



You look a bit scared and  
troubled, but probably  
you were curious about  
that "birdie". (NOTE MOTHER &  
daughter jumpers.)





Those who get  
up early see  
a lot other folks  
miss.

The morning quiet time  
keeps you on God's course. It  
will stablish, strengthen, and  
settle you in the faith like  
nothing else. The reason we  
see so many scatter-brains is  
that few will wait on the Lord's  
guidance and blessing. It takes  
time to be holy, Edith. Get  
alone with God early in the  
morning. We will be praying  
for you daily, and put us  
first on your prayer list.

Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and not be afraid;  
for the Lord Jehovah is my  
strength and my song; he also  
is become my salvation. Therefore  
with joy shall ye draw water  
out of the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 12:2-3



The King's daughter  
is all glorious within:  
her clothing is of  
wrought gold.

Dear Edie,

Every saved sinner aspires to be godly, pleasing Him all the way through. How can such a one be a daughter of the King? By her standing, through the atonement of Jesus Christ, her Lord. And the power of the Holy Spirit, if yielded to, makes her a King's daughter indeed, and in her state. She is glorious inside for she is like her glorious Lord - regal blood now is flowing through His adopted child. The more the King's daughter is studied and observed the more one sees to admire in her. Her words, her private life bears the scrutiny, and approval of all.

Besides her godly character, hidden with Christ in God, she also looks well, and the wrought gold reminds us of deity, too, as gold in the tabernacle represented our royal Savior - Messiah. This gold handwork she must have made herself for she aspires to be creative - as lovely as possible for Her Savior by heart and hand preparation. How inspiring that He has chosen me in love and made "little me" a King's Daughter!



Genesis 24: 58 And they called Rebekah and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said "I will go."

Dear Edie

Someday you will want to go with some man and leave Mother and Daddy and home. That is the way God usually works it out. This girl had a great deal of faith and besides, on her arms were new heavy gold bracelets and there were golden earrings, and raiment, all very exciting <sup>gifts from Isaac.</sup> She saw what was invisible, a godly husband, waiting and anxious to welcome her. She didn't notice the servant of Isaac so much for her mind was not on this faithful <sup>ful</sup> man, but on the one he represented, her future master and Lord. What amazing faith she had to leave at once, and not to wait the ten days her brother Laban and mother suggested! How "rash" she seemed, but God had planned to use this diligent girl to do a great work for Him. She became the mother of Jacob and Esau, and she was a comfort to Isaac after his mother's death. Without a woman, no home anywhere is complete.



... Esther 4:16... And so will  
I go in unto the king, which  
is not according to the law:  
and if I perish, I perish

Dear Edie,

Here is a real courageous girl, <sup>Reared</sup> <sup>(v2:7)</sup>  
by neither father or mother evidently her  
Uncle Mordecai had taught her well  
and loved her much. She learned  
when to keep still (2:10) and when  
to take a firm stand for the lives  
of the people of God. (4:14) She learn-  
ed how to obey early <sup>(2:20)</sup> and Mordecai  
got over to her that it was really  
God's time for her to act, and if  
she didn't deliverance would arise  
to the Jews "from another place". She  
saw it was a unique privilege, and,  
after fasting with her maidens, God  
used her in a remarkable way. She  
had "holy boldness" and her maidens  
loved her enough to do without food  
to pray for her. (Not many have friends  
like that!) It was surely God's grace in her.

The other detail I noticed about  
Esther was she "required nothing" <sup>(Esther 2:15)</sup> when  
she visited the king. She could ~~not~~ have  
had any costly garment, adornment,  
or perfume, but she put on no airs before  
the other <sup>women</sup> (women) and the favor and grace  
of the king was her reward. <sup>God given</sup> Natural beauty wine!



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Esther 1:10 On the seventh day when the heart of the king was merry with wine... he commanded... To bring Vashti the queen before the king... to show the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on.

Dear Edie,

I call Vashti the woman who said "No!" To the king's command! And <sup>then she</sup> refused to appear with the seven chamberlains. Why? She knew their condition and declined to have any part in it. No doubt she felt real modesty, and she did not approve of the drinking as well. God had opened her eyes to what was good and soundly. "A meek and quiet spirit" must have been her adornment. To be sent for and eyed by a satiated monarch <sup>and his friends</sup> had no appeal for her. No wonder she said "No!" although the wise men of the king made "a bad example" out of her. The Proverbs tell us

"As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout,  
so is a fair woman which is without discretion"

Proverbs 11:22

Vashti was fair and modest, a rare combination. Wives were told to obey their husbands and to thus be good examples <sup>among the Basins</sup> even



What shall I ask for?

(She, the daughter of Herodias) asked this question of a her own mother, because Herod had foolishly promised: "I will give you whatever you ask up to half of my kingdom" Matthew 14:6

Dear Edie, I think through this story of a bad mother. Here was a question asked by a young girl who was used as an instrument of evil by one who should have been disciplining herself and her daughter as well. She seems almost a pawn, by her mother's spite, and desire to shut the mouth of John the Baptist. (He had said to Herod it was wrong for him to take his brother's wife.) This angered the woman living in adultery and she waited for her chance "to get even." No doubt she had taught her daughter dancing and found the King's birthday party the right time to show off her girl's talents. (This is a great fault of parents, even good parents.) While drunk <sup>no doubt before her guests</sup> the King Herod made a foolish oath and promised the girl anything she wanted. Being a child she didn't know <sup>what to say</sup> and asked her "Mom". The unscrupulous woman asked for John's head served up just so on a platter. ("Spite" kills.)

But God brought good out of it. He overruled for His glory. John had to suffer no longer in a dungeon plagued by doubts and dirt. His disciples had to leave him and follow Jesus, the right thing to do. They went and told Jesus whose words of praise about John the Baptist are immortal.



"The queen of the south ... came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and there is more than Solomon here!"

Matthew 12:42  
Luke 11:31  
2 Chro 9:1  
1 Kings 10:1

Very interesting

Dear Edie,

Jesus said that on the Judgment Day the queen of the South would rise up and condemn sinners because they showed no curiosity in seeking out the wisdom of God, as she had done from Solomon whereas they all had the wisdom of the Lord Jesus to inquire into. Solomon's <sup>wisdom</sup> <sup>the</sup> greater son was Jesus, the Son of David.

The queen of the south was zealous to learn about Israel's God and she made a very long trip in those days to interrogate Solomon, with her previously made list of <sup>hard</sup> questions. She made elaborate preparations for the trip, and brought rare expensive gifts which he did not need. She was bewildered with what she saw and declared "the half hath not been told me" <sup>with all her desire.</sup> as she returned home. She seemed to be a changed woman by the spirit of God. As we think of her heathen background we admire this woman Jesus <sup>with commendation and warning</sup> mentioned so that we could be commended by God for our zeal to come from afar to Jesus to satisfy our hungering and thirsting for righteousness, our heart questions!



# The Morning Secret

by  
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I met God in the morning  
When my day was at its best  
And his presence came like sunrise  
With a glory in my breast.

All day long the presence lingered,  
All day long He stayed with me,  
And we sailed in perfect calmness  
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered  
Other ships were sore distressed,  
But the winds that seemed to drive them  
Brought to us both peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings  
With a keen remorse of mind,  
When I too had loosed the moorings  
With that Presence left behind.

So now I know the secret,  
Learned from many a troubled way;  
You must seek Him in the morning  
If you want Him through the day.