

“Offer unto God thanksgiving:  
and pay thy vows unto the most  
High: And call upon me in the  
day of trouble: I will deliver  
thee, and thou shalt glorify me”  
(Psalm 50:14-15).

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



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## “O FOOLS, AND SLOW OF HEART TO BELIEVE ALL THAT THE PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN:...”

Now, my precious ones, briefly I want to bring you a few words to make you to know and understand that God, through His Holy Scriptures, has given us a thorough outline of His plan in creating this world and placing man in charge thereof. Also, the Scriptures outline the work of redemption and the final judgment when the works of man will be tried with fire.

In spite of the stupid claim of man that the world is a million years old, or the assertion that the world is capable of lasting for ages to come, time shall soon end. Time shall end before the resources in the earth are consumed. Time shall end before the forces of nature are spent. Time shall end, the Lord said, when this gospel shall be preached throughout the world for a witness so that no human being will be able to stand before God and say that he never heard the gospel. The end of time to which I am referring is the end of the world as we commonly call judgment day. I mean the end of springtime and harvest, the end of summer and winter, the end of cold and hot, the end of day and night. Of course, the end of time for somebody comes every second of every day in the year. There will be, nevertheless, an end for everybody at one time.

The world is getting worse every day; people are more wicked. Evil is spreading rapidly. Godliness is slowly fading. Men are merciless, cold blooded, and without justice or honor. Children, whom Christ once said heaven consisted of, are disobedient, unruly, and criminal. Sometimes even the elements go awry, spitting hot lava over the countryside, destroying communities and people. The waters break through their boundaries and inundate causing disaster and suffering. The earth trembles and cracks bringing down stately buildings, causing much destruction of human life, sending tidal waves and disaster. Is there any wonder that the end time is drawing near?

Conditions on the earth have changed so radically that human life cannot long be sustained since the world is so different now from what it was when God created man and placed him in a world made especially to sustain human life. All this is due to the fact that man is a habit-forming creature who is prone to cultivate bad habits from which there is no deliverance except through CHRIST. Habits come about when we lean toward satisfaction of the appetites of the flesh. We seek to gratify them rather than believe all that is written for our learning in the Scriptures putting ourselves in subjection to the Word.

**“Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself”** (St. Luke 24:25-27). Notice that Jesus went back to Moses to whom God gave the law on Mt. Sinai. He noted certain prophecies regarding His own coming and ministry. Many persons failed to understand the message of the prophets. These Scriptures were very clear, but the priests and the Levites had translated them to the people in misleading and confusing language. Although their application now seemed clear, the people had placed no significant interpretation on them before Christ called these Words to their attention.

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If you are saved, your children  
should be affected by your life.

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God knows His business; if  
you mind yours, you and He  
can do business together.

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Be careful lest the hard things  
you have to press against in  
life harden you.

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

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Nothing strengthens the mind  
like confidence in God.

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Wealth does not consist of  
gold, but rather in a clear  
conscience and a peaceful  
mind.

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God has written His law in your  
conscience.

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The righteous have a cross  
to bear as well as the wicked,  
but the wicked don't have the  
vision of the crown at the end  
of the road as the righteous.

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If you want to dodge the devil,  
keep on your knees, and he'll  
lose your trail.

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We are to rejoice in the Lord  
and not in the fall of an enemy.

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Don't let the evil in others run  
the good out of you.

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God is not only saying the  
same things He said in olden  
times, but He means the same  
things today that He meant in  
olden times.

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

“O FOOLS, AND SLOW OF HEART TO BELIEVE ALL THAT THE PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN...”

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The purpose of the law of Mt. Sinai was to make man understand that when sin began to fill his life, it separated him from God, and caused him to destroy himself. God doesn't fight with swords or with guns. He fights with judgment or by withholding judgment from man at a decisive moment, causing him to make an unwise decision that will eventually cause suffering and perhaps death. If man fails to accept His instructions he will do that which will destroy himself. God's instructions give judgment and make an individual do that which is wise, safe, and right.

God is love, and for that reason He warns and instructs, telling men what the end to a life of sin really is. When a person takes in His instructions and warnings, he is able to see and forecast that sin corrupts the mind and destroys the body and soul. When a person continues in disobedience to God, that which he does will kill him. For example, God doesn't have to kill a man who continues to drink liquor. Let him keep on drinking and the liquor will kill him.

Christ took the listeners back to the Holy Scriptures given of God by the Holy Ghost. Men who spake as prophets of God were moved of God to tell men the results of sin. The law given by God to Moses was the beginning of man's knowledge of what would happen if he continued in sin. Then the prophets were raised up and inspired of God to cry night and day warning men who disregarded the Law of Moses. The prophets did not make new laws, but simply continued to remind the disobedient and wayward that their continued disregard for the Law of God would surely bring sad



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consequences. In some instances, the message of the prophet was heeded and many were saved through the judgment of God that guided them because of their obedience. Yet millions hardened their hearts and stiffened their necks and boldly defied the warning of the prophets. The people's attitude toward the law, and the behavior they displayed were inconsistent. Outwardly they kept the words of the law as frontlets between the eyes; they wrote them on the doorposts of the houses and on the gates (See Deuteronomy 6: 8, 9). Although they recited them to their children, they failed to keep the significant truths that the Word contained. Therefore, in taking their minds back to all that Moses and the prophets said, Christ called them fools, and slow of heart to believe.

In spite of man's pride and conceit through the ages, it is clear that every Word of God revealed through Moses and the prophets is faithful and true. Men of long ago carefully weighed the

words of Moses and prophets before the birth of Christ. Ancient prophecies have been fulfilled in letter and in spirit. Today any honest person, with an impartial spirit and an open mind can take the Words of God contained in the law and the prophets, and put them to the acid test. He will find that they are true and faithful, and can be believed. But whether he believes or not, the Word of God is true. The judgments of God are sure; and it will come to pass that God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil (see Ecclesiastes 12:14).

Man's belief or man's disbelief will not alter the force of the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. But it will help tremendously to believe, because those who believe, the Lord said, shall be saved and those who believe not, shall be damned (see St. John 3:18).

This morning, my precious ones, the Word of the Lord tells us in II Peter 3:9-13 that the final end of all things will come to those who disobey God, (called "wicked"). The entire world in which we have sinned and marred the glory of God shall come to an end. The day of the Lord will come, He said, as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. But God who created it, shall re-create it. That is the Word of God. Don't be among the fools who are slow to believe. If it is the Word of God, believe it implicitly regardless of how it sounds to you or is ridiculed by men.

May God bless you.

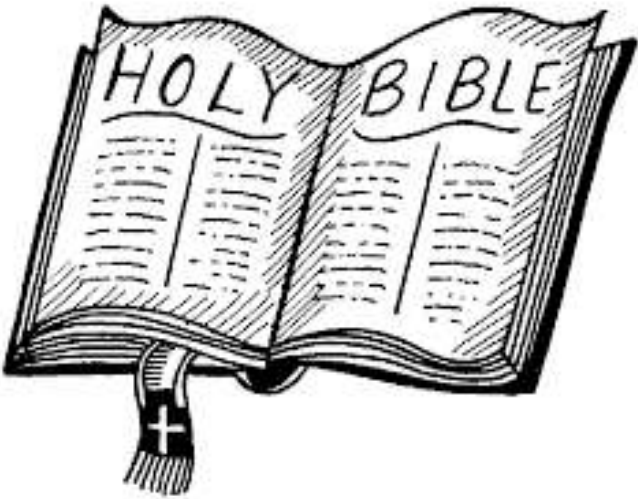
## More Like Jesus

Let us be more like Jesus  
In everything we do;  
Let's live a life of service,  
A life that's fresh and new.

Let's relinquish worldly things,  
And not be slaves to fashion;  
Let's fill our hearts with love,  
Forgiveness and compassion.

Yes, let's be more like Jesus,  
Being always in God's will,  
For if Jesus' light shines through us,  
Our earthly purpose we'll fulfill.

By Joanna Fuchs



The Holy Bible Word Puzzle  
Rules

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1. Judges	11	7	1	
2. I Samuel	14	24	28	_____
3. Jeremiah	10	18	8	_____
4. Isaiah	42	16	4	_____
5. Genesis	35	3	27	_____
6. II Samuel	22	7	6	_____
7. Lamentations	4	14	6	_____
8. Nehemiah	2	17	10	_____
9. Psalm	107	6	2	_____
10. Isaiah	29	7	25	_____
11. St. Luke	7	22	27	_____
12. Daniel	3	25	30	_____
13. Acts	13	11	16	_____
14. St. Matthew	9	28	11	_____
15. Hosea	5	11	8	_____
16. Amos	2	4	22	_____
17. Malachi	3	14	2	_____
18. St. John	9	3	7	_____
19. Micah	7	9	13	_____
20. Exodus	9	34	6	_____
21. Leviticus	19	14	22	_____
22. Numbers	21	7	7	_____
23. Psalm	81	12	7	_____
24. Hebrews	2	14	11	_____
25. Ezekiel	30	16	9	_____
26. Romans	3	25	7	_____
27. Revelation	16	17	5	_____
28. Deuteronomy	12	27	30	_____
29. I Peter	1	19	8	_____
30. Nahum	1	3	36	_____
31. I John	1	7	20	_____
32. Proverbs	1	15	15	_____
33. Exodus	29	14	3	_____
34. Revelation	6	12	23	_____
35. I Corinthians	7	26	9	_____
36. Philippians	3	8	36	_____

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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death" (Philippians 1:20).

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Bible Word Puzzle

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Trust the Lord

by Anonymous

Until I learned to trust the Lord,  
I never learned to pray;  
And never learned to fully trust,  
Til sorrow came my way.

Until I felt my weakness,  
His strength I never knew,  
Nor dreamed, til I was stricken,  
that He could see me through.

He who drinks deepest sorrow  
Drinks deepest too of grace,  
God sends the storm so He, him-  
self,  
Can be our resting place.

His heart, who seeks our deepest  
good,  
Knows well when things annoy;  
We would not yearn for Heaven  
If earth held only joy!



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CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL SPREADING CHURCH

CENTENNIAL 1919 to 2019

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

THEME

“On Christ the Solid Rock We Stand”

Persons from North, South, East and West U.S. locations whose lives had been touched through the ministry of the Gospel Spreading Church of God, came together recently for an amazing gathering in Tidewater Virginia. Newport News, Virginia, the birthplace of the GSC ministry served as the appropriate setting for Centennial Week events.

The centennial week began with a consecration worship service held at the Newport News Church of God. The centennial week was punctuated by special sessions which included:

- MORNING MOTIVATION**  
**On Christ the Solid Rock We Stand “...look to the rock whence ye are hewn ...” (Isaiah 51:1b)**  
Pastor Dr. Carla Stokes
- PRAYER** (morning manna, prayer journey)
- PREACHING on SEVEN I AM’s spoken by Jesus:** I am the Bread of Life St. John 6:35 – Elder Titus Sapp; I am the Light of the World St. John 8:12 – Elder Quenton Jones, Jr.; I am the Door St. John 10:9 – Elder Anthony Becks; I am the Good Shepherd St. John 10:11 Pastor Richard Smith, Jr.; I am the Resurrection and the Life St. John 11:25,26 Pastor Romeo McClarry; I am the Way, the Truth and the Life St. John 14:6 Pastor Jeffrey Turner; I am the True Vine St. John 15:1, 5 Pastor Walter Roman. Sr.
- PREACHING on the THEME – ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND – Reverend Dr. Jerome Barber, Reverend Dr. Nathan Butler, Reverend Robert Whitehead, Pastor Derek Hawkins,**
- NUTRITION** (healthy eating) Gale Pearson
- NATURAL and HERBAL MEDICINES/REMEDIES - Deacon Joseph Cleveland**
- COMMUNITY SERVICE law enforcement officer Elder Titus Sapp, retired law enforcement officer Deacon Francis Smith, fire and rescue EMS officer Deacon Joseph Cleveland**
- GSC HISTORY** walk through pictorial gallery Mary Haynes, Joseph Sturdivant
- ELIMINATING FEAR and DOUBT through UNCEASING PRAYER and UNWAVERING FAITH Elder Marilyn Adams**
- CHURCH SAFETY and PROTECTION in the NEW AGE of DOMESTIC TERRORISM - Elder Titus Sapp, Deacon Francis Smith**
- I’M SAVED – NOW WHAT? - Pastor Nate Griffin**
- CHOIRS MATTER! - Minister of Music Derrick Anderson**



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**WEEKDAY SERVICES**  
  
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Monday..... 1:30 AM - 1:30 AM  
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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN

**“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.**

**Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS”** (St. Matthew 1:18-25).

Two facts in the text do not require any effort to prove: Man is a sinner, and salvation has been provided. But our text teaches that sin sticks, stays by you. You can move from north to south; you can move from the east to the west. You may go to the distant lands, but your sin goes along with you. You may change your name; you may surround yourself with other circumstances; you may move thousands of miles away from where you have sinned, and yet your sin remains with you. You may reform; you may turn over a new leaf; you may begin to lead what you call a different life, and still your record is exactly the same. You may be haunted by your conscience; you may be convicted by the Holy Spirit; you may drink that which for a while may bring you forgetfulness, but when you awake from your drink, awake from your stupor, you will find that your sin will remain with you. The world provides no way for the removal of sin. Sin stays by a man, sin sticks close to a man, sin stays in his memory.

Just a few years ago, in one of our states, there was a man who was the Quartermaster, and who had charge of the clothing of the militia. He robbed the state of something like twenty thousand dollars. It was discovered, and he left the state and went to New Orleans. He took passage on a boat that was going to South Africa with a load of mules for the British army during the war with the Boers, but that man carried his sin with him. Everywhere he went he could say with the Psalmist, “My sin is ever before me.” There he was, away from friends, away from the American authorities; no one knew, but he was having a perfect hell of it because he carried with him the consciousness of his sins. He took passage on a boat, came back to the states where he had committed sin, gave himself up, and he said, “I only had peace when I determined to return and give myself up, and take the penalty of violated law.”

Twelve years ago, in the State of Michigan, a woman was found murdered.



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux, co-founder

They arrested a man, convicted him on circumstantial evidence, and for twelve years he had been in the State Penitentiary. But listen! He was an innocent man. Within the last three months a man went out to the grave where the murdered woman lies buried, stood over her grave, took out a revolver, pulled the trigger, blew out his brains, and sent himself into eternity. When that man killed himself above the grave of that woman, he confessed himself the murderer. Why did he kill himself? Why did he go to the grave of his victim? He wanted to make some kind of reparation.

Five years had gone by, ten years had gone by, twelve years had gone by, but sin sticks, sin stays in the conscience, stays in the memory; sin stays on the record of Almighty God; and the memory of that man’s sin drove him to suicide. Daniel Webster, one of the greatest legal minds America ever knew, once said, “Suicide is Confession.”

Some time ago in Michigan, a man had insured his barn for a large amount and he wanted money. In the dead hour of the night he set fire to it and burned it to the ground. He collected the insurance, and no one suspected anything. But God knew, and he knew, and that was enough. In the course of time, there was a revival in the neighborhood, and this man went to the altar; and while he was trying to pray, God said, “How about the barn?” He confessed out, went to the insurance company, paid back what he had received, and God forgave him. But get the truth: confession did not save him; restitution did not save him. These things do not wash away sin; it takes the blood to do that, the shed blood of the Christ of Calvary.

Here is a woman down at the altar. She is screaming and crying out to God for mercy. Oh, how she pleads; how she begs! What is the matter? Years ago, way back there, she had sinned. Her husband was a home man, and she was a wife that wanted the theater, the moving picture show, and she went with another man. It was years ago, but sin sticks. She pleads oh so earnestly, and gets nowhere. At the close of the meeting she came to this preacher and asked what she should do. She had sinned; must she tell her husband? I did not say so; I just said, “Mind God”. The next night she came to the altar and prayed through. She had

minded God, and was at peace.

Wait a moment. I want you to see that sin sticks, stays with you. Here is a child, a beautiful child. Her hair is curly, and the mother winds it about her finger while the husband, admiring it, looks on. The father takes the little girl on his knees, hugs her, kisses her, and calls her “his own darling child.” Watch the wife; she grows pale, as she looks at the husband. Five years roll along, then ten go by; and the father and husband delights himself in that daughter, growing more and more lovely every day. Every time the husband goes near that daughter, and caresses her, the wife goes from the room and draws her hand across her heart and cries, “O God, O God, shall I tell him, must I tell him!?” The child grows to womanhood, and the woman carries her sin with her. She wants to get right with God, and so one day she takes him aside and says, “husband, that child is not yours; you are not the father of that girl. “O God, have mercy on me!” Sin sticks, curses and will eventually damn the soul unless the sinner takes God’s way.

An official member of the church was walking along one day, and a member of the church came to him and said, “Here is five dollars on the pastor’s salary”. He put it in his pocket and kept it. He went along year after year, but was not right with God. Oh, how many backsliding church members and church officials there are! I just read that there are four million church members in one denomination, and the official paper of that church had a communication that said not half of them gave anything to missions or church benevolences. The professed church today is the greatest hindrance to the advancement of the cause of Christ. This man wanted to get right with God, but he had stolen money in his pocket. When will the church do as they did in the days of the Apostles,—select men who are full of faith and the Holy Ghost,—not take men because they are sociable, good mixers, or fine fellows? God said to this man, “Pay back that five dollars.” He made out a check, sent the interest along with it, and then God saved him.

I was in a meeting some time ago, and a man, after hearing a sermon along this line, sat down and wrote a letter to a railroad official and said, “I rode on your line thirty years ago (sin sticks) and did not pay my fare. I enclose a check for the amount, and ask you to forgive me.” That man got an answer back from the company and also got a blessing from heaven that sent him shouting through the church, and to his pastor. God never forgets the sin that is not confessed.

Some time ago I went to a lawyer’s office, and there on his desk I saw a bottle containing ink eraser, and the directions were, “Take this fluid and apply it to the writing. Do not rub it; do not put a blotter on it—just apply it and leave it alone, and every vestige of ink will disappear.” Man has a chemical by which he can erase anything that he may write, but hell never invented nor discovered anything that will blot out sin from the Book of God’s remembrance, but thank God, in the



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In addition to the above noted activities, special services speakers brought forth soul stirring sermons.

OCCASION	SPEAKER
CONSECRATION SERVICE	Pastor Marshall Green
CENTENNIAL GALA	Bishop Daniel Russell, Jr/
BAPTISMAL SERVICE	Bishop Michael Clayton

The week’s activities concluded with a revival service in which congregants were favored with not only the spoken Word of God, but music and drills performed by the Happy Am I Cross Choir and band. Furthermore, there was much rejoicing as persons who had come to faith in Jesus Christ were baptized by immersion in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

The Gospel Spreading Church centennial celebration was a memorable, momentous event. Attendees left the celebration with renewed determination to STAND ON CHRIST WHO IS THE SOLID ROCK. A distinct feeling of joy and refreshing seemed to fill the air as members of the congregation settled into vehicles for the homeward journey. Some were probably reminded of the Apostle Peter’s words to Jesus after the Lord’s transfiguration “...**Lord, it is good for us to be here:...**” (St. Matthew 17:4).



Alice Brown, RN



Evangelist Timothy D. Taylor



Deacon Henry Mack, Tanya Smith, Elder Tommy Smith



Elder Jeffrey Turner



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2. He was taken captive and moved to another land. He prayed three times a day, even when he was told that to do so was illegal. He was cast into a den of lions, but an Angel of the Lord kept the lions’ mouths shut. At daybreak, the king released him from prison and threw his accusers into the dungeon. He still prayed.

3. As a young queen, she had wealth, fame, and the love of King Ahasuerus. Yet, she faced a terrible situation. When her cousin, Mordecai, told her that Haman, the king’s friend, was secretly plotting to kill the Jewish people, she had a decision to make. She knew the rules. No one was allowed to enter the court of the king without being summoned. She had not been summoned for three days, and yet Mordecai wanted her to go and speak to the king. Knowing she was breaking the rules, she approached the king’s court. God used her to deliver the Jewish nation. Even though she was afraid of the outcome, she did the right thing and her people were saved.

Answers: 1. David, 2. Daniel, 3. Esther

PROMISE OF THE MONTH

“Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD” (Psalm 31:24).

INTERNET SAFETY REMINDERS

1. Do not share passwords, not even with a close friend.
2. Do log out of your computer after completing any work, even at home. This will prevent a friend or sibling from posting or emailing using your account--even as a joke.
3. Do not respond to cyber bullies, but keep a copy of all the messages and give them to your parents or guardians and to the school. Be sure to follow up with the school and ask for a written plan on how the school will respond to the problem.
4. Do learn to avoid clicking links, responding to ads, and opening emails when they come from someone you do not know or appear suspicious. Just take a moment to call your friend (“Did you post that link?”)
5. Do use different passwords for different purposes.
6. Do use the telephone, if in doubt about the legitimacy of the contact.
7. Do use the keypad, not the mouse. Type in the URLs instead of clicking on links to sites.
8. Do not enter contests, join clubs, or share your personal information for any reason, unless your mom or dad says it’s OK. Personal information includes your name, address, age, phone number, birthday, email address, school name, and other facts about you.
9. Do keep your privacy by choosing a screen name or account name that isn’t your real name. For instance, instead of using Susan Smith, why not choose “Sk8boardKing21”?
- Only your friends and family will know your code name.

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The Light of God – surround us.  
The Love of God – enfold us.  
The Power of God – protect us.  
The Presence of God – watch over us.  
The Mind of God – guide us.  
The Law of God – direct us.  
Wherever we are – God, be our strength and harbor. Amen.

ANSWERS TO AUGUST HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. In the closing scene of all that the angel revealed to John, what new creative works of God did he see?  
(He saw a new heaven and a new earth - Revelation 21:1).
2. How was the Holy City revealed to John in his vision?  
(It was “prepared as a bride” and came down from God “out of heaven” - Revelation 21:2).
3. What did the great voice say of the tabernacle of God?  
(God would dwell and be with the people and be their God - Revelation 21:3).

4. What things will be no more in heaven?  
(There will be no more tears, death, sorrow, crying or pain - Revelation 21:4).
5. What is God’s promise to those that are athirst?  
(God will give the fountain of the water of life freely - Revelation 21:6).
6. What will be the destiny of unbelievers and evildoers?  
(They will experience the second death - Revelation 21:8).
7. Who is prohibited from entering the Holy City and who is permitted to enter?  
(The unbelievers and evildoers are prohibited; the believers are permitted and their names are written in the Lamb’s book of life - Revelation 21:27).

ANSWERS TO AUGUST FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders (Exodus 15:11)?
2. My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him (Psalm 22:25).
3. For the grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth (Isaiah 38:18).
4. The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth (Isaiah 38:19).
5. I WILL bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1).
6. Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day (Psalm 71:8).
7. To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved (Ephesians 1:6).

SEPTEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. What transpired when David was anointed by Samuel?
2. Who did David love greatly and he became his armourbearer?
3. How many sets of messengers did Saul send to David in Ramah? What happened to the messengers?
4. What happened when Saul was delivered into David’s hand?
5. What did David do in distress?
6. How did God answer David’s question, “Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them?”
7. What scripture does David begin and end with a song of praise, “O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!”?

SEPTEMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. ARISE, \_\_\_\_\_; for thy \_\_\_\_\_ is come, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_ upon thee.
2. Thy word is a \_\_\_\_\_ unto my feet, and a \_\_\_\_\_ unto my path.
3. THE LORD is my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_; of whom shall I be afraid?
4. For with thee is the fountain of \_\_\_\_\_: in thy \_\_\_\_\_ shall we see \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Thou hast set our \_\_\_\_\_ before thee, our secret \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy countenance.
6. This then is the \_\_\_\_\_ which we have \_\_\_\_\_ of him and declare unto you, that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, and in him is no \_\_\_\_\_ at all.
7. But if we \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, as he is in the \_\_\_\_\_, we have fellowship one with another, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ his Son \_\_\_\_\_ us from all \_\_\_\_\_.



Sunday School Lessons for the Month of September

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Sister Audrey Morris. She has many years of service. She is currently teaching the Adult Women Sunday School class at the Church of God, Washington, DC.



LESSON 35 – September 1, 2019  
SUBJECT: A Long, Hard Oppression

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour” (Exodus 1:13-14).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Exodus 1:7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

**8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.**

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

**10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.**

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

**12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.**

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:

**14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.**

15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah:

**16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.**

17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.

**18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?**

19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

**20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.**

21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

**22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.**

LESSON DISCUSSION

The sons of Jacob and their families accompanied Jacob to Egypt. The total number was seventy (Joseph was already there). Joseph and each of his brothers and all that generation died. The Pharaoh who loved Joseph also died. The new Pharaoh who did not know of Joseph’s history was now the King. In the period following Joseph’s death, the Israelites had phenomenal growth. The fruitfulness was an indication that God was fulfilling His promise to make them a great nation “...as numerous as the stars...” (Genesis: 26:4).

The new Pharaoh was paranoid because of the number of Israelites. He feared the people would turn against him. In an effort to control them, he forced them into slavery and **greatly** oppressed them. However, the more he oppressed them, the more they multiplied. The Egyptian king ordered the midwives to kill every male child that was born. The midwives refused because they feared God more than man. As a result, God blessed the midwives.

The chapter ends with the king sending out a royal decree to cast every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile river, but the girls could live.

We learned from these verses to trust the Lord. The enemy cannot stop you when God is on your side. We can make it through oppression because God will protect and care for His people.

LESSON 36 – September 8, 2019  
SUBJECT: The Birth of Moses

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water” (Exodus 2:10).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Exodus 2:1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

**2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.**

3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river’s brink.

**4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.**

5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river’s side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

**6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews’ children.**

7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh’s daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

**8 And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child’s mother.**

9 And Pharaoh’s daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the women took the child, and nursed it.

**10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.**

LESSON DISCUSSION

Moses’ parents were of the priestly tribe of Levi. His older siblings were Miriam and Aaron. This newborn baby was healthy and unusually beautiful. Jochebed, his mother, hid him for three months. When she could no longer hide him, she made an ark from papyrus reeds and covered it with tar. She put the baby in the ark and placed it near the river’s edge. Miriam, his sister, watched from a distance to see what would happen. The Pharaoh’s (Thutmose III) daughter was ceremonially washing in the sacred waters of the Nile. She spotted the floating basket and sent a maid to retrieve it. When she opened the basket, she saw an adorable Hebrew baby boy crying and had sympathy for the child.

Miriam offered to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the child. He was nursed and reared by his own mother who was also paid by Princess Iset. The child grew and was adopted by Pharaoh’s daughter (Princess Iset). He was named Moses by her because he was drawn out of the water. He found grace and favor under the protection of Pharaoh’s household and had a royal upbringing.

We learn here that we should trust God even when the outcome is unknown. Jochebed followed God’s commandments and Pharaoh’s order (“...Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river ...” Exodus 1:22). What we can see from this lesson is that, regardless how dark things may be, God can make your enemies’ plans bring about your victory.

LESSON 37 – September 15, 2019  
SUBJECT: A Comfortable Exile

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well” (Exodus 2:15).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Exodus 2:11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

**12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.**

13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews



strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

**14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.**

15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

**16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father’s flock.**

17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

**18 And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day?**

19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock.

**20 And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.**

21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.

**22 And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.**

23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

**24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.**

25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Moses was well aware that he was Hebrew and when he was 40 years old (See Acts 7:23), he visited his brethren, the Israelites. He had been raised as royalty and was educated in the wisdom of the Egyptians. One day he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave. Moses killed and buried the Egyptian. The following day, Moses happened upon two Israelites fighting with each other and inquired about the matter. The instigator asked Moses who allowed him to judge them and furthermore, would Moses kill him as he had the Egyptian. Pharaoh heard about this and ordered Moses’ death.

Moses fled to Midian where he happened upon seven daughters at a well. Shepherds tried to drive the women away from the well, but Moses came to their aid and helped them water their flock. The daughters returned early from their labor and identified Moses as an Egyptian that helped them. He was married to Zipporah and they bore a son, Gershom. Moses remained in Midian for 40 years (See Acts 7:30). Pharaoh died and the children of Israel cried out because of their enslaved state. God heard their cries and remembered His promise to Abraham.

God is moved with compassion when His children are in trouble. God is faithful to His people and His promises.

**LESSON 38** – September 22, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Moses at the Burning Bush

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt” (Exodus 3:10).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Exodus 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

**2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.**

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

**4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.**

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

**6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.**

7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

**8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the**

**Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.**

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

**10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.**

LESSON DISCUSSION

Moses tended to the flock of his father-in-law and led them to the mountain of God. Moses observed a flame in the middle of a bush and that the bush was not burned up. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him from the fire within the bush and spoke to him. The angel commanded Moses to take his shoes off of his feet because the ground on which he stood was Holy. Moses hid his face from the magnificence of the Angel of the Lord out of fear and respect. The angel told Moses that He had seen the trials and tribulations of the Israelites. God said He was going to deliver the Israelites from their persecution and abuse in Egypt. He would lead the Israelites to a land with plenty of resources from which they could live and thrive. The land was already occupied by other tribes, but God ordained that the land would belong to the Children of Israel. God never forgets His promises and had a purpose for Moses. Moses spent 40 years in Egypt and 40 years in Midian. At the age of eighty, God had commanded Moses to bring His people out of Egypt.

**LESSON 39** – September 29, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Let My People Go

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.” (Exodus 5:1).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Exodus 5:1 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness

**2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.**

3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days’ journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

**4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens.**

5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.

**6 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,**

7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.

**8 And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.**

9 Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Moses was reluctant to go before Pharaoh with God’s decree. The Pharaoh (Amenhotep II) ascended to the throne when Egypt was at its zenith. Moses had to be humbled by God, as did Pharaoh. Moses and Aaron did go to Pharaoh to issue God’s demand to let the Israelites go free and hold a feast unto Him. Amenhotep II saw the Israelites as an economic value (human capital). He questioned “...Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice...” (Exodus 5:2).

Pharaoh felt that the Israelites were being lazy. He felt that if they had time to have a religious holiday in the desert, then they had time to work. So he ordered them to produce the same amount of bricks for construction without providing the straw. The Hebrews were forced to scramble and gather (and chop) stubble instead of using straw. They were punished when the quotas were not met. They felt that Moses had not rescued His people, but brought hardship upon them.

Many times when we begin to do the Lord’s will, we have troubles. Oppression and hardship are an opportunity for God to show His power and love.



