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Cradled close in loving arms, All the world, to him, is new, Earth and sky hold hidden charms To his wondering baby view. And to find them out he tries, Every sound he strives to trace. Open wide are ears and eyes, Bright and sweet the dimpled face.

And with mute deep questioning Shining in his wet white cheeks Of those wonders past his ken, He an explanation seeks. Standing on life's threshold yet, In the magic world of change, Each day bringing something new, All to him is bright and strange.

Grandma's hair is silvered now. But her heart has ne'er grown old. And her aged furrowed brow, Bears a beauty all untold. Trusting in her God alone, She has fought life's battle well, And the good that she has done, Ages long not words can tell.

Now in life's glad evening time, Happy in her children's love, Weary burdens all laid down, Peaceful waits her home above. She is sweet and loving still, Age has never dimmed her eyes, In the depths bright as of yore, Still the tender lovelight lies.

Baby Hassell coos to her, As she rocks him to and fro, Singing tenderly and clear: Some sweet anthem soft and low, Side by side the eve and morn, Sunset skies and dawning day, Baby's silken locks and brown Mingle with her tresses gray.

The Sabbath-School.

First Quarter—Lesson 3—Jan. 15

JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA.—Matt. 14: 22-36.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.—Matt. 14: 27.

I. JESUS, DISMISSING THE MULTITUDES, SPENDS THE NIGHT ALONE IN PRAYER.—Vers. 22, 23. And straightway. Immediately after the multitude had finished their repast, and were planning to make Jesus king, Jesus constrained his disciples.

They seem reluctant to go, for they had to be constrained, compelled against their will. To get into a ship. The boat they had come in. And to go before him unto the other side. We infer that he sent them to Bethsaida, not far off, directing them to await him there, so that they would cross together to Capernaum on the opposite shore.

When he had sent the multitudes away. Gave them his final words. He went up into a mountain. At the base of which he had fed the multitudes. Apart (privately, or by himself) to pray: And when the evening was come. The darkness had now descended upon the whole scene. He was there alone. This season of prayer alone with God lasted several hours; it began after sunset, and he did not come to his disciples till the fourth watch, or between three and six o'clock the next morning.

Reasons for these Long Hours of Prayer Alone. (1) He needed rest after the long days of labor in teaching and working. (2) In all spiritual work there is need of constant communion with God. If Jesus needed this, how much more do we.

II. THE DISCIPLES IN A STORM; CONTRARY WINDS.—Ver. 24. But the ship. The fishing-vessel containing the disciples. Was now in the midst of the sea. Which was here about five miles across. When Jesus came to them they had gone 25 or 30 furlongs, which would be about three miles. Tossed with waves. Sudden storms are characteristic of the Lake of Gennesaret. The Eye of the Lord upon them. Mark (6: 48) tells us that Jesus saw them toiling in rowing. His eye was on them. His heart was with them.

Alone or in company, in sickness or in health, by sea or by land, the same eye is ever looking at us. We are never beyond the reach of his care. Our way is never hid from him. He may not come to our aid at the time we like best, but he will never allow us utterly to fail.

III. JESUS COMES TO THEIR AID.—Vers. 25-27. And on the fourth watch of the night. Between 3 and 6 o'clock in the morning. Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. In the extremity of their danger, exhaustion, and despondency, Jesus came to his disciples.

They were troubled, saying, It is a spirit. A ghost, and to them a sign of disaster or death. They cried out for fear. The near approach of the supernatural in any way is apt to alarm.

Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

What comfort!

IV. PETER'S EXPERIENCE IN THE

STORM.—Vers 28-33. And Peter answered him. In reply to his words, it is I. Lord, if it be thou. rather since it is thou. Bid me come unto thee on the water. This is in harmony with Peter's character. He was impulsive and confident.

And he said, Come. Make a trial of your faith. Jesus knew that Peter would learn some important lessons. He walked on the water. Not necessarily very far. The power was obtained and conditioned by faith in Christ's power. So in our spiritual walk above the waves of this world.

But when he saw the wind boisterous, the high waves. As long as Peter looked to Jesus only, he rose by faith over the elements of nature; but as soon as he looked away from Jesus to the boisterous waves, he began to doubt and to sink. He cried, saying, Lord, save me. Here was an example of genuine prayer, short, earnest, to the point, prompted by a sense of need, looking to Jesus, answered. How earnestly every sinner should offer this prayer.

And immediately. Jesus did not delay. Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him. In our extremity it is not our hold of Jesus, but his of us, on which our trust resteth. O thou of little faith. Jesus recognized the sincerity of his faith, while he reproved him for its feebleness. Wherefore didst thou doubt? The doubting was uncalled for and unreasonable. Jesus did not rebuke Peter while he was sinking, but after he had taken him by the hand.

Three Lessons from Peter's Experience. I. The incident itself is generally regarded as an illustration of Peter's great faith. To me the lesson appears quite different. It was a useless miracle for which Peter asked; the result was an exhibition, not of his strength, but of his weakness. True faith never attempts wonders for the sake of doing them. It relies on God for everything in time of need, but never seeks or manufactures occasions for marvellous experiences or exhibitions of faith.

And when they (Jesus, with Peter) were come into the ship, the wind ceased. John adds that they willingly received him, and immediately they reached the land.

They that were in the ship. The disciples were fishermen, and probably managed their own boat. Of a truth thou art the Son of God. This new display of power had convinced them. It was not so marvellous as the miracle of the loaves, but was more striking in form.

V. HEALING AND HELP FOR MANY.—Vers. 34-36. And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. A small district four miles long and two or three wide, on the west side of the Sea of Galilee. Capernaum was situated in this district.

Had knowledge of him. Recognized Jesus, knew who he was. They sent out into all that country. Encouraged by the marvellous miracle he had just performed. Brought unto him all that were diseased. Some had not heard, and needed to be notified; others were unable to come of themselves; others needed the impulse of an invitation, and the encouragement of those who believed. There are the same kinds of spiritually needy ones now, and it is the duty of all who know Jesus to send out into all the country around and bring them to Jesus.

Only touch the hem of his garment. A woman had been thus healed in the presence of a crowd, so that these people were not superstitious, but had strong faith. As our Lord was only passing through, a greater number could be healed in this way.

PRACTICAL HINTS.—Note how much time Jesus spent in prayer and communion with God. The greater our activities, the more the need of being alone long and often with our Father in heaven.

To every church, to every person, there come storms and contrary winds.

All these things are necessary to the trial and improvement of God's people, to the cultivation of faith, of manliness, of courage, of character, of power, of holiness.

But Jesus always watches over us, and is ready to save from too great trials.

We must do our part, toiling in rowing, and never giving up our exertions.

Jesus always comes to those who are toiling in obedience to him.

Jesus knows the best time and best way of coming to our relief.

Even the appearances and approaches of deliverance are sometimes occasions of trouble and perplexity.

There is always good cheer, hope, and encouragement where Jesus is consciously present.

Self-confidence, self-righteousness, and pride almost invariably lead into trouble and humiliation.

So long as we look beyond the stormy waves to Jesus, we can walk triumphant over them.

Unbelief is weakness; faith is strength. It is the duty and privilege of all who have found Christ to bring others to him.

Jesus is the good-Physician, to cure all the maladies brought by sin.

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The curtain rose upon an Indian woodland scene. The weird strains of an Oriental band steal through the trees. A rustling noise is heard, and a huge serpent is seen winding its way through the undergrowth. It stops. Its head is erected. Its bright eyes sparkle. Its whole body seems animated. A man emerges from the heavy foliage. Their eyes meet. The serpent quails before the man—man is victor. The serpent is under the control of a master. Under his guidance and direction it performs a series of frightful feats. At a signal from the man it slowly approaches him, and begins to coil its heavy folds around him. Higher and higher do they rise, until man and serpent seem blended into one. Its hideous head is reared aloft above the mass. The man gives a little scream, and the audience unite in a thunderous burst of applause, but it freezes upon their lips. The trainer's scream was a wail of death agony. Those cold, slimy folds had embraced him for the last time. They had crushed the life out of him, and the horror-stricken audience heard bone after bone crack, as those powerful folds tightened upon him. Man's plaything had become his master. His slave for twenty-five years had now enslaved him.

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When first taken from the room in which it was born it must be carried up-stairs before going down, so that it will rise in the world. In any case, it must be carried up-stairs or down the street the first time it is taken out.

It is also considered in England and Scotland unlucky to cut the baby's nails or hair before it is twelve months old.

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