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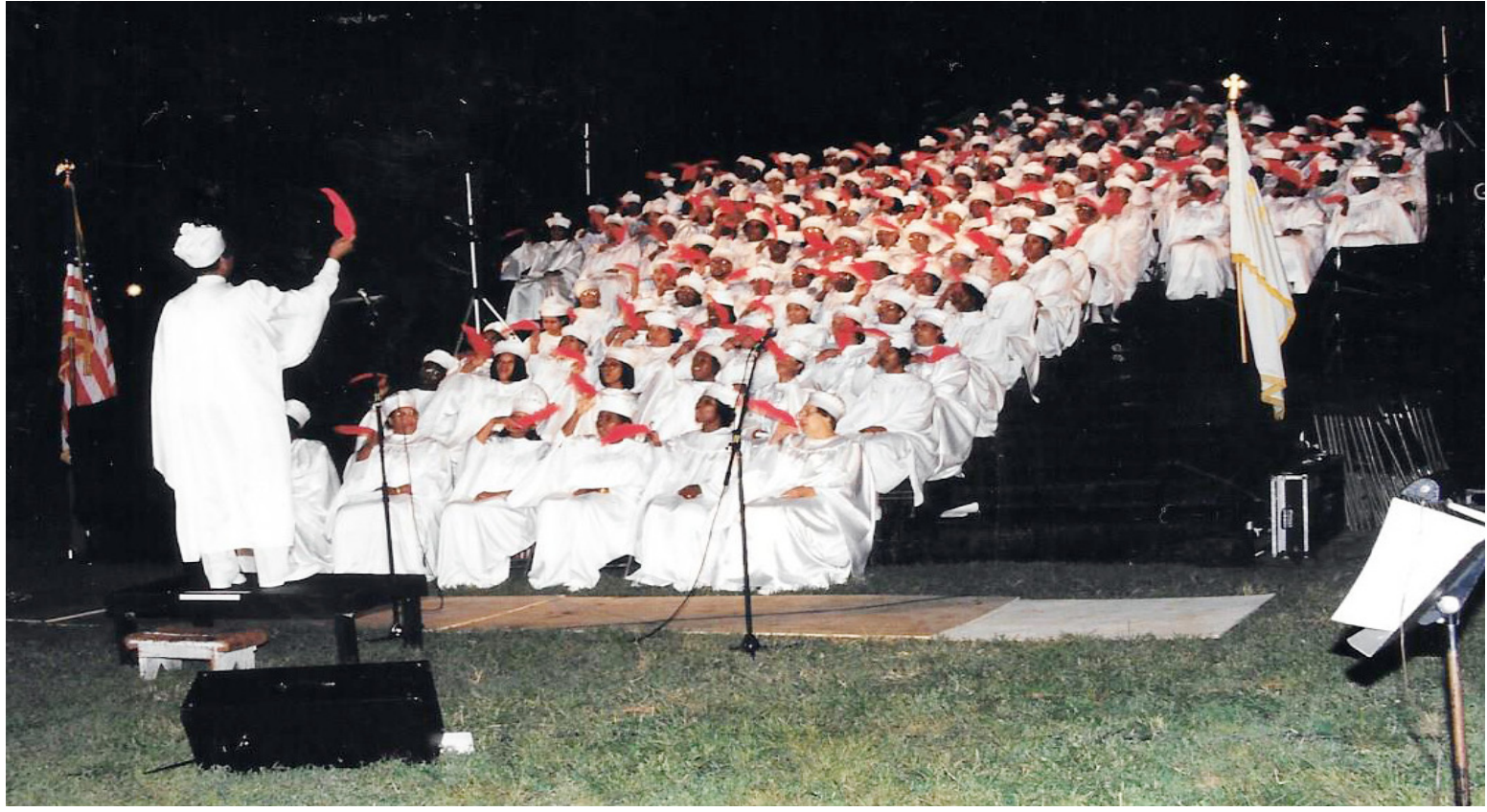
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Psalm 150:6



Folks haven't gone blind. They see when your talk isn't like your walk.

The devil can't be seen, but his spirit can be felt.

You can't save your money, nor your clothes, nor your house, nor even your body when death comes.

You can only save your soul.

Man might save you from fire or from water, but it will take God to save you from sin.

A lot of people have religion but no salvation.

Never fellowship with sinners to the extent that you hide your identity as a saint.

If I am righteous, all the praise for the good I do goes to God.

No matter what the cost, do right, for it will never cost as much as doing wrong.

When you are right, stand! God will stand with you.

Our hope in Christ enables us to rejoice in the midst of sorrow.

You can't always count on the promises of men, but the promises of God never fail.

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The Secrets Of The Lord Are Made Known To Those Who Fear Him

Now my precious ones, I am a great one to reminisce, but I reminisce on the things of God because they are great; they are in my mind as God has ordained and commanded them. I want to briefly this morning show you how God reveals His secrets to His servants. The Lord God, from the beginning of creation and to the end of it has revealed to man that he might understand his relationship with Him, concerning the things He has done, the things He is doing and the things He shall do. The Lord wants you to know, but these things are not revealed to every man, but they are revealed to His prophets and they are required to make the people know what God has revealed. It says **“The secret of the LORD is with those who fear him; ... (Psalm 25:14) and “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7).**, that you and I might know what He is going to do.

Now in every generation God has worked according to His time schedule. He worked in the days of Adam, of Abraham, of Noah. He worked in the days of the different descendants of Abraham that they might understand and then He made a record of it in the minds of men that it might be written. Then He came in Jesus Christ and He worked in His day. So in Daniel's day, God made him to see what would take place in this day.

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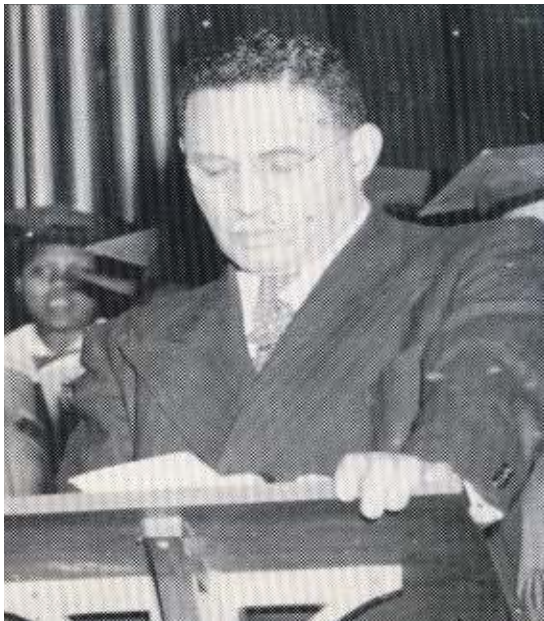
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In Daniel, the 7th Chapter, reading the 1st Verse, we read as follows: **"In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions of his head upon his bed:..."** Now this is what God showed Daniel way back there -- the things that would happen in our day. Daniel had a dream and while dreaming, God gave him a vision showing him the things that would come to pass in the days in which we live, that we might see the power, the knowledge and the wisdom of God. Isn't that something?

It says here in the same chapter for your learning, reading the 17th Verse these words: **"These great beasts, which are four, are four kings,..."** Notice! Now Daniel said, *"these great beasts, which are four, are four kings..."* Daniel saw four beasts and he didn't understand what it was all about, but God made him know that these four beasts are four kings. And He explained to him the vision, and Daniel wrote it, amen, that you and I might know that God will not withhold any of His secrets from His servants.

Beginning at the 1st Verse of the 7th Chapter of Daniel, you'll find these words which I'll have read to you again and then continue: **"In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters."** *In the first year of Belshazzar King of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream."* and told what he saw.

"Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another." He says, "Four great beasts came up from the sea, different "one from another". Amen. The four great beasts represented four great rulers of four great kingdoms and were described by Daniel as he saw them. Read! **"The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon the feet as a man,..."** *I beheld said Daniel, until the wings were plucked, and this beast was*



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux,
founder

lifted up from the earth and he was made to stand upon his feet like a man. Now listen! This first beast had eagle's wings. The symbol of this great country, America, is an eagle which means that it soars above all the rest of the countries in the world. An eagle can see a storm when it begins to make up when it is a little cloud just as small as the hand of a man. He never makes his nest in a tree with leaves on it. So you'll never find one there and he doesn't do it, so that he can watch for the storm. When he sees that speck of cloud before man ever sees it, he begins to stretch his wings and flop them. By and by, he lights out and sails into space until he gets way up above the clouds and when the storm comes, the eagle is out of the rain. God symbolizes this country as an eagle.

And he says here, **"...and a man's heart was given to it."** America has the heart of a man. America is striving to try to bring peace on earth among the nations, but it can't. There is Only one who can, and He is the Prince of Peace! But America has a heart; it feeds the nations of the world; it tries to help them in their commerce; it makes every effort possible to let man know that "we don't want your government but we want you to have one of peace." That is the spirit of the man who is in the White House who represents this country. It has always been the spirit of America beginning with Roosevelt, followed by Truman, then Eisenhower and here comes Johnson trying to correct and bring peace.

So the next beast is what?

(5) **"And behold another beast,**

a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh." Another beast was like unto a bear, and it raised itself up on one side and it had three ribs in its mouth between the teeth. *And they said thus unto it, arise, devour much flesh.* This second beast is Russia which is symbolized by the bear and destruction is in its mind. To **"devour much flesh."** God is showing Daniel this! He sent me along to unveil it in the day and the time that it is now being fulfilled! That's all. I'm just a voice and you can see what I am talking about. What I've said about America is true because God spoke it through Daniel; what I said about Russia is true.

Now listen to what else it says: **"After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which has upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it."** After this, he said, I beheld, and he saw another beast rising up; the symbol of it was a leopard which had upon its back four wings of a fowl (not an eagle). This beast also had four heads, and dominion (influence and power) was given to it. This is France -- DeGaulle's kingdom; he's the beast.

(7) **"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and break in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it..."** This is Great Britain. She was a great nation; the sun never set on her dominion or satellites. And what now? **"...and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns."** It was different from all the beasts that were before it and it had ten horns. Read! (8) **"I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man,..."** These ten horns are ten little satellite kingdoms, amen, that rise up under a great empire.

Daniel became worried to

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The Holy Bible Word Puzzle
Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".

2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.

3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.

4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.

5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.

6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a
- concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.

7. Please use the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

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10. Letters must be limited to forty (40) words and are published as space will allow.

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1. I Corinthians	15	56	1	
2. Acts	11	20	24	_____
3. Revelation	12	10	11	
4. Habakkuk	3	19	5	
5. Joel	3	16	35	_____
6. II Chronicles	2	14	11	
7. Isaiah	19	25	12	
8. Ephesians	6	16	5	
9. II Corinthians	12	9	13	
10. Proverbs	21	1	3	
11. II Kings	18	5	2	_____
12. I Samuel	4	6	21	
13. Micah	7	9	14	
14. Nahum	1	3	7	_____
15. Jeremiah	4	10	3	_____
16. Genesis	15	1	20	_____
17. Exodus	2	17	14	_____
18. St. Matthew	18	26	3	_____
19. I Kings	1	48	21	_____
20. Jeremiah	17	10	6	_____
21. Philippians	1	8	7	_____
22. St. John	3	29	20	_____
23. Joshua	4	14	14	_____
24. I Chronicles	15	15	15	_____
25. Nehemiah	4	16	14	_____
26. Revelation	5	9	6	_____
27. Zechariah	10	6	3	_____
28. Judges	11	27	2	_____
29. Hebrews	13	15	10	_____
30. Isaiah	37	22	11	_____

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Answers to last Month's Puzzle

"The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet" (Nahum 1:3).

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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great A Salvation

God has provided a way whereby we can be saved from His wrath, but how shall we escape if we neglect so great a Salvation?

He has made ample provision to save everyone. If we only accept His wonderful plan of salvation.

We were all born in sin through Adam's transgression in the Garden of Eden, but thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, who redeemed us at a very costly price. This is made clear in the book of Isaiah. The exhortation to seek the Lord as recorded in Isaiah, Chapter 55 says: verses 1-4: **"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

"Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

"verses 6-13: Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing; and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux, co-founder

an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

My next thought is Jesus is the entire plan of salvation, our second coming King, and He is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption, health and strength. We find in Isaiah 53:5. **"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."**

In Acts the Third Chapter, we find Jesus still working: **"Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.**

"And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

"And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

"And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

"And as the lame man which

was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's greatly wondering.

And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

"The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

and killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

"And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

"And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

"For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

"And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that Prophet,

shall be destroyed from among the people.

Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

"Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

May God bless each of you, is my prayer.

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“And he said unto Them, Go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature; He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15,16).

“There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism” (Ephesians 4:4,5).



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ANSWERS TO JULY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. What are the three main divisions of the book of Revelation?
("The things which thou has seen (the past), the things which are (the present), and the things which shall be hereafter (the future)" - **Revelation 1:19**).
2. Who are the two groups of worshipers in Revelation 4?
(Twenty-four elders and four beasts - **Revelation 4:4-6**).
3. The four beasts are similar to the creatures in what Old Testament books?
(Seraphim (**Isaiah 6**) and Cherubim - **Ezekiel 1 and 10**).
4. What do these four living beings look like?
(They looked like a lion, a calf, a man, and an eagle - **Revelation 4:7-8**).
5. How do the twenty-four elders express their worship?
(The elders fell down at the throne and cast their crowns - **Revelation 4:10**).
6. Why do the elders declare God to be worthy of worship?
(God is worthy because He created all things - **Revelation 4:11**).
7. How can we give the Lord the worship He deserves?
(Worship comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning "to see the worth or value of." We can worship Him with both our lips and our lives.)

ANSWERS TO JULY FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways (**Psalm 119:15**).
2. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works (**Psalm 119:27**).
3. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness (**Psalm 119:40**).
4. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts (**Psalm 119:45**).
5. I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts (**Psalm 119:63**).
6. I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee (**Psalm 119:168**)

7. Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness (**Psalm 119:159**).

AUGUST HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. What is the message John had heard and declared?
2. What follows when we live in the light?
3. What does God do for those who truly repent and confess their sins?
4. Who is our Advocate with the Father?
5. How do we know that we really know him?
6. What does John say of one who professes to know God and yet disobeys His commandments?
7. What ought to follow when we profess to abide in Christ?

AUGUST FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. I will say of the _____, He is my _____ and my _____: my God; in him will I _____.
2. But it is _____ for me to _____ near to _____: I have put my _____ in the _____ God, that I may _____ all thy _____.
3. How _____ is thy _____, O God! therefore the children of men put their _____ under the _____ of thy _____.
4. But I have _____ in thy _____; my _____ shall _____ in thy salvation.
5. In God I will _____ his _____, in God I have _____ my _____; I will _____ what flesh can do unto me.
6. The _____ shall be _____ in the _____, and shall _____ in him; and all the _____ in _____ shall _____.
7. _____ ye in the _____ for ever: for in the _____ is everlasting _____.

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know what it all meant and he asked this question which you now will have read to you. It says here in the 24th verse of the same chapter these words, “**And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise:..**” ...*the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings*. That’s what I’m trying to tell you -- ten satellites -- ten governments rising up under one which shall arise. Read! “**and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.**” Another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, THE FIRST! And he’s going to subdue three kings, three great kingdoms. And do you know who he is? China, China. No matter about the greatness of the kingdoms, before the end the result will be that China will be the nation and cause the downfall of the nations of the earth. The ignorant and zealous will obtain that which can destroy us all eventually. The Atomic Bomb will be it in full. It speaks of it: (25) Read it! “**And he shall speak great words against the most High...**” *He shall speak great*

words; He’s talking now, he’s running his mouth now -- Mr. China. He’s going to deny God -- no God. “We don’t want any God; we don’t want any fellowship; we don’t want any association with any nation. We want our program.” He’s even rising up against Russia, another Godless nation. And what?” “**...and shall wear out the saints of the most High...**” He’s going to try to destroy from the earth every person who will honor God - they are called saints. And hear me now! “**...and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.**” They’ll try to change times and laws and you’re going to be given into his hands towards the end, until God sets a time.

And here is what it is, found in the next verse. (26) “**But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume, and to destroy it unto the end.**” God’s going to call the judgment. And they’re going to take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it. Then what shall happen? (27) “**And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High,...**” The kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the righteous people under the King of kings whose name is Jesus Christ. Read! “**...whose kingdom is an**

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Sunday School Lessons for the Month of August

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Elder David Green. He was a teacher of the junior boys class between 1994 and 2000 at the Church of God Sunday School, Newport News, VA.



LESSON 31: August 5, 2018
SUBJECT: God’s Justice

GOLDEN TEXT: “But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God” (Romans 2:10,11).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds.

7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

LESSON DISUCSSION

Paul’s focus on the sinfulness of his own Jewish people highlights this week’s lesson, which is concerning anyone who improperly judges another. Where man’s judgment of another human being is often blemished or imperfect, God’s judgment is always according to fact and reality (See Romans 2:2). Jeremiah 17:10 says, “*I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.*”

God’s wrath awaits those who are hardhearted, and that wrath adds up over time (See Roman 2:5). The outpouring of His wrath will occur following Christ’s return to judge and reward the wicked according to their deeds. Anguish and tribulation await both Jew and Gentile (See Romans 2:11).

Psalm 9:17 states, “*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*” God will one day fairly judge all mankind according to their deeds. It is now high time for every living soul to seek God’s righteousness to escape the punishment He has in store for those who reject Him.

LESSON 32: August 12, 2018
SUBJECT: Giving Justly

GOLDEN TEXT: “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich” (II Corinthians 8:9).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: II Corinthians 8:7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

10 And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.

11 Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.

12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:

14 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:

15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this portion of his letter to the Corinthian church, Paul was endeavoring to encourage the saints to complete a fundraising project designed to assist impoverished saints in Jerusalem (See Acts 11:27-30). By falling short on their promise, Paul used the church at Macedonia as an example of the love they showed through their collecting for the needy (See II Corinthians 8:1-4) This was his means of motivating them to contribute. In doing so, Paul wanted them to give willingly from the heart, and not under compulsion (See Romans 2:12).

Paul wanted the Corinthians to give what they could, since the financial status of each individual varied throughout the congregation. Some had more to contribute than others. Paul let them know that one purpose of giving was to be on an equal status, and that in the future the situation could be reversed. If such hardship ever fell upon the Corinthians, the saints at Jerusalem may well reciprocate.

Paul taught the Corinthians the simplicity of giving, especially in II Corinthians 9:7, where he wrote: “*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*” When we help those who are less fortunate, no matter the size of the contribution, we are displaying the love of Christ and teaching others how this love should be portrayed.

LESSON 33: August 19, 2018
SUBJECT: Loving and Just Behavior

GOLDEN TEXT: “Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” (Romans 12:9).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 12:9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Love is an intense feeling of deep affection for others. Love is always at the top of the list of attributes that describe true followers of God. Genuine love must not be deceptive, but sincere. Genuine love also includes choosing good over evil, because there is no love in committing heinous or malevolent acts against others. Genuine love also involves rejoicing in the hope of eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, and expressing kindness to others, even when being persecuted (See Romans 12:14). Genuine love involves praying for the betterment of others without ceasing (Romans 12:12).

Genuine love also includes showing hospitality to them in need, rejoicing with those who are happy, and showing empathy to those who are suffering. Practicing genuine love means showing humility in the sight of others, not thinking more of oneself than necessary (See Romans 12:16). Taking vengeance against someone who has sinned against you is God’s responsibility, not ours as written in a portion of Deuteronomy 32:35a. *“To Me belongeth vengeance and recompense...”*

By practicing genuine love as a daily routine towards all whom we come in contact with, God will truly reward us for our works. Philippians 2:3 says, *“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”*

LESSON 34: August 26, 2018
SUBJECT: Practicing Justice

GOLDEN TEXT: “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering” (Colossians 3:12).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

6 For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge

after the image of him that created him:

11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The word *‘mortify’* means *‘to put to death’*, and in this portion of his letter to the Colossian church, Paul was admonishing them to spiritually die to the sins of the flesh. Such sins mentioned by Paul were fornication, impure and unrestrained affections, evil concupiscence (bad desires), and covetousness (See Colossians 3:5). These sins would bring about the wrath of God upon persons who commit them (See Colossians 3:6). Paul reminded them that at one time before coming to a genuine knowledge of Christ, they committed such callous acts out of ignorance to God’s righteousness. Now, they must put off the old man and his wicked deeds, and put on the new man which is patterned after Christ.

As new creatures in Christ, Paul was encouraging them to follow holiness, which includes showing mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, and forgiveness. All of this is wrapped up in one word: charity, which Paul identified as the bond of perfection (See Romans 12:14). Paul also invited the Colossians to allow the peace of God to rule in their hearts, and the word of Christ to dwell richly within them, uplifting each other with singing and melody in their hearts to God, all of this done with thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus.

When we practice righteous living, we are glorifying God before witnesses wherever we go, declaring that we are new creatures in Christ. And as Paul mentioned in II Corinthians 5:17, *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*





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