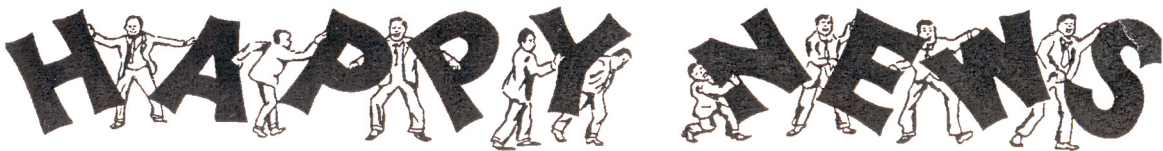


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TRAIN UP A CHILD

*A child must have God in its mind, if it doesn't, it will become a reprobate*

It's wonderful to have a friend that can help you at the end. Lots of folks call themselves your friend, but they come to their end often before you come to yours, and your friend is gone. But one friend, his name is Jesus, said when He came from the grave, I am He that was dead, but I am alive forevermore. Isn't that something? It is truly wonderful, my precious ones, to know such a friend. The Lord God of all creation provided this friend for us. And I wish to say to you that it may seem strange for me to say that there are a very few people who know Him. But those that are acquainted with Him are responsible to make others know Him. And since I know Him, it is my privilege and pleasure to stand here each Sunday morning and evenings. When I am not broadcasting, I am somewhere making somebody know Him. And I'd like to ask you the question: do you know Him, know my Savior? The question is do you know Him? To know Him, to know Him, is to be able, my precious ones to overcome everything that confronts you that is contrary to His will.

This morning we wish to say to you that we've been conducting a series of revivals in Richmond, Virginia where hundreds have heard the truth and have been blessed by so doing. The countless thousands that God has given us the privilege to bring the words of truth to, and out of them the many thousands that have been blessed we have never seen nor do we know their face, but we've been promised by God that in the Kingdom to come we shall know each other, and not only know each other, but know God even as He is. Folks, everybody would like to know God and where He came from. May I tell you that God came from nowhere. Somebody says but where is He now? May I tell you He's everywhere and you want to know where He is going? Nowhere. God is omnipresent. He lives, and don't doubt Him, don't let nobody fool you, that somebody bigger than you and I lives. One day we shall know even as we are known why He lives and how He lives. That's sufficient for you to be anxious and to be one day found in His presence.

May the good Lord bless you for one day you shall see Him face o face saved by grace. Grace means favor bestowed upon you which you do not merit, and so this morning, my precious ones, strive

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Nothing counts with God but righteousness.

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God in you will be manifested if you obey the Word.

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Don't put anything in front of God; if you do, it will trip you.

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Regardless of what your problem is, or your station in life may be, you can talk to God.

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

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When you give freely to God, you give more than the one who gives grudgingly, in spite of the amount.

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You must love to the extent that you give rather than take.

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Don't turn your back on Jesus to be anybody's friend.

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Unless your foundation is sound, it won't stand- build on God.

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No man is free unless he is free from sin.

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You can't fool God---I don't care how smart you are.

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

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

## TRAIN UP A CHILD

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all you know how to keep God in your mind and keep Him in the mind of your child, for He liveth, He liveth and that is being. I want to talk to you this morning about the only way to keep a child when he grows old with his mind on God. You must first place your mind on anything before that thing can attract your attention to the end that you'll fix your eyes, the windows of your soul, and look out and behold the wonder, the wonder that amazes you. God is a wonder, He's an amazement for the mind that can see Him. You've got to get Him in your mind and somebody who knows Him will have to inoculate into your mind the thought of God. And so in Ecclesiastes for your learning and information, the 12th Chapter, and the first verse these words recorded. In this book are words inspired by the Holy Spirit. There are three in the Godhead, God the Judge, Jesus Christ the Justifier, Holy Ghost the Sanctifier. That makes up the Godhead for the perfection of man. God judges you; He shows you your evil and your wrong. And then Jesus Christ as an example teaches you how to turn from it and then because of His authority given Him by God, He then justifies you in the sight of God Almighty. Then after He justifies you, God sends His Holy Spirit and sanctifies you. That is, to set you apart from the thing that once condemned you. It's a program and a plan. You've got to have God's Spirit to understand. Not like a bat, a bat flying around and around, up and down, and all about, going nowhere and nowhere is the end of the bat. A bat flies and can't see where he is going. And you're traveling around like a bat unless you know God. You're going, but you don't know where you are going. But God has revealed through His prophet the word which would establish you to the end that you learn how to not to sin, but God can help you win. Win what? Life everlasting. Life eternal. So He says in Ecclesiastes, the 12h Chapter, reading the first verse, these words: "REMEMBER now thy Creator..." Remember your Creator "in the days of thy youth"... in the days of your youth. "while the evil days come not" ... while the evil days come not, "nor the years draw nigh"... nor the years of your sojourning here come nigh, the end of them. And my precious ones, the part I want you to get out of this passage is that you should remember, keep in mind, God all the time, for you cannot be reminded of a thing that is not in your mind. You'll shake your head and say I don't understand and I don't know. But the first thing that should be done in life by parents is to bring to the child's mind, their Creator. In Romans, the first chapter you're told of the danger of not keeping God in the mind. It says in the 28th verse of this chapter, these words. **"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge,"...if you do not retain God in your knowledge, "God gave them over to a reprobate mind"...** you will find yourself a reprobate **"to do those things which are not convenient;"...** to do the things that are not convenient. My brother, my sister believe it or not, to sin is not convenient, you have to do some of everything to sin. It is so inconvenient to sin. It is so inconvenient to run around with another man's wife when you can have one of your own. I think the most beautiful thing in the world is to see a woman and a man together, especially when they are married and behind them, toddling along little tots. It's beautiful. God made woman for man. You're supposed to have one, but if you don't have her right, it's inconvenient. Children that's born of her are ashamed, and you don't give them any name and the woman, poor thing, is a creature of providence, but not so, if you obey God. Marriage is honorable and the bed undefiled, but whoremongers and adulterers God's gonna judge. That's it. You'll do that which is not convenient if you don't retain God in your mind. I want you to understand God's



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux, founder

command to the elderly, to the old, to the fathers, to the mothers. In Proverbs the 22d Chapter and the 6th verse. Here is what God commands. This Book is given for your knowledge, for your instruction that you may be found thoroughly replenished unto every good work, every good work. This is the command that God gives. **"Train up a child..."** You train up a child **"in the way that he should go:...in the way it should go "and when he is old"...**and when that child is old, **"he will not depart from it."** it shall not depart from it. The only way to keep a child from evil when it grows old, is to keep God in its mind. In Proverbs the 3rd Chapter reading from the first to the 6th verse these words are here and they are so profound until Einstein can't figure them out. Amen, but he's been figured out already. It says here. **"MY son, forget not my law;"...** don't forget the law concerning God. **"...let thine heart keep my commandments:** Let your heart or mind, keep My Commandments, **For length of days, length of days, and long life," long life ,and peace, and peace, shall they add to thee."** This is if you begin as a child to keep the commandments given you by your parents or any teacher concerning God. Read. **"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee:** Don't you ever depart from showing mercy, don't you ever cease to tell the truth, why? **"bind them about thy neck; bind these two things around your neck. write them upon the table of thine heart:"** write them upon the table of your mind. **So shall thou find favour and good understanding"**... And if you do it, you'll find favor and good understanding **"in the sight of God and man"** Just keep God in your mind, start with a child and remember your Creator in the days of your youth before the evil day comes, and it says here, listen **"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;"** You trust in God with all of your heart, **"and lean not unto thy own understanding."** And don't trust the flesh and its desires. But what? **"In all thy ways acknowledge him, In all of your ways acknowledge God and he shall direct thy paths."** and He will direct thy paths. Because of the exalted positions of the Justices of the Supreme Court, eight of them lifted themselves up, exalted themselves to the end that they made a decision which gave Khrushchev the greatest victory he has won in the cold war. Deciding it is not constitutional for prayer to ,God to be conducted, nor His Word of instruction which wisdom is revealed through, be

practiced in the public school. My precious ones it's a terrible thing, whether you believe it or not. Old Khrushchev said he was going to bury us, amen, and I want to tell you one of the crowd, the one little atheist, godless woman, amen, let her child inspire her to the end that she stirred the nation because of a legal decision. My brother, my sister a child must have God in its mind. If it doesn't, it will become a reprobate. It's got to be placed in there while it is young . The first place old Khrushchev wanted God out of the minds of the Russian people, was to abolish anything pertaining to God out of the school, first out of the school. No teaching concerning God, no reading of Scriptures concerning God and then began to work on the churches and control them, so they are limited to talk about God. There shall be no limit where God's Spirit is. There should be none wherever people honor God. We are a God fearing people, we are a people who believe in God and for men to rise up in their own conceit and decide that it's not proper according to the Constitution of a great God fearing government. All of our blessings have come from God. Everything has been bestowed on us because we honor God. No nation in the world has the wisdom and knowhow that God hath imparted to America. She's the richest nation on earth and God made her so and now here we come trying to get God out of the mind of our children. The one little old atheist boy and his mother. Nobody forbade him to not to believe in God. That's his privilege. Nobody required him to pray. He don't have to. But for him to be able through his mother and the Supreme Court to stop every child in America from honoring God and bowing to Him wherever they pleased is the greatest sin that has ever been committed in America by intelligent men. Keep God in your child's mind. The place to get it in is where he goes every day. The time to get it in is where he is under tutorship and to tutor a child concerning God, concerning the Creator, concerning Him whom Jesus taught His apostles to pray to, **Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven.** To stop a child from reverencing God above every creature, every creature, every creature is a sin of blasphemy. Though it was done in ignorance, repentance is the answer. Unless the Supreme Court, the Justices of that Court as individuals repent, repent, they'll damn many souls because the Word of the Lord says in Romans the first chapter, beginning at the 28th Verse, because they did not love to retain God in their mind, this is what took place: **"Being filled with all unrighteousness",** being filled with all unrighteousness, **"fornication",** fornication, **"wickedness",** wickedness, **"covetousness",** covetousness, **"maliciousness;"** maliciousness; **"full of envy,"** full of envy, **"murder"** murder, **"debate",** debate, **"deceit",** deceit, **"malignity;"** malignity; **"whisperers, "Backbiters,"** backbiters, **"haters of God",** haters, yes, the young folks will come up with no respect for God. When you alienate the mind of a child from God it's just like a feather in the wind. It blows according to the way the wind goes and there must be stamped into the mind of a child the principal that must be established when it gets old. Train a child in the way you will have it to go says the Word of God, and

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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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1. Deuteronomy	9	13	13	_____
2. St. Mark	12	37	11	_____
3. Ezekiel	12	25	14	_____
4. Leviticus	9	4	28	_____
5. Nehemiah	4	4	24	_____
6. St. Luke	2	12	6	_____
7. Galatians	2	20	32	_____
8. II Chronicles	33	12	9	_____
9. Daniel	3	25	32	_____
10. Ephesians	4	13	8	_____
11. Numbers	23	19	5	_____
12. Acts	26	16	37	_____
13. Job	16	19	8	_____
14. Proverbs	5	1	7	_____
15. St. Luke	21	27	2	_____
16. Psalm	102	16	4	_____
17. II Peter	3	4	16	_____
18. Daniel	9	17	7	_____
19. Habakkuk	3	9	13	_____
20. Romans	1	4	7	_____
21. I Chronicles	29	11	8	_____
22. I Corinthians	10	26	3	_____
23. Ecclesiastes	3	4	13	_____
24. Jeremiah	19	11	1	_____
25. Isaiah	66	5	40	_____
26. Exodus	11	6	3	_____
27. Lamentations	1	12	13	_____
28. I Kings	22	20	2	_____
29. Hebrews	4	14	18	_____
30. Isaiah	7	11	5	_____
31. Song of Solomon	8	7	14	_____
32. St. John	5	25	10	_____
33. Leviticus	16	2	43	_____
34. I Samuel	2	27	16	_____
35. II Samuel	22	12	13	_____
36. I Kings	13	5	28	_____
37. Joshua	2	11	36	_____
38. Colossians	3	4	14	_____
39. St. Mark	14	62	20	_____
40. II Chronicles	14	11	1	_____
41. Malachi	4	5	14	_____
42. I Samuel	4	22	5	_____

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### Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

“Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father” (1 John 2:24).



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# Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

## BE LIKE CHRIST

It is commonly thought by the average Christian of today, and also by many who are endeavoring to teach the Word of the Lord, that it is impossible for a saved person to be like Christ. To be like Christ simply means to love everybody, even those who oppose you and try to discredit everything you say, to work diligently with the unsaved to return them away from sin and encourage them to accept salvation under the plan that God sent Jesus to set up among men, to pray to the Father day and night, and invoke His blessings upon the works of the Church of God, to invoke the blessings of the Lord upon little children, and work with them to build up the Sunday School and Purity Club, and to obey God unto death.

The Lord never asked people to do that which they could not do. Jesus always had a final word with people He blessed. It was: **“Go and sin no more”** (St. John 8:11b). Why would our dear Savior say such words if it were not intended that saved people should live like Christ? If you will note the beautiful words of Christ in His wonderful sermon on the Mount of Beatitudes (See St. Matthew Fifth Chapter), you may recall that He taught them that they were the salt of the earth, and if the salt have lost his savour, it is good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men.

Jesus also taught on this occasion: **“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”** (St. Matthew 5:14-16). And then Jesus commanded, **“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect”** (St Matthew 5:48). This certainly does not sustain anyone who would say it is impossible to be like Christ.

Let us turn to Colossians Third Chapter and read verses one through seven. These instructions come directly from Christ through the Holy Spirit which was in Paul the Apostle: **“IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them”**. but not now.

If we are the people of God, the proper kind of parents, we want our children to be like us. God has the same concern for His children. He certainly wants His children to be like Him. Frankly I should say, you are not a child of God unless you are like Him. When you are born of God, you take on the nature of God, and turn out to be like Him. This



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is the mystery of Godliness: — the power of God is working in the carnal nature of man to make it Christ-like.

When we speak of being like Christ, we simply mean that the things He would not practice, we should not practice. May God help ungodly, sin-peddling, lukewarm, so called Christians to wake up, shake off their grave clothes, and rise and shine.

If gospel workers of today would only go to the fountain which is opened in the House of David for sin and uncleanness, and would get a real good bath, (glory to God!) They would be in the position to help others. They would be worthy to carry the gospel message where it can do most good. God does not send any person to carry His Word who is unclean. If one is in the mire himself, he is not worthy or able to help others, who are also in the mire. As God has said, when we teach others not to steal or do things that are condemned by the gospel, the question is asked: Do we do those things?

When working for the Lord, we are simply instruments in God’s hand, available for use wherever He might desire to place us. Therefore, we must be clean vessels, meet for the Master’s use. God does not use men who exalt themselves so as to become gods. He uses those who go down into the valley of humiliation. Praise our God! To go up is to come down, and to go down is to come up.

May God help every knee-high preacher, every tempting card playing church worker who scoffs at a real child of God, to lay aside his choir books, give up his activities, leave off his food, and pray his way through to God. God will then make him a firebrand and soul winner. And his life will “tell for Jesus.”

The wound of a friend is better than the kiss of an enemy. So you had better take in what I am saying and let it do your soul good.

Let us read II Peter, First Chapter, verses three through twenty-one, as follows: **“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having**

escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

**“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.**

**“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**“Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.”**

**“Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**

**“For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.**

**“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”**

May God bless you is my prayer.



Bishop Michael A. Clayton, Sr.  
January 1, 2019



**ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK WE STAND**

Text: Matthew 16:18  
Context: Matthew 16:15-20

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18 (KJV)  
“...Gates of hell...” means all the powers of hell and the phrase “...prevail against it.” means shall not overcome it; conquer it; overpower it or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it.

INTRODUCTION: The Church and the Crisis of Our Time

A. We are living in perilous times.

1. The news cycle is filled with stories that move from one crisis situation to another crisis situation.
2. Many of us are at a place where we don’t recognize our own country.
3. Every time we think that we’ve reached the bottom, another situation comes up that takes us even lower.
4. **Deception, distraction, and deflection** is the action plan of evil and ungodly people in high places. This action plan comes from the devil himself. Ephesian 6:12 KJV says, “*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*”
5. To many powerful world leaders, the truth is not the truth and lies are not lies. Read the words of the Prophet Isaiah:

**Isaiah 59:14 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup>Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter.

**Isaiah 59:14 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup>So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter.

6. If you look and listen carefully, you can see prophecy clearly being fulfilled before your own eyes.

B. I believe that we are truly living in the end times.

1. It is therefore very important for believers to know and understand the times in which we live.
2. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ does not want us to live in darkness but in light.
3. The knowledge that we have about the end times should inform us of how we should live.
4. Our enemy the devil, wants to keep us in darkness and confuse and make us feel distressed and to try to take away our hope.
5. When we understand, believe and apply these Biblical truths about the end times to our lives we can live confidently, knowing that God loves us, and that He has a wonderful future for us.
6. Understanding the doctrine of the end times should also compel us to tell those who don’t know Jesus that he loves them and wants to save them.

C. Jesus Christ said to His disciples and to us that there will be signs that signal the beginning of the end.

**Matthew 24:4-12 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

<sup>5</sup>For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. (For example, “the Jesus of Siberia, Russia”)

<sup>6</sup>And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

(Afghanistan. Beginning in 2001, U.S. forces raided Afghanistan to first topple the Taliban and then gradually ensure the complete eradication of the Taliban from Afghan territory.

- Iraq. ...
- Syria. ...
- Ukraine. ...
- Yemen. ...
- Democratic Republic of the Congo. ...
- Mexico. ...
- Central African Republic
- Somalia)

<sup>7</sup>For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

(For example, the tsunami in Indonesia; Ebola in the Congo...)

<sup>8</sup>All these are the beginning of sorrows.

<sup>9</sup>Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake.

(Chinese communist authorities blow up Christian megachurch with dynamite on January 12, 2018 where 50,000 members attend demonstrating a lack of tolerance for religious liberty as a warning to local church; the pastor of one church and over 160 Christians arrested in raids December 2018 in China. Christians are being persecuted in Muslim majority countries like Afghanistan, the Middle East and Africa; North Korea tops the list of countries ranked for the worst persecution of Christians in the world.)

<sup>10</sup>And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

<sup>11</sup>And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many.

<sup>12</sup>And because iniquity shall abound, *the love of many shall wax cold.*

Before He went to the cross, Jesus told us to watch for certain signs which would signal the beginning of the birth pangs: false messiahs, wars and rumors of war, famines, and earthquakes. This birthing is well underway.

Jesus said believers will be delivered to tribulation and killed. Christians will be hated by all nations on account of His name. Today, we witness more world-wide torture and brutal murders of people because of their faith in Jesus than any other time in history. False prophets thrive. Lawlessness increases. Love for others grows cold. We all can give testimony of warning signs exploding around us.

The gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world, then the end shall come.

In addition, Russia will rise as a strong military power, Arab nations will unite as enemies of Israel, the European Union will reform and China will emerge has a strong economic and military nation. We see is taking place before our very eyes. Where is the United States of America? It’s very interesting to note that the United State is not mention in end-time prophesies.

D. What is the role of the church in times like these?

1. We are not hopeless. We should not be in despair.
2. God is sovereign. He is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, immutable, and transcendent.
3. Our God is holy. Our God is just. He will not let evil reign forever.
4. Jesus Christ promised us that the, “gates of hell shall not prevail against the church”.



- E.     What must the church do during times like these?
1.     We must recognize that we are partly responsible for the state of world affairs because we have failed to “let our light shine”.

2.     We must get back to the basics of what Jesus Christ called His church to do and to be.
- F.     What does it take to maintain hope in harsh times? What should our strategy be: “Watching. Waiting. Praying. Remembering.
1.     God hears our cries even when our circumstances are overwhelming.

2.     In these moments, clinging to and acting in response to our hope in God *is* our strategy, the only strategy that will help us weather life’s storms.” By **Adam Holz**
- I.           Our Legacy of Faith in Jesus Christ (In the backdrop of these turbulent times)
- A.     Through God’s providence and grace, He raised up Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux and his wife Mary Eliza to be the founders of our church organization in 1919.
- B.     Elder Michaux established our first church in Newport News, VA on November 22, 1919. One songwriter composed, “Through many dangers, toils and snares [we] have already come. ‘Tis grace that brought us safe thus far and grace will lead us home.”
- C.     God has blessed us for almost 100 years to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.
1.     I believe that thousands of men, women and children have given their lives to Christ through this ministry.

2.     To paraphrase the eloquent letter written by Deacon Frank Smith to our leaders about our upcoming New Year’s day meeting and worship services, “the Gospel Spreading Church of God is not dormant nor asleep, but we are alive and well, to the glory of God”. (We might be weary, worn, tired, beat up, and sometimes feeling confused and devastated, but we are not done.)

3.     As we go through the year of 2019, we’re going to trust God to lead us to and lead us through uncharted territory and to continue to spread the good news about Jesus Christ.

4.     When we become discouraged, “we will look up to God and back over our past and remember” how God has graciously blessed us and then we will move forward. We will watch, wait, pray, remember, and work!

5.     We know that God is with us daily. With God, nothing is impossible!

6.     We have the blessed assurance of omnipotent power and faithfulness. On Christ the solid Rock we stand. All other ground is sinking sand!

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## The Founders Highlights of Their Lives



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux (1884-1968)  
Mrs. Mary Eliza Pauline Michaux (1876-1967)

- 1884 - Birth of Lightfoot to John Henry and May Blanche Michaux on November 7th.
- 1890- Reared in Newport News, Virginia and attended elementary school through grade 4  
Left school and worked in the seafood and grocery business with his father.  
Pushed a cart up and down Jefferson Avenue and sold seafood and poultry products.
- 1904 - Operated his own seafood business and a dance studio on the side.
- 1906 - Married Mary Eliza Pauline whom he had met in his dance studio.
- 1911 - Had his own home built on Pinkett’s Beach on Ivy Avenue in Newport News. .  
Became a member of St. Timothy’s Holiness Church at sometime after marriage. Became an officer in St. Timothy while his wife Mary became a youth leader.
- 1917 - Moved to Hopewell, Virginia during World War I to continue his seafood sales to the military as a result of contracts with the DuPont Company to sell fish.  
Received encouragement from his wife Mary to build a House of Worship. Commissioned Deacon Stiff to build a little frame church called “Everybody’s Mission”. Called in other ministers to preach.  
Served as a deacon and read the scriptures for the preachers. Continued his seafood sales to the military, also serving in the church.
- 1918- Received his call into the ministry through his reading of St. John 4:35-36  
Gave his 2,0000,000 pounds of refrigerated fish and his seafood business to his uncle. Traveled to Atlanta, Georgia and received training to become a preacher.  
Returned to Hopewell, was ordained by Elder Handy, purchased his license to preach and began to preach in the Hopewell church.  
Experienced the ending of World War I.
- 1919- Returned home to Newport News at the beginning of 1919  
Pondered and prayed to God as to what his next step should be. Pitched his very first tent ever in Newport News on the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Jefferson Avenue in September of 1919  
Received the first 150 members within 3 months in answer to his prayer to God to give him 150 souls.  
Established and organized the Newport News Church on November 2, 1919 Elder Michaux was appointed Pastor  
Deacon Charles Flournoy was appointed Secretary  
Brother Moody was appointed Treasurer
- 1936- The seven original churches of the Church of God (GSC) were established in the following order:  
Newport News, VA; Hampton, VA; Baltimore, MD; Edenborn, PA; Washington, D.C.; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA
- By 1950 - Three Branch Churches Established  
Union Bridge, MD; Kinston, NC; Richmond, VA
- 2014 - The Churches Today:  
Newport News, VA; Hampton, VA; Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Union Bridge, MD; Kinston, NC; Richmond, VA

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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)



N’Kyron, Age 15



Jasmine, Age 16

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MEMORY VERSE

**“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold (Proverb 22:1).”**

Do you even care how those around you view your name? When people hear it, what do they think of you? A good name really speaks to your integrity. It is also about your reputation. Proverbs 22:1a states that *“a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,...”* A good name is more valuable than riches because it cannot be purchased. It must be earned.

A good name is important for at least three reasons:

1. **A good name provides integrity.** Friends and acquaintances know that we will keep our promises. They can depend on us to do whatever we said we would do.
2. **A good name is eternal.** Wealth can be temporary as it can be lost. More importantly, wealth cannot be taken with us when we leave this world; however, a good name lasts forever. How many men and women of history are still being spoken of in a positive light?
3. **A good name brings loving favor.** As Proverb 22:1b indicates “... and loving favour rather than silver and gold.” Thus, A good name is better than riches as there is no better way to gain *loving* favor.

While riches are not inherently evil (and there is nothing wrong with being rich), having a good name is better than all the riches of the world. Having a good name is valuable in the present and will be more valuable in heaven as it may engender eternal rewards. May God help each of us to develop and keep a good name as we seek to live in accordance with His standard (see Ephesians 4:1).

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

**“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”** (St. Matthew 6:33).

Young People Describe some African Americans whose Contributions to the United States are Memorable

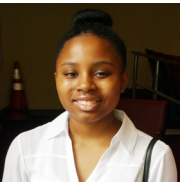
*To celebrate African American History Month, we asked several young people to write about some of the contributions of a few African Americans. The following are the results of their efforts.*

**Henry Ossian Flipper** was an African American military officer from Thomasville, Georgia. Born on March 21, 1856, in Thomasville, Flipper was educated at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and was its first African American graduate. He served as a second lieutenant with the 10th

Cavalry from 1878 to 1880. In 1881, his commanding officer accused him of embezzlement. In 1882, he was convicted and dishonorably discharged from the Army. Decades later (1976), the truth came out about how he was framed. At that time, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records examined his case and recommended that all his army records “be corrected to show that he was separated from the Army of the United States on a Certificate of Honorable Discharge on 30 June 1882.”

On February 19, 1999, President William J. Clinton posthumously granted Lieutenant Flipper a full and unconditional pardon. His discharge was changed from Dishonorable to Honorable.

By Rachael, Age 16  
Upper Marlboro



**Dr. Charles Drew** was born on June 3, 1904 in Washington, D.C. He was most famously known for innovating and perfecting the blood transfusion process. For two years, he worked as a biology instructor at, what is now Morgan State University. He graduated from McGill University Medical School in Montreal, Canada, in 1933.

Reportedly, Dr. Drew died as a result of having been seriously injured in a car accident. He needed a blood transfusion that was denied at a white hospital that did not treat African Americans.

In 1981, the U.S. Postal Service honored his memory by issuing a postal stamp picturing him in its Great Americans Series.

By Jasmine, Age 16  
Landover

**Garrett Morgan** was born on March 4, 1877, in Paris, Kentucky. He invented the stoplight and the gas mask. He was awarded a gold medal at the Second International Exposition of Safety and Sanitation in New York in 1914 for the gas mask invention, which was worn by firefighters in numerous cities during the early 1900’s. The mask was also used to protect soldiers from chlorine gas fumes during World War I. In 1916, Morgan, himself, used the mask to rescue men trapped by a gas explosion in a tunnel that was being constructed under Lake Erie. He established the G. A. Morgan Hair Refining Company in 1913. He died on July 27,1963.

By Malachi, Age 14  
Landover



**Frederick Douglass** took his name from the poem, *The Lady of the Lake; A Poem* [by Walter Scott, Esq. Edinburgh: printed for John Ballantyne and Co. Edinburgh; and Longman, Hurst, Rees and Orme, and William Miller, London; by James Ballantyne and Co., Edinburgh, 1810]. He was born a slave around February 1818. He bartered bread for knowledge. He credited a school book for shaping his views on human rights. He taught other slaves to read. His first wife, Anna Murray **Douglass**, helped him to escape from slavery. He died on February 20, 1895.

Nathaniel, Age 11  
Lanham



**Frederick Douglass** was a slave who was born in Maryland. He was taken from his mother when he was born. He was named Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey. He changed it to Frederick Douglass. He was given to his grandmother to be raised when he was about 6 years old. At about 12, a slave masters’ wife, Sophia Alud, had become his teacher. Her husband got mad. She stopped teaching him. He kept teaching himself to read. He read everything. He said, “knowledge is the pathway from slavery to freedom.” He became a great man.

By Malayah, Age 7  
Washington, D.C.



**Madam C.J. Walker** was known for her hair products and the first self-made African American female millionaire. On December 23, 1867, she was born on



a plantation in Delta, Louisiana, and named Sarah Breedlove.

The first product she made was a scalp healing and conditioning formula. She was married three times and had one child. She died at the age of 51.

Nya, Age 13  
Lanham



**Katherine Coleman Johnson** is an African American mathematician. She was born on August 26, 1918 in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. She was one of the first black students at West Virginia University. Mrs. Johnson was part of the team of “human computers” who enabled National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronauts Alan Shepard and John Glenn to become two of the first Americans to journey into space and orbit the earth. Mrs. Johnson retired from NASA in 1986. She now lives in Hampton, Virginia. Her achievements were described in the book and movie, *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* (NY: HarperCollins, 2016) by Margot Lee Shetterly. President Barack Obama awarded Mrs. Johnson the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award in 2017. She also celebrated her 100th birthday in 2018.

By Chloe, Age 9  
Upper Marlboro



**Thurgood Marshall** was born on July 2, 1908, in Baltimore, Maryland. He attended Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore. He applied to the University of Maryland Law School, but was denied admission because of his race. He went on to Howard University School of Law and graduated (magna cum laude) first in his class. In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Marshall as a Supreme Court Justice. He became the first African American to serve on the United States Supreme Court. He died in 1993 at age 84.

N’Kyron, Age 15  
Lanham

**Thurgood Marshall** was born in 1908. He graduated from the Howard University School of Law. He argued thirty-two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and prevailed in twenty-nine of them. His first wife was University of Pennsylvania student Vivian “Buster” Burey who died in 1955. His second wife was Cecelia “Cissy” Suyat Marshall. He died in 1993.

By Symone, Age 10  
Triangle



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, was a husband, a father, a preacher, an author, and a Civil Rights leader for all people. He was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia.

He suffered many trials on his journey. He was stabbed, water-hosed and put into prison, just to name a few. Dr. King loved God, and he loved people. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968. He would have been 90 years old had he lived.

Makari, Age 10  
Washington, D.C.



**Barack Hussein Obama** was born on August 4, 1961. In 2008, he was elected as the 44<sup>th</sup>, and only black President of the United States of America. Some people thought he was not an American citizen, but he is because he was born in Hawaii. Mr. Obama is now 57 years old and lives in Washington D.C. with his wife Michelle, and their two daughters, Sasha and Malia.

Joshua, Age 9  
Norfolk



**Barack Obama** was the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America. He is an alumnus of the prestigious Harvard University. He is over 6 feet tall. He is married to Michelle Robinson Obama.

By Zoey, Age 8  
Triangle



ANSWERS TO JANUARY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. Why did Cain kill his brother?  
(Cain was inspired by Satan, the “wicked one” -- **I John 3:12**).

2. Why should we not be surprised if the world hates us?  
(We should not be surprised because the world hated Christ - **St. John 15:18**). Therefore, we cannot expect any better treatment than the Lord Jesus received
3. What did John say is equal to murder?  
(Hatred - **I John 3:15**).
4. What is the supreme example of God’s love toward us?  
(Christ “laid down His life for us” - **I John 3:16**).
5. How can Christians show God’s love toward those in need?  
(We can share with people who are sick, out of work or other sufferings - **I John 3:16-18**).
6. Why is it important to keep God’s commandments?  
(Obedience to God’s commandments is proof that we are dwelling in Him-**I John 3:22**)
7. In what ways can we know that a person is indwelt by the Spirit?  
(The evidence of the Spirit’s presence in the fruit of the spirit - **Galatians 5:22-23**).

ANSWERS TO JANUARY FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. Therefore my **heart** is glad, and my **glory** rejoiceth: my **flesh** also shall **rest** in **hope** (**Psalms 16:9**).
2. And now, **LORD**, what wait I for? my **hope** is in **thee** (**Psalms 39:7**).
3. Be of good **courage**, and he shall **strengthen** your **heart**, all ye that **hope** in the **LORD** (**Psalms 31:24**).
4. For we are **saved** by **hope**: but **hope** that is **seen** is not **hope**: for what a man **seeth**, why doth he yet **hope** for (**Romans 8:24**)?
5. But if we **hope** for that we **see** not, then do we with **patience wait** for it (**Romans 8:25**).
6. But I will **hope continually**, and will yet **praise** thee **more** and **more** (**Psalms 71:14**).
7. NOW **faith** is the **substance** of things **hoped** for, the **evidence** of **things** not **seen** (**Hebrews 11:1**).

FEBRUARY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. How does James begin his instruction in Chapter 2?
2. In James’ illustration, how is the rich man received?
3. How is the poor man in the illustration treated?
4. What has God promised to the “poor of this world”?
5. As it relates to social oppression, what question did James point out about the rich?
6. According to Scripture, how did James define the royal law?
7. All our words and actions will be judged, by what law will we be judged in the future judgment?

FEBRUARY FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. I will \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ for ever: with my \_\_\_\_\_ will I make known \_\_\_\_\_ to all \_\_\_\_\_.
2. For with the \_\_\_\_\_ man \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_; and with the \_\_\_\_\_ is made unto \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Set a \_\_\_\_\_, O LORD, before my \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Whoso keepeth his \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ keepeth his \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.
5. My \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_: and let all flesh \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ for ever and ever.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of thy \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ unto me than thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. How \_\_\_\_\_ are thy \_\_\_\_\_ unto my \_\_\_\_\_! Yea, \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ to my \_\_\_\_\_!



# Sunday School Lessons for the Month of February

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Sister Audrey Morris. She is a Sunday school teacher in the Washington, D.C. church and has been for many years.



**LESSON 5** – February 3, 2019  
**SUBJECT** – Far-Reaching Authority

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour” (St. Matthew 8:13).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** St. Matthew 8:5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,  
6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.  
7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.  
8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.  
9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.  
10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.  
11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.  
12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.  
13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

**LESSON DISCUSSION**

Jesus had finished His teaching on the mount. Large crowds followed Him. The fact that He spoke clearly and with authority impressed them. His authority was demonstrated over disease, demons, sin, nature, and over death. In this lesson, a Roman centurion (a professional Roman soldier) had a father’s love for his servant. Roman soldiers were Gentiles and worshipped Caesar. The Jewish leaders were not fond of Roman soldiers. Likewise, Roman soldiers were not in the habit of being fond of Jews. This centurion respected the Jewish religion and was a Godly man. However, he was not fully committed because he was not circumcised. The delegation of Jews stated that the centurion was worthy because he loved their nation and had built them a synagogue. He didn’t feel worthy to have Jesus come to his house. He stated that if Jesus just spoke the word, it was sufficient to heal his servant. His great faith amazed Jesus. Jesus said his faith was unequaled to any in Israel. The centurion understood the power of Jesus. God is all powerful, and we should not forget what He can do. Nothing is impossible or too hard for God. We should not put limits on God (See Jeremiah 33:3). Take every problem boldly to God and let God be God. Expect great things. God has unlimited power.

**LESSON 6** – February 10, 2019  
**SUBJECT** – Astonishing Authority

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him” (St Matthew 8:27)!  
**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** St. Matthew 8:23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.  
24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.  
25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.  
26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.  
27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even

the winds and the sea obey him!  
28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.  
29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?  
30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.  
31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.  
32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.  
33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.  
34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.

**LESSON DISCUSSION**

Jesus got in a boat with His disciples on His way to the other side of the lake. This was a dangerous body of water because it was surrounded by mountains and the winds had no place to go. Suddenly, a violent storm arose. The disciples, some of them professional fisherman, were terrified. Jesus was taking a nap. They awoke Jesus. He spoke and calmed the raging sea. They asked themselves, “Who is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?” (See St. Matthew 8:27) Jesus has power over nature (See St. Mark 4:39-41). In the time of trouble, we can cry out to Him. When they arrived on the other side of the lake, two men with demons met Him. The area where they lived was so dangerous that no one could even go through. They wanted to know if Jesus wanted to torment them. The demons begged, “If You cast us out, send us into the herd of pigs.” Jesus cast the demons out of the men and into the pigs. After the demons entered the pigs, the entire herd ran into the sea and drowned. The once possessed men sat calmly at the feet of Jesus. The townsmen came out and begged Jesus to leave. Their livelihood involved selling swine and they were more concerned about their loss of swine and revenue than the men being made whole.

This situation is true today. People are more concerned with their wealth than people’s health. They value money more than life. Jesus can calm the storms in our lives today and cast out demons from our environment.

**LESSON 7** – February 17, 2019  
**SUBJECT** – Authority to Forgive Sins

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men” (St. Matthew 9:8).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** St. Matthew 9:1 And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.  
2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.  
3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.  
4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?  
5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?  
6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.  
7 And he arose, and departed to his house.  
8 But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

**LESSON DISCUSSION**

Last week’s lesson ended with the people of Gadara asking Jesus to leave their region because they were more concerned with their investment with farm animals than the welfare of the men possessed with demons. After His visit to the eastern shore, to the sea of Galilee, Jesus’ disciples got back into the boat and headed for Capernaum, His home town. Some men brought a paralyzed boy on a mat. Because of the great crowd of people, the man’s friends went up on the roof, made a hole in it, and lowered the sick man down at the feet of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the sick boy “Cheer up, for I have forgiven your sins.”



The religious leaders yelled “blasphemy”. This man is saying that He is God. Jesus knew what these people were thinking and asked them “Why are you thinking such evil thoughts?” (See St. Matthew 9:4). It is offensive to Jesus for us to have evil thoughts. He said “I, the Messiah, have the authority on earth to forgive sins. I will prove it to you by healing this man.” He turned to the paralyzed man and said “Pick up your bed and go home for you are healed.” The boy jumped up and left. A chill of fear swept through the crowd as they saw this happening right before their eyes. They were filled with fear, however, they glorified God (See St. Matthew 9:5-8).

God must be glorified in the power that is given to do good. Jesus has the unique authority to forgive sins. Jesus has the power to heal and forgive.

LESSON 8 – February 24, 2019  
SUBJECT – Delegated Authority

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease” (St. Matthew 10:1).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** St. Matthew 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

- 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;
- 3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;
- 4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.
- 5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:
- 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

- 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
- 9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,
- 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.
- 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.
- 12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.
- 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.
- 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.
- 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Jesus called his twelve disciples and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and heal all manner of sickness and disease. He sent them out with specific instructions not to go to Gentiles or Samaritans. They were to go to God’s lost sheep - the people of Israel. They were to tell them that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. These representatives were to cure diseases and ailments. They were to heal lepers and cast out demons. Jesus always sent His apostles in pairs or small groups. They were not to take a money belt, extra clothes, or protective club because their needs will be provided. Whoever they helped was to feed them and care for them. Wherever they stayed, as long as the person was Godly, they were to remain at that house. They were instructed to be friendly and if the home was Godly, they were to give that home a blessing. If the home was not Godly, they were to keep the blessing and if they weren’t welcome, they were to shake the dust off their feet.

Jesus takes ordinary men and gives them power and commissions them. We need to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to do His work. Ministry should begin at home. To whom are you called to minister? To whom do you have a burden to witness? Ministry is a work of faith. Trust God to provide your needs.

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