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"Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men" (Psalm 31:19)!

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HOW ARE THE DEAD RAISED UP?

This morning I'll endeavor to make you understand a little about life and death. Everybody more or less is concerned about life, and because he is, the Lord has recorded His concern, the language of the text. The verse to support the text is found in 1 Corinthians 15:35 and reads like this: **"But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?"**

If man is thought to live again by those who somehow doubt the possibility of his living again, how in the world will he ever get up? And what kind of body will he have when he comes forth?

My precious ones, may I say to you for your learning and information, that life is the concern of every normal person. Any person of whom you read who has committed suicide was either not normal or did not believe there is a hereafter. He just thought that by shooting himself or by jumping off a bridge, all would be over. But the Bible tells us that **"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment..."** (Hebrews 9:27). That is to say you can't get rid of your conscience by drowning your body or killing it. You just can't do it because your conscience lives on.

Whether you believe it or not, the fact is that while you sleep, you're conscious of life even though your body is perfectly dead in sleep. Sometimes your many affairs in business or the like are continuing because your mind continues to function on and on while you sleep. That's the way it is in death. Though your body goes down into the grave, you will be conscious of your existence. So, it pays you to believe something concerning the hereafter to the extent that you change your way today. It doesn't hurt you to do right. It is a blessing. If there is to be no hereafter, a reward is waiting for you here for the deeds you do. Don't think you are going to get no pay for all the bad things you've done just because nobody has said anything to you about it yet. And don't think all the good you've done has been overlooked.

Since I have found the joy in doing it, I would live right if I had never known anything about heaven or hell. It is heaven to me now to know that I am without any condemnation, for when I lived in sin and had condemnation, it was hell, for nothing is worse than a condemned conscience.

So, this morning, every normal person is concerned about life. The dumb brute, the fowls of the air, the fish of the sea, yes sir, all are concerned about living. If you don't believe it, just try to cut them off from life and you'll find that there will be some resistance to your effort.

God gave a parable in answer to the question asked in Job 14:14. Read from the 7th to 15th verses: **"For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: So man lieth down,**

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Seek to be the other fellow's neighbor, even though he is your enemy.

It is better to be honest with nothing than dishonest with everything.

It is a sad thing to lose your appetite for God.

If you believe in God, that act dispels all doubt and makes certain the character of your conduct.

Ask God to bless you that you might be a blessing; after He blesses you, don't cheat.

To be in the church and to be born again are two different things.

It is human to care less for those who care most for you, but divine to care more for those who care less for you.

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and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past. That thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands."

The Lord here compares the hope of the new life of a tree with that of man. Though the roots wax old in the earth, and the stock rots and dies in the ground, yet because it rains on that old dead stock, it will bud, and you'll see the tender boughs shooting from the dead stump and stock just because God rains water on it.

He says to you in the 14th and 15th verses that he will be waiting until his change comes, and while waiting, God will call. Then He will answer, for God will have a desire for the work of His hands not to perish. The work of His hands is the creation of the man who was supposed to live forever and never perish. May I inform you, my precious ones, that the Lord God teaches by parable. He must show you the earthly things that you might learn about the heavenly things. He shows you the power that is in nature whereby he is cut down, and dead rotten stock is sitting up in the earth, but through the scent of water comes the tender boughs of life out of dead roots.

In considering the text, He gives another parable that might give you a picture if you read again the 35th verse: **"But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come"** (I Corinthians 15)?

How are the dead raised up and where will they get a body to dwell in after they've been dead for a thousand or more years? Where will it come from?

Brother, may I ask you in this manner, "Where did this body come from that we now live in?" It came from the dust. It came from the dust of the earth and back to dust it goes again to wait for the change. 'All my appointed time, Job said, I'll wait until my change comes, for God shall call me and I'm going to answer, for He shall have a desire for the work of His hands which I am, and I shall not perish.'

Man asks, "What kind of body does he come forth with in the earth



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here?" **"Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die"** (verse 36). That which you sow is not quickened, that is, made alive, unless it dies. When you sow a seed in the ground, the Lord says, whether it is corn or wheat, it cannot produce new bodies unless the old grain dies. Have you ever noticed that when you pull up a stalk of corn that the old gold grain that you planted is hanging on there, rotten? But God through His might and power in working of nature brings a new grain just like the old grain that you planted, and the life of the old grain is in the new one.

God is going to give us new bodies, and every seed shall have its own body. Have you ever noticed that if you plant a grain of corn, you don't get a grain of wheat, but you get corn? Have you ever noticed that if you plant a grain of barley, you don't get a grain of corn, but you get barley? Every seed shall have its own body. Every living soul that is planted in the earth in the form or likeness of God shall have its life springing forth in a new body which God shall give.

He gives it to you here in His own language in the 37th and 38th verses: **"And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body."**

Every individual is going to have his own body because the lives that we live now are individual lives and they must go up in individual bodies. Some people wonder if a colored man will be a white man when he gets up. If you plant white corn, you'll never get

yellow grain. Isn't that right? You get the kind of grain that you plant. You will plant a white man and you'll get a white man. You plant a Negro and he'll come up the same thing. Don't think about being white or colored, for God doesn't know color when it comes to bodies. He knows the white and the colored souls. The souls will fill a body regardless of the color that the body had when it went down. Whether they were black, brown, yellow, or red, if their souls were white, they will live together in heaven. Whether their bodies were black, brown, yellow, or red, if their souls were black, they will live in hell.

There is going to be a separation of those who feel they are too good to fellowship with the humble and the meek because of the color of their skin or the position they held in life. There will be no snubbing, no prejudice, no hatred, no inferior ones nor any ignorant practices in the presence of God. You'll have all the opportunity you want to practice all that when you enter life eternal with the damned. You'll be down there where you can fight all you want to, and no one will put you in jail. You'll be able to hate all you want to. You'll be able to damn all you want to, and you won't be able to hurt anybody because everyone will have a body that can't feel pain or die. You shall have what you desire. You're going to get your heart's desire. All of those who want to live right and be together and do the will of God and love one another and walk as brothers on earth regardless of race or color will be taken up with God to live with Him in heaven. All those who don't want to do that will go where their master, the devil, will be. He is the adversary of God, the opponent of God.

But allow me to inform you, there will be no separation in hell. You can have all the fun you want right down there. Start your riots, hate one another, knock each other in the head, try to lynch one another. Do it and you won't be able to even hurt each other because the body will be a spiritual one and it will get up and laugh at you when you've done everything to kill it. That will be hell! But in the presence of God, joy, peace, and happiness, and life everlasting with one endless day in the new body will be the portion of the child of God. Every seed has its own body.

Now listen further to what it says: (verses 39,40a) **"All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh**

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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".
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 4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.
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"In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears" (II Samuel 22:7).



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OBEDIENCE

To many, this word has become irrelevant, old-fashioned, and out of date. However, it continues to be an effective means of bringing glory to God and blessings to the people of God as we obey His Word found in the bible.

There is a plaque on the wall in many of the Churches of God with the words, *Obedience, Love, Reverence, and Respect*. There was a feeling by some members that the word Love should have preceded Obedience. After all, Jesus did say in **St. John 14:15**, **“If you love me keep my commandments.”** However, the realization is that obedience to his commandments sets the stage for loving him.

Hebrews 5:8, 9 **“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect he became the author of eternal salvation unto all of them that obey him.”** Jesus learned the lessons of obedience even though he was never disobedient. He set the example for those who believe, in that, we cannot escape suffering as we follow Him. But we know that if we suffer while lifting Him up, we shall reign with Him. We should constantly strive for total obedience in every aspect of our lives. This includes our thoughts as well as deeds. **II Corinthians 10:5** **“Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalth itself against the knowledge of God and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”**

Now our obedience as it relates to social justice is desirable and commendable. However, in a free society, it doesn't necessarily bring us any closer to God in our relationship with Him. That is, knowing, believing, and understanding Him so that our life reflects loving obedience by how we treat each other regardless of our status in life, or ethnicity. That we may as Saint Paul said in **Philippians 3:10**, **“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.”**

Obedience should be motivated by love not by religious tradition. We love Him because he first loved us, and we have received His commandment to go into all the world to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But first, we should be spreading the gospel where we are. (**St. Matthew 28: 19 – 20**) **“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”** We should be witnessing in our immediate community on our jobs and yes in our homes. There is an old adage, “Charity begins at home and spreads itself abroad.” The effectiveness of the service we render is reflected in the quality of our home life. Now a mind to be obedient allows us to include our giving financially to support and spread the gospel of Christ. For this helps to define who we really are. **Exodus 19:5**: **“Now therefore if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.”** As God's peculiar treasure we have the responsibility to obey his commandment regarding giving (tithes and offerings). We are to financially support God's Work by honoring him with the first fruits of our substance; the income we receive regardless of the source.

Proverbs 3:9: **“Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:”**

Doing this is a demonstration of our obedience and righteousness that results in a blessing for the giver. Blessings come in many forms: health, wise decisions, good judgment, undergirded by a knowledge of his word. We had a practice when our church assembled once a week for group meetings, we would read from **Malachi 3: 8**, **“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.”**

While some might declare vociferously that these are old testament Scriptures and that they do not pertain to believers under the dispensation of grace. We who are under grace want God's blessings that flow from obedience to the principles of paying tithes and offerings.

Romans 15:4 **“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”**

We have heard many testimonies by saints in the church of God who were materially poor and without hope of improving their financial condition, but after hearing the gospel and obeying the word of God (which includes tithing), their financial situation improved dramatically.

Deuteronomy 8:17, 18. **“...My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth...”**

There is a danger that can occur in some instances after God's blessings begin to flow. We cease praising God and heap accolades on ourselves.

Job 31:25 **“If I rejoice because my wealth was great and because mine hand had gotten much;”**

You can be perfect in obedience; His Spirit which abides in the saints of God is a perfect Spirit, operating in imperfect human beings. The more we submit our spirit to His Spirit the more we are perfected in our daily thoughts and actions.

Job 36:4. **“He that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.”** Now we recognize that none of us in this life will possess perfect knowledge, only God has infinite knowledge. We can be perfect in the knowledge that we do have, while the enemy of our soul is doing all that he can to confound us. Man has an inherent ability to discern right from wrong and good from evil, such as a man marrying a woman and not another man. Or, that a lie is told to deceive, not to enhance righteous knowledge. To maintain that spirit of obedience we must constantly, daily, seek guidance from the Lord. **I Chron 16:11** **“Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually.”**

II Chron 16:9 **“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong on the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.”**

Ps. 138:8 **“The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.”** Again, because you have an obedient perfect heart you will yield to God's corrections.

Hebrews 13:17 **Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”**

When we are obedient, doing the right thing, a deep peace permeates our soul. He that doeth righteousness is righteous. When we arm ourselves with an obedient mind, we will have no problem obeying those leaders God has placed over us.

I Peter 5:2 **“Feed the flock, which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;”**

The under-shepherd is to understand is to obey God's command to feed the flock. He will do this without looking for a favorable verbal response from the people, but an obedient action response.

I Samuel 2:3 **“Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.”**

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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

HOPE

“NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

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

“...the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee” (Psalm 33:18 and 22).

“...in thee, O LORD, do I hope; thou wilt hear, O Lord, my God” (Psalm 38:15).

“...now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee” (Psalm 39:7).

“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God, for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God” (Psalm 43:5).

“...thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth. ...I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more” (Psalm 71:5 and 14).

“Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD, his God: (Psalm 146:5).

“The hope of the righteous shall be gladness:...” (Proverbs 10:28a).

“Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life” (Proverbs 13:12).

“...the righteous hath hope in his death” (Proverbs 14:32).

“Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is” (Jeremiah 17:7).

“This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD” (Lamentations 3:21, 24 and 26).

“...of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question” (Acts 23:6).

“But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the



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prophets: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust” (Acts 24:14 and 15).

“Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope’s sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews” (Acts 26:7).

“By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope; And hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us” (Romans 5:2, 3, 4 and 5).

“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it” (Romans 8:24 and 25).

“Rejoicing in hope. . .” (Romans 12:12a).

“...that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost” (Romans 15:4 and 13).

“...now abideth faith, hope, charity” (I Corinthians 13:13).

“If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable” (I Corinthians 15:19).

“...God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace” (II Thessalonians 2:16).

“PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God, our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope” (I Timothy 1:1).

“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2);

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13);

“That, being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life” (Titus 3:7).

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ...that your faith and hope might be in God” (I Peter 1:3 and 21).

“...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (I Peter 3:15):

May God bless you is my prayer.

CHRISTIANS,

LET YOUR FAITH HOLD FAST

If you seek to do good or seek a blessing, and the enemy tries to obstruct your view, faith will never give up or disappoint you. It says, matters not, I'll ever take you through.

You can always claim what God has promised. Matters not if claps of thunder roll your way. Faith says, “thunder storms” are stepping stones to blessings, so, throw your gear in high and make the grade.

Doubts may try to stop your car of faith from running. But faith is not doubt, nor is doubt faith. So step heavy on the gas and keep on traveling, Christians let your faith hold fast.

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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)



James III, Age 6, Laurel

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MEMORY VERSE

"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (II Corinthians 3:17)."

May 6, 2021 marks the 70th anniversary of the observance of the National Day of Prayer. This year's National Day of Prayer theme is the prayer: "LORD, pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY".

Although we are blessed to have a law that has proclaimed an annual day of prayer since its first observance in 1952, this nation still needs our prayers. Indeed, I Timothy 2:1-2 states the following: **"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."** As in affirmation, Psalm 33:12 states: **Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.**

In II Corinthians 3:2-3, the Apostle Paul reminds Jesus' followers that, **"Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart."**

The Believers' mission remains unchanged. We still are His messengers; therefore, it is our prayer, that the Spirit of the Lord fill us, individually, as well as collectively, so that we will demonstrate the Biblical, Spirit-empowered love, life, and liberty designed and defined by our Creator and Savior.

Please join other Believers in prayer. We might want to begin as follows: *Jesus, we come now professing that You are our Lord--the One and only begotten Son of God--who came to take away the sin of the world. You remind us that whosoever believes in You will not perish, but will have everlasting life. As our Lord, we are clay in Your hands: vessels of Your plans and love. We pray that you fill us to be overflowing vessels, as well as examples of Your love, life and liberty. We thank you for loving us and we commit to showing and sharing Your love. We thank you for our lives, and commit to serve You with the awe and respect that You deserve, knowing You have put Your image in all of us, and that every person is fearfully and wonderfully made. We thank you for forgiving our sins; for the LIBERTY that you have given us; and for the mercy that You have shown us. You suffered, in agony on the cross and the wrath of the Father was upon You, so that we might be found "Not guilty" through Your shed blood. Help us to show compassion and respect to others so that they might hear the gospel and come to know You, as Lord, and be released of being a slave to sin. Please pour out your Spirit, O Lord, and pour through Your Church across America we pray, in Jesus' Name. Amen!*

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

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour" (Ephesians 5:1-2).

CHILDREN PRAY

Lord God,
Thank you for Deacon Stokes. He was a blessing to me and my family. I ask that you watch over him. I know that he is with you. I love you and everyone.

James, III's Prayer
Age 6, Laurel

Dear God,
Please make sure our family is blessed and well. Bless us to continue to have a roof over our family's head. Please make the COVID numbers go down so we can play with our friends again.

Joshua's Prayer,
Age 11, Chesterfield



Lord,
I pray that you are protecting Deacon Stokes and my great grandma. Lord, you know that they did a lot for me. I also know that they are with you in heaven. Amen.

Elijah's Prayer,
Age 11, Laurel



Dear God,
Please protect our country and also keep lowering the Coronavirus numbers and make sure school is safe for us. Protect us when we travel on the road and are scared when we do something dangerous. Lastly, please help everyone to be good and to do good. Amen.

Noah's Prayer,
Age 9, Chesterfield



Dear God,
Please help my grandma and everybody in the whole universe. Amen.

Bella's Prayer,
Age 6, Laurel



Lord,

I am praying for the President of the United States of America, Joseph Biden. I pray that he doesn't catch the coronavirus and that he will remain in good health. I pray that he and his family will stay in a safe environment that is free of all hurt, harm, and danger. I pray that he will help people. I pray that he will enjoy all of his time as President. I pray that he will do your Will.

Malayah's Prayer,
Age 10, Washington, D.C.



Lord,

I am praying for Christians who are going through hard times. Lord, You see what they are going through. I pray that You will help them get through life and reach their goals. I pray that they will continue to obey You and do as You command even though times are hard right now. I pray that You continue to look after Your children.

Makari's Prayer
Age 13, Washington, D.C.



Lord,

I am praying for the protection of students—worldwide—as they slowly start to return to schools. I ask that You protect my family and friends. Please enable them to stay well and stay safe. I pray that I will be able to finish school strong-- with a mind set to complete my goals. Amen.

Nya's Prayer
Age 16, Greenbelt



Heavenly Lord,

Please bless my family and me. Please bless my house and food. Bless the nation and help us to go through this virus and all of the problems that it has caused. Please protect my friends and classmates at this time. Also protect the politicians, the police, and the military because these folks serve and protect us. Please save sinners because they need You, too! Amen.

Nathaniel's Prayer,
Age 12, Greenbelt



Lord,

I am praying for the people in the military and those in the police force. I ask that you protect their families. I also pray that you enable them to return safely to their homes and families every day. Lord, I ask that you protect us from corrupt officers and help them to do the job of protecting us. I ask that you cleanse them of past offenses and stop them from repeating others. I ask all of these petitions in Jesus' Name. Amen.

N'Kyron's Prayer,
Age 17, Greenbelt



ANSWERS TO APRIL HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. What scriptures in the New Testament fulfill the prophecies that Jesus would enter Jerusalem upon a colt?
(**St. Matthew 21:1-7**).
2. What did crowds shout when Jesus rode into Jerusalem?
("Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the LORD; Hosanna in the highest" - **St. Matthew 21:9**).

3. What event did God use at both Jesus' death and His resurrection?
(An earthquake at His death - **St. Matthew 27:50-51** and His resurrection - **St. Matthew 28:1-2**).
4. When did the women go to Jesus' tomb? Why?
(They went at dawn - **St. Matthew 28:1** to anoint Jesus' body - **St. Mark 16:1-2**).
5. What was the angel's message to the women?
("Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" - **St. Matthew 28:5-6**).
6. What message did the women give to the disciples?
("He is risen from the dead" - **St. Matthew 28:7**).
7. How did the women respond when Jesus greeted them?
(They fell at his feet and worshipped him - **St. Matthew 28:9**).

ANSWERS TO APRIL FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. I WILL **extol** thee, my God, O king; and I will **bless** thy **name** for ever and ever (**Psalm 145:1**).
2. Every day will I **bless** thee; and I will **praise** thy **name** for ever and ever (**Psalm 145:2**).
3. Great is the **LORD**, and greatly to be **praised**; and his **greatness** is **unsearchable** (**Psalm 145:3**).
4. The LORD is **gracious**, and full of **compassion**; slow to **anger**, and of great **mercy** (**Psalm 145:8**).
5. The LORD is **good** to all: and his tender **mercies** are over all his **works** (**Psalm 145:9**).
6. The LORD is **nigh** unto **all** them that **call** upon him, to all that **call** upon him in **truth** (**Psalm 145:18**).
7. My **mouth** shall speak the **praise** of the LORD: and let **all** flesh bless his **holy name** for ever and ever (**Psalm 145:21**).

MAY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. Whose spirit was "stirred up" by the Lord to fulfill a prophecy of Jeremiah?
2. What did God call the king of Persia in Isaiah 44:28 and Isaiah 45:1?
3. What did God charge the king of Persia to do for Jerusalem?
4. What two charges did the king of Persia give to the Jews in his kingdom?
5. What did God do to prepare the Jews' return to Judah?
6. What kinds of things did the Jews remaining in Persia give to the exiles who were returning to Judah?
7. What did the king of Persia return to the Jews that Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem?

MAY FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Let my _____ come _____ before _____, O LORD: give me _____ according to thy _____.

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of May

LESSON 19 – May 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Elected by God

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Sister Marilyne Gibson. She serves as Sunday School Superintendent at the Gospel Spreading Church of God in New York, NY.



LESSON 18 – May 2, 2021

SUBJECT: More Than Conquerors

GOLDEN TEXT: “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31)?

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

LESSON DISCUSSION

A powerful promise is given to believers in Romans 8:28. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God”. All things working together is reserved for only those believers who have a personal active relationship with God. My brother in Christ, Evangelist Taylor, has stressed this foundational truth several times. The working of the “good” is only for God’s children. His children alone can activate this promise because of the love they have for Him. When you receive a new credit card and other personal documents, you are required to activate the card with a previously chosen password. When incorrect passwords are given, there is no validation. The working together of “all things” for good is activated when the love of God and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is presented by the believer’s personal active relationship, their spiritual password.

Paul taught the Romans that God’s children were predestined to be Christlike (See I John 1:7). “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.” We have been justified through the raising of our Savior from the dead (See Romans 4:25). Jesus was raised in victory from the grave. Romans 8:37: “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” There is the password again, LOVE, to those whom God has validated.

Romans 8:39: “Nor height, nor depth nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord “

GOLDEN TEXT: “Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth” (Romans 9:18).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.

10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

LESSON DISCUSSION

God has chosen His believers by election before the foundation of the world. His election vote is the only one that counts. I Peter 2:9,10: “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: “Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy”. God alone has made the choices for His plan. The qualifications in God’s election plan are not based upon merit, privilege, fame or fortune. We’re called to submit to God’s election platform.

I Peter 2:21: “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:” Paul noted that being a physical descendant of Abraham did not grant them heirship to God’s promise. Love is an attribute of God’s platform. We have been elected, called by God, to love one another.

The exhortation in I John 4:7 stated, “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.”

Christ’s example of love was first shown to us, the believer. Love should be in the DNA of all believers.

I John 4:9-10: “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

LESSON 20 – May 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Saved by Faith

GOLDEN TEXT: “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Romans 10:9).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

LESSON DISCUSSION

One of Paul's greatest desires was that Israel would know the only true God through saving faith. All believers must have a working foundational knowledge of God. Believers must strive to know the fullness of the Trinity. Paul related in a letter to the saints at Philippi this thought: Philippians 3:10: "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;" To know and grow in the precepts of God's Word is powerful. Confessing the Lord Jesus is the first basic step. Belief has been lodged in the heart. It has been stated that what is inside of you will come out. Salvation is an inside job. We cannot be saved on our own terms or our own righteousness. Taking on the mind of Christ must supersede our intellect. God knows our thinking. II Timothy 2:19a: "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his...."

LESSON 21 – May 23, 2021

SUBJECT: Jesus Is Lord of All

GOLDEN TEXT: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Salvation is not based on merit. It is also not reserved for any one particular race, creed or culture. Jesus is Lord of all or he is not Lord at all. Salvation is universal. Calling on the name of the Lord is a necessary lifeline. Whenever you make plans to travel by plane, train, ship or bus - 911 plans are explained in detail as to what you should do in the event of an emergency. Health insurance coverage is secured in advance for your protection. When you need medical services, the premiums have been paid in advance, then the medical services are rendered. You plan

in advance for your physical life by securing a life insurance policy. You must pay your premiums as due for the policy to be kept in effect. Drive/own a vehicle? It is mandatory that your vehicle is insured in advance. All of these policies and coverages require payment. You may call to have your coverage enacted, yet if your premiums are not paid up to date the coverage is of no affect. Salvation is free, Jesus has paid the price, therefore when you call upon the name of the Lord - the golden text becomes a living reality in your life.

Romans 10:13: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The gospel message should be received by faith, not just by hearing. God's desire is that none should perish, but come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

LESSON 22 – May 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Ministry to Unbelievers

GOLDEN TEXT: "But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand" (Romans 15:21).

PRINTED SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 15:15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

17 I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

21 But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;

24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.

25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

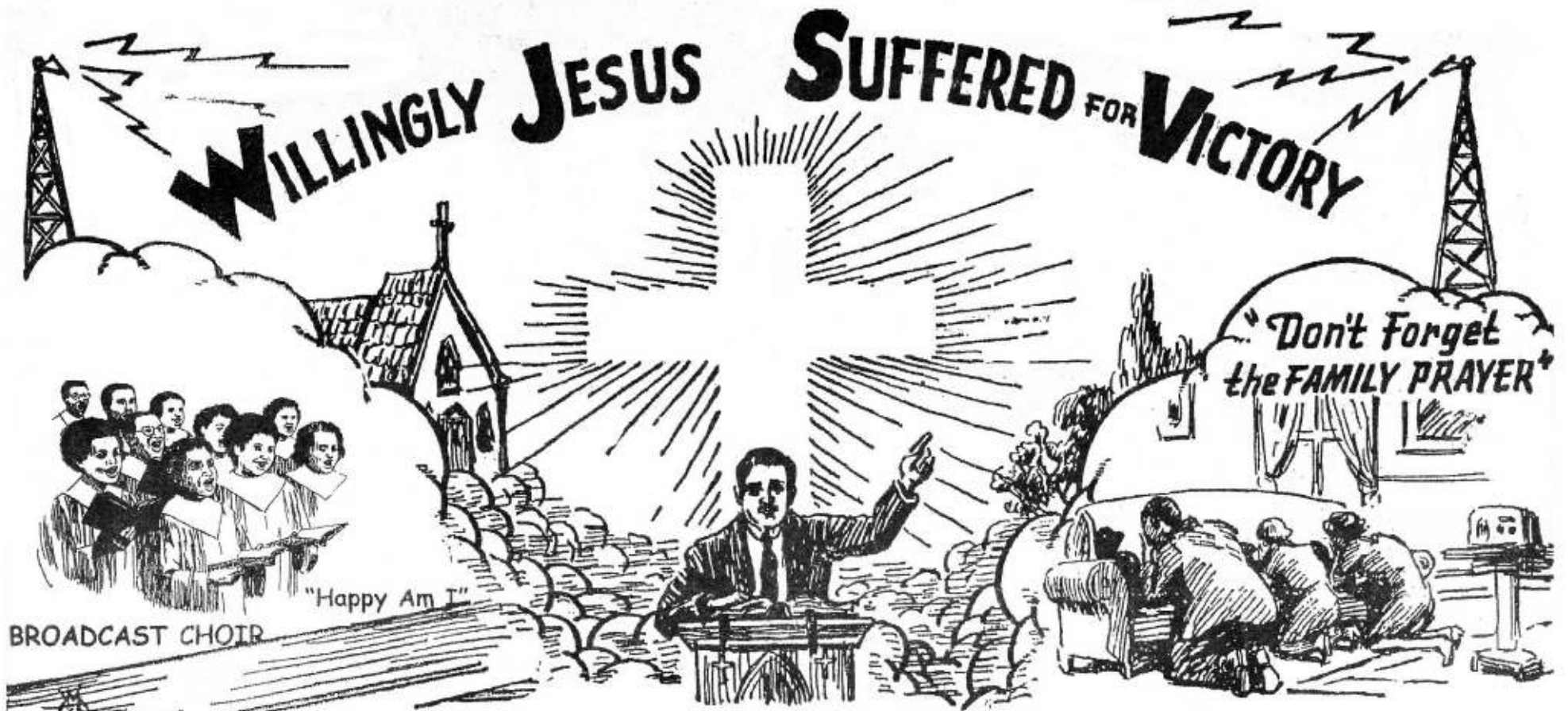
27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Paul had a strong urgency to minister and spread the gospel worldwide. He did not back down or retreat in His presentation. This is evidenced in Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

We, as believers should not be ashamed of the gospel. The mission field is vast, not overcrowded, but underused. It is as close as the neighbor next door, the store clerk, the students, customers. In Christ there aren't any east, west, north, south restrictions. The Holy Spirit as a GPS (Global Positioning System) is preset just for you. It will guide you into all truth of the gospel. As kingdom builders, we will win the lost one by one. Everybody ought to know Who Jesus is. Witnessing should not be confined to our social circles. Believers must think outside of the box.





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Prayer Answered

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

HOW ARE THE DEAD RAISED UP?

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of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies..."

Notice now, there are all kinds of flesh, but they are not the same. Birds have a different flesh from the fish, fish have a different flesh from a man. So, the Lord tells you there are different kinds of bodies. Read I Corinthians 15:40-44a as follows: **"There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body."**

The celestial bodies differ in glory. Some are brilliant, others are dim. So, it will be in the resurrection of the dead. The bodies of men will be buried a natural body, one that sees corruption, one that will rot. But when God brings the bodies from the dead by His own might and power, they will be bodies that cannot see corruption. They will be sown in the natural but raised spiritual bodies. That is the kind of body Jesus had when He came from the grave. It was not the same body that went down from the cross. It had all the marks and all the likeness, but it had been changed in nature into a spiritual body. It went where it pleased without being subject to natural laws as we know them, and the law of gravity.

In the resurrection, you shall have a spiritual body. Jesus appeared among His apostles wherever they were without opening a door. The best example that I can give you of a spiritual body is demonstrated by modern television. The likeness of an individual or individuals come into your house. The very image comes in. His voice is heard. You see him, but you can't feel him. When he gets ready to go, he leaves and doesn't say "goodbye." He doesn't open any door and you don't go with him to the door. That's the mark of a spiritual body. That's how the dead will be raised.

May God bless you!

CALLING ALL YOUTH (Continued from Page 9)

2. Let my _____ come before _____: _____ me according to thy _____.
3. My _____ shall utter _____, when thou hast _____ me thy _____.
4. My _____ shall speak of thy _____; for all thy _____ are _____.
5. Let thine hand _____ me; for I have _____ thy _____.
6. I have _____ for thy _____, O LORD; and thy _____ is my _____.
7. Let my _____ live, and it shall _____ thee; and let thy _____ help me.

