

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

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"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love" (John 15:9).

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Your fight is not against man, but against wrong.

You can flatter man because he listens to your lips, but you can't flatter God who listens to your heart.

When you've given yourself to God, don't take yourself back.

Everything we receive from God is a gift—even eternal life.

The world pacifies but God satisfies.

God will answer you if you will answer HIM.

You can't represent God doing evil.

If you want God's attention, give Him yours when you don't need His.

Nothing fills the aching void in the breast of the human being like God.

It is so if God said so.

We can make something out of something, but God can make something out of nothing.

God is for us if we are right, and with us to correct us if we are wrong.

Love everybody, but hate unrighteousness

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PEOPLE WHO OBEY GOD ARE NOT TO FEAR

In brief this morning, I want to bring you a message that I hope will help you. The text is found in St. John 14:1, which reads as follows: **"LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."**

These are the words of Jesus to His Apostles just before He left this earth to return to God, His Father. The context is found in St. Luke 21:26 and reads as follows: **"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."**

The Word of the Lord tells you here that men's hearts are failing them because of the fear they have of the things that are coming upon the earth. The newspapers each day reveal this statement to you. Their record of the many people who die from heart trouble will surprise you. There are others which are not published in the papers.

You cannot conceive the amount of pressure and burden that is now upon the hearts of men. The Lord God was not referring to the physical heart -- the organ that pumps blood through the veins to every part of the body, thus giving life. He had reference to the spiritual heart which is the mind. The mind is the seat of your affections, your emotions, and all your actions. The center of your every movement is the mind. So do not forget that when the spiritual heart is upset the physical heart reacts accordingly. Excitement first comes to the individual through the knowledge of some upsetting news. Then it begins to affect the physical heart. If the mind is not troubled, the physical heart won't be disturbed.

The physical heart is affected by the constant study and thought of the things that

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The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

PEOPLE WHO OBEY GOD ARE NOT TO FEAR

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are happening and the things that are going to happen. So Jesus reminded His Apostles not to worry. He said, **"LET not your heart be troubled:..."** Don't let your mind be bothered. Don't be disturbed, for, if you believe in Me, believe in God. And if you believe in Me, all things are possible. Nothing can hurt you and nothing can harm you. One day your physical heart will stop, but don't worry about that, because if you pass through the veil, I am going to prepare a place for you so that where I am, you may be also. There are many mansions in the place called Heaven where My Father dwells and if it were not so I would tell you. So again, I say, don't worry about falling asleep, for I am coming back after you. Truly, those words of Jesus must have comforted them; and they will comfort you if you will only believe them.

Brother, I am not worried about one thing, for I didn't bring one thing here, and I'm not going to take anything away. I love everybody and I know that no one has a right to hate me. If anyone should dislike me, I can't help it; so why should I worry? My whole aim and object is to treat others right, but don't forget that I have wisdom enough to build a fence around myself so that the other fellow can't hurt me while I am treating him right. I am to safeguard myself so that I can help you, and I shall always try to help you in any way that I can. I don't know whether you are willing to help me or not, but I will do my part by you.

I love my enemies, but I watch them because I have been instructed by the Word of God to watch as well as pray. There are two reasons for my watching my enemies. One reason is, I want to help him if I can, and the other reason is that I must keep him from hurting me. Would you call that good, hard, common sense? If I should jump overboard to save a man from drowning, and he should try to throw both arms around me in the struggle, I would make every effort to knock him out. After that, I would be able to put my hand in the back of his collar and bring him in. Otherwise, he would cause both of us to drown. I am not going to let him drag me down while I am trying to save him.

The morning of the last days began when Christ was born.



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux,
founder

Christ became the Crown Prince of all creation because of His obedience and the subjecting of His will to that of His Father. He became the brightness of God's glory. It may be compared to some children in a home. You are aware of the fact that some children are to be praised more than others in the family because of their obedience to their parents. The child who is more subject to and more obedient to his parents sheds forth more glory to them. Jesus did not leave one thing undone that God ordained that He should do. The Scriptures tell us that He was obedient even down to death. He didn't die the death of a martyr. He died the death of a sinner.

The Word of the Lord tells us that Jesus was just like God in appearance and so to confirm this, Jesus spoke these words in St. John 14:3-9 as follows: **"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father...."**

Jesus was the expressed

image of God, the very likeness of Him in person. You can imagine how pleasing it is for a parent to look at his child when that child is the expressed image of the parent. The more the child is like the father, the more everyone is convinced that the child is the son or the daughter of the man concerned. The same is true about a son or a daughter and the mother. God in all examples is perfect, so there should be a likeness of children to parents. Surely God has set forth a perfect example in His Son whose body was prepared for Him by God. When we get to Heaven, we shall have the privilege of beholding God, the Father and God, the Son. The likeness will be so similar that you will only be able to distinguish One from the other by the nail prints in the hands of Jesus.

Man has done a good job of subduing the earth and having dominion over it. He has replenished the earth with people as God commanded. In Isaiah I:19 we read: **"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:"** God wants us to be obedient to Him because we love Him. He wants us to be willing to obey Him, not because we fear Him.

Sometimes as you travel over the roads, you will see prisoners working very hard and doing everything they are told to do. Though they work, they are also watching the man who guards them and who carries the gun. They are obedient, but they are not so willing. If the man should go away, there would be no obedience. There are two things that will make you obedient. One is love and the other is fear.

There is fear in love, but the fear is caused by a keen desire not to offend or hurt the one you love. The other fear is that fear of being destroyed. God wants us to love Him, but not through the fear of being destroyed. Our love for Him should be to the extent that we fear offending Him. When we serve Him with that purpose in mind, we will be obedient willingly.

The Scripture tells us of the things which shall come upon the earth in St. Luke 21st Chapter beginning at the sixth verse. **"As for these things which ye behold,**

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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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 9. The answer to the puzzle should be postmarked by the fifteenth (15th) of the month for publication in our next issue.
 10. Letters must be limited to forty (40) words and are published as space will allow.
- Editors reserve the right to edit as needed.

Responses to the Bible Word Puzzle

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May God continue to bless you. **"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).**
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| 3. | Revelation | 11 | 3 | 7 | _____ |
| 4. | Joshua | 24 | 22 | 9 | _____ |
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| 6. | Hebrews | 12 | 1 | 22 | _____ |
| 7. | Hosea | 14 | 9 | 21 | _____ |
| 8. | I Timothy | 6 | 12 | 17 | _____ |
| 9. | Joel | 2 | 29 | 17 | _____ |
| 10. | Revelation | 1 | 1 | 34 | _____ |
| 11. | Daniel | 6 | 20 | 34 | _____ |
| 12. | II Corinthians | 13 | 1 | 6 | _____ |
| 13. | Esther | 4 | 11 | 62 | _____ |
| 14. | Haggi | 2 | 23 | 34 | _____ |
| 15. | Daniel | 3 | 28 | 24 | _____ |
| 16. | Ephesians | 5 | 8 | 2 | _____ |
| 17. | Exodus | 4 | 5 | 3 | _____ |
| 18. | Zechariah | 2 | 9 | 22 | _____ |
| 19. | Jude | 1 | 1 | 7 | _____ |
| 20. | I John | 5 | 13 | 9 | _____ |
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| 36. | Psalms | 49 | 3 | 3 | _____ |
| 37. | Revelation | 21 | 4 | 12 | _____ |
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Answers to last Month's Puzzle

"And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish" (Deuteronomy 8:19).

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CAMP LIGHTFOOT

- C** – **C**hristian residential camping
- A** – camper ages 7-12 years
- M** – excitement when **m**ilking cows
- P** – **p**lace of fun in the out of doors
- L** – **l**ooking at the night sky
- I** – learning about **i**nsects
- G** – **g**rowing in knowledge God
- H** – **h**iking awakening five senses
- T** – **t**aking a dip in the pool
- F** – camp **f**ire ending the day
- O** – playing **o**utdoor games
- O** – **o**pening Bibles in the Chapel
- T** – **t**ossing different sized and types of balls



CAMP LIGHTFOOT

For the past fifty (50) years, God has blessed the Gospel Spreading Church to host summer camping experiences for children. The camp, located in Williamsburg, VA, is pleased to again serve children between ages seven (7) and twelve (12). Camping dates and contact information are provided herewith.

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- 5:30 AM..... Sunrise Prayer Service
- 9:45 AM..... Sunday School
- 11:45 AM..... Morning Service
- 6:59 PM..... Young People's Union

WEEKDAY SERVICES

- 8:00 PM..... Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 Washington, DC..... Tuesday

PURITY CLUB

- 7:00 PM Tuesday..... Baltimore, MD
- 8:00 PM Thursday..... Newport News, VA

RADIO BROADCASTS

- Newport News, VA
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- Sunday..... 8:30 AM-9:00 AM
 - Monday..... 6:30 PM-7:00 PM
 - Tuesday..... 6:30 PM-7:00 PM
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- Sunday..... 1:00 AM - 1:30 AM
 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM
 9:00 PM - 9:30 PM
 - Monday..... 1:00 AM - 1:30 AM
 - Saturday..... 11:00 AM-11:30 AM

Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

Lord, Who Shall Abide In Thy Tabernacle?

First, I am thanking God for my being here with you so that we can edify ourselves and be revived spiritually. The people of God love to come together to talk about the goodness of the Lord. There is so very much encouragement to be found in the Word of God, and His precious promises keep us pressing forward day by day.

Many of you have read certain passages of Scripture many times, but every time you read them and especially if they are directed by the Lord, you will get more and more out of them and understand them more clearly each time. This 15th Psalm, which we will read and study together is commonly known and read among the people. We have been digging down into the mysteries of the beautiful things of God, and truly, they have brought much wisdom and knowledge. We want to perfect the Saints in life, service and sacrifice, in order that we might be able to do things for God. Let us all stand and repeat this Psalm after me. (Psalm 15:1-5) **"LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved."**

If I were to ask everyone of you in here, whether you got a little more light on that Chapter just after reading it, I am sure that in most cases your reply would be, "Yes, I do understand it better." The first sentence in this Chapter asks the question, **"LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle; who shall dwell in thy holy hill?"** The answer to that question according to God's Word is: **"He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart."** Now then, we can see from this chapter that to see Jesus, we must walk uprightly, work righteousness and be truthful. The Bible says that **"...all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: ..."** (Revelation 21:8). Sometimes people think it is no harm to tell a little fib. The Bible call that little fib a lie and It says that no liar or unclean person can abide. So, if you want to abide in the tabernacle of God and in the congregation of the righteous, you will have to possess these qualities which we have just read about.



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux, co-founder

We are only trying to occupy until Jesus comes. He is coming the second time without SIN unto salvation and every eye shall see Him. Those that pierced Him shall see Him, but they will meet Him with regret. I don't want to hear Him say "Depart from Me ye cursed, ye workers of iniquity." The Word of the Lord says that some will tell Him about the great things that they have done in His name; they will name this thing and that thing all of which are named in the Bible. It tells us that He will make them know that though they may have done all of those things which His Word points out, yet they worked iniquity and sin. If we want to see Jesus in peace, we must work the work of righteousness. I do want to hear Him say, "Come ye blessed." We truly thank God for this little light which we have found in just that much of the 15th Psalm; it is a little sermon within itself. It is especially helpful to those who had not thought on it so deeply before. Take these thoughts with you and think on them. Your soul will be blessed, I am sure.

As I stand here talking to you, I am reminded of John the Baptist who preached in the wilderness. He said, "There is another coming on greater than I"; He also told them that He (John) was a forerunner going on before Jesus. He was saying, Prepare ye the way of the Lord and make His path straight. John continued saying, There is one coming on behind me whose shoe latchet I'm unworthy to unloose (See St. John 1:27). He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire. I know that is true because I prayed to God to be baptized and I was. It is that power and fire from on high that makes me so happy to know that I am being used of the Lord in such a marvelous way. It is so wonderful that I just marvel at it myself. I am like John the Baptist; I am crying out to you to prepare ye the way of the Lord.

I am so very glad that when I heard the voice of God, I did not harden my heart, but I opened up toward Heaven all the windows of my soul and invited Jesus in.

Do you know that Jesus is a marvelous Guest? He is the Guest from Heaven. God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. They are three in one. They are the greatest Guests in Heaven and in earth, and people are rejecting this wonderful Guest. Now who is it, who would reject the President and his wife, should he send a letter to your home, whether you were the richest or the most humble citizen, telling you that he expected to dine at your home on a certain date, and you must have things prepared? Instead of rejecting such a distinguished Guest, I am sure you would be rushing here and there, getting everything in order to entertain him and his wife. But ah! my friends, greater than the President is here; Jesus Christ has come on the scene, but He is still rejected by many.

This same Jesus about whom we are speaking is coming the second time without sin unto salvation. He isn't coming as that lowly Nazarene as He came the first time. We are told in the Word of God that He came to His own and they received Him not, but as many as did receive Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God. *"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds to every believer's ear; it soothes their sorrows, heals their wounds and drives away their fear. It makes a wounded spirit whole; it calms the troubled breast; it's manna to a hungry soul and to the weary, rest."* (lyrics by John Newton) Ah! were you hungry one day; did you long for a sip from His blessed table?

We are now reminded of the account in the Bible about Jesus and the woman He met at the well of Samaria one day. We are told that the Samaritans didn't have anything to do with the Jews. Therefore, when Jesus asked this woman of Samaria to give Him water, she wondered why He asked water of her since she was a Samaritan. He answered her by saying, "If you only knew who was asking you for water, you would gladly give it." He also said, "You can drink of this water and you'll thirst, but if you drink of the water that I shall give, it will be within you a well springing up of everlasting life." Oh! praise the Lord, how beautiful it is to be talking about the Potentate of Potentates -- the greatest in Heaven and in earth -- God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost!

I am telling you, my precious people that God's grace is full and free; He has a full and free salvation. Jesus stood on that great Day of the Feast

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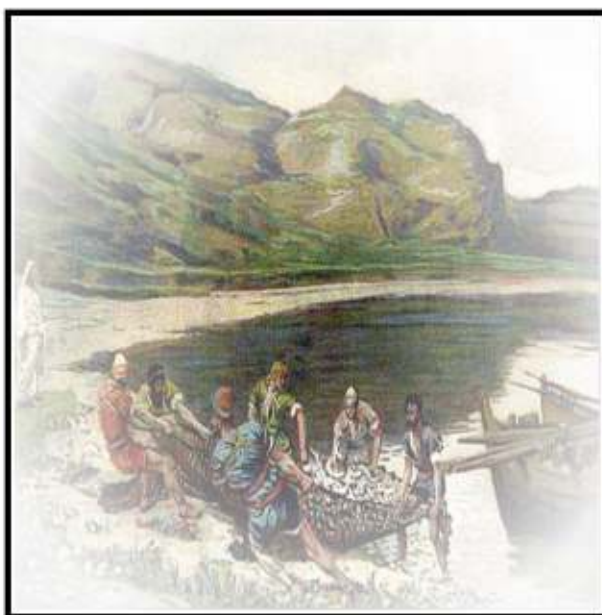
COMMEMORATION SERVICE



Annual Commemoration Service and Fish Fry



“As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread, Jesus saith unto them, come and dine. This is now the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead”(St John 21:9, 12, 14).



ANNUAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE & FISH FRY

Monday, April 2, 2018

**Gospel Spreading Church Farm/Camp Lightfoot
Williamsburg, Virginia**

Schedule of Activities

- 10:00 A.M.....COMMEMORATION SERVICE**
- 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.....DISTRIBUTION OF FISH**
- 12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.....FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**

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EASTER PLAY



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO OUR ANNUAL BIBLICAL
EASTER PLAY

WHEN:

Sunday, April 1, 2018

WHERE:

GOSPEL SPREADING CHURCH OF GOD
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TIME: 4:00 P.M.

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Gospel News and Views

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

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end (Jeremiah 29:11).

In the United States, the month of March is being celebrated as Women's History Month. Thus, governmental and secular outlets take time to reflect on and honor women who impacted society as humanitarians, politicians, doctors, teachers, inventors, entertainers, and businesswomen. As Christians, it is appropriate to celebrate the month by recognizing Christian women who served in a myriad of the same professions and occupations while sometimes risking their lives to recognize impact Christianity today. In the Charisma News blog "[12 Trail-Blazing Christian Women You Should Celebrate](#)," author J. Lee Grady writes, "When I think about the empowered women of my generation I'm reminded that they stand on the shoulders of brave women pioneers who didn't have today's advantages." These women preached the gospel, freed slaves, protected children, and helped the poor. Their work for Christ is certainly worth celebrating this month.

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

BE ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ (I Corinthians 11:1).

Young People Answer Questions about Women Whom they Admire

I admire Oprah. She is educated and cares about the education of others. She established a boarding school, The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, in South Africa, to provide educational and leadership opportunities for girls from impoverished backgrounds in that country and who have exhibited leadership qualities that could enable them to make a difference in the world. Oprah inspires others to follow their dreams and to be passionate about them.

By Rachael
Age 15
Upper Marlboro



I admire the former First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama. She carries herself like a lady. She shows this generation of women how to carry themselves like ladies should.

I also admire Oprah Winfrey because she is generous and caring. Once she even gave a car to everyone in her television audience!

By Shelby
Age 15
Spotsylvania



I admire my Grandma because she is really strong. She always knows what to tell me to keep me going. She is the wisest woman I know.

By Tamia
Age 19
Spotsylvania



A Godly Woman

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**A woman of beauty
A woman of grace
A woman of excellence
Beholding God's face.**

**She walks with the Lord
With integrity
Knowing her purpose
And destiny**

**No matter what happens
She walks in God's love
Reflecting the beauty
Of her Father above.**

ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. What did God's grace bring to mankind?
(Salvation – Titus 2:11).
2. What are we to deny and how are we to live?
(Ungodliness and worldly lusts should be denied and sober, righteous and godly lives should be lived – Titus 2:12)
3. What should believers be looking for?
(The glorious appearing of our Lord, Jesus Christ – Titus 2:13).
4. Why did Christ give Himself for us?
(To redeem us from all iniquities – Titus 2:14)
5. What were believers to be subject to?
(We are subject to those in authority and the laws of the land (Titus 3:1).
6. What appeared to man while yet in his sin?
(The kindness and love of God – Titus 3:4)
7. How does God in His mercy save us?
(Through the cleansing process (regeneration) and renewing of the Holy spirit – Titus 3:5).

ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. I WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing (Psalm 101:1).
2. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy (Psalm 103:8).
3. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16).
4. The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes (Psalm 119:64).
5. By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil (Proverbs 16:6).
6. God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us (Psalm 67:1);
7. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever (Psalm 23:6).

MARCH HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. What does Paul say of the grace of our Lord?
2. What saying is worthy of all acceptance?
3. What is good and acceptable in the sight of God?
4. What is God's yearning for all people?
5. Who is the people's only mediator before God?

6. What was Timothy to follow after?
7. What warfare are we to engage in?

MARCH FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. And the _____ was made _____, and dwelt among us, (and we _____ his _____, the _____ as of the only begotten of the _____,) full of _____ and _____.
2. O _____ our _____, how excellent is thy _____ in all the _____! who hast _____ thy _____ above the _____.
3. And one cried unto another, and said, _____, _____, _____, is the LORD of hosts: the whole _____ is _____ of his _____.
4. And then shall they see the _____ of _____ coming in a _____ with _____ and great _____.
5. Thou art _____, O Lord, to receive _____ and _____ and _____: for thou hast _____ all things, and for thy _____ they are and were _____.
6. When the _____ of _____ shall come in his _____, and all the _____ with him, then shall he _____ upon the _____ of his _____:
7. And the city had no need of the _____, neither of the _____, to _____ in it: for the _____ of _____ did _____ it, and the _____ is the _____ thereof.

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the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." It does not seem possible that this could be true as you look down Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C., at the many beautiful structures which you see there. But the Word of God is right. The day is coming when none of them will be there.

Jerusalem was once a very beautiful city of wonderful structures. It took thirty years to build the temple there, and every stone was put in its place without the ring of a hammer being heard. Yet, it was destroyed. The Apostles were showing Jesus the beautiful temple when He told them to not let their hearts be troubled if they believed in Him. He told them that not one of those stones which they were showing Him would be left in place. Reading further, it says: **"And they asked him saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass? And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not after them. But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony."**

All of the things which we read about in the Acts

of the Apostles concerning the things which happened to them have become a testimony of their faithfulness. Jesus told them that the things that would happen to them would be a testimony unto them.

Read further: **"Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls.**

"And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles..."

Notice now, this is what I want you to get. Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles. The Gentiles are the nations. The Jews were recognized at one time as God's chosen people. They held the religious capital of the world in their control. Their

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Sunday School Lessons for the Month of March

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Sister Brenda Morgan. She serves as assistant Sunday School secretary and has been teaching in the Washington, DC Church of God Children's Sunday School for about a year.



LESSON 9 – March 4, 2018
SUBJECT: The Lord Will Provide

GOLDEN TEXT: “And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together”(Genesis 22:8).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Genesis 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

22:6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

LESSON DISCUSSION

God tempted or proved Abraham. It was a testing of Abraham's faith and absolute obedience to God. God instructed Abraham to offer Isaac his only beloved son as a burnt sacrifice. Abraham responded promptly. He took several servants, Isaac and all that was necessary for the burnt offering and went out to the place God would show him.

Isaac asked Abraham his father where was the lamb for a burnt offering. Abraham trusted God to provide the lamb and believed that all would be well. Isaac was bound and laid on the altar. Abraham lifted the knife to slay Isaac. Suddenly an angel spoke from heaven and told Abraham to put the knife down and loose Isaac. There was a ram caught in the thicket, and it was used as the burnt offering. Just as Abraham had to trust God to provide for all of his needs, we too, must look to God as our sole provider.

LESSON 10 – March 11, 2018
SUBJECT: There Is No God Like You

GOLDEN TEXT: “Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day”(II Chronicles 6:15).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: II Chronicles 6:12 And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:

13 For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven.

14 And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

15 Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

16 Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.

17 Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!

19 Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee:

20 That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place.

21 Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Today's lesson tells of Solomon's prayer of dedication and praise to God for the completion of the temple. Solomon built a scaffold so that all the people of Israel could see him kneel down before God and publically acknowledge that he was just God's servant doing the work and will of God.

Solomon acknowledged that there is no God like the God of Israel, not in heaven nor earth. God is a covenant keeper and shows mercy to his people. The people must obey God with all their hearts in order to keep their part of the covenant. God is faithful to keep his promises but will discipline his children for disobedience. God promised to put his name upon the temple that Solomon built. Today as in Solomon's day, it is God's desire to dwell within the heart of man.

LESSON 11 – March 18, 2018
SUBJECT: The People Gave Thanks To God

GOLDEN TEXT: “And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.”(II Chronicles 7:3).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: II Chronicles 7:1 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.

3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David

praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

7 Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

8 Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

LESSON DISCUSSION

When Solomon finished his prayer of dedication for the house of God, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offerings and sacrifices. This was an indication that God was pleased with and accepted the offerings of sacrifice. The overwhelming presence of God filled the house or temple. The priest were not able to go into the temple to perform their duties.

The children of Israel had to bow down with their faces to the ground because of the glory of the Lord in the temple. Worship and praise to the Lord was given by all the people and they gave thanks for the Lord's goodness and his everlasting mercy. Much sacrifices, music and celebration took place and went on for many days concluding with a day of solemn assembly.

Let us as God's people remember to celebrate and worship Him for His many blessings. Let us dedicate our hearts and minds to God and to Him only.

LESSON 12 – March 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Keep My Statutes and Ordinances

GOLDEN TEXT: 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" (II Chronicles 7:14).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: II Chronicles 7:12 And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

14 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.

15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.

21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The Lord appeared to Solomon at night and told him that he had heard his prayer and that the temple was chosen as his house of sacrifice. God reminded Solomon that if the people of Israel sinned and turned from God, he would stop the rain, cause the locusts to devour the land and send pestilence or sickness among the people. However, if God's people would humble themselves, pray and seek God's face and turn from their wicked ways, then God would forgive them and heal their land.

God's eyes and ears are open to Solomon's prayers and God sanctified the temple. God promised that his name would be identified with the temple forever. His promise was conditional. Solomon and the people must keep all the statutes and judgements of God. God warned the people not to serve and worship other gods. God would withdraw himself from the people and remove His name from the temple. The temple would then lie in ruins and people would wonder what happened to such a renowned temple.

Believers of today must yield to God's word and will. God requires our faithful obedience in order to receive His blessings and revival.

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downfall came because they rejected the gospel. Their homeland was taken from them because they rejected the truth. They were reminded that though everything looked very good then, it would all soon pass away because of their rebellion. The Apostles were reminded that they, too, would suffer, but they also had a hope in Jesus.

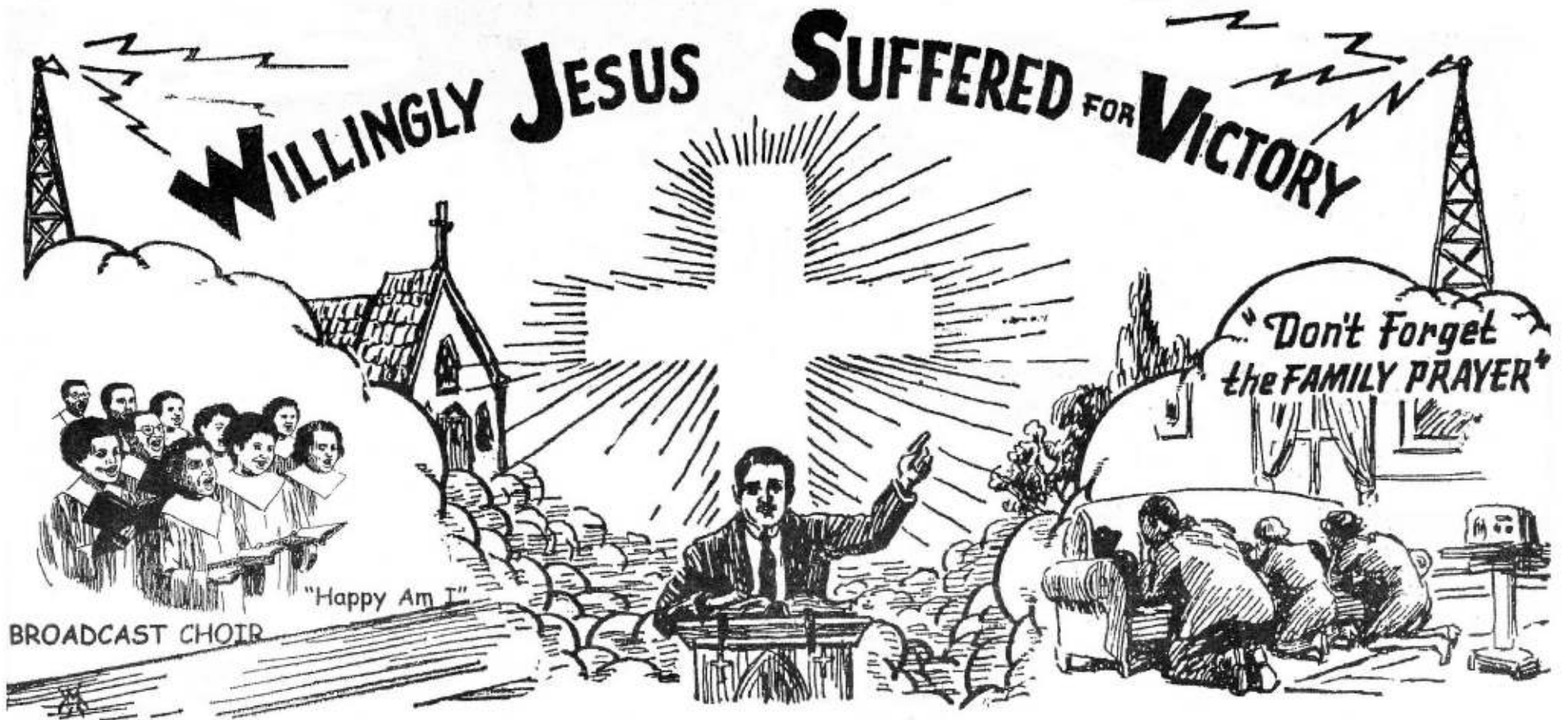
The Jew today is scattered all over the world. He has no home. His homeland is ruled by the Gentile. So, the Word of the Lord is right Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled. That time is now. The Jew is trying to get back to his home because the time of the Gentile is coming to an end. Just as the end of the Jewish reign came, so it is with the control of the Gentile.

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth:...” These shall be the signs in the earth when the time of the Gentiles has been made full. This time is now here.

There is great pressure on the minds of the

people now and especially on the minds of those who are in authority. Never before have so many people died of heart trouble as they are doing now. The Lord tells you not to let your heart be troubled if your ways please Him. Don't become excited. You will weaken your heart. Have you ever realized that the heart is the strongest machine that has ever been made? It has worked in some cases for forty, fifty, sixty, seventy and eighty years without stopping. God made it, but be wise for He says that you must not worry about these things which you see. They must come to pass because of man's disobedience to God. If you believe in God, you will believe in Me, saith Jesus. Let not your heart be troubled. May God bless you.

Editor's note – this sermon was delivered during a time period prior to major return of Israelites to Jerusalem. The message was relevant for that particular era. Jerusalem is now a vibrant community filled with people of Jewish heritage.



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

Lord, Who Shall Abide In Thy Tabernacle? (Continued from Page 5)

with an outstretched hand and said, **"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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"** (St. Matthew 11:28-29)." Are there any precious people in here whose poor soul is tired and weary? It may not be your body that is weary, but your soul may be. **Sin** is a burden to carry and you'll feel so weary and heavy, loaded down, when **sin** is within you. If you go to Jesus and the burden of **sin** rolls away, it will be a marvelous change for you. I am happy since my burden rolled away.

"...**In the world ye shall have tribulation:..**" but in me, ye shall have peace ", so says the Word of God. "...**be of good cheer, I have overcome the world** (St. John 16:33b)." Hold on my precious people regardless to your test or trial or persecution. Jesus held on, and so can you. You know that it was hard for Him to go to His own and they rejected and despised Him, but yet He went through.

He suffered the most humiliating things, and if we have the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we will go through some of it, too. You will get a sip of that bitter cup, for sometimes you will be despised and rejected and set at naught by those whom you are seeking to bless. There may be someone in your home whom you have been the best friend to and yet, they may become your worst enemy. They can make it so hard for you and will claim that they love you, while they are doing it. Well, that is what they did to Jesus. They spat on Him, they slapped Him on His face and drove a crown of thorns into His brow. If it were not for the sufferings of Jesus Christ, which we can read from the Bible and get an understanding about, we couldn't take it. Truly, we could not stand it. Oh now, but Jesus is our perfect example, and we follow in His footsteps. He lived a blameless life -- a pattern for me, and He is a pattern for you. Are you following the pattern; are you cutting your spiritual garment by this pattern? Don't forget: the question is asked, **"Who shall abide in thy tabernacle?"** May God bless all of you, Amen.

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