

Story for Year 1, Lesson 8

(V.81.)

One day when Lua Getsinger was in 'Akká to see the Master, He said to her, that He was too busy today to call upon a friend of His who was very ill and poor and He wished her to go in His place. 'Take him food and care for him as I have been doing', He concluded. He told her where this man was to be found and she went gladly, proud that 'Abdu'l-Bahá should trust her with this mission.

She returned quickly. "Master," she exclaimed, "surely you cannot realise to what a terrible place you sent me. I almost fainted from the awful stench, the filthy rooms, the degrading condition of that man and his house. I fled lest I contract some terrible disease."

Sadly and sternly 'Abdu'l-Bahá regarded her. "Dost thou desire to serve God," He said, "serve thy fellow man for in him dost thou see the image and likeness of God." He told her to go back to this man's house. if it is filthy she should clean it; if this brother of yours is dirty, bathe him: if he is hungry, feed him. Do not return until this is done. Many times had He done this for him and cannot she serve him once?