

"And the gospel must first be published among all nations" (St. Mark 13:10).

# HAPPY NEWS

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"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (St. John 14: 27).

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All my life, I've never seen any change in God's love.

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Teach your child to honor God and he will never fail to honor you.

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A true Christian demonstrates his belief by his works.

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The man outside the Church doesn't know God except by the way He is presented by those in the Church.

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Don't come into the Church looking for anything but Jesus.

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Get rid of condemnation by confessing and forsaking your sins.

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God has written His law in your conscience.

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Whether you've heard a preacher preach the gospel or not, your conscience preaches and tells when you go contrary to God.

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The thing that destroys people is to sympathize with them when they are wrong.

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Don't lose faith in God; He still lives though great men die.

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What a family! God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, and you-all one.

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# The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

## HAPPY NEW YEAR, SAINTS

My precious ones, we have just left off celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace, who came to reconcile man with God, and to bring peace on earth. There is peace in heaven where Jesus is, and where God has His throne, but God desires that there be peace on earth. So Jesus came to establish that peace.

Peace that God deals with is different from the peace experienced by mankind. God's peace is everlasting, deep and profound. It does not linger in the shadows until your welfare changes, or your pains leave, or your prosperity arrives, or your enemies vanish, or your goal is achieved. It does not smear the surface and leave the undercoating besmeared with frustration and doubt. It does not glow with brilliant reflection in the sun, and then lose its luster and become obscure in the shadows. It is beyond man's comprehension; so the apostle says it "**...passeth all understanding...**" (Philippians 4:7).

I have come to read my New Year's message to the Saints who are the light of the world. I have come to present this Prince of Peace who will keep you in joy and rejoicing throughout this year if you accept Him as your companion, and allow Him to enter into every phase



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux,  
founder

of your daily experiences this year.

Some days will be good, and some, ill, not because of any misdeed or miscalculation on your part. Indeed, not! You will do everything that is proper and good, according to the commandments of the Lord. And you will be faithful to the vows you made with God. You will be diligent in your services and devotion to the Church of God, but still, some days will be good, and some, ill. Nothing will happen that His love will not allow, but remember that you are living in a world that is full of sin and sinners, and the enemy of God has purposed to hinder you, and if possible, prevent you from achieving victory. Therefore, the enemy sets up opposition to make it very difficult to see and to walk. Therein will lie the days that are ill. As you are fortified with the Holy Spirit, you simply struggle to overcome, and soon you have victory. In the meantime,

you will not for one moment lose this peace, even though the struggle was severe.

In many ways the enemy will try to confuse you and cause you to downgrade that which has been a great blessing to you for many years. The enemy can easily defeat you if he can separate you from the source of your blessing. When we stand together, we have strength that can be exerted in a united way to fortify our defenses against the cruel attack of the enemy. We are safer by far while we are united, and the source of our strength is richer. I admonish you, therefore, to stand together and hold fast to that which is good; and like Christ, I pray the Father to make you one in Spirit until He returns. As in the months that have passed, the grim reaper will come in the months in the future to cut into the number that is left among us because it is undoubtedly the plan of God to deliver the Saints from this era of iniquity. It will only be a momentary separation because soon He will come, according to His promise, and receive us all in that eternal kingdom where His Name shall receive the praise throughout eternity.

Happy New Year  
Saints!

May God bless you!

## 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.
  8. Mail answer to: **Happy News Publishing Co., 2030 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001.** If you do not wish to cut the paper, you may submit your answer on plain paper.
  9. The answer to the puzzle should be postmarked by the fifteenth (15th) of the month for publication in our next issue.
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2. Philippians	4	8	40	_____
3. Isaiah	39	6	28	_____
4. Hebrews	9	15	4	_____
5. Genesis	48	15	10	_____
6. Jude	1	5	20	_____
7. St. Mark	14	64	14	_____
8. Hosca	4	6	39	_____
9. Nehemiah	2	5	33	_____
10. Hebrews	6	10	20	_____
11. I Samuel	28	6	14	_____
12. Malachi	4	6	20	_____
13. Joel	2	28	31	_____
14. Proverbs	22	28	6	_____
15. II Peter	3	4	20	_____
16. Acts	11	14	3	_____
17. Genesis	7	4	21	_____
18. Titus	3	2	6	_____
19. Ecclesiastes	8	17	28	_____
20. Revelation	21	3	29	_____
21. James	2	8	15	_____
22. Proverbs	23	7	2	_____
23. Amos	2	4	37	_____
24. Ephesians	6	4	3	_____
25. Isaiah	65	7	14	_____
26. II Peter	1	9	16	_____
27. Psalm	39	12	2	_____
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### Answers to last Month's Puzzle

“And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day” (Ezekiel 2:3).

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**THE TEN DAY FAST**  
**January 12-24, 2018**

Every three months the Gospel Spreading Church of God conducts a Ten Day Fasting and Praying Revival. At the conclusion of this revival, a prayer and praise service will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2018 in the churches listed in the schedule below.

Fasting is a vital aspect of true worship. It is not a time for feasting, fun, pious acting, or bowing to one's self to appear to be sanctimonious. Fasting is a serious time spent with the Lord. Fasting is a time to afflict the outer man (the flesh) while we earnestly seek to draw closer to the Lord. Fasting is a time when we desire to slay the carnal man in order to become more spiritual.

In life we sometimes find ourselves in difficulties and recognize the fact that we need God to work out our situations. Problems are no strangers to us. Life's situations are not always understood and may be very hard to unravel. In the Bible days when people of God found themselves facing insurmountable odds they called on God. For example, Queen Esther called the people to fasting and prayer (See Esther 4:16). The city of Nineveh was called to fasting and prayer (See Jonah 3:5). When the disciples were unable to cast the demons out of the child, Jesus informed them of the necessity of fasting and prayer. **"Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting"** (St. Matthew 17:21).

The procedure for corporate fasting and praying is outlined in Joel 2:15-17. In these worship services every detail is given. Everyone from the greatest to the smallest is to be accounted for. The people are gathered, the congregation is to be cleansed. The elders, children, nursing babies, bride, bridegroom, priests, ministers of the Lord are to be assembled. No one is left out.

Just as the prophet Joel explains corporate prayer and fasting, the prophet Isaiah exhorts the church to fast individually. **"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh"** (Isaiah 58:6,7)?

Corporate and individual prayer and fasting are often major factors in true worship. We receive great things from the Lord when we obey His instructions regarding how to worship. **"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward"** (Isaiah 58:8).

Just as fasting and prayer were practices in the Old Testament, and the New Testament, they are important elements in worshiping God in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. Isaiah truly cried aloud and spared not and declared unto us what is the acceptable fast unto the Lord. We should not withhold good when we have such an opportunity.

Jesus taught His followers how to conduct themselves when in prayer and fasting. He said, **"But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly"** (St. Matthew 6:17, 18).

We also follow the exhortation found in I Timothy 2:1-4: **"I EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."** In this regard, special prayers will be offered for the President of the United States, his staff, members of the U.S. Congress, and the Armed Forces. II Chronicles 7:14. It reads on this wise: **"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."** As a nation, and as individuals, we need to turn from our wicked ways. If this is done, God will heal our land.

We are living in a time of trouble, such as never was since there has been a nation. However, we can always find comfort in the Scriptures. Psalm 84:11 informs us on this wise: **"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."** Regardless of the circumstances, God will honor His Word, if we will obey Him to the letter. **"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us"** (II Corinthians 1:20).

Readers of **HAPPY NEWS** are invited to join us in this period of praying and fasting. **"... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"** (James 5:16b). If you are unable to attend these services, please join us in spirit. **"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth"** (St. John 4:24).

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11:45 AM.....	Morning Service
6:00 PM.....	Young People's Union

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

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**PURITY CLUB**

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8:00 PM Thursday.....	Newport News, VA

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Monday.....	1:00 AM - 1:30 AM
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# Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

## THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH

We have all reasons to believe that we are in the late evening of time, according to the Word of God. Now as I concentrate on this subject, my attention is called to the II Epistle of Timothy, Chapter 3, which reads as follows:

**“THIS know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.**

**“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

**“Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.**

**“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou has known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

**“All Scriptures is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”**

In my second meditation, my attention is called to the 2d Chapter of Joel, which reads as follows: **“BLOW ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day**



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux, co-founder

**of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.**

**“A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.**

**“Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.**

**“The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?**

**“Therefore also know, saith the LORD, Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:**

**And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?**

**“Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?**

**“Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.**

**“Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.**

**“And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that**

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**Ordination Service**  
 Gospel Spreading Church of God  
 Newport News, Virginia  
 Sunday, November 26, 2017



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***50th Annual Choir Day***  
**Sunday, February 11, 2018**  
 Gospel Spreading Church of God  
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 11:30 AM



Virginia Reunion Choir



Liturgical Praise Dance

**Christmas Play**  
 Saturday, December 9, 2017  
 "Christmas: Civil Case Number 12-25"  
 Gospel Spreading Church of God  
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 Sister Talaya Gilmore-Moye – Director



**Youth and Young Adult Choir**  
 Sunday, December 30, 2017  
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 Deacon David Sturdivant – Director

***50th Annual Choir Day***  
**Sunday, February 11, 2018**  
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 11:30 AM



## Gospel News and Views

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# Calling All Youth

*"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord;  
and great shall be the peace of thy children.  
In righteousness shalt thou be established:  
thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou  
shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not  
come near thee."*

(Isaiah 54:13,14)



CALLING ALL YOUTH is featured each month to encourage our youth of all ages to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We solicit your comments, questions and answers on any topic listed on our Youth Page. Your response may be printed the following month provided space is available and it is received before the next publication goes to press. It is our desire "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" (Psalm 144:12).

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All letters should be postmarked by the tenth of the month. Thank you and may God bless you always.

## MEMORY VERSE

**"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you..."** (St. James 4: 8a).

**Happy New Year!** As we enter the year of our Lord—2018—may each of us pursue a more intimate and loving relationship with God. We might begin by practicing three simple steps.

**Step 1- Look Up.** Rather than looking at our phones or visiting the various websites and apps, we can and should look to God—who loves us—for guidance, love, support, and wisdom. He will never leave or disappoint us. Read God's Word—the Holy Bible. He will give His Holy Spirit which will enable us to behave in a way that pleases Him. His Word reminds us that His love is eternal.

**Step 2 - Look In.** When we are looking to God for direction and guidance first, we can learn how to love ourselves in a healthy way. If we ever cease looking to Him for guidance, we can and will make bad choices which will lead to doing bad things that should not be done.

**Step 3 - Push Outward.** When you look up to God and look inward to examine yourself and behave appropriately, you can push outward and love others with the love of God. God would be so pleased.

Adherence to these steps will help us to honor God while enabling us to have a happy new year!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**"...Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen"** (St. Matthew 6:9-13).

## LET US PRAY THIS PRAYER AT NOON

**"...Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God"** (Joel 2:17b)?

## COMMANDMENT SECTION

**"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things"** (Philippians 4:8).

**Children Respond to the Question: How may we pray for you in 2018?**

Please pray that I do well in math and that I get my comprehension skills

up to date. Pray that I am not bullied this year. Pray for my dad and my mom. Please pray about my Grandma's driving because she needs help!

By A'Maia, Age 10  
Washington, D.C.



Please pray that I get better with reading and math. Pray that I do a good job on the "Helium Project" that I am doing for science. Pray that I complete my other projects. Pray that I learn how to speak up when I need to and that I tell my grandma whenever I have a problem. Pray for my parents and my grandparents. Pray for my grandma's driving, please!

By Tyler, Age 10  
Washington, D.C.



Please pray that I am able to focus more on my classes in U.S. Government and Algebra.

By Jasmine, Age 15  
Largo



Please pray that I will be able to enjoy my World Government Class and my reading class.

Malachi, Age 13  
Largo



Please pray for my school. Pray for homeless people. Pray for sick kids that need [medical] care and don't have it.

By Nathaniel, Age 9  
Greenbelt



I am asking for prayer for my school life. Pray that I do well in school and stay true to who I am and that I continue to get good grades. Pray that the Lord will touch my Grandmother and keep her in good health. Pray for my other grandmother while she is in Florida by herself. Just pray for my whole family!

By Nya, Age 12  
Greenbelt



Please pray for me as I can turn in my homework. Pray that I pay attention in class. Also, I need prayer so that I can get my attitude together.

By Nkyron, Age 14  
Greenbelt.



## ANSWERS TO DECEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who was sent from God unto a virgin in the city of Galilee? (The angel Gabriel - St. Luke 1:26-27).
2. With what words did the angel address Mary? What effect did his

presence and salutation have upon her?

(“Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women” - St. Luke 1:28)? She was troubled at his saying and salutation - St. Luke 1:29).

3. Why did Mary and Joseph have to travel to Bethlehem? (To pay taxes and subsequently the birth of Jesus - St. Luke 2:1-7).
4. What did the angel say to the shepherds? (“Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” - St. Luke 2:10-11).
5. How would the shepherds know they had found Jesus? (They would find him “wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger” - St. Luke 2:12).
6. Who said “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men”? (The angel and a multitude of heavenly host - St. Luke 2:13-14).
7. What Old Testament prophecy was fulfilled regarding the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem? (Micah 5.2).

#### ANSWERS TO DECEMBER FILL-IN THE BLANKS

Indicate the character of Jesus with each fill-in. The characters are True, Just, Meek and Lowly, Faithful, Holy, Self-Denying, and Forgiving.

1. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots (FORGIVING: St. Luke 23:34).
2. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins (FAITHFUL: Isaiah 11:5).
3. And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth (HOLY: Revelation 3:7).
4. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls (MEEK AND LOWLY: St. Matthew 11:29).
5. But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (SPOTLESS: I Peter 1:19).
6. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (TRUE: St. John 1:14).

7. For we 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 (SELF-DENYING: II Corinthians 8:9).

#### JANUARY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

Find the scripture references relating to God’s loving, good and merciful attributes.

1. “For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee”.
2. “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”
3. “O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.”
4. “O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.”
5. “Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.”
6. “They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.”
7. “It is of the LORD’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.”

#### JANUARY FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. I will \_\_\_\_\_ myself in thy \_\_\_\_\_: I will not \_\_\_\_\_ thy \_\_\_\_\_.
2. But the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_; and shall \_\_\_\_\_ themselves in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Let thy \_\_\_\_\_ come unto me, that I may \_\_\_\_\_: for thy \_\_\_\_\_ is my \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I have \_\_\_\_\_ for thy \_\_\_\_\_, O LORD; and thy \_\_\_\_\_ is my \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ to do thy \_\_\_\_\_, O my God: yea, thy \_\_\_\_\_ is within my \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is an \_\_\_\_\_ to the LORD: but the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is his \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ thyself also in the \_\_\_\_\_; and he shall \_\_\_\_\_ thee the \_\_\_\_\_ of thine \_\_\_\_\_.



# Sunday School Lessons for the Month of January

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**LESSON 1** – January 7, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** A Sincere Faith

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself” (Daniel 1:8).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Daniel 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

**9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.**

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

**11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,**

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

**13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king’s meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.**

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

**15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king’s meat.**

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

**17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.**

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

**19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.**

20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

**21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.**

## LESSON DISCUSSION

Daniel was taken into captivity by the Babylonians around 605 BC at the beginning of the 70-year punishment on the Jews predicted by Jeremiah (See Jeremiah 25:11). He was chosen, along with Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego, to be trained for three years to work in the king’s palace, and would later become a trusted statesman and advisor to four kings. Part of his training included a diet of foods served in Babylon that Daniel knew were against the dietary laws of the Jews given through the Law of Moses. These dietary laws were temporary in nature, and were actually given in order to teach Israel to think and act biblically in preparation for the coming of Christ (See St. Mark 7:14-23; Acts 10:9-15; Galatians 3:24-25; I Timothy 4:1-4).

Some mistakenly use Daniel’s obedience to the dietary laws as a means of fasting, however, the text does not say or imply that Daniel and his three friends were fasting. They were merely obeying the Word of God.

Their obedience to the Word of God brought great blessing. They ended up being more nourished than their counterparts (See Daniel 1:15), they were made knowledgeable and skillful, with Daniel being given the ability to interpret visions and dreams (See Daniel 1:17), and when they went before the king to be interviewed, they were found to be ten times better than all of their counterparts (See Daniel 1:20). Obedience to God always brings His favor! This is in direct contrast with many today who feel in order to be relevant they’ve got to blend in with the world.

**LESSON 2** – January 14, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** A Bold Faith

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God” (Daniel 3:28).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Daniel 3:19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

**20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.**

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

**22 Therefore because the king’s commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.**

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

**3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.**

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king’s counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

**28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.**

## LESSON DISCUSSION

Persecution for your faith is not easy to face. Though there are many professing Christians today, this week’s passage makes you wonder how many have a faith that is as bold as that of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men proved their faith through their willingness to die for it. In Daniel 3:16-18, these three bold men told the king if God delivered them, fine, and if He didn’t, hallelujah! However, in either case, they were still not going to worship his false gods.

The king, full of anger and wrath, commanded that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than usual. The heat was so great that the men who put Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego into the fire died in the process. But these three men, who stood for the Lord against all odds, were delivered by the Lord himself. Their bold faith and testimony for God in the face of death so moved the king that he said anyone who spoke against the God of Israel would receive severe punishment, up to and including death.

**Final thought: if you’re not ready to die for Christ, you’re not ready to live for Him either!**

**LESSON 3** – January 21, 2018**SUBJECT:** A Prayer For An Obedient Faith

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name” (Daniel 9:19).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Daniel 9:4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

**5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:**

6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

**7 O LORD, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.**

8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

**9:15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.**

16 O LORD, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

**17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord’s sake.**

18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

**19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.**

**LESSON DISCUSSION**

Daniel’s prayer is different from many that may be heard in that he included himself with the sins of the nation of Israel, even though he may not have particularly been guilty. We can see another example of this in Nehemiah 9. His prayer was prompted by learning from the book of Jeremiah why he, along with Israel, was being held captive in Babylon. Jeremiah’s prophecy declared that Israel would be disciplined by God for 70 years, after which God would allow them to return (See Jeremiah 25:11-12). Jeremiah prayed an intercessory prayer for the nation, confessing their sins before the Lord.

This prayer of intercession brought unexpected results, however. God gave Daniel amazing understanding concerning the future of Israel. Now instead of 70 years, God speaks of 70 weeks of years, for a total of 490 years. Seven weeks, or 49 years, correspond to the rebuilding of the wall by Nehemiah and the close of the Old Testament. Sixty-two weeks, or 434 years, include the 400 “silent years,” when there was no open prophecy from God, and the birth, suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. The remaining week, or seven years, covers the Great Tribulation, which is sometime yet future, but closer than we think!

Everything from this great prophecy has been fulfilled to the letter, with the exception of the Great Tribulation. In light of the return of our Lord prior to this event, and of the love the Father has given to us, we should continually purify ourselves through obedience to the Word of the living God (See I John 3:1-3).

**LESSON 4** – January 28, 2018**SUBJECT:** A Strong Faith

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name” (Daniel 10:19).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Daniel 10:10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

**11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.**

12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

**13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.**

14 Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

**15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.**

16 O LORD, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

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18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

**19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.**

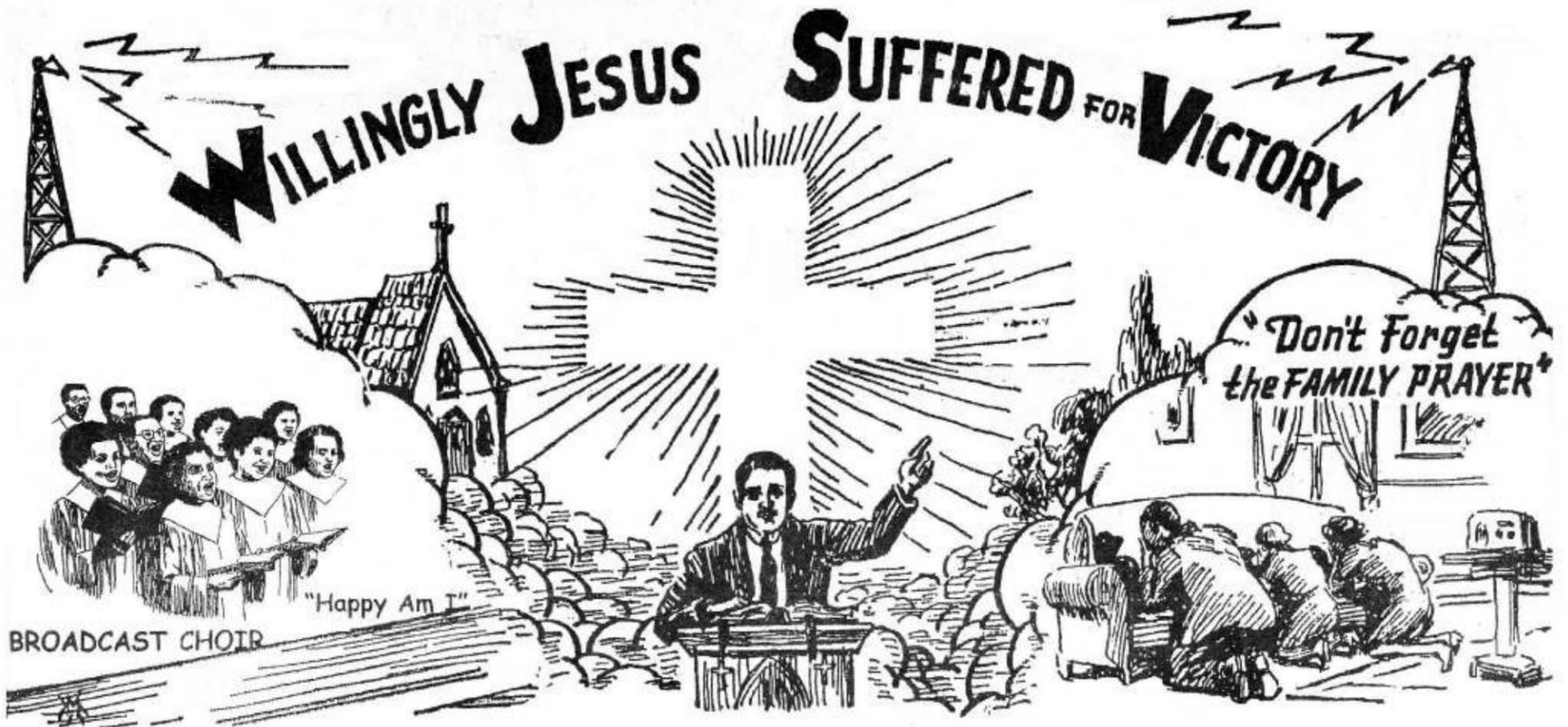
**LESSON DISCUSSION**

Looking at Daniel’s prayer life should make us wonder how well we are known in heaven. Daniel was in such communion with God, that he was chosen to be given a preview of God’s plans for the nation of Israel. Chapter 10:1 provides a preview of chapters 10 and 11, where Daniel will be given understanding concerning Israel’s future. Also revealed in this chapter is the great spiritual warfare that is going on in the unseen world, which should inform our prayers even today as we go before the Lord. Daniel speaks with an angel, more-than-likely Gabriel, who came in answer to his prayers (See Daniel 10:2-12). He told Daniel his prayer was answered right away, but he was held up by one of Satan’s angels who was over the region of Persia. However, Michael the archangel, came to his rescue. The answer to many of our own prayers are held up in this same manner.

The angel made him to know in Chapter 11 that a great king would conquer Persia (Alexander the Great), and upon his death, his kingdom would not be divided among his heirs, but among his four generals. These generals would later war among themselves for preeminence. In the progression of time and much loss of life during the power struggles, Antiochus IV would come to power over the region that included Israel, and would seek to conform the Jews to the Greek culture. Antiochus came to the place that he erected a statue of the Greek god Zeus in the temple and spread the broth of a pig on the altar out of contempt for God and His people.

Daniel and Jesus both referred to this as the abomination of desolation (See Daniel 9:27; St. Matthew 24:15). He was defeated in the Maccabean revolt where the Jews regained control of the temple. About 165 years later, Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

This is merely a preview of the Great Tribulation. Sound the alarm in the Church, the Bride of Christ, and remind her that the Bridegroom is soon to come! **Prepare, prepare, prepare!!!**



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**Prayer Answered**  
 "...I Am The Lord That Healeth Thee" (Exodus 15:26)

**THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH**

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I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.  
 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.  
 "And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call."  
 Truly, this chapter is very educational along spiritual lines, warning all people; telling us what to expect and what God would have us to do in these conditions. And may God help every nation under the sun to govern themselves according to the 12th verse of this chapter. It will be just then the entire world will be blessed and not cursed.  
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