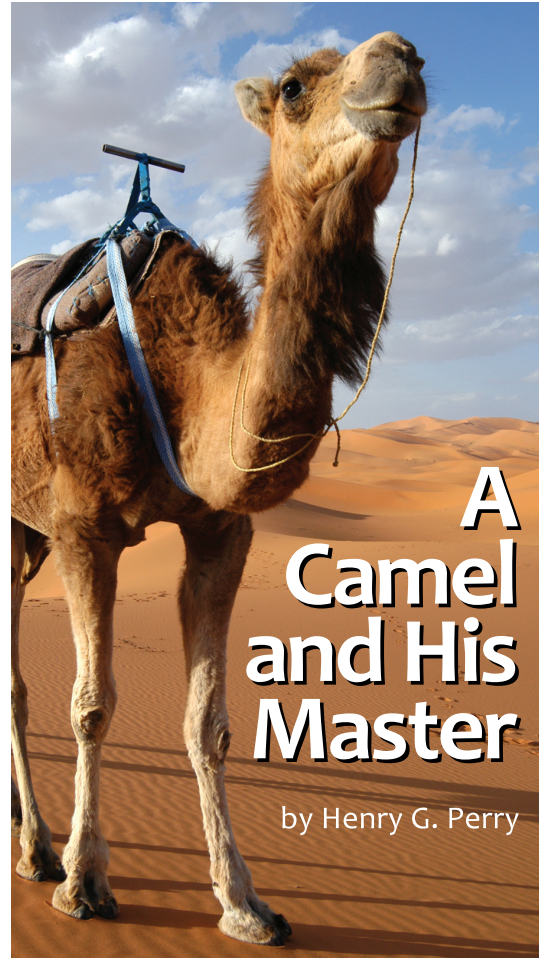


**The following prayer is an
example of one that you can use
as you come to God.**

"Dear Heavenly Father. I come to You, confessing that I have sinned and broken Your laws. I am sorry for my sin, and believe that Jesus Christ came to earth to die for me and my sins and rose again from the dead that I too might have eternal life. Please forgive me. I invite You into my life, and give Jesus Christ the right to take control of the rest of my life. Please help me to be what You want me to be. I thank you for saving me and accepting me and I pray this in Jesus' name."

Amen!



In Aesop's fable of the camel and his master, the kind master allowed the shivering beast to put into the tent first his head, next his shoulders, then his forelegs. Then the camel said, "Master, I think I ought to come wholly inside," and crowded in. Immediately inside the tent the camel said, "Master, there is hardly room for us both. I think it would be better for you to stand outside so I can turn around and lie down should I become tired." So without further ado the camel pushed his kind master out and took the entire tent.

This story has been repeated for hundreds of years to illustrate the subtle way nations try to overcome nations, how man tries to overcome his fellow man, and boys and girls scheme to get advantage over one another.

Satan, also in this sly way, tries to worm himself into the hearts and lives of not only boys and girls, but adults as well. Surely, we have all heard the whisperings of Satan when he tempts us by making sin appear harmless, and if he is successful the first time, the second time he finds it just a little bit easier.

The second sin is usually greater than the first, and the third greater than the second, and so on, until Satan really moves in, and if we are not very careful he will take over completely,

just as the camel in Aesop's fable took over the entire tent to the discomfort and shame of his master. We should always be on the alert to keep the smallest sin out of our heart and life, for this is Satan's method, and if we are not careful he will take over when we least suspect.

The Lord Jesus knows of Satan's miserable scheming, for He was tempted as we are, but Jesus rebuked him by saying, "Get thee hence, Satan." *Matthew 4:10*

One sure fire method of keeping Satan and sin out of our hearts is by inviting the Lord Jesus to come in, for "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations" *II Peter 2:9*, and He is able to save them that come unto Him.

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found" *Isaiah 55:6*, for "now is the day of salvation" *II Corinthians 6:2*. Yes, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" *Acts 16:31*

It is a wonderful thing to be able to say that the Lord Jesus is my Saviour and He will protect me against the trickery and deceit of Satan.

Have you made your decision?