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"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

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



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Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux on the right

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GOD IS GOD, A FATHER TO THE FAITHFUL

The testimonies have come from the depths of the heart of the people who have been blessed of the Lord, witnessing to the power of God to save and keep, and the love of God to bless. This is just the beginning of this meeting. We usually start in the middle of the week so the word can get around that revival time is here. We make it our business to go from city to city this time of the year to let people know that the Lord still has someone who believes He is able to save and keep. We find that by so doing, thousands have been blessed.

Folks don't understand or realize that they need God, not necessarily when dying, but also while life is in its bloom. They need Him because without Him the mind cannot be contented. The wicked are like the troubled sea that casts up dirt and mire. They have no rest day or night, but when one finds God and accepts Him as He is, God comes to that person. There is nothing impossible for God to do. And if He loves you and you love Him, there is a mutual understanding between God and you. People may not understand you. Your own brother or sister, or even mother sometimes when you accept God as God, may not understand you, but between you and God there will be such an understanding existing that you will be utterly satisfied and positively amazed.

The only thing that disturbs me is to see people so troubled and burdened and upset when help is right at hand. God is a present help to deliver you from any trouble you could possibly have. And He is so willing to help you! The Lord never puts trouble in your way. But you by your selfishness, by your high-mindedness, make trouble which causes you to have sorrow which causes your heart to ache, which causes you to moan in the morning and in the evening, and wake up at midnight groaning.

God would like to help you to get yourself out of the way by causing you to see that He is your Father, and you need not worry about yourself. If you are sick, He wants you to take it to the Lord in prayer. If you are destitute, take it to the Lord in prayer. If you are having trouble in your home or between you and your neighbor,

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To fight a good fight is to outfight the devil.

What should we fear as long as God is near?

We err in seeking the favor of men rather than the favor of God.

If you live in the favor of God, you don't have to worry about the favor of men.

No matter where God is, if you have His favor, you are safe. Faith will lift the load.

We must have so much faith in God that regardless of what He does, we will glorify Him.

Faith in God brings peace of mind.

Don't let the devil stop you from doing what the Lord tells you to do.

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

It is all right to be with the crowd if the crowd is with Jesus.

A clear conscience, not a soft bed, makes you sleep well.

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The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

GOD IS GOD, A FATHER TO THE FAITHFUL

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take it to the Lord in prayer. And after taking these conditions to God in prayer, leave them there and forget them, and smile away the cares that fret you. Though you forget the things that give you trouble, God will not forget to remove them and to bind up your broken spirit and set you free, and cause you to sing like a bird. God can fill your heart with song. He can fill your heart with praise. He can enable you to realize that life is worth living if you believe God is God.

Too many people don't believe God is Who He is. They bring their problems to Him and then try to do the job themselves without any real understanding that God is God and is the Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Finally, they end up as they started with the job undone, and perhaps with their contact with God broken.

We are glad that God uses us as instruments to bring you blessings. We are glad for your appreciation of the many things that God has done for you through us. But we know, and will now inform you that all that is done is done through the mighty hand of God. And along with your praises thanking God for us and for His Son, Jesus, we join in and thank God, too, that we have learned that God is God and will be a Father to us. We don't want to be God. We don't want to be Jesus, but we certainly want to be His Servants.

So remember all of you that God is God. Don't go about talking about God with a hung-down head. Don't go around talking about God with tears in your eyes provoked by sorrow or disappointment or defeat such as is common to those struggling in this life to live above sin, but recognize God as God, Who gives victory over temptation, joy unspeakable, shelter from the storm, healing of diseases, and salvation from sin.

Everybody needs help sometime. There is a time in your life when your best friend cannot help you. There is a time when your mother can't help you. There is a time when the doctor can't help you. At that time, you need Jesus, Who created man and Who understands man. He can help you anytime, regardless of the condition. But you want to call on your doctor first. You believe in your friends more than you believe in your Saviour.

Man is a human being. Being human himself, his arm is flesh with restrictions and limitations that keep it from reaching far enough to supply the necessary help at times. There is no limit to the power and the love of Christ, so there is no comparison with the arm of flesh. You just can't rely on that flesh, because one day flesh is



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux,
founder

strong and the next, it is weak. One day flesh can help you, but the next, it can't and when it can help you, it is God Who gives it the power and the knowledge to help. God, knowing that you would need help sent Jesus to acquaint you and make you know that you can receive power in the time of trouble that would enable you not to give down. But He said you'll have to first clean your heart and purify your soul. The things you are doing that don't become the presence of God will have to stop. Some things a person does do not become the presence of the Cop on the beat. Therefore, the person, if he wants the Cop (who represents the law of the Commonwealth) around, he's got to do right and obey the law. If you want the presence of God to abide with you, whether in the dark or the light, you've got to do right. If you want help from God in your time of trouble, you've got to purify your heart.

When folks know God as they should, there is a joy within that surpasses all other pleasure than you ever found in sin. There are sinful pleasures which you can enjoy for a season. Then things are going well, and you've got your pocket full of money, and friends galore to help you spend your money, you're having a grand time. But when the day of adversity comes and troubles begin to set in, and friends thin out, and there is no money left to take care of you, you'll see then what it will mean to be without the Lord, to be without a knowledge of God. If you've never experienced it, it is time now for you to fix things so you won't ever experience it by getting acquainted with God and making Him your best Friend.

There is only one human being who will stick close in the day of trouble. That is a mother. A wife will have to be very good to stick -- very good. However, there is a Redeemer or Friend Whom God gave, that will give you a peace of mind in the day

of trouble, and will bring a kind of consolation that I can't adequately describe to you who don't know about it. But you who have been born of this Spirit of God realize that when things get real tough and a darkness seems to hang all around, there is a little light that glows in your soul which makes you look away from temptations, toils and cares, and begin to think of your home over there. And if you are truly ready for the City, you'll begin to visualize your trip to the City called "Glory". That is true with a man or woman who has walked with God in sincerity and truth, and who has kept the Commandments of God. When everything seems to forsake you and things don't seem to be breaking so well down here, your mind wanders through your heavenly home.

We've brought you a message in song because every army should have a band, every church should have a choir and every soul should have a song. The praises you receive in songs that are sung by an inspired choir help to kindle in your mind a holy desire. As you sing the songs and praises of God, your mind is lifted from the toils of this life. No matter what your burden may be, if you will tune in with heaven with a song, that burden can be lightened and your way brightened. For you may not be much of a singer, but if you have a song that suits your condition at the time the problem is before you, it lightens that problem. Regardless of what anybody may think or say, singing the songs of praise is one of the mediums through which God has planned to help man and woman to stand in his day of trouble.

You live in your mind. You can have nothing to come upon you that you can't have changed if you can just change your mind. God sent Christ to the world to teach us that when troubles come heavy upon us, we must look to Him for deliverance through a change which will come when He enters the mind. So if things are not going well with you, and you desire the peace that passeth all understanding, suffer yourself to undergo a change of mind. Draw near to God and learn how to live in your mind.

When you see a person burst in tears, there is a storm in his mind and the rain from the storm is rushing over the banks. Something is going on in the mind when you see one cry. But there is a land to which all have a strong desire to go where there will be no more clouds that benight the mind and cause worry. Jesus came to tell us about that land of an unclouded day. May God bless you. Amen.

(5/59)

The Holy Bible Word Puzzle
Rules

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. Mail answer to: **Happy News Publishing Co., 2030 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001.** If you do not wish to cut the paper, you may submit your answer on plain paper.

9. The answer to the puzzle should be postmarked by the fifteenth (15th) of the month for publication in our next issue.

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

Dear Elders and Staff,
God bless you. "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light"
(St. Matthew 11:30).

Ivy T. Canady
Williamsburg, VA

Congratulations on the 100th Years Anniversary! For truly we have the Happy News. I thank my good friend, Ruth Venable, for introducing me over 10 years ago.

Margrette Doswell
Newport News, VA

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Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux’s Legacy

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Elder Michaux receives an honorary doctorate from Dr. Rodriquez President of Puerto Rica University

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1. Ecclesiastes	1	13	1	_____
2. St. John	4	27	20	_____
3. I Kings	11	22	9	_____
4. St. Luke	2	10	17	_____
5. Ezekiel	22	25	30	_____
6. Proverbs	23	28	7	_____
7. St. Matthew	5	33	19	_____
8. Acts	10	19	15	_____
9. St. John	18	7	4	_____
10. Hosea	5	6	18	_____
11. Psalm	17	6	6	_____
12. Revelation	12	3	9	_____
13. Nahum	2	13	2	_____
14. Isaiah	10	6	2	_____
15. Acts	7	6	20	_____
16. Romans	2	9	11	_____
17. Revelation	11	11	20	_____
18. I John	3	20	15	_____
19. I Chronicles	11	1	18	_____
20. St. Mark	1	44	2	_____
21. Lamentations	3	25	12	_____
22. Zephaniah	3	8	8	_____
23. Romans	12	21	6	_____
24. Deuteronomy	12	13	9	_____
25. Psalm	16	11	8	_____
26. Amos	3	4	13	_____
27. Song of Solomon	3	2	1	_____
28. I Corinthians	10	30	20	_____
29. II Kings	5	13	8	_____
30. Philemon	1	7	20	_____
31. Jonah	1	2	12	_____
32. St. Luke	4	25	6	_____
33. Genesis	49	9	8	_____
34. Micah	5	4	7	_____
35. Nehemiah	8	12	2	_____
36. Daniel	11	24	9	_____
37. Leviticus	18	3	25	_____
38. III John	1	3	20	_____
39. Ecclesiastes	5	1	6	_____

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Answers to Last Month’s Puzzle

“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” (St. Matthew 24:30).



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8:00 PM.....Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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AS WE CELEBRATE

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of God's Faithfulness

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~ Registration ~

Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

This month the message usually
written by Mrs Michax was
written by her husband,
Elder Michaux about her.

HAVE I DONE MY BEST FOR JESUS?

I wonder have I given
my best to Jesus
Who died upon the cruel tree?
To think of His great sacrifice
on Calvary,
I know my Lord expects the
best from me.
The hours that I have wasted
are so many,
The hours I've spent for Christ
so few.
Because of all my lack of love
for Jesus,
I wonder if His heart is
breaking, too?

I wonder have I cared enough
for others,
Or have I let them die alone?
I might have helped a wanderer
to the Savior
The seed of precious life I might
have sown.
No longer will I stay within
the valley,
I'll climb to mountain heights
above;
The world is dying now for want
of someone
To tell them of the Savior's
matchless love.

How many are the lost that I
have lifted?
How many are the chained I've
helped to free?
I wonder, have I done my best
for Jesus,
When He has done so much
for me?

Harry E. Storm

May the Lord bless the message
in song and may your own heart
ponder the question. A good many
people think that you have to go
to church to do something for
Jesus. No, No! You go to church
that Jesus might do something
for you, and then when you come
out, you do something for Jesus
by doing something for someone
in need. The Elder has it straight.

The lady who sang that
song spent her life in the midst
of people who needed help. She
went down in the slums and in



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux, co-founder

the by-ways and highways, in
the red-light districts and in the
church and in any place that she
was able or has been able to find
that she could do something for
Jesus.

In Hopewell, Virginia where
we began our ministry, it was
about as crooked a place as the
world is now on a higher order.
It was a lawless place. You may
read your newspapers and find
that the law is all out of line now.
All of those things which should
rule and guide people straight
are crooked. Oh, it is awful! But
there is one thing that can rule
you without the law and that is
love for God. I am glad that I
have that.

In Hopewell, as I was about
to say, there was no ban on
gambling. You could gamble
anywhere in the streets, on the
sidewalks during World War No. 1.
My wife would go around among
the people who were gambling
and cursing and without saying a
word to them, she would quietly
get down on her knees and start
praying. When she got through
praying, the gamblers were gone
and the game was over.

There is one thing that the
devil can't stand, and that is a
person talking to God while he is
causing someone to do wrong. I
could go on and tell you of many
things. But I will just stir up your
pure mind by asking, have you
done your best for Jesus? Your

best for Jesus is to love Him.
Love Him because He first loved
you. Love Him because your love
for Him will cause Him to be able
to bless you.

He would love to bless you
in your iniquity, but He knows
that it will not help you. It will
damn you. If a mother endorses
her child in wrong, if a mother
will support a child when it is
wrong, it will not make the child
better. It will make it worse. It
is better to let it suffer because
of its own deed and just wait
and let that suffering seed grow
because the child will learn by
suffering. But if you run under
and take the blows intended for
the child, you will be sorry after
a while. Let him suffer a while.
That's what God does when you
insist on following wrong.

When you do your best for
Jesus, He will do His best for you.

CONCLUSION:

**“Even the mystery which hath
been hid from ages and from
generations, but now is made
manifest to his saints: To
whom God would make known
what is the riches of the glory
of this mystery among the
Gentiles; which is Christ in
you, the hope of glory: Whom
we preach, warning every man,
and teaching every man in all
wisdom; that we may present
every man perfect in Christ
Jesus” (Colossians 1:26-28).**

May God bless you is my
prayer.

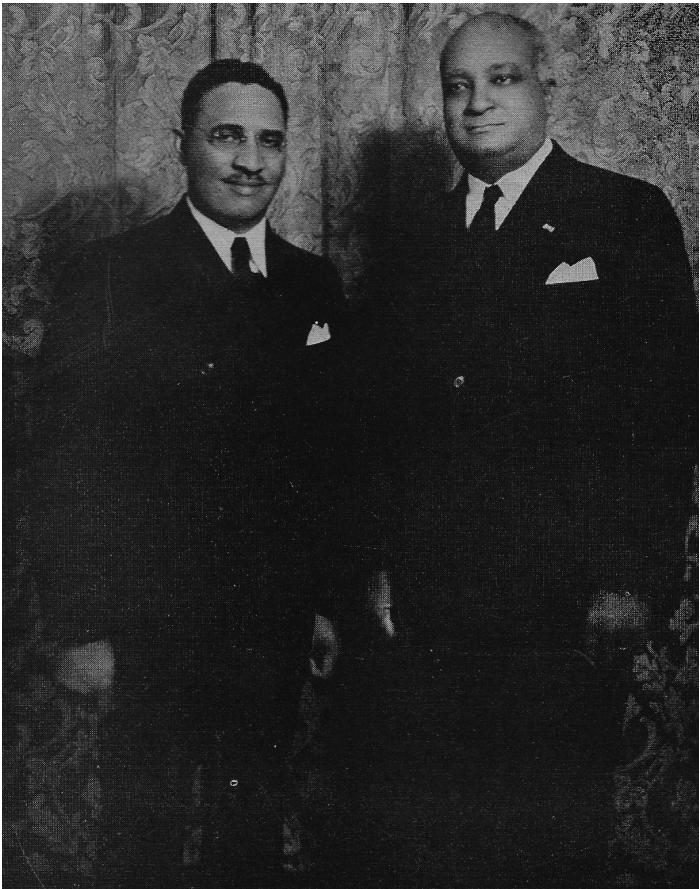


ELDER LIGHTFOOT SOLOMON MICHAUX’S LEGACY

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Elder and Mrs Michaux at the White House
with President Eisenhower



Elder Michaux and the president of Haiti, Elie Lesiot



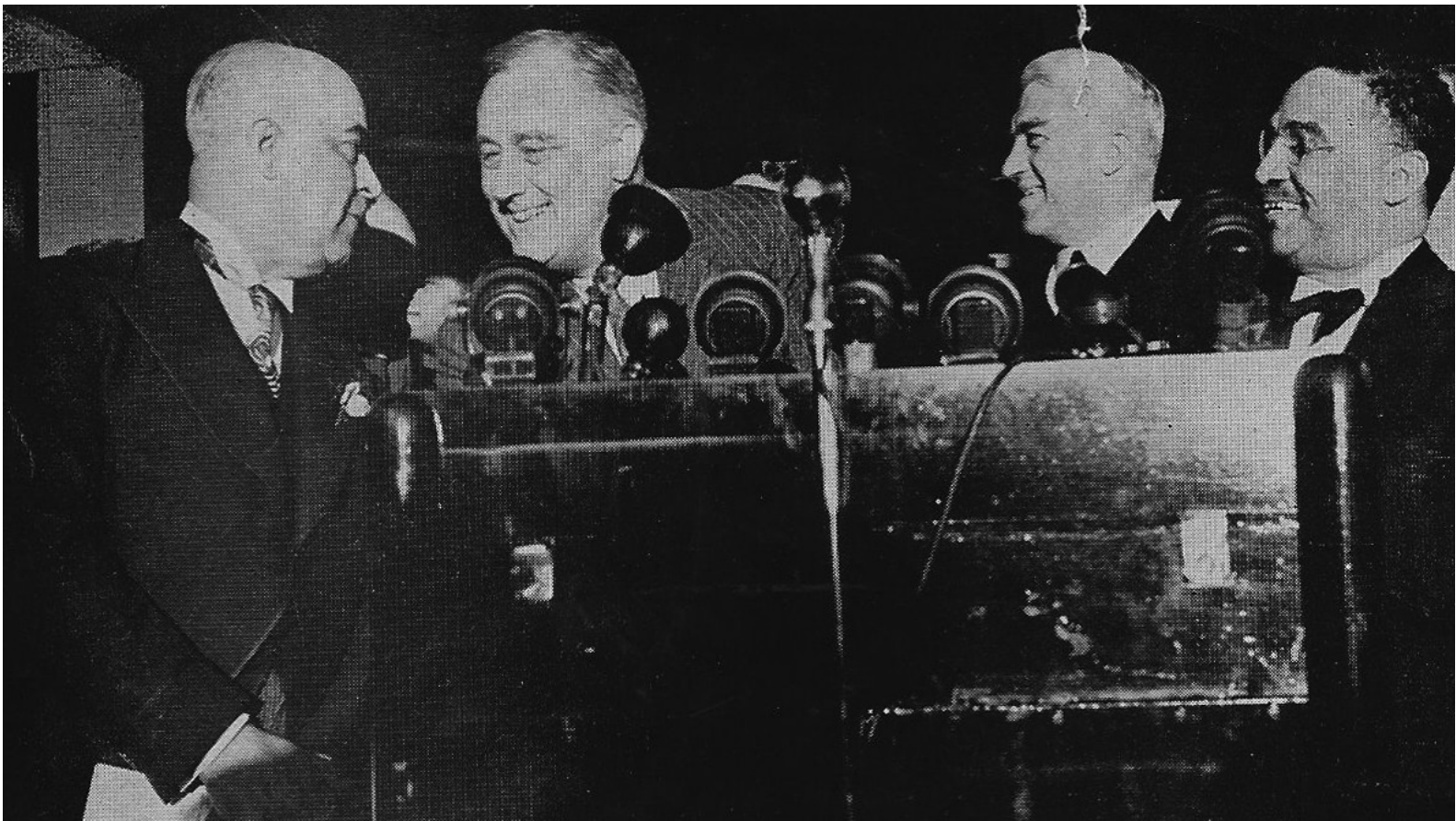
Elder Michaux with Gene Autry and Mrs Roosevelt



Elder Michaux and the mayor of San Juan Puerto Rica



Elder Michaux and President Truman meet the soldier who fell
10,000 feet when his parachute did not open and lived



Doctor Thompson – Recorder of Deeds, President Roosevelt, Elder Michaux – far right



Elder Michaux with guests. Mrs Mary Bethune, - seated center

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)



Toni, Age 14, Ashton

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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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).”

Have you noticed how easy it is to get consumed by what is going on around you? For you, it might be getting swept up into all the gossip at school. Perhaps it is spending too much time online or watching television. Whatever it is for you, it is really easy to lose focus on the things that are important.

God has a divine plan and purpose for your life. However, it is easy to become too busy to take time to hear from Him. So today, challenge yourself to break out of the normal and do something different. Choose to take time to hear from God concerning your future. You might consider reading your Bible for a few minutes before going to bed each night. You might think about getting up a little earlier or listening to a great podcast that challenges you to follow God. Whatever the case might be for you, please make getting to know God a priority in your life. Find out His plan and His Will for your future. You will not be disappointed!

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

“Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul (Proverbs 22:24-25).”

Young People Identify Several Women Whose Contributions
To The United States Are Memorable

To celebrate Women’s History Month, we asked several young people to write about a few women whose contributions remain memorable. The following are the results of their efforts:

Mary Jane McLeod Bethune was the child of parents who were former slaves. She was an educator, an author, and a Civil Rights activist. Her titles are many. Her mom and dad had 17 children. She was the 15th child. She was married to Albertus Bethune. They had one child. Along with William Trent and Frederick D. Patterson, she founded a private

school for African American students. The school became known as Bethune Cookman College. She was the first African American female to head a Federal agency. She did many other things. She died of a heart attack at age 79.



By Malayah, Age 7
Washington, D.C.

Mary McLeod Bethune was a civil rights activist. She opened a boarding school, the Daytona Beach Literary and Industrial School for Training Negro Girls. Eventually, Bethune’s school became a college, merging with the all-male Cookman Institute to form Bethune-Cookman College in 1929. It issued its first degrees in 1943.

A friend of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Mrs. Bethune became the highest ranking African American woman in government when President Franklin Roosevelt named her Director of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration in 1936. She retained that position until 1944.

Honored with many awards, Mrs. Bethune’s life was celebrated with a memorial statue in Washington D.C. in 1974, and a postage stamp in 1985.



By Jasmine, Age 16
Landover

Marian Anderson was an American singer, and one of the most celebrated singers of the 20th Century. A music critic said: “Her voice was a rich, vibrant contralto of intrinsic beauty.” Most of her singing career was spent performing in concerts and recitals in major music venues and with famous orchestras throughout the United States and Europe between 1925 and 1965. Although offered roles with many important European opera companies, Marian Anderson declined, as she had no training in acting. She preferred to perform in concerts and recitals only. She made many recordings that reflected her broad performance repertoire. She was an important figure in the black musicians’ struggle for racial equality. She died of congestive heart failure at age 96.



By Cheyenne, Age 12
Newport News

Harriet Tubman was born into slavery. Her name was Araminta Ross. Her mother and father were Harriet and Ben Ross. She was their 11th child. She had two nicknames: Minty and Moses. She was an abolitionist: someone who wanted to end slavery. She was also a political activist: someone who did something about it. First, she escaped from slavery herself. Then she rescued about 70 others, including family members, from slavery. She became the “Conductor of the Underground Railroad” which included other activists. She was a medic and a spy during the Civil War. She helped found a home for older African Americans. She died in that home in 1913.



By Makari, Age 10
Washington, D.C.

Gabrielle (Gabby) Douglas is a twenty-three year old African American woman from Virginia. She is known as one of the greatest gymnasts who participated in the 2012 Summer Olympics. She made history in the Olympics by being the first black gymnast to win an individual gold medal. This month, I celebrate her because she conquered one of her dreams by training and competing in many competitions to support her

gymnastics career. Without Gabby Douglas, I would not know about this sport or the Olympics.

David, Age 12
Landover



Like You
By Joanna Fuchs

Lord help me to be in Your holy will;
Tell me what to do today;
Lead me in Your righteousness;
Make me more like You, I pray.

Guard me against this corrupting world,
Its perverted priorities, temptations, too.
Direct my mind toward Your commands,
So I can focus my life on You.

Fill my heart with Your light and love,
So I can assist those I see in need;
With You as my role model, let me be
Like You in thought and word and deed.

ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- How does James begin his instruction in Chapter 2?
(He states that having “respect of persons” (favoritism) is inconsistent with faith in Christ - **James 2:1**).
- In James’ illustration, how is the rich man received?
(With respect. He is given special attention and offered a choice seat - **James 2:2-3**).
- How is the poor man in the illustration treated?
(With disrespect. He is told to stand in a certain spot or sit down on the floor - **James 2:2-3**).
- What has God promised to the “poor of this world?”
(The poor believers are made wealthy in faith and heirs of the kingdom God - **James 2:5**).
- As it relates to social oppression, what question did James point out about the rich?
(“Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats” - **James 2:6b**)?
- According to Scripture, how did James define the royal law?
(“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself” - **James 2:8**).
- All our words and actions will be judged, by what law will we be judged in the future judgment?
(We will be judged by “the law of liberty”. This law refers to the teaching of God’s Word implanted in our heart. There it produces the desire to obey Him - **James 2:12**).

ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY FILL-IN THE BLANKS

- I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations (Psalm 89:1).
- For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:10).
- Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips (Psalm 141:3).
- Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles (Proverbs 21:23).
- My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever (Psalm 145:21).
- The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver (Psalm 119:72).
- How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth (Psalm 119:103)!

MARCH HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- After David was delivered from his enemies, what did he say comes from God?
- What did David declare about God?
- What verses parallel each other in this Psalm? What is the only distinction?
- What should we do unto God at all times?
- What should be done if riches increase?
- What did Jesus tell us to do about riches?
- Name two things that belong to God?

MARCH FILL IN THE BLANKS

- My _____ shall _____ of _____; and the _____ of my _____ shall be of _____.
- The _____ of thy _____ is better unto me than _____ of _____ and _____.
- Whoso keepeth his _____ and his _____ keepeth his _____ from _____.
- How _____ are thy _____ unto my _____! yea, _____ than _____ to my _____!
- My _____ shall _____ the _____ of the LORD: and let all flesh _____ his _____ for ever and ever.
- _____ a _____, O LORD, before my _____; _____ the _____ of my _____.
- For the _____ giveth _____: out of his _____ cometh _____ and _____.



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Sunday School Lessons for the Month of March

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Sister Brenda Morgan. She has taught Primary Sunday School Class for eight years at the Washington, DC Church of God.



LESSON 1 – March 3, 2019 SUBJECT: A New Loyalty

GOLDEN TEXT: “For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (I Thessalonians 1:9).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: I Thessalonians 1:1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;**
- 3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;
- 4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.**
- 5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.
- 6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.**
- 7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.
- 8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.**
- 9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;
- 10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.**

LESSON DISCUSSION

Paul greeted the Thessalonians by emphasizing the new relationship between the believers and God. His characteristic greeting of grace (God’s unmerited favor in Christ) brings complete spiritual welfare (peace). The willingness of the Thessalonians to receive the Gospel caused Paul to offer thankful prayers. He constantly prayed when he remembered the fact that the believers were able to face affliction with such steadfastness and joy by the power of God.

The Thessalonian church became an ensample of the believer throughout the land (See I Thessalonians 1:7). The report spread far, wide and speedily. Wherever Paul went, the news of the Thessalonian church went before him. News spread that the church had turned from serving idols to complete subjection to the one True God. They waited in patience and confidence for the expected coming of Jesus the Son. The resurrection of Jesus is the guarantee of God’s power to rescue those who are His, and judge those who are not. We, too, as believers wait for the certain return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LESSON 2 – March 10, 2019 SUBJECT: A New Affection

GOLDEN TEXT: “But now when Timotheus came from you unto

us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you” (I Thessalonians 3:6).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: I Thessalonians 3:1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;

- 2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow labourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:**
- 3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.
- 4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.**
- 5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.
- 6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:**
- 7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:
- 8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.**
- 9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;
- 10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?**
- 11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.
- 12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:**
- 13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Paul having left Thessalonica to minister in other cities, desired to know the spiritual welfare of the believers. Timotheus, Paul’s fellow laborer and minister of God, was sent to the Thessalonians to strengthen and comfort them in their faith. His purpose was to also prevent the believers from being lured from their faith due to the afflictions of Satan. The believers were reminded that suffering would be a part of their Christian experience just as Christ suffered for the church. Suffering should not come as a surprise to them.

Timothy brought good tidings regarding the Thessalonian believers. The good news was that their faith was firm, their love was constant and their remembrance of Paul was always good. This love can come only through the Spirit of God.

Just as Paul prayed that the Thessalonians would keep their hearts filled with love and God’s holiness, we, too, should strive for the same. We, too, want to stand before God unblameable and ready to gladly meet Jesus at His return.

LESSON 3 – March 17, 2019 SUBJECT: A New Way of Life

GOLDEN TEXT: “Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more” (I Thessalonians 4:1).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: I Thessalonians 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Immorality vexed the early church. Paul, being true to his pastoral calling, took the opportunity to give spiritual instruction to the Thessalonian believers. Morality is within the will of God and the Holy Spirit. After a word of encouragement, Paul tackled the problem of fornication which is sexual immorality and adultery.

God commanded the believers to be set apart for His service. Believers should possess their vessels or bodies in sanctification and honour to God. Lust of concupiscence or passion of lust is the willful desire to yield to base sexual drives. Paul characterized this practice as Gentile behavior. Sexual immorality was a part of worship in many of the pagan religions in the region. These practices showed that there was no knowledge of the one True God.

The believer was advised not to take advantage of his brother or fellow man. Judgment day will come and the Lord will see to it that full justice is done.

God has given the Holy Spirit to the believer to keep him holy. Brotherly love should increase among the believers. They were advised just as we are today to study to be quiet and mind our own affairs. This will be a most effective testimony to the nonbelievers.

LESSON 4 – March 24, 2019
SUBJECT: A New Understanding

GOLDEN TEXT: “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope” (I Thessalonians 4:13).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: I Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The Thessalonians needed a clearer understanding of death and the believer. To be dead in Christ is to be asleep. Christ’s death and resurrection took the sting out of death. Dead believers will not miss out on the return of Jesus. They will accompany Him on His return. Jesus will return with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. The dead in Christ will rise first and the believers which are alive will be suddenly caught up in the clouds to meet Jesus in the air (See I Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

Paul advised believers to be ready since the time of Jesus’ return was not revealed. They should be constantly preparing for the day of the Lord. The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. Believers should live as children of the light and not as children of darkness and should maintain spiritual habits of the light, being awake, sober and ready to live with Jesus. (See I Thessalonians 5:4-10).

LESSON 5 – March 31, 2016
SUBJECT: A Growing Confidence

GOLDEN TEXT: “We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth” (II Thessalonians 1:3).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: II Thessalonians 1:1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

