

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2).

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



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6 Words to Say - New Years

God Bless You and Happy New Year!

YOU ARE BLESSED!

When we celebrated New Year’s Day 2020 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, we had no knowledge or expectation that the world would be impacted by a pandemic virus identified as Coronavirus.

As I write in mid-December, there are over 72.7 million reported cases of people infected by COVID-19 leading to 1.62 million deaths worldwide. Sixteen and one half million fellow Americans have contracted this disease with over 300 thousand families mourning the death of loved ones. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) the first infection of the “new pneumonia” took place on December 8, 2019.

COVID-19 has demonstrated that it is impartial, with no regard for income level, ethnicity, culture, residence, popularity, or power! It can bring the strongest, most fit person to his or her knees.

I recently attended the Homegoing Service of the son of a Saint who is herself suffering from stage four cancer. Between sobs, I struggled in my search for words to say: What happens when we have more questions than answers, when the emptiness feels overwhelming, when anger seems to get a foothold in our hearts.

The Holy Spirit spoke to my heart to share with not only the family and friends gathered, but also, readers of the January 2021 issue of Happy News.

As we begin 2021, we anticipate the released vaccine giving a glimmer of hope. However, some of the darkest days are still ahead. When grief is fresh and intense, our trials, temptations, and mistakes knock the wind out of our faith. When we are down in the dumps, depressed, with no joy for today, and with little hope for tomorrow, when we have reached the limits of our financial, emotional, and mental resources dealing with day-to-day issues, words of TRUST give us hope, ignite determination, and shine light on our gloomy plot in life. Say with me these six words: **“I can trust God with this.”**

“I can trust God with this” has implications that bring peace in the midst of our hectic thoughts and emotions. It means:

- **I can trust God** with the timing.
- **I can trust God** with the unknowns about my future.
- **I can trust God** to heal the hurt.
- **I can trust God** to fill the emptiness.
- **I can trust God** to illuminate the darkness.
- **I can trust God** to restore joy to my life.
- **I can trust God** to speak to me through His Word.
- **I can trust God** to supply grace and power for facing whatever comes.
- **I can trust God** to cause “...all things to work together for good”. (See Romans 8:28b)
- **I can trust God** to do what is right, even if I don’t know what He will do.

The focus theme for the Gospel Spreading Church for 2021 is **“Fight the good fight of faith,...”** (I Timothy 6:12).

Many believers have the misconception that walking by faith means they should be able to effortlessly glide all the way to God’s destination for their lives with no hiccups or struggles along the way. But the Bible teaches quite the opposite in First Timothy 6:12. In that verse, the apostle Paul wrote, “Fight the good faith of faith....” According to this verse, the

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The commandments of God are given for your benefit. Obey them and be blessed.

You must be faithful and obedient to be qualified for the blessings of the Lord.

You may oppose it, friend, but the will of God must be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Overcome everything that attempts to overcome you in your stand for right.

The greatest cost God ever paid was the price He paid for the lost.

On earth there is no peace except in the heart of him who has the Prince of Peace.

To be perfect is to have a mind to do everything in your power that is right, and to be eager to correct what you do that is wrong.

You can never be ashamed doing that which praises the Name of God.

Prayer is a lever which when you pull moves the power of God.

Pray in the calm and you won’t fear in the storm.

You can’t always count on the promises of men, but the promises of God never fail.

Rejoice in time of trouble, if you are not the cause of the trouble.

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The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

THE TRIAL OF FAITH

“He (Abraham) staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that what he had promised, he was able to perform” (Romans 4:20-21).

In 1 Peter 1:7 you will find these words, **“That the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ”.**

What we want you to do is to remember that God is trying our faith. God will not tempt you, but He will try you. The Lord God says that you will be in heaviness through manifold or many temptations. I am trying to plant in the mind of people with whom I have to deal with the thought that they must fight if they would reign.

You can't sit down and think you can gain any ground with the devil. The devil doesn't run so fast but he is so long-winded. He will let you almost break your neck running and getting out of wind; thinking you are out of his reach. But he will still advance on you while you have sat down to rest. When he has caught up with you, he will bite your heel. But God suffers it to be so and I am glad He does.

The Lord is going to suffer you and me to be tempted that we might prove our faith. Our faith is in the power of God to keep us. And because of our faith in God to keep us, the Lord God of all the earth will suffer you and me to be tried by temptations which will be set before every individual who starts on his solid march to glory.

And when that time of temptation comes, you are in heaviness. You are on the job doing your best when all at once comes your test. When that test comes through somebody who is close enough to give it to you, heaviness follows. A load falls on you and God says you are in heaviness through many temptations wherein you should rejoice.

The devil is after everyone, but God Almighty, who suffers Satan to try us, will not allow us to be tested above that which we can bear, if we are desirous of being delivered through faith in Him. The trying of your faith is to prove to you that you are fit for the kingdom to come. Faith is that which gives you strength in combat with the devil. God shows you your weakness or strength before the coming of Christ. You say you have faith in God. You will have to manifest it when the burden gets so heavy that you almost feel like giving up and going back. At that time, your faith in God (not in your sister or brother) must give you the strength that will help you rise up and say, “the devil shall not be victorious, nor shall he overcome me by this great temptation”.

You will not be victorious unless God hides you. It is your faith in God that enables you to surmount every temptation, for none will come without bringing you to great heaviness. You are not in sin when you are tempted. You are tempted when everything is going contrary. The devil tries to show you a way out. He doesn't come when I am preaching, he comes when your wife has not cooked your breakfast. Then he tells you to stop by ‘Miss Lucy’s’ for breakfast. He comes when you are heavy, and tempts you when things are not going so well. The devil gets on you when you go home and try to fix up things.



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux, founder, Gospel Spreading Church

By and by you ask your wife for a kiss and she says, “No, go away!” Then a load falls on you and the devil comes and asks you why you don't leave her? The devil does not come while you are sitting in the choir singing.

I am warning you so, when the time comes, your faith in God will look up to God and He will hide you. Now you understand!

Temptations are not sin. Yielding to temptation is sin. And remember when temptations come, you are going to be heavy. Satan is coming and the temptations he will set before you will be a great trial of your faith...What is that faith? -- your belief that God is able to keep you from sin. And yielding to temptation is sin. Jesus was tempted. We are going to be tempted and tried. The trying of your faith is more precious than gold. The old prophets came and preached the gospel in prophecy and spoke things that the people did not understand. Read, 1 Peter 1:9-11, **“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow”.**

They preached Christ as I am preaching Him, but through prophecy. I don't know whether you can conceive this or not; but the prophets spoke and told that a virgin would conceive and bring forth a Son, and His name should be called Emmanuel, being interpreted, God with us. Then they told that He would be a wonderful Counselor, a mighty God, and the Prince of Peace; and that He would come and take upon Himself our sin. The prophets said that but they didn't understand it. How could they when they had not seen Him.

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. But the Word of God in them testified of the things that would come unto you and me. We today are enjoying the things that they said would come. You don't have to stumble and fall for your faith in God will bring Him to help you every time. But if the heaviness comes, the devil is coming. Then look around and see where your faith

in God to help you is. The devil is coming. He came to some of you sisters when you thought your husband didn't do the right thing that he should do, and he told you to leave him. You were so heavy until you got your clothes and rolled them up. But by and by the old faith came around and said, “Did not the Prophets testify of faith?” Then you changed your mind as your faith triumphed.

In the 12th Chapter of Hebrews, you will find these words which you must keep in mind. Read the second verse: **“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”.**

You have got to consider Jesus, the Author of the faith which you profess tonight. Faith that God is able to keep you living above sin for the hour of heaviness is coming and with it the devil is coming; bringing manifold temptations. But the trying of your faith is more precious than gold. If you find your faith is weak, you can go to God and have it strengthened. When the heaviness comes, go to God. Every one of you who lives upon the face of the earth is going to be tried. The trying of your faith is more precious than gold. Remember that God said it, and it is going to be. People give down because they are too sure and too safe. When heaviness comes, you had better stop right still and ask God to help you.

The devil can start on anything, and after you have gone through the trial and your faith has lifted you over, you will look back and say, “Well, that wasn't anything but the devil”. I can preach differently to you, but you need what I am talking about. The trouble with people who profess to be saved from sin is that they get too secure. You need God every day and hour. Don't think you have a mortgage on God. You don't. You need Him and do not think for one time that you don't need Him. Whenever temptations come, you need Him. When everything is going smoothly, you need Him. Just ask the Saviour to help you. The devil doesn't come with a temptation while you are rejoicing. He sits back and waits until you get heavy. When you get heavy and he comes with a test that will take you away from God if you don't ask the Saviour to help you.

The Scriptures want you to know that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was the Word of God made flesh. It was a great mystery, not only to the prophets but also to the people who were descendants of Abraham. But the mystery, presented to the people as the gospel of Christ, made the mystery clear to the Gentiles, to whom was revealed how a man desiring to follow Christ should suffer. To the average person, it does not seem reasonable that a person who does right should have to bear a cross. But it was God's way for Christ to suffer, and it is God's way for those who follow Christ to suffer. Since Christ was the Word made flesh, and man is created in the flesh, it seems that those who suffer in the flesh hath ceased from sin. So, the mystery is that those who live in the flesh are victims of the devil's temptations which operate only in the flesh. The suffering comes because those who are saved do not yield to the temptations. The flesh has feelings, and when you don't give in to the feelings of the flesh, the flesh pinches, and hurts.

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. Joel	2	31	1	_____
2. St. Matthew	13	43	9	_____
3. Malachi	4	2	8	_____
4. St. Mark	13	24	11	_____
5. I King	18	10	9	_____
6. Revelation	7	16	5	_____
7. Habakkuk	3	11	23	_____
8. St. Matthew	17	2	21	_____
9. Psalm	121	6	7	_____
10. St. Luke	12	46	10	_____
11. Leviticus	11	43	13	_____
12. Ecclesiastes	2	17	18	_____
13. II Samuel	22	13	3	_____
14. James	1	11	33	_____
15. I Corinthians	15	41	6	_____
16. Acts	2	20	10	_____
17. Ezekiel	3	17	23	_____
18. Revelation	21	23	31	_____
19. Daniel	4	36	8	_____
20. II Kings	14	10	11	_____
21. Jude	1	6	10	_____
22. II Thessalonians	2	8	9	_____
23. Jeremiah	31	35	4	_____
24. Genesis	2	24	2	_____
25. Ephesians	4	26	1	_____
26. I Timothy	6	16	14	_____
27. Nahum	1	13	10	_____
28. II Samuel	23	5	15	_____
29. Genesis	9	16	20	_____
30. Exodus	10	23	22	_____
31. Numbers	25	13	6	_____
32. Deuteronomy	8	18	7	_____
33. Hebrews	13	20	3	_____
34. Song of Solomon	1	2	12	_____
35. I Samuel	2	8	31	_____

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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (St. Mark 8:38).

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9:00 PM - 9:30 PM

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THE WINTER 2021 - SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

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 sanctimonious. The period of Prayer, Meditation, Worship and Fasting represents serious time spent with the Lord. During this time of consecration, the Believer afflicts the body while seeking to gain strength for the inner man.

From Friday, January 8th through Sunday January 17th, 2021, Gospel Spreading Church engages in a Solemn Assembly. COVID-19 guidelines suggest radical change in corporate worship. Modern technology such as webinars and smart phones replace regular church gatherings. Gospel Spreading Church members presently engage in the worship experience while sheltering in place.

Praise God for His faithfulness. Since in life we sometimes find ourselves in difficulties that help us 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 Bible days, when people of God found themselves facing insurmountable odds they called on God. For example, Queen Esther called the people to prayer and fasting (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 demons out of the child, Jesus informed them of the necessity of prayer and fasting. **“Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting”** (St. Matthew 17:21).

The procedure for corporate prayer and fasting is outlined in Joel 2:15-17. In these worship services every detail is given. Everyone from the greatest to the least is to be accounted for. The people are gathered, the congregation is to be cleansed/sanctified. 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 prayer and fasting were practices in the Old Testament, and the New Testament, they are important elements in worshiping God in this 21st century. Isaiah truly cried aloud and spared not. He 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, during the solemn assembly, special prayers are offered for the President of the United States, his staff, members of the U.S. Congress, judges of the earth and the Armed Forces. Second Chronicles 7:14: **“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”** 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: **“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 Gospel Spreading Church in this venture - praying and fasting. **“...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much”** (James 5:16b). **“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth:** (St. John 4:24).

Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

The Big Question Is --- Which Is God's Church?

God's Church is governed according to the Bible. So then, we do not have to say which is God's Church. St. John 5th Chapter, 39th Verse reads: **"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."** And God has not left it to men to arrange, but gave them His very own Plan in the Bible; and if we only work and govern by His Plan, then His people will not be from an unborn-again-sinner to a church sinner. Surely, we must be born of the Spirit of God. Only being a church member will not do. When Nicodemus met Christ, He told him except he be born of the water and Spirit, he could not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now I shall attempt to give His Plan for governing His Church, which is found in the Books of Corinthians. I Corinthians, 2nd Chapter reads as follows: **"AND I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

1 Corinthians 3rd Chapter, 9th Verse to the 21st inclusive reads as follows: **"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux, co-founder
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Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore, let no man glory in men. For all things are your's."

1 Corinthians 4th Chapter reads as follows: **"LET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.**

"Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to

death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

"We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; And labour working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

"I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

"Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?

1 Corinthians 5 reads as follows: **"IT is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed.**

"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore, let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

"I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore, put away from among yourselves that wicked person."

May God bless you is my prayer.

GOSPEL SPREADING CHURCH RADIO BROADCAST REFLECTIONS



1929-1968 – Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux

In the summer of 1929, Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux’s first radio broadcast was aired. In 1931, the Columbia Broadcasting System began broadcasting his radio service.

By 1932, the Church of God was broadcasting over Station WJSV. Elder Michaux was so intrigued by the station’s call letters that he coined the slogan “WILLINGLY JESUS SUFFERED FOR VICTORY”. That slogan became the anchor of his ministry.

From 1936 to 1938, the British Broadcasting System aired Elder Michaux’s service because the officers were seeking a viable communication mode through which citizens of the United Kingdom who longed for strong Bible teaching might hear the preached Word of God. Their intent was to draw listeners by a lively service punctuated with gospel music. Persons attracted to the radio broadcast by the music, quickly learned that the music served as prelude for dynamic “Come to Jesus” sermons.

The signature song which introduces the broadcast has consistently been “HAPPY AM I WITH MY REDEEMER”. Elder Michaux purchased the copyright to the song. He styled himself as the HAPPY AM I PREACHER. He strongly believed the song expressed his personality.

When station WJSV was renamed WTOP in 1953, Elder Michaux continued to serve as principal speaker until his death in 1968. We must note the fact that Elder Michaux was not altogether happy with the loss of the call letters WJSV to which he had become comfortable. As he settled into the new nomenclature, WTOP, the Lord supplied a new song which helped to ease his disappointment: “From the WTOP of Calvry’s mountain came salvation flowing down... .”

Elder Michaux’s radio broadcasting successors have been the late Pastor Wendell M. Green and Pastor Walter D. Roman. When WTOP adopted an “all-news” format, the Washington Church of God shifted from radio station WTOP to WFAX. Pastor Walter Roman ministers there on Saturdays from 11:00 am -11:30 am; 9:00 pm – 9:30 pm; and on Sundays from 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm.

For nearly nine decades the Lord has blessed the Church of God to engage in radio ministry. This outreach has been a vital tool in soul winning. **“This is the Lord’s doing. It is marvelous in our eyes”** (Psalm 118:23).



GOSPEL SPREADING CHURCH

RADIO BROADCAST REFLECTIONS

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WFX—1220 AM
<https://www.wfax.com/>



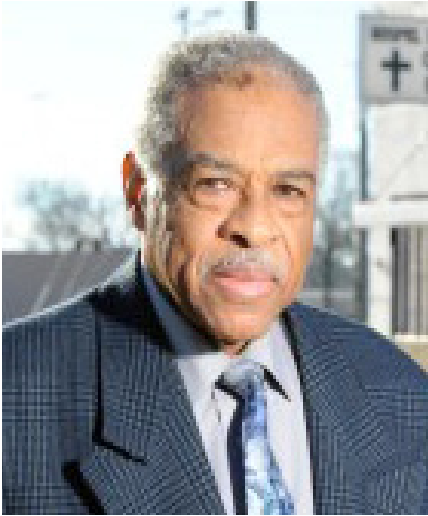
Elder Walter Dale Roman, Sr.
Pastor
2030 Georgia Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Sunday, , , 1:00 AM - 1:30 AM
3:00 PM - 3:30PM
9:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Monday 1:00 AM – 1:30 AM
Saturday..... 11:00 AM-11:30 AM



Newport News, VA
WKGM—940 AM
<https://www.radio.net/s/wkgm>

Sunday. 8:30 AM-9:00 AM
Monday. 6:30 PM-7:00 PM
Tuesday. 6:30 PM-7:00 PM



Elder Alphonso Holt
Interim Pastor
1915 Jefferson Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Hampton, VA
Praise 92.5 FM, Praise 104.9 FM,
WTZJ 1270 AM, WHKT 1650 AM
<https://www.praise1049.com/>

Sunday. 5:30 PM-6:00 PM



Elder James S. Woods, Sr.
Pastor
300 Lincoln Street
Hampton, VA 23669



I voluntarily help my brother with his homework.

By Tyler, Age 13
Washington, D.C.



I wrapped Christmas gifts for all the persons who allowed me to do so. I enjoy gift wrapping presents, so I did so without charge!

By A'maia, Age 13
Washington, D.C.



‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
By Louisa M. R. Stead

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord!”
I’m so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
Will be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!



ANSWERS TO DECEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- Who sent the angel to Nazareth? What is the angel’s name?
(**The Lord. Gabriel - St. Luke 1:26**).
- What did the angel say to Mary?
(**“... Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women” - St. Luke 1:28**)?
- Was Mary perplexed with the greeting of the angel?
(**Yes. - St. Luke 1:29**).
- Why did the angel tell Mary to “fear not”?
(**St. Luke 1:30-34**)?
- How did Mary respond to the angel?
(**St. Luke 1:34**).
- What was the angel’s reply?
(**St. Luke 1:37**).

- Malachi 4:2 states that the “Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings”. How was Jesus’ birth on earth like a sunrise?
(**Jesus would give light and guide our feet into the way of peace - St. Luke 1:79**).

ANSWERS TO DECMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

- O GOD, thou art my God; **early** will I **seek** thee: my **soul** thirsteth for **thee**, my **flesh** longeth for **thee** in a **dry** and **thirsty** land, where no water is (**Psalm 63:1**);
- To see thy **power** and thy **glory**, so as I have seen **thee** in the **sanctuary** (**Psalm 63:2**).
- Because thy **lovingkindness** is better than **life**, my **lips** shall **praise** thee (**Psalm 63:3**).
- Thus will I **bless** thee while I **live**: I will **lift** up my **hands** in thy **name** (**Psalm 63:4**).
- My **soul** shall be **satisfied** as with marrow and fatness; and my **mouth** shall **praise** thee with **joyful** lips (**Psalm 63:5**):
- When I **remember** thee upon my **bed**, and **meditate** on thee in the **night** watches (**Psalm 63:6**).
- Because **thou** hast been my **help**, therefore in the **shadow** of thy **wings** will I **rejoice** (**Psalm 63:7**).

JANUARY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- Who was sanctified to keep the ark of the Lord?
- How long was the ark in Kirjathjearim?
- What three things did Samuel tell Israel to do in order for God to deliver them?
- What connection is there between I Samuel 7:3 and Joshua 24:18-20?
- What did Samuel do before he sacrificed a burnt offering?
- What memorial did Samuel set up after Israel’s victory over the Philistine army?
- How long did Samuel judge Israel and what did he build?

JANUARY FILL IN THE BLANKS

- I the LORD _____ the _____, I _____ the _____, even to give every man according to his _____, and according to the _____ of his _____.
- Let my _____ be _____ in thy statutes; that I be not _____.
- Let not your _____ be _____: ye _____ in God, _____ also in me.
- A sound _____ is the life of the _____: but _____ the rottenness of the _____.
- And ye shall _____ me, and _____ me, when ye shall _____ for me with all your _____.
- A merry _____ maketh a _____ countenance: but by _____ of the _____ the _____ is _____.
- The LORD is my _____ and my _____; my _____ trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my _____ greatly rejoiceth; and with my _____ will I _____ him.

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of January

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LESSON 1 – January 3, 2021 SUBJECT: Jesus’ First Miracle

GOLDEN TEXT: “This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him” (St. John 2:11).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: St. John 2:1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.
3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.
4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.
5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.
6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.
9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,
10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.
11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The first miracle Jesus performed was not to appease the people and fill their selfish desires, instead it revealed Jesus’ glory and His love for His people.

First, the changing of water to wine in a public celebration was the inaugural sign of God’s presence in the world through Jesus. This miracle was to prepare the hearts of men for what was expected to come, “The beginning of miracles” (See St. John 2:11a).

Secondly, the wedding celebration festivities were in jeopardy because the wine ran out. This situation would have been an embarrassment for the bride and groom. Instead of Mary going to the resource (the store or wine maker), she went to the Source...Jesus. As a result, Jesus exceeded her needs. Likewise, when issues arise in our lives, we tend to go to the resource rather than to the Source...Jesus (See Philippians 4:19, Psalm 37:4).

Overall, miracles have much to teach us today. They display the divine power of God, so our trust will be in Him alone (See St. John 20:30-31). They give us comfort to know we can call on Him for ALL our needs (See Ephesians 3:20). May we forever look to Jesus!

LESSON 2 – January 10, 2021 SUBJECT: Jesus Walks on Water

GOLDEN TEXT: “But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid” (St. John 6:20).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: St. John 6:15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.
16 And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea,
17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And

it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.
18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.
19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.
20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.
21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The account of Jesus walking on water is one of the most well-known stories of His ministry. How amazing it must have been to witness such an event! This account appears in three gospels (St. John 6:16-21; St. Mark 6:45-52; St. Matthew 14:22-27). Each account complements the others and provides four unique points.

Point one - At times Jesus sends us into a storm to build our faith. He “Made His disciples get into the boat” (See St. Matthew 14:22). Jesus was not physically there, but He was watching over them and came to their rescue (See St. Mark 6:48).

Point two – We should not let fear cause us not to recognize Jesus. The disciples, who just witnessed other miracles, had already forgotten Who Jesus was and saw Him as a ghost.

Point three – We should see with our hearts and not with our eyes. Peter started out walking on the water, but became distracted by the wind and sank. We must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Then things of this world will grow strangely dim.

We should look to Jesus and have faith in Him. He will keep us during our storms.

LESSON 3 – January 17, 2021 SUBJECT: Jesus: The Bread of Life

GOLDEN TEXT: “Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent” (St. John 6:29).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: St. John 6:25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?
26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.
27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.
28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?
29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?
31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.
32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.
33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.
34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.
37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.
38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
39 And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

LESSON DISCUSSION

As may be seen in the previous lesson, Jesus is the “I AM”, which means He is all-sufficient. In St. John 6:35, Jesus said “I am the bread of life: he

that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” He repeats Himself in verses 48 and 51. Jesus’ main point is that He is the focus.

The people witnessed the feeding of five thousand with five loaves of bread and two fish (See St. John 6:5-13). The people were fixated on the product of the miracle, not the person of the miracle (See St. John 6:29). Jesus responds that the people ought not to look for temporary food that perishes, but for the food that lasts forever. At this point, the crowd asks what works they must do to get this bread? (See St. John 6:28). They were thinking about doing works of the Mosaic law to get eternal life. Jesus responds with “This is the work of God and believe on him” (See St. John 6:29).

The works God has prepared for us to do cannot be achieved by the power we exert. (See St. John 6:29, Ephesians 2:8-9), we must be a partaker of the bread from heaven.

LESSON 4 – January 24, 2021

SUBJECT: Jesus’ Hard Saying

GOLDEN TEXT: “And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father” (St. John 6:65).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: St. John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?
61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?
62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?
63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.
64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.
65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.
66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.
67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?
68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.
69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.
70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?
71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Jesus has many hard sayings the carnally-minded person cannot comprehend. Why? because they are spiritually dead (See I Corinthians 2:14). According to verses 53-65 of that chapter, for them to obtain eternal life, they must ‘eat my flesh, drink my blood.’ This made them ‘gulp.’ Their curiosity changed to dismay. Of course, Jesus’ sayings are all spiritual; however, this is the response received from those who are spiritually dead.

The people, at the time, have in their minds that eternal life can be obtained by traditions and works. Jesus is dispelling this notion by telling them that ONLY God is the author of salvation and not man (See St. John 6:65). Today, many still have this same notion, thinking if I become a philanthropist or a law-abiding citizen this behavior translates into eternal life.

No one can come to Christ except on the Father’s terms. No human volition can make this decision apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. Man is blind until he receives light from God. He will remain in a dead state until the Spirit of God is illuminated, and he is convicted.

LESSON 5 – January 31, 2021

SUBJECT: Jesus: The Light of the World

GOLDEN TEXT: “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (St. John 8:12).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: St. John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.
14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.
15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.
16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.
17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.
18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.
19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.
20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.
21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.
22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.
23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.
24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.
25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning.
26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.
27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In today’s lesson, Jesus is using another metaphorical declaration of Himself, “I am the light of the world” (See St. John 8:12a). This is a life-changing verse if you see Him for Who He is. It is great bliss to those who accept this glorious light! And damnation for those who reject Him (See St. John 8:24).

Following Jesus means to do the works He commanded us to do. Jesus is our light; therefore, we should be totally submissive to His will and not ours. When Jesus is guiding us, He keeps our steps from dark paths (Psalm 119:105).

Blindness to Jesus’ identity is not an intellectual problem, but a moral one: “Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil” (See St. John 3:19). The light in us can show that Jesus is the Son of God, but it takes a change of heart in the unbeliever to allow these truths. This is the reason we must pray for the Holy Spirit to convert the sinner, as we diligently present and defend the gospel. May our light shine!

THE TRIAL OF FAITH

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Anything that you do not pay for, you do not value. Since the suffering in the flesh pays for your salvation, you count your salvation valuable according to the amount of suffering you endure to stay saved.

What God has for you comes to you as a gift. Your privilege to go to heaven and enter into eternal life is a gift. You could never work for that. Since salvation comes so easily, we don’t seem to value it as much as we should, as much as it is really worth. If you decide that you are going to stop your sinning, all you have to do is claim that Jesus died to save you and turn away from sin. Then God will give you salvation; but you have to suffer to keep it.

When the heaviness comes to take away your salvation, if you do not pray and fight, you will go back. When the ship gets away from you in the storm, it is then time to pray. When everything is made calm, you may be sure that Christ has come on board. He will come aboard at the crucial moment if you have faith, and just as He calmed the storm for His disciples, He will calm the most terrific storm in your life. It just takes faith. **“O, ye of little faith, only believe!”**

May God bless you!

TUNE INTO WFAX RADIO 1220 AM

Saturday 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Sunday 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 - 9:30 PM

Prayer Answered

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

6 Words to Say - New Years (Continued from Page 1)

path of faith often requires a fight to see it through to completion.

Picture wrestlers in a wrestling match, with each wrestler struggling with all his might to overcome his opponent in an effort to hurl him to the ground in a fight to the finish. We have to be totally focused on engaging the conflict at hand and achieving victory, regardless of how long it takes or how much agonizing effort is required. It is the picture of total commitment to victory.

If you are experiencing a struggle along the path of life — if you’ve been fighting off some very real mental or spiritual assaults along the way — don’t be taken off guard by surprise. Holy Spirit warned through the apostle Paul that you must commit yourself to giving your all to the pursuit of God’s will for your life.

Gospel Spreading Church, God is calling you to stand up and fight — giving your concentrated efforts to standing firm for what you believe. Fight in a manner that is noble, admirable, and worthy of the reward that awaits you. And remember — the greater reward usually requires a greater fight. Keep this in mind as you press forward to be first-class in your determination to overcome every obstacle and resistance along the way. Stay in the fight until you hear Him say “Well done”.

Be convinced of God’s goodness.

God already knows the battles that are before us. He has done something to help us get the victory our hearts will need to trust Him ☐24/7.

Proverbs 3:3,4: *Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.*

We should never forget about God’s mercy that reveals the truth about Who God is to our hearts. We should repeat and meditate over and over this truth because it is true. With this knowledge, our confidence in God will soar because we will exist in His mercy and favor.

The beautiful thing about learning to trust God with all our hearts and not lean on our own understanding, is that God will give us the understanding we need to **“Fight”**. He will, because we first trusted Him, and not our understanding. He never said, you wouldn’t have “understanding.” He simply needs our complete and total trust.

I love the following verses that explain the benefits of trusting God.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. (Proverbs 3:6–8).

Walk with Jesus ...and you will Walk in Victory!

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