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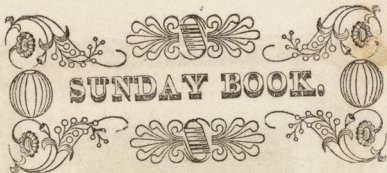
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THE FIRST MAN.

THERE IS NO GOOD IN DOING WRONG.

We are sure of this, from the story of Adam and Eve. You know they were the first people that the great God made,—and they were the first parents of us all. God made them holy and happy, that is, he made them like himself,—and placed them in a beautiful garden, where was every thing to make them happy. But there was one tree in the garden, the fruit of which God told them they must not eat—and that if they did eat of it, they should surely die.



They lived very happily in the garden, till one day a wicked spirit, called Satan, came there. He found Eve near the forbidden tree, and told her to take and eat of the fruit, assuring her that if he did so, instead of dying, they should be as gods. They were so foolish as to believe the tempter, and so wicked as to eat of the fruit God had forbidden: but they did not feel happy afterwards. God drove them out of the garden, and sentenced them to perpetual toil. They lost the image of God, that is, their holiness and happiness, and at last died. Did they gain any thing by doing wrong?

THE FIRST MURDERER.

Adam and Eve had two sons, whose names were Cain and Abel. Cain used to plow the ground and sow it, that there

might be bread to eat : while Abel took care of the cattle and sheep.

Cain was a bad man,—he did not love the good God, or his brother Abel ; and he would not do what God bade him. God had commanded his creatures to worship him, by offering a lamb in sacrifice, and confessing that they deserved to die for their sins, and to keep up the recollection of the blessed Savior, who was to come,



as the true Lamb of God, to take away, by his suffering, the sins of the world.

But when they came to worship one day, Cain brought some fruit of the ground ; but he would not bring a lamb as God had commanded him ; therefore God would not accept him or his offering.



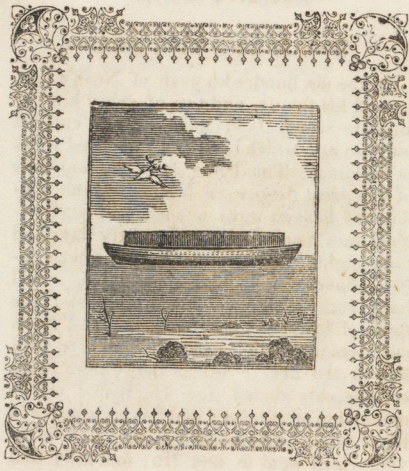
Abel brought one of the best lambs of his flock for his offering. He rightly thought that nothing was too good to be given to God, who gives us every good thing we have. So God was pleased with Abel, and with his offering. But Cain was angry with his brother on this account; although there was no reason why he should be so.

He knew what was right, but did not like to do it, and that was the reason why his offering was not pleasing to God. One day soon after this, as Cain and Abel were together in the field, Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. But he could not hide this wicked act from God.

He was cursed by his Maker, and made a fugitive and vagabond in the earth, and a mark was put on him lest any one finding him should kill him.

NOAH AND THE ARK.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's age, he and his family, and two of every kind of animals which God had created, entered into the ark, which had been a hundred years in building. This being done, the fountains of the great deep were broken up, the windows of heaven were opened, and such violent rain poured down for forty days and forty nights, that the water rose fifteen cubits above the highest mountains, "and both man, cattle, creeping thing, and the fowls of heaven were destroyed, and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark." When the waters were considerably abated, the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat; and having continued there several months, Noah sent forth a raven, which went to and fro; and after that



a dove, which finding no resting-place, came back to the ark, and he took her in. Seven days after, he sent out the dove again, which returned with an olive-leaf in her

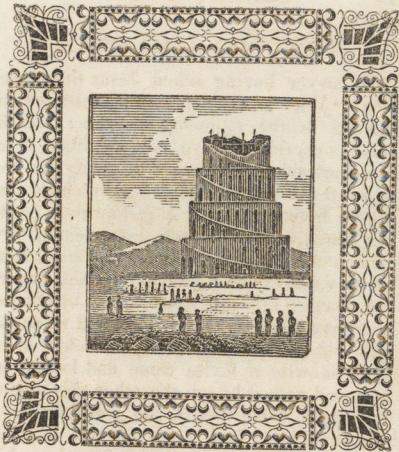


mouth; and having waited seven days longer, he sent forth the same dove, but she returned no more; by which he knew that the waters were dried from off the earth. God then commanded Noah with his family and the living creatures, to come out of the ark, in which they had been shut

up, according to our account of the time, from the 29th of October to the 8th of November the following year, that is, one year and ten days.

TOWER OF BABEL.

A little more than 100 years after the flood, the world being pretty well replenished with inhabitants, they began to build the city and tower of Babel, vainly attempting to raise its walls to the very skies, in hopes of rendering their names immortal. But God soon baffled their impious project, by confounding their language, so that they could not understand each other; and thence the tower was called Babel, which signifies confusion. This not only put a stop to the building, but occasioned their dispersion over the face of the earth.



THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

A lawyer having asked Jesus this question, "Who is my neighbor?" received an answer in the following parable; which teaches us, that to love our neighbor, is to be charitable, compassionate, ready to relieve the distressed, and benevolent to the whole human race. "A certain man (says our Lord) went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stript him of his raiment and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came a priest that way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a levite came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journied came where he was; and when he saw him he had compassion on him, and bound up his



wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him, and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee. Who now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among thieves?" The lawyer readily answered, "He that showed mercy on him." Then said Jesus unto him, "Go and do thou likewise."



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