the question and to answer the question. This forms a chain of questions and answers throughout the class. Every student has an opportunity to speak the English words. Each student can then hear the questions and answers many times.

Substitution Drill (oral)---Use the same question as used in the above drill but substitute one word for another word. First, model the question and answer for the students.

“Are we speaking German today?”

“No, we are not speaking German today. We are speaking English today.”

This drill can then be used as a chain drill.

Transformation Drill (oral) (what, when, how, why, etc.)---Change the form of the same question and then give the answer. First, model it for the students.

“What are we doing today?”

“We are speaking English today.”

6.Avoid ridicule of mistakes, by one student to another.

There is a tendency among students to laugh when one of them makes a mistake. This does not build confidence in the student who made the mistake. It is better for the teacher to explain why laughing at a slow or erratic student does harm and does not add to his confidence.

3. Use of the Books

Since all of the books do not have the same format, it is good to have a look at the purpose for which each one was written.

1. *A True Story*

This was the first book written. It is very suitable as the first book to be used with an individual or a group. The stories are very short and the sentences are very short. The 134 stories take the students through the entire Bible. After using this book, we saw clearly that students from Buddhist and other religious backgrounds could not relate to many of the ideas and persons in the stories. We added a section called “Notes” to help fill in the great void in Bible knowledge. The stories and the notes were written in simple English.

2 and 3. *They Loved, Books 1 AND 2*

These were originally one book. We found that it was a little too bulky for students to carry with them, so it was divided into two books. It was written to help Asians see that the worship of the One True God is not something new exported to Asia from the countries of the Western World. Together, these books contain the Bible account of twenty individuals who loved the One True God and obeyed Him. The lives of these twenty people reach far back into the history of the world. Because of their obedience to the One True God, their lives were greatly blessed or approved by Him. These books can be used in a similar way to *A True Story*. It fills in knowledge about the One True God, with easy English words, for students who are not familiar with the Bible.

4. *The Final Hour*

This book was written to show that all material or physical things will pass away. At some definite hour in the future, they will be destroyed. They will not be here any more. This book explains the Bible teaching that the things spoken by the One True God will not pass away. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, will return and judge all people. Believers in the One True God will go to live forever with Him. Those who do not believe in the One True God will go to eternal punishment away from God's home. This hour will come. This book can be used in class and fills in more about the One True God and His plan for the world.

5. To Obey

The One True God loves all people. He wants to teach them how to live a happy life here on the earth. For Him to do this people must obey His commands or laws. In the Bible, we learn that God wants believers to go to help all people in the world become His followers. He wants believers to teach people to obey all of His commandments. This book explains the Ten Commandments plus the one new commandment God the Son gave us.

***To Obey* can also be used in class and fills in more about the**

One True God. Like the other books, it is written in easy-to-understand English.

6. For Us

Jesus Christ died a very painful death on a cross. He is God the Son who became the sacrifice for the sins of all people. His death was not an accident. It was part of the plan of the One True God. The death of Jesus was necessary to give all people a way to come back to the One True God. The thing Jesus did was not for Him but for us. Our sins separated us from the One True God, but believing in Jesus brings us back to Him. This book makes clear the meaning of the death of Jesus Christ on a cross, based primarily on Isaiah 53. It helps Asians, and others, to know more about the One True God.

It, too, can be used in class because it is written in very easy English.

7. It's Like This

God has made a wonderful place in which believers can live. It is a place in which He is Lord and Master of all. It is called *God's Kingdom* or the *Kingdom Of Heaven*. Repentance toward the One True God and faith in Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, allows any person to enter this Kingdom. It will never end. Jesus, in His teachings while He lived on the earth, explained what God's Kingdom is like. He did this in parables. This book explains, in easy English, the forty parables in which Jesus explains what *God's Kingdom* is like.

8. I Am Who I Am

This is a story about a young Asian man named Ashiq. After a time of disappointment and frustration in his life, an old friend introduces him to the Eternal God who is present in all generation. The story is written in easy-to-read English.

9. The Joy in Returning

In this story, a young man returns to his father after an experience of wild living. Completely changed in his attitude toward life, he experiences the loving forgiveness of his father. The story is written in easy-to-read English.

10. Abraham

Abraham lived on the earth at least 4,000 years ago. When he was a young man, he had a different name. His father and mother named him Abram when he was born. Later in his life, God changed his name to Abraham. Abraham believed in the One true god and

obeyed Him. This made God very happy. He gave Abraham a new name that means “father of many people.” The story of Abraham’s life shows us unusual things that happened to him because he believed in and obeyed the One True God.

11. Conversations With God

This book is made up of a series of narratives, written in easy-to-read English. They include many conversations between the One true God and persons who lived the earth in succeeding generation Each narrative is suitable for using as one lesson or multiple lessons. These narratives, taken together, make one continuous story of how God has been revealing Himself to mankind since the world began.

12. Fifty Stories in Easy English

In this book there are fifty stories. A story is taken from each of fifty outstanding chapters in the Bible. Some of the great thoughts in the Bible are rewritten in easy English to encourage new readers of English to practice reading more. Each story gives us more understanding of God and His plan for the world He created.

Note: Remember that this type of class deals with Conversational English. And, there are many ways to teach this skill. Things like writing, English grammar, etc. can be taught in other classes especially designed for them. Everything cannot be taught very well in only one kind of class.

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BOOK NUMBER 13 : The authors published a different type in June 2001. title is “Into the Buddhist Mind.” It **is not** an ESL/EFL book for teaching English, but is designed to build bridges of understanding between Christians and Buddhists. It sets forth basic teachings of Christianity and Buddhism.

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During World War 2, Gary served as a U.S. Navy aircraft pilot, flying amphibious patrol bombers. His first tour of duty was in the North Pacific Ocean. His squadron, VP 45, operated from the Aleutian Islands of Attu and Kiska. His next assignment was in the South Atlantic. Brazil and Ascension Island became the new bases of operation. In June of 1946, after the close of hostilities, Gary was given an honorable discharge from military service along with millions of other men and women. With Evelyn at his side, he returned to Columbus in the fall of 1946 to complete his university work.

Ohio State University granted Gary a B.S. Degree in Agriculture in June of 1948. He and Evelyn worked one year in an agricultural project in West Virginia before moving to Western North Carolina in 1949 to begin their own greenhouse business. Because of a call to do personal evangelism, Gary and Evelyn sold their greenhouse business in 1960. At that point, Gary was invited to join the Division of Evangelism of the Baptist

State Convention of North Carolina. He began this work on January 1, 1961.

The need for a new Director of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute arose during the fourth year of Gary's service in the Division of Evangelism. He was asked to move from Raleigh and assume this new responsibility. For ten years, he served in that capacity.

Following fourteen years on the staff of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Gary was called to foreign missions. He resigned from his work in North Carolina to be appointed as a Missionary Associate by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He and Evelyn were appointed at the Southern Baptist Assembly in Glorieta, New Mexico on August 8, 1975. His duties as an Agricultural Evangelist in the Caribbean included helping several Caribbean islands increase their food production. The home base for Evelyn and Gary was the island of Antigua.

Evelyn graduated from Meredith College in May 1941 with a major in Early Childhood Education. Before her marriage in 1945, she taught in North Carolina and Virginia. After marriage, while Gary was finishing his work at Ohio State, she taught in Ohio, as well as taking training to be a Nurse's Aid in one of the large hospitals in Columbus, Ohio. During her years in North Carolina after marriage, she taught in several capacities – schools in Hendersonville, Edneyville, Balfour and Raleigh.

While Gary's office was located in the Baptist Building in Raleigh, Evelyn taught for four years in the North Carolina School for the Blind (Morehead School), also located in Raleigh. There she was required to

become qualified in the Braille System, a method of enabling blind persons to read. She was assigned to a group of ten teenagers, both boys and girls, who were blind, mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed. For four years they were known as “the Harthcock children”. As Evelyn moved on into foreign mission in the West Indies, she became active in helping handicapped children, elderly shut-ins and lepers as well as assisting Gary in the churches.

The Harthcocks have a foster daughter who is a native of Guatemala, Central America. Her maiden name was Maria del Carmen Ochoa Kress. She is married to Frank FitzSimons 3rd, a native of North Carolina. Frank and Carmen have two daughters, Julie and Catie. Julie is married and has one son. Catie is a student in Clemson University in South Carolina.

Gary and Evelyn retired from the Southern Baptist Foreign Board (now named the International Mission Board or IMB) on March 15, 1985. Since that time, they have worked as volunteers, under the IMB, in Liberia, West Africa; Guyana, South America; Mongolia, Central Asia; Cambodia, Southeast Asia; and Thailand, Southeast Asia. On October 31, 2003, they completed a Master’s Program under the IMB and elected to remain in Asia, self-supporting, and continue their work.

Gary and Evelyn have taught English as a foreign language to Buddhist monks, medical doctors, embassy personnel, communication engineers, business people, high school students, university students, military personnel, government personnel, and church leaders.

By January 2006, the authors had written twelve books that are designed to help individuals improve their conversational English. These books have been used in the classroom as well as by students who desire to do individual study at home. They are being distributed without charge in order to reach as many individuals as possible.

Many of the Harthcock books can be downloaded from the Internet. The search engines of Yahoo, Google and Microsoft have these books listed under “Harthcock, Gary and Evelyn.” Any user of this material has permission from the authors to make as many copies as needed for teaching purposes.

The Harthcocks would be very pleased to hear from persons using any of this material. Of particular interest is any person who feels led to translate all or part of the material into another language. Maybe you are using parts of the material in an unusual way. Blessings,

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“Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. “2 Corinthians 9:6

**“What is the Kingdom of God like and to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden; and it grew and became a tree; and the birds of the air nested in its branches.”
Luke 13 : 18-19**





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