

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

"But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil" (Proverbs 1:33).



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# GOD HEARETH NOT SINNERS PRAY

The text from which I will preach to you this morning is a very unusual one. It is: "God Heareth Not Sinners Pray." It may not settle so well in the ears of some, but I want you to prick up your ears because it will certainly give you a better understanding of the Word of God. You will find the text in St. John, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter and the 31<sup>st</sup> Verse. It reads: **"Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth His will, him he heareth."** I am sure that many of you have never seen that in your Bible, therefore, I am anxious to shed the light of the Gospel of God on it so that you won't stumble over it, when you read it.

I want to explain to you, as far as possible, why there are so many prayers offered and yet, many of them are not answered. Remember now, that first I told you that God heareth not sinners pray. The context is found in the 34<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Psalms and the 15<sup>th</sup> Verse, which reads as follows: **"The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry."** The Lord watches over the righteous and He listens when they pray; but GOD HEARETH NOT SINNERS PRAY. The churches are filled up with sinners from the pulpit to the door; sometimes, even the preachers of the Gospel are sinners. They tell men and women that they cannot help from violating the Law of God; they tell them that they are bound to SIN. But the Elder is here to tell you that GOD HEARETH NOT SINNERS PRAY — *His eyes are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their cry.*

For your learning and understanding, may I tell you that those words are spoken by Jesus, one day, when He was passing through a certain city. The story is told in St. John, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter, reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> Verse. It reads as follow s: **"AND as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing."** Had it not been true that Jesus was the Son of God, the blind man would have become angry when the clay was put on his eyes. There was a commanding tone in the voice of Jesus, which met with the spirit within the man, and though the clay, mixed with spittle had been applied to his eyes, he was willing to obey to the letter, the command. He went to the pool of Siloam and washed, and when he did this, his eyes came open.

When the neighbors, those who had seen the blind man as a beggar on the corner, saw him they asked, "Is this not he, who was blind and begged?" Some said that it is he; and others said that it was not. There, they asked him, "How is it that your eyes are open?" He answered saying, "A man named Jesus made clay, anointed my eyes, and told me to go to the pool of Siloam and wash. I went there and washed, thus I received my sight." They began to argue with him when he said this. They asked, "Where is He — Jesus?" The blind man said, "I don't know." Then they took him to the Pharisees, (the church folks.) The Pharisees were one of the strictest religious sects in that day. It happened that Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath Day. So the Pharisees again asked the man how he received his sight. The man again said, "I went according to the command of a man named Jesus; I washed, my eyes came open." The Pharisees asked, "what are you talking about; did He do this on the Sabbath? How could He do such? He is a sinner." The blind man said, "I don't know whether He is a sinner or not, but there is one thing that I do know, and that is, I was blind but now I see." Then the Pharisees went to his parents and asked, "Also, is this your son; how did he receive his sight?" The parents said, "He is our son but we don't know how he received his sight; he is of age, ask him." With this answer the Pharisees turned to the son and asked, "You don't believe that this man is of God, do you?" The man who was once blind in turn asked them, "How could a man do what He did if He were not of God? You understand thoroughly that there has never before been anyone healed of blindness that was before birth, not since the world began." The Pharisees cried out, "He is a sinner!" The man said, "Listen, you know as well as I, that according to the teachings of the Law, and according to the commandments of God, **that God heareth not sinners pray, but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth His will (God's Will), him he heareth**" (See St. John 9).

So few people realize that God will not hear sinners pray. Why? Sinners are transgressors of the Law of God; they are those who don't obey the Commandments of God. Why should God

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You might make it without mother or friend, but you can't make it without God.

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If you find a refuge, it must be in God.

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One thing I like about God, He never forgets His promise.

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The gospel is to tell you how to do right when you are doing wrong.

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People are spending thousands of dollars seeking to be happy when there is one cheap way to be happy---and that is by obeying God.

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Love everybody, but hate unrighteousness.

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A man who doesn't hear God is simple---I don't care what college he graduated from.

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A thankful heart will offer praise.

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Don't measure your chance for heaven by the size of your church, but measure it by the way you live.

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## GOD HEARETH NOT SINNERS PRAY

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do as they ask? — it's not fair. Read 1<sup>st</sup> John, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter, 4<sup>th</sup> Verse: **"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."** Therefore, the Lord tells each one who walks in His statutes that He is ready to hear their prayer and keep every promise that He has made to them, but they must not forget to obey Him. The Lord says, "If you keep My commandments, whatever you ask in My name, I will do it." Read St. John 14:15. The Lord speaks these words that you may get a better understanding. **"If ye love me, keep my commandments."** The 14<sup>th</sup> Verse tells you what He will do, it reads: **"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."** It is common politeness for one to listen to you if you listen to them or to do something for you, if you do something for them. You are out of order if you should want to make a request of an individual after you have refused to grant his or her request on several occasions. You are very bold indeed; your petition is *unethical*. *But if you have been doing that which you have been asked to do, then you can ask a favor without hesitation.* Remember, Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

Now there are two classes of sinners. Someone may ask, "How is that?" One class of sinners is made up of those who have never known God, yet, they were taught to pray. You will find these words in Proverbs 1:22: **"How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?"** God speaks very plainly. The Bible is a book of instruction given by God that men might know what they should do, what is right and what is wrong. You cannot go according to the imagination of your own mind because you can imagine anything. Brother, you must have a rule or a guide. Sometimes you might be driving down the road without knowing just where you are going because you have never been over that road before, and when you find yourself, you may be a hundred miles out of the way. You thought you were going right. You should have had a map to avoid making such a mistake. Then you look at a map and find out that you have gone astray, there is only one thing to do and that is to turn around and go back. I have "The Map" here before you this morning — the Bible is the only map that points men the way to God.

Someone may ask, "How can a sinner get to God and be saved if God heareth not sinners pray." The Lord never told a sinner to pray. Jesus came to save us; He came to save all from sin. Read St. Matthew 1:21: **"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."** You can't be saved from sin by praying. Many are praying today and drinking liquor, too. They seem to think the Commandments of God mean only to pray. But I am here to tell you that God does not hear you. Read 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:9-10: **"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."** No matter what church you belong to, or how long you have been a member of a church, or who your pastor is — if you commit sin, God does not hear you when you pray. His eyes are on the



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux,  
founder

righteous and His ear is open to their cry.

The other class of sinner who you should know about, is the sinner who has never been born of God and refuses to accept His invitation to become a child of God, and obey His Commandments, neither desire to be a righteous man or woman. God speaks to them in St. Mark 16:15-16, saying: **"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."** There is not a word mentioned here about prayer; just believe. How did the blind man get his sight? Jesus didn't tell him to pray, did He? No! Jesus put clay on his eyes and told him to go down to the pool of Siloam and wash. The man believed what Jesus had told him, so he went down to the pool and washed, then his sight came to him. God wants you to believe that **"Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin..."** (I John 3:9a). When you begin to believe that, the next thing to do is to ask Him to help you not to sin. Unless you believe that, you are not a worshipper of God, you are only a faker. You don't worship God if you don't believe that He can do all things. You just talk about Him; you must believe that **all power** is in His hand, in Heaven and in earth. The moment that you believe that He can keep you from the thing that is wrong and begin to walk in His statutes, looking forward to His helping you, then you are a worshipper. You don't have to pray to get right; you stop doing wrong and be right. After that is done you pray to stay right.

The beginning of wisdom is the fear of God, and to depart from evil is understanding (See Job 28:28). If you don't hear God, you are sinful, no matter what college you attended or where you are going. Proverbs 1:22 makes that very plain. It was read to you a little while ago, but I want you to know just how you stand with God, for God's Word is never heard too frequently. The Verse reads: **"How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?"** Now the Lord tells you to do this: **"Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you, Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your**

**destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer"** (Proverbs 1:22-28a); The Lord is speaking to the sinner who has never been born of God. He says here that whether you have an education or not, you are just a simple fellow, if you don't hear Him. You have not paid any attention to His reproof. Therefore, He is going to laugh when you get in trouble; He is going to mock you when your fear comes. Then says God that you will call Him, but He will not answer; for He heareth not sinners pray. If you go along in your evil, hateful way, disobeying God day by day, don't expect Him to come at your command when you get in trouble. He will let you stay there until you get to the place that you will realize that, if God is to hear you, you must hear Him.

There is some more to this my brother and my sister. I want to tell you now about the church sinner. God says, "When you make many prayers, I won't hear you because all of your offerings are an abomination, for you call on Me and when I call on you, you don't hear." So many members of the churches go to the Lord with their foolish prayers, saying, "Lord, you know I am a sinner. I haven't done what you told me to do, but —" Yes! They will go to God asking Him to do this or the other thing. In such foolish prayers they'll also say, "Lord, you know that I have done the best I can, but I haven't done the things you commanded me; now when I come down to die please let me see a well-spent life." How in the world can God let them see a well-spent life if they haven't lived it? I am sorry, my brother, but you with such prayers have been taught wrong.

You must have the unadulterated Word of God preached to you before you can know what you are doing. I am telling you to stay away from the preacher who tells you that you cannot help from sinning. I would rather stay at home and go to no church, than to sit under any preacher who denies God's power to keep a man from committing sin. I don't see how in the world people can get the idea that the devil can make them a sinner and God can't make them a Saint. "How is that?" Don't doubt the power of God. God always works in opposite of Satan. Light is the opposite to darkness, and a sinner is the opposite to a Saint. When you turn on the light, the darkness disappears. When God comes into the life of an individual, sin goes out, according to God's Word. Sin cannot abide where the Lord lives. The Lord is to live in your mind and guide you in the path of righteousness.

The Holy Bible tells you what a false preacher will do for you. Here it is in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:12-15 inclusive: **"But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray..."** Do you believe that Scripture? It tells you about the preacher who doesn't believe that any one can live

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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.
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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	_____
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Every three months the Gospel Spreading Church of God conducts a Ten Day Fasting and Praying Revival. At the conclusion of this revival, a prayer and praise service will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2019 in the churches listed in the schedule below.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

## MESSAGES FOR TODAY

We have always all through the ages had great and noble men that had accomplished great and wonderful things. And how we love to think of them, read of them, and speak of them. Edison was one, George Washington another, Christopher Columbus, and many others.

But of all the great men who ever accomplished anything, I am going to speak of the greatest one of all, which is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of mankind. As you know we were all lost through the transgression of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Through that we were all born in sin and shaped in iniquity: **"For God so loved the world, as saith in St. John 3:16, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** I am so glad to say tonight that I have been put in personal touch with Him and have also accepted Him as my own personal Savior, hence, I've found that the Word of God is true.

When I was first made ready to understand that this is the Word of God and that it is true, it was about 27 years ago when I met a real man of God and heard him preach the Bible, and also he put in my hand to read the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans, beginning at the ninth verse, which is as follows: **"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."** And so on.

When I read that, I was deeply interested and sought to know for myself if it could be possible that I could live without sin. I believed that the Bible was true. Also, you will notice St. Matthew the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter beginning at the first verse and reading to the fifth inclusive: **"And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities. Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we**



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux, co-founder

**look for another? Jesus answered said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."**

This John that we speak of now was the forerunner of Christ, as you Bible students know. He was **"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"** (See St. John 1:23). He also said *"There cometh one...after me,...whose shoe (latches) I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose..."* (See St. John 1:27b) *but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost* (See St. John 1:33b)."

And also, I noticed the beautiful conversation that our Lord and Savior had with Nicodemus saying: **"...Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."** This will be found in St. John third Chapter beginning at the third verse. And you'll also notice the fifth verse which reads as follows: **"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee,...Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."**

Of course, Nicodemus could not understand how these things could be, and he marveled and asked how could these things be. Would he have to enter the second time and be born of his mother? Jesus answered him and said: He that **"...is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again"** (St. John 3:6,7).

I read these epistles, heard them preached and governed myself according as they were taught, and I found that my sins were all taken away. The Spirit of God came into my life, praise God. Hence, I found that the Bible is true. And not only that, I've watched these prophecies from that day unto today and found that

they do unfold themselves and are really fulfilled in due time.

Well, you may say, as many seem to be saying, that man wrote the Bible. You may try to do away with it if you want to, by taking it out of our schools and homes, but you will find if you don't teach it to your sons and daughters, our country and homes will not be safe to live in. Your own sons will take their mothers' lives. Hence, you can only cut Him out of your own life, for He will never be done away with or cut out. You simply cut out your part of the wonderful blessings that He has in store for you, and also your part out of the Book of Life. For many, many have done as David said in Psalm 119:11: **"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."** Hence, you will never be able to do away with the Bible. I thank you and may God bless you!

### Be True to Your Call

If you have been called from the byways of sin

Up to the highway of life;

Be glad of your calling and struggle to win

Others to God and the right.

If you have been called from the songs of the world

To sing the sweet praises of God;

Then sing with a will to touch and convict

Poor sinners as downward they plod.

If you have been called to help others today,

Who are heart-sick and weary and sad;

Then go with a heart full of love and good cheer

And help make them happy and glad.

# CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL SPREADING CHURCH CENTENNIAL 1919 to 2019

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One member from each GSC church was recognized as an unsung hero at the GSC 100th Anniversary celebration. The aim of the Unsung Hero Awards was to call attention to the hard work awardees regularly performed throughout the years. Services of the unsung heroes are often overlooked.



Award recipients: Elder Jamie Green, Sister Petheria Turner, Sister Stephanie Wiggins, Sister Leslie Warren, Sister Jannie Sapp, Sister Audrey Morris, Sister Esther Elliott, Sister Velma Green, Elder Matthew Thompson for Sister Sara Martin and Sister Hermena Gladden



Elder Jamie Green, Pastor, Church of God, Baltimore, MD receives appreciation award from Deacon Henry Mack



Elder Daniel Russell, Jr.(speaker) and Sister Judy Russell receive gift presentation from Elder Jamie Green



Sister Hermena Gladden  
Church of God, New York, NY



Sister Sara Martin  
Church of God, Richmond, VA

# CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL SPREADING CHURCH CENTENNIAL 1919 to 2019

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Church of God, Newport News, VA



Sister Leslie Warren  
Church of God, Hampton, VA



Sister Petheria Turner  
Church of God, Kinston, NC



Sister Audrey Morris  
Church of God, Washington, DC



Sister Stephanie Wiggins  
Church of God, Baltimore, MD



Sister Esther Elliott  
Church of God, Philadelphia, PA

## 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)



Noelle Age 4

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

**"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6):"**

God's work begins in us the moment we put our faith in Jesus. Did you know that God was thinking and planning His work for you before you were even born?

- Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."
- Ephesians 1:4 "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:"
- Ephesians 2:10 "For we his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

God has started a work in us that He planned before we were born. As believers, we should be walking with Jesus by reading His Word, praying, and behaving ourselves as we ought each day. In so doing, we will see Him change our lives to look more and more like Jesus.

God has created us to do good works. Believers serve Jesus by using the gifts and talents He has given us. He will show you the work He prepared for you to do and He will teach and empower you for that work.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

### LET US PRAY THIS PRAYER AT NOON

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

### COMMANDMENT SECTION

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

### Young People Respond to the Question:

*What advice would you give to someone in the grade you just left on how to be successful?*

### Pre-School

I would focus on my manners, ABC's, and 123s.

By Noelle  
Age 4  
Baltimore

### Elementary School

I would tell them to:

1. Listen carefully.
2. Pay attention to the teacher.
3. Be nice.
4. Be respectful.

By Noah,  
Age 8  
Upper Marlboro



The advice I would give to someone who is in the grade I just left is:

1. Do not talk while the teacher is talking.
2. Do not bully people.
3. Make sure you do your homework.
4. Do not hang around negative people who do not have anything good to say.
5. Be respectful.

Malayah  
Age 8  
Washington, D.C.



My advice to 4<sup>th</sup> Graders is to:

1. Pay attention.
2. Do your homework.
3. Be the best that you can be.

By Chloe,  
Age 10  
Upper Marlboro



I would tell them:

1. Don't be bad and hit someone.
2. Don't talk back to the teacher.

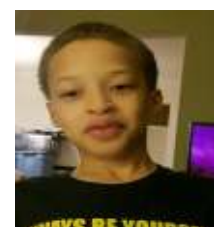
By Max  
Age 10  
Hyattsville



This advice is for my friend, Mason:

1. Keep studying.
2. Control your temper, and don't get caught up in foolishness like bullying other people.
3. Do your homework.
4. Help other people.

By Makari  
Age 11  
Washington, D.C.





I would tell them to:

1. Always follow the rules.
2. Do your work.
3. Turn your work in on time.

By David  
Age 12  
Upper Marlboro



### Middle School

I would tell them:

1. Not to get in trouble.
2. Listen to the teachers.
3. Do your best to make good grades.
4. Study hard.

By Trey  
Age 14  
Washington, D.C.



### High School

My advice to 11<sup>th</sup> Graders is to:

1. Stay focused.
2. Pay attention to details.
3. Be punctual in getting your assignments completed and in doing everything else.

By Rachael  
Age 16  
Upper Marlboro



### POSITIVE ADVICE OR

Inspirational quotes about school, life, and success

#### **Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do.**

By John Wooden: former basketball player & head coach at Univ., Cal., Los Angeles

#### **Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.**

By President Theodore Roosevelt

#### **Why fit in when you were born to stand out?**

By Dr. Seuss: pen name of writer, cartoonist, author, Theodor Seuss Geisel

#### **If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way!**

By Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: renown American Civil Rights leader

#### **The secret of getting ahead is getting started.**

By Mark Twain: pen name for American writer, publisher, and lecturer, Samuel Langhorne Clemens

#### **No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.**

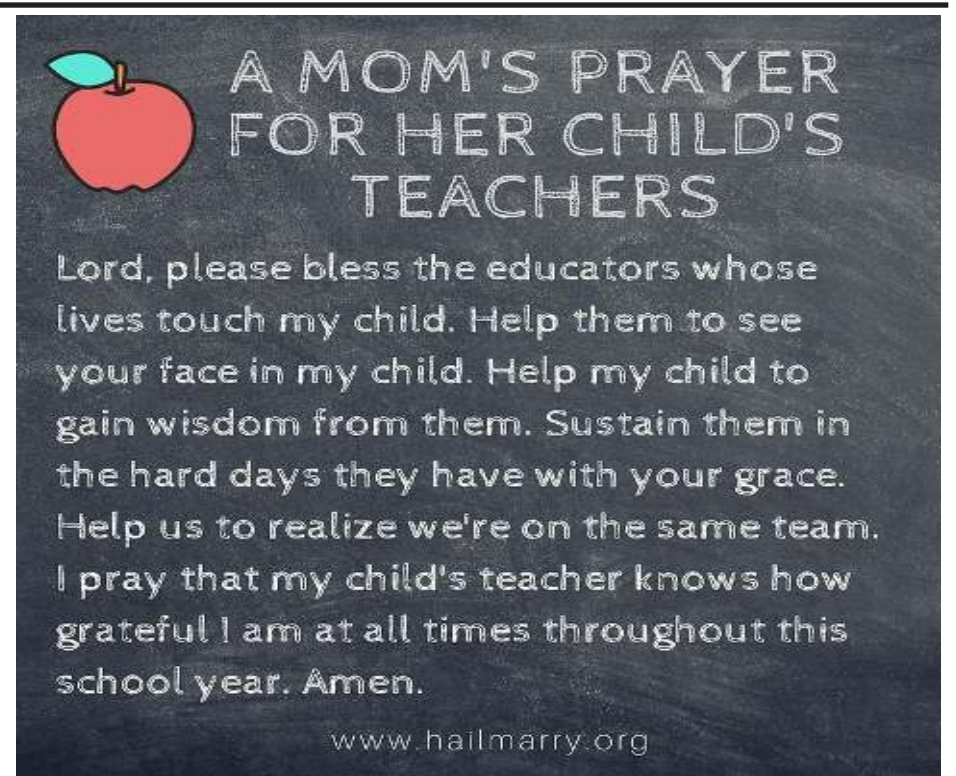
By Eleanor Roosevelt: First Lady of the United States during her husband President Franklin D. Roosevelt's four terms in office

**"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all they ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5-6)."**

**"Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil (Proverb 3:7)."**

**"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest (Joshua 1:9)."**

**"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God (Philippians 4:6)."**



### ANSWER TO THE SEPTEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. What transpired when David was anointed by Samuel?  
(The Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward - **I Samuel 16:11-13**)
2. Who did David love greatly and he became his armourbearer?  
(Saul - **I Samuel 16:21**).
3. How many sets of messengers did Saul send to David in Ramah? What happened to the messengers?  
(Three; the messengers prophesied - **I Samuel 19:18-24**).
4. What happened when Saul was delivered into David's hand?  
(David cut off the skirt of Saul's robe - **I Samuel 24:1-4**).
5. What did David do in distress?  
(He encouraged himself in the Lord - **I Samuel 30:6**).
6. How did God answer David's question, "Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them?"  
(God told David to pursue the troop and he would overtake and recover all - **I Samuel 30:8**)
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!"?  
(**Psalms 8:1, 9**).

### ANSWERS TO THE SEPTEMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. ARISE, **shine**; for thy **light** is come, and the **glory** of the LORD is **risen** upon thee (**Isaiah 60:1**).
2. Thy word is a **lamp** unto my feet, and a **light** unto my path (**Psalms 119:105**).
3. THE LORD is my **light** and my **salvation**; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the **strength** of my **life**; of whom shall I be afraid (**Psalms 27:1**)?
4. For with thee is the fountain of **life**: in thy **light** shall we see **light** (**Psalms 36:9**).
5. Thou hast set our **iniquities** before thee, our secret **sins** in the **light** of thy countenance (**Psalms 90:8**).
6. This then is the **message** which we have **heard** of him and declare unto you, that **God** is **light**, and in him is no **darkness** at all (**I John 1:5**).
7. But if we **walk** in the **light**, as he is in the **light**, we have fellowship one with another, and the **blood** of **Jesus Christ** his Son **cleanseth** us from all **sin** (**I John 1:7**).

### OCTOBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. Where did the great multitude (represents all areas of the world) stand and how were they clothed?
2. What did they cry with a loud voice?
3. Where did the angels stand and what did they do?

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# Sunday School Lessons for the Month of October

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 40** – October 6, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** A Plague of Blood

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood” (Exodus 7:17).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Exodus 7:14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh’s heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

**15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river’s brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.**

16 And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

**17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.**

18 And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.

**19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.**

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

**21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.**

22 And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.

**23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.**

24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

## LESSON DISCUSSION

God told Moses that Pharaoh’s heart was hardened and that he would not listen. God instructed Moses and Aaron to confront Pharaoh at the Nile River when he came to worship his gods. Moses was to let Pharaoh know that the “Lord God of the Hebrews” (Exodus 7:16) wanted him to let His people go. Pharaoh refused. God then showed Pharaoh who He is. Moses smote the river with his rod and the river turned to blood. The Nile and all its arms, rivers, canals, irrigation ditches, ponds, lakes and reservoirs turned to blood. The water was not drinkable. All the fish died and the water stank. Even water that had been stored in vessels of wood and stone turned into blood. This affected all the land of Egypt. Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened and he still refused to let the Israelites go.

The Egyptian people dug in the ground around the Nile in order to find water to drink. The gods of the Nile were shown to be powerless before the Lord God of Moses and the Israelites.

Man is no match against God no matter how much power he has.

**LESSON 41** – October 13, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Pharaoh’s Hardening Heart

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants” (Exodus 9:34).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Exodus 9:27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

**28 Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.**

29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD’s.

**30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God.**

31 And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was bolled.

**32 But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they were not grown up.**

33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

**34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.**

35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

## LESSON DISCUSSION

After the seventh plague of mighty thunderings and hail, Pharaoh agreed to let God’s people go. He confessed that he had sinned this time. Pharaoh acknowledged that the Lord is righteous and that he and his people were wicked.

Moses knew that Pharaoh was not sincere and that he would not let the people go. Pharaoh feared the destruction of the storm on the crops more than he feared the Lord God. Moses caused the storm to cease, but Pharaoh hardened his heart even more. He still did not acknowledge God’s supreme control.

It is unwise to make a commitment to God and not follow through.

**LESSON 42** – October 20, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Final Confrontation with Pharaoh

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more” (Exodus 10:29).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Exodus 10:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

**22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:**

23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

**24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.**

25 And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

**26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.**

27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let them go.

**28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die.**

29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

## LESSON DISCUSSION

The ninth plague that came upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians was a plague of thick darkness. It was a darkness that could be felt. The Egyptian people could not even see one another. No one left home. The Israelites on the other hand had light in their homes.

Pharaoh at this point told Moses that God’s people could leave Egypt but would not be allowed to take their flocks and herds. Moses refused to leave any of their animals behind since they were needed to offer sacrifices to God.

God hardened Pharaoh’s heart and he refused to let the people go. Pharaoh also threatened the life of Moses. Moses’ response was that Pharaoh had spoken the truth and that he would not see his face again.

**LESSON 43** – October 27, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** The Passover

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever” (Exodus 12:14).

**PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Exodus 12:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying,

**2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.**

3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this

month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

**4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.**

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

**6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.**

7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

**8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.**

9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

**10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.**

11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover.

**12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.**

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

**14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.**

## LESSON DISCUSSION

Egypt was about to suffer God's tenth and final plague. God prepared the people of Israel for deliverance from the bondage of Egypt and for adoption as the nation of Jehovah. It was necessary for the Israelites to outwardly sever themselves from the land of Egypt and inwardly sever themselves from every heathen practice.

The Israelites were instructed by Moses and Aaron on how to prepare the Passover sacrifice in each household. It was to be a lamb without blemish, a male and one year old. The lamb was to be killed in the evening and its blood sprinkled on the side posts and the top lintel of the door. Both the house and those in it were to be spared the fate of God's last plague.

The entire lamb was to be roasted with fire and was to be eaten with unleavened bread (made without yeast) and with bitter herbs. If any of the meal remained in the morning, it was to be burned with fire. The Israelites were to be dressed and prepared for a quick departure out of Egypt.

God's final plague came on the night of the meal. This plague killed all the first born of the Egyptians including the animals. Even the gods of the Egyptians were exposed as worthless and powerless. This day was to be kept as a memorial throughout the generations. God's believers today remember and worship Him for what He has done for them.

## GOD HEARETH NOT SINNERS PRAY (Continued from Page 2)

above sin. The preachers referred to as natural brutes; they are like beasts. Now that is what the Bible says that whenever a person allows the devil to make him get to the place where he will stand up in the pulpit, which is the place from which people are to be pulled out of the pit of sin, and push them back into sin; God says that he is a brute. The other type of brute-beast, spoken of in the Bible, is a ruler who cares nothing about his subjects, but, because of covetousness, he feeds them to the cannons in the time of war. People who sit under a preacher who tells them that they cannot help from sinning are cursed. The Bible says, that their eyes are full of adultery. They are dangerous men to have around your house. They deny God's power to even keep them from sin. The Bible says that, if the blind lead the blind, they will all fall in the ditch together; for they beguile an unstable soul. Your children are cursed, for they have forsaken the right way and have gone astray. Can you manage your children?

Some people get angry with me because I speak so plainly, but I have nothing for which to compromise. I don't know whether you understand it or not, but people are so tied to preachers that whenever you tell them the truth, they become angry. Do you read your newspapers? Do you know that if any man is appointed to a position in the Government, even by the President, his past record must be approved by Congress? Yet, some congregations permit any type of man to preach in their pulpits. You know that some of the preachers are guilty of taking other men's wives, but, because they moan, you think they are leading you to Heaven. I am just trying to give you an idea of the ideals which are set up even by the law and yet, the church will have very low standards. They get mad with me because I hold the ideals of the church high.

God is not against the sinner; all He wants you to do is to stop because if you are sinning, you are against Him. How can you help anyone who is against you? Even if you sit in here and don't believe that you can live above sin, you are lost. God says that they will receive the reward of the unrighteous for they are spots and blemishes and are deceived.

An adulterous preacher likes to be in the company of every good-looking woman he sees, but he will always be in a hurry when he sees some of the old sisters who have connections on high. The old sisters will be praising God, but he won't have time to talk. I know that this doctrine which seems a little hard won't set well with everyone, but someone must tell you the truth. You see that the world is getting worse, don't you? Then someone must stand up and suffer. It is not an easy thing for me to tell you these things, but I want you to be saved. Every preacher should be saying the things that God tells him to say. The Bible says that the false preacher loves the wages of unrighteousness. They get paid for telling you that you can't help from sinning.

I want to finish the Scripture which we were reading in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:15: **"Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet."** (The dumb ass told old Balaam that he was crazy for going against God.) **"These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error."** The Bible says that the false preachers are wells without water; you can't get anything out of them. They are clouds that have no rain in them; they are just blown about. These types of preachers get up in the pulpit and say: "I am Dr \_\_\_\_\_ (whoever he may be). I received my degree in 1933 from \_\_\_\_\_ Theological Seminary." These little "two-by-four" preachers are going around here trying to make you believe that you cannot be holy on this earth. My people, the Holy Bible says, "There is none good, no not one." I am sure that some of you have heard preachers speak in just that way; I have, and that's why I am preaching this text. It seems so strange to me that intelligent people will be concerned about everything except their souls. They have Bibles in their homes, but they don't know anything about what it says — the preachers themselves don't know anything about what is in them. How can you know about the Bible if your teacher does not know?

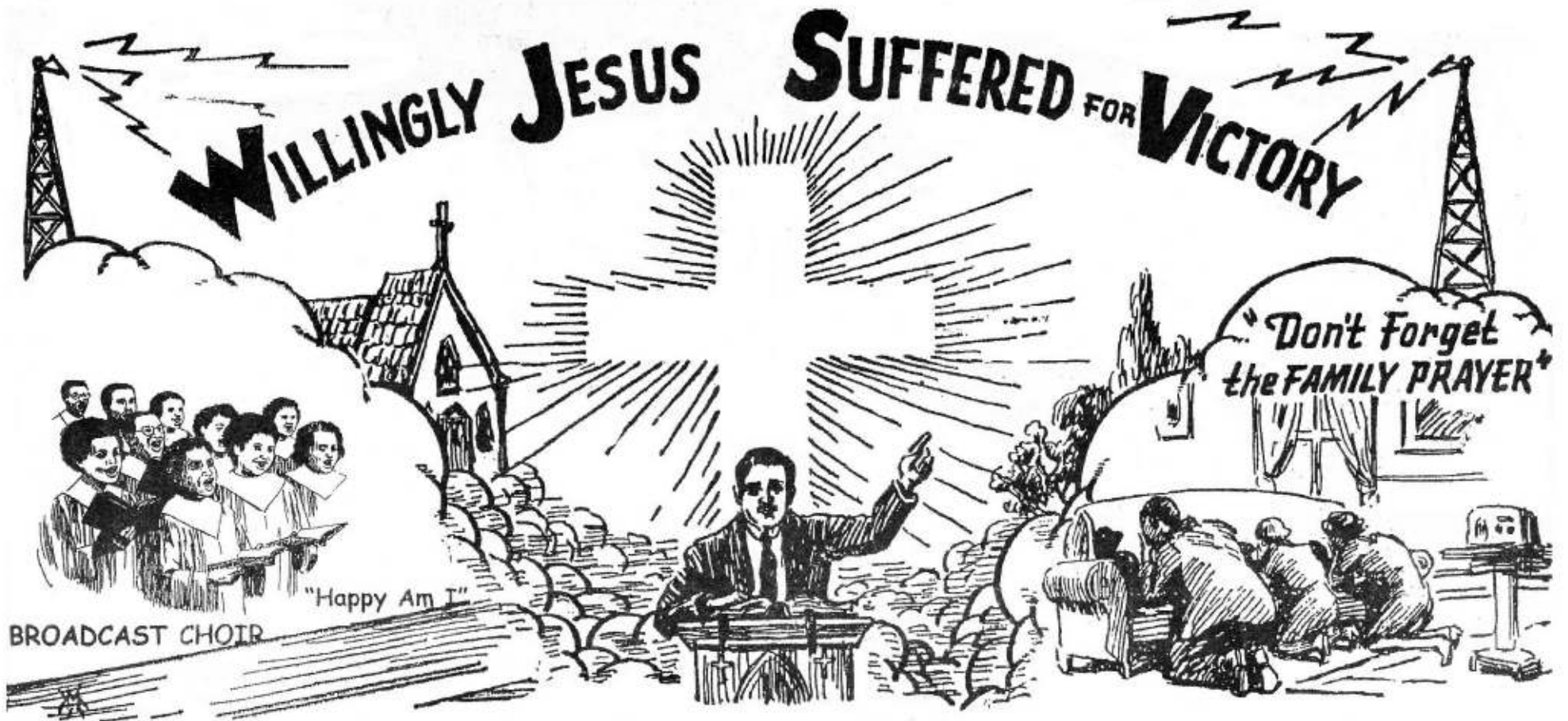
Some people think that because a preacher hasn't finished school, he doesn't know anything about the Word of God. Did you know that only a few of the Apostles went to school? The Apostle Paul was a scholar and God had to almost kill him before he could get him in the Way. Do you know why Jesus picked men who had not gone to school? It was because He could teach them; — it is hard to teach anyone who has already been taught. They know too much already. You know that the Gospel which I preach is not like that which is taught in any Theological Seminary. Had I gone there, I would preach like other preachers. I was born of God in due season, and the Lord taught me, therefore I can preach what He wants me to preach. If you don't believe that I have some sense, believe me for my work's sake. That is what Jesus said to the people who doubted Him.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Verse of the same Chapter (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:19) says: **"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage."** They are sinning while they are preaching to you about the power of God. Aren't you brought in bondage by sin if you are overcome by it? The Lord is trying to make it plain to people and therefore, He isn't going to excuse us for not knowing the wrong. People who are saved have escaped the pollution of the world. Pollution is sin; it is the filth of the world. They have escaped through the knowledge which they have received. A church is to give you a standard so you can know whether you are right or wrong as saint.

A church is not to have a standard so low that you can do whatever you want to and still be called a child of God. The 20<sup>th</sup> Verse (2 Peter 2:20) says: **"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning."** If you should go back into sin after you have been saved, your latter end will be worse than the first.

All of you who have not escaped the pollutions of this world should arise and seek a knowledge of God. The Lord did not tell you to pray to get right; for He does not hear sinners pray. He did tell the preacher to preach the Gospel, and if you believe it, He (God) will save you. You are saved by believing and obeying the command of God as the blind man did when the Lord told him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The man just believed and obeyed and his eyes came open; he did not pray the first prayer. When his eyes came open, he became a worshipper of God; for the Pharisees had thrown him out of the Synagogue. Jesus came along and spoke to the man who was blind. The man asked Christ, "Who is the Son of God, that I might believe on Him?" Jesus answered saying, "Thou has both seen Him and it is He that talketh with thee." The man said, "Lord, I believe." The way to get power with God is to believe the Word of God and confess His power to keep you living above sin, your eyes will come open. Remember, my precious ones, that **God heareth not sinners pray.**

May God bless you. Amen.



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**CALLING ALL YOUTH** (Continued from Page 9)

4. What honors did they ascribe to God?
5. What did one of the elders ask John?
6. What was his brief reply?
7. Tell one way we can honor God?

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1. Here is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints: here are they that \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
2. Thy \_\_\_\_\_, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy \_\_\_\_\_ reacheth unto the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I WILL sing of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD for ever: with my \_\_\_\_\_ will I make known thy \_\_\_\_\_ to all generations.
4. O LORD, thou art my God; I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee, I will \_\_\_\_\_ thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy \_\_\_\_\_ of old are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. If we confess our \_\_\_\_\_, he is \_\_\_\_\_ and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us our \_\_\_\_\_, and to cleanse us from all \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Thy \_\_\_\_\_ is unto all \_\_\_\_\_: thou hast established the \_\_\_\_\_, and it \_\_\_\_\_.
7. And I saw \_\_\_\_\_ opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_ he doth \_\_\_\_\_ and make war.

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