

“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)!

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



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# GOD'S WORD REVEALS HOW HE ESTABLISHED HIS CHURCH

*ARE YOU A MEMBER OF IT?  
(YOU'LL KNOW AFTER YOU READ THIS MESSAGE.)*

My precious ones, this morning as I stand before you, I want to tell you above everything, I love you. No one who lies to you loves you. He, who tells you the truth, loves you. For that cause, I speak without favor because of your wonderful admiration and praise for me. I am nothing of myself, only what God makes me! So, I thank you for all the praise, the wonderful cards, letters and kind words which you bestow upon me but do not forget --- if it wasn't for the Lord, what would I be?

There are other men who preach. I'm not the only one for there are thousands of them. In the days of Elijah God had 7,000 other Prophets who never bowed their knees to Baal nor kissed his image. But Elijah was the only true Prophet who stood out boldly against the worshippers of Baal. He failed not to declare the whole counsel of God. And there are other ministers representing the Lord in this day, but I am responsible for what He gives me to say, not what He gives them to say. He makes men up differently and deals with them likewise, and He uses them for the purpose for which He made them. So do not think that I am angry or hateful because I speak the truth.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God spoke the truth and He was hated to the extent that He was murdered, for the Bible says, He that hateth is a murderer. (See I John 3:15). The thing that you must remember is that when you kill another, you kill your own soul eternally. So, though my words may seem harsh, I speak to you with love for you in my heart. I want those of you who have a mind to listen, to take in what I am saying, for one day you will thank the Elder for having told you the truth.

My precious ones, I offer you the messages which I preach over the radio so that you can search the Scriptures for yourself. If you find them to be true, obey them and you'll never regret the day that you began, for it is too late after death to try to prepare to live with God in Heaven. Whether you are righteous or unrighteous you must live again in Heaven or hell. Hell means torment or agony. Sometimes when people are angry, you'll hear them say to another, "I'm going to give him hell." They mean they are going to do something dirty to someone. But God doesn't send you to hell for your disobedience, you go against His will. So, hear the Elder as he declares the truth. The whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God, I give to you. Don't cut me off nor get angry with me, just sit there and hold on! Sometimes you may have to grit your teeth but just spit (excuse the expression) and open up your valves for you need what the Elder is saying.

Briefly, I want to establish something in your minds this morning. I want you to see God's church this morning as you've never seen it before. I want you to understand. In St. Matthew 16, reading the 18th Verse, you see these words which were spoken by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He said, "**And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**" As Jesus was talking to His Apostles, He singled out Peter and said to him, that thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against my church.

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The person who does wrong stands in a slippery place. Sooner or later he will slide.

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The church is to be in the world, but the world has no business being in the church.

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Work like you are going to live forever; and live like you are going to die tonight.

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The Word of God separates you from the World.

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Everything in the Word of God is a promise to the righteous and a warning to the sinner.

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I am not in heaven yet, and I know the devil is not in hell yet; so I am going to watch every day.

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Those who expect to walk with God in heaven must first walk with Him in earth.

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Understanding is not acquired in colleges or universities, but it comes from God who says to depart from evil is understanding.

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Our trouble is that we try to bear our burdens instead of laying them at Jesus' feet.

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You stand in time of trouble, and those who persecute you will see somebody standing with you—that somebody will be Christ.

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The way you think is the way you will go—if you are not going right, change your way of thinking.

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

## GOD’S WORD REVEALS HOW HE ESTABLISHED HIS CHURCH

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You’ll find out what the Bible tells you who the Rock is in Deuteronomy, the 32d Chapter, reading the 4th Verse. God’s Son Jesus, made a choice upon a sure foundation to build His church and this is how it reads: **“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”** He is a God of truth and without iniquity. God is the Rock! And it declares the kind of foundation that He is --- He is the Rock! God is that One upon which Jesus Christ built His church!

And do you know who God is? “In the beginning was the Word of God, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God,” says the Scriptures. Jesus built His church upon the Word of God! And again, let’s see what the Word of God is. Read the 4th Verse again! **“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”** He is the Rock, His work is perfect, and --- all of His ways are done in judgment; He’s a God of truth for He never lies; He is without sin and He’ll treat everybody right. What a foundation! That’s the Book.

My precious ones, Christ didn’t say that He would build His church upon Peter. Martin Luther was the founder of the Lutheran Church, Roger Williams was the founder of the Baptist Church and John Wesley was the founder of the Methodist Church, but God didn’t say He was going to build His Church upon the names of any men. God never did that! He never named any one as the Rock, according to the Scriptures, but His Word. Many of the denominations of churches are founded upon the names of men; --- men’s names are used but they don’t know what a name means --- a name is something. They profess to be preaching the Doctrine of Christ, but the Doctrine of Christ is that you be perfect --- God can make you so! Can you find any fault with the sun? You can’t find any specks on the sun and if you should try to look at it to see if you could find one, you’d go blind. His work is perfect in nature and in all that He has done.

Just as I have mentioned men’s names, listen to what God’s Word says regarding men and the question it asks in I Corinthians, the 3d Chapter, beginning with the 4th Verse! Read: **“For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; ...”** One will go about saying, “I belong to St. Paul’s Church; and another says, “I belong to Apollos’ Church.” You’ll hear people say, “I belong to St. Peter’s Cathedral” or I belong to St. Paul’s AME Church. They’re in all kinds of names of men who had no power to save! Listen to the question now! Read! **“are ye not carnal?”** People are now established in those names.

While I was driving along the road one day, I saw a little church up on a hill and the name on it was Crook’s Baptist Church. (One’s amusing thought would be that it was named after crooks.) I presume it was named after someone named Crook who gave the land possibly



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or contributed toward the church, so the people there named it the Crook’s Baptist Church. They never think, they never realize, nor do they understand that a name is everything. When you call a man a dog, you’re putting him down with the dogs; when you call him a rat you’ve classed him with the rats. Remember that God’s name is Holy!

For your learning and information my precious ones, the Lord says this in the 5th Verse of the same Chapter, **“Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?”** It asks, who is Paul? Who is Apollos? They are only preachers. They are like John Wesley, Martin Luther and all the rest of those whose names are placed on temples and buildings which you call God’s house. It says, they were “but ministers by whom ye believed even as to every man” of whom He made a choice. Read: (6) **“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”** The Word says, “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God must give the increase.” (7) **“So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.”** Just listen to that; it tells you so plainly! No man who preaches the Gospel and plants it in your heart is anything. The one who comes along and stirs up your mind concerning what you have heard isn’t anything either, according to the Word of God. But it’s God, He’s the One. He’s everything! Don’t lose track of God!

Men and women are gathering together worshipping here, there and everywhere, but they are not obeying the commandments of God. If you are going to be a member of His Church, He commands you to be just what He says as is found in I Peter, the 1st Chapter, reading the 15th and 16th Verses: Listen! **“... but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;...”**. God tells you; He doesn’t deceive you. He wants you to know and understand. So, He says to all of you who claim to be following Him, these words: “As He, (God) through

Jesus Christ hath called you is Holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.” Be holy in everything you do. Again, I say that this is what God commands you to be if you are going to be a member of His church. He commands that you be holy in all of your walks of life. In the 16th Verse, He tells you why He gives you that command. **“... because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”**

Now you can go to these denominational churches (Please excuse me for referring to you so definitely) and begin to tell people that they’ve got to be holy and from the preacher down, choir members and all, they’ll say, “nobody can be holy. You’re holy after you’re dead.” But the Lord says, “if you are going to be a member of my Church, you’ve got to be holy.”

So, my brother, I want you to understand that Peter and the other men I mentioned were just men. Some people have said that God built His Church on Peter, but God didn’t do that. Had He done so, His Church would have had a rotten foundation for Peter cursed; he denied he ever knew Christ and then forsook Him. God had to fix him up. After Jesus had risen from the dead, He sent for Peter, Amen; He sanctified him and told him to wait until he received the Holy Ghost before he opened his mouth any more. (I’ll tell you about it.)

Brother, sister --- this is no plaything; this is no joke. This is God’s Word that I am reading and preaching to you. Who am I to be saying it from my mouth --- one who was born in sin and shaped in iniquity, one who was as big a devil as any other sinner. But I met Jesus --- He turned my life around and filled me with His Holy Spirit and today, as you refer to St. Peter, who was a sinner and became a Saint, I can say that I am St. Michaux who was a sinner, also. St. Paul was another sinner who persecuted everybody he heard calling on the name of Jesus. He broke up the little churches, but when God got through with him, He placed his name on the record as St. Paul. And if Paul could be a Saint, why not you and I. Listen! These are men.

Regardless of what men say, the Bible tells you these words in Deuteronomy, the 32d Chapter, reading from the 1st to the 4th Verse concerning the foundation upon which Christ built His Church. Here is the way it reads: **“GIVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass.”** This is the effect of God’s Word; this is how you will be affected as things take place in your life when you obey God. As the rain and the dew fall upon the earth, they cause it to blossom and bloom and give fruit. Then

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### The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Responses to the Bible Word Puzzle

The following persons found the correct answer:

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1. Romans	6	12	1	_____
2. Psalm	111	10	17	_____
3. Proverbs	5	7	4	_____
4. Exodus	16	29	24	_____
5. II Samuel	21	9	15	_____
6. St. John	6	64	6	_____
7. Ephesians	3	9	14	_____
8. Philippians	4	15	2	_____
9. Colossians	1	18	26	_____
10. I King	5	7	8	_____
11. Jeremiah	8	10	21	_____
12. Revelation	1	8	6	_____
13. Genesis	1	1	3	_____
14. I Corinthians	14	23	1	_____
15. Judges	7	19	7	_____
16. Isaiah	15	7	9	_____
17. Numbers	31	19	3	_____
18. Jeremiah	42	10	38	_____
19. Malachi	3	16	17	_____
20. Acts	1	22	2	_____
21. Proverbs	1	7	4	_____
22. Deuteronomy	11	12	23	_____
23. Joshua	18	5	3	_____
24. Leviticus	25	28	18	_____
25. I Chronicles	17	9	19	_____
26. II Thessalonians	2	13	12	_____
27. Ezekiel	36	11	37	_____
28. Zephaniah	1	13	15	_____
29. Ecclesiastes	8	15	27	_____
30. II Peter	3	4	18	_____
31. II John	1	6	26	_____
32. Job	42	12	2	_____
33. St. Luke	1	35	40	_____
34. Hosea	3	3	19	_____
35. Nahum	1	6	11	_____
36. Hebrews	3	14	11	_____
37. St. Matthew	6	8	10	_____

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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

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He says to you in the 3rd Verse, “**Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.**” I’ll publish the name of the Lord; I’ll ascribe greatness unto our God, it says. “**He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are judgment: A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.**” He is making you know that He is the Rock, His work is perfect: All of His ways are done in judgment. He is a God of truth and without iniquity; just and right is He,” His Word declares. What a foundation!

One day when Jesus and His Apostles were gathered at Caesarea Philippi, He asked them this question found in St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter beginning with the 13th Verse and reading to the 18th. (I call these Scriptures so that you might read them for yourselves.) Read: “**When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.**” Jesus wanted to know whom they thought Him to be, so He asked this in the 15th Verse, “**He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?**” Then He also said unto them, “you’ve been with Me; you’ve seen my work. You’ve seen Me open the eyes of the blind, unstop the ears of the deaf; you’ve seen Me walk upon the bosom of the deep; you’ve seen Me raise the dead --- whom do you say that I am.? “**And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**” Jesus said to Peter, “Blessed art thou Simon Bar-jona. Flesh and blood didn’t make you know this because all up at the Synagogue among the Pharisees and the Sadducees are those who profess to know God and the Doctrines of the Law, and they claim that I am an impostor. And --- if you believe that I am the Son of God, you didn’t get it from the churches around here, you got it from Heaven! You only got it from my Father which is in Heaven.” Then He said this to Peter. (18) “**And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church;...**” Jesus said, I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock (upon this confession of your faith that I am the Son of God), I’ll build me a church.” “**...and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**” Jesus said, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. No!

Then He said to Peter in the 19th Verse, “**And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**”

Now for your information and learning, I want you to know what the Key of the Kingdom is. The Word of God tells you in St. Mark 16, Verses 15 and 16 these words by which you may know from this day on and understand that

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# Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

## WISDOM PROMISES SAFETY

### PROVERBS FIRST CHAPTER

**“THE** proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

**“A** wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**“My** son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

**“My** son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

**“My** son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. And they lay wait for their own blood they lurk privily for their own lives.

**“So** are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof. Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, How long ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

**“Turn** you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded: But ye have set at nought all my counsel and would none of my reproof:

**“I** also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

**“They** would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely,



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and shall be quiet from fear of evil.”

### PROVERBS SECOND CHAPTER

**“MY** son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding. If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

**“For** the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

**“When** wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:

**“To** deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

**“None** that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous. For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.”

PROVERBS THIRD CHAPTER: First to Tenth Verse inclusive.

**“MY** son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. 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.

**“Trust** in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 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. Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

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**“For** the froward is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous. The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. Surely he scorneth the scorers; but he giveth grace unto the lowly. The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.”

PROVERBS SIXTH CHAPTER: Verses 20 to 29 inclusive.

**“My** son, keep thy father’s commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

**“For** the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

**“Can** a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So he that goeth in to his neighbour’s wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.”

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My friends, you must know that wisdom cannot be obtained in institutions of learning, as so many people believe. No, not wisdom! You may obtain knowledge from your universities, but not wisdom which is the ability to judge soundly and deal wisely. This is a gift which must come from God. The wisdom of the world consists mainly of the learning that comes through instructions you receive in schools and colleges, and from reading books written by men. But this wisdom does not teach the importance of being Godly. According to James 3:15: it is earthly, sensual, and devilish.

But the wisdom that is a gift from God, that comes from God to endow those who are blessed is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. May you seek this wisdom is my prayer.

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Since the beginning of his evangelistic ministry, Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux has utilized radio broadcasting as an effective medium for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. As founding pastor of the Gospel Spreading Church, Elder Michaux began broadcasting in 1929 over WJSV, later renamed WTOP. Although hundreds of persons faithfully listened to his preaching each week until his death in 1968, the message of salvation is still aired nationwide.

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Over the years the Gospel Spreading Church’s mission has been to reach the lost and to bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We thank God for affording the Gospel Spreading Church numerous opportunities to share the gospel throughout the land. God has truly been faithful.

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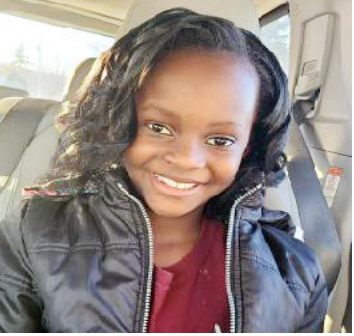
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Calling All Youth

*"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)*



N'Dea, Age 8, Baltimore

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MEMORY VERSE

“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye (Psalm 32:8).”

We can learn many things from other people. But we can learn the most important things from the Greatest Teacher and Instructor, Jesus Christ. His words of wisdom and instruction are recorded in the Bible. When we hear those words, it is just as though he is talking to us directly. He is. When children came to him, while he was on earth: he listened to them. He loved them. He welcomed them. He taught them and would not let anyone dismiss them from him. What love! Jesus explained that to become great, all of his disciples needed to become like little children (see St. Matthew 18: 1-5). An explanation of this is not that older persons become childish or immature, but that all of his true disciples should exhibit the characteristics of children: teachable, humble, trusting, loving, and forgiving. Jesus’ teachings are on record in his Word: the Bible. Oh, may each of us continue to seek to obey the Words of the Greatest Teacher and Instructor: Jesus Christ. After all, He is watching. He is willing to guide us always. The Holy Spirit will enable us to obey.

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 not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee (Psalm 32:9).” “Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart (Psalm 32:11)!”

CHILDREN THANK THEIR TEACHERS

I want to thank Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Bethley for helping me understand most things in their class. I also want to thank the rest of the teachers because they helped me solve my problems with homework and classwork.

By Nathaniel, Age 14  
Greenbelt



My classmates and I wrote a note to our teacher, Mr. Ware. We told him how much we appreciated him. We had a very wonderful time celebrating him.



By Nya, Age 16  
Greenbelt

I want to thank Mr. Nusum. He keeps the class engaged in our projects, as well as in class discussions. I really appreciate him.

By N’Kyron, Age 17  
Greenbelt



I want to thank Mrs. Williams. She helped me to get into Third Grade. I like the way that she teaches math. I really like math!

By N’Dea, Age 8  
Baltimore

I want to thank Miss Becky. She is very comforting and patient. She is really helpful, although we don’t listen very well sometimes. She just forgives us and keeps on teaching.



By Tsehai, Age 11  
Baltimore

Miss Bella is my favorite teacher. She makes the best paper airplanes! And they fly very, very high! If you were in my class, you could ask Miss Bella for help [flying paper airplanes] and she would help you make your airplane fly high too!



By Imani, Age 4  
Baltimore



One Solitary Life  
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He was born in an obscure village  
The child of a peasant woman.  
He grew up in another obscure village  
Where he worked in a carpenter shop  
Until he was thirty.

He never wrote a book.  
He never held an office.  
He never went to college.  
He never visited a big city.  
He never traveled more than two hundred miles  
From the place where he was born.  
He did none of the things  
Usually associated with greatness.  
He had no credentials but himself.

He was only thirty-three

His friends ran away.  
One of them denied him.  
He was turned over to his enemies  
And went through the mockery of a trial.  
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.  
While dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing:  
The only property he had on earth.

When he was dead,  
He was laid in a borrowed grave  
Through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries [now twenty] have come and gone;  
And today, Jesus is the central figure of the human race  
And the leader of mankind’s progress.  
All the armies that have ever marched,  
All the navies that have ever sailed,  
All the parliaments that have ever sat,  
All the kings that ever reigned put together  
Have not affected the life of mankind on earth  
As powerfully as that one solitary life.



ANSWERS TO MAY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. Whose spirit was “stirred up” by the Lord to fulfill a prophecy of Jeremiah?  
(Cyrus, king of Persia - **Ezra 1:1**. Jeremiah prophesied that after seventy years the captive people in Babylon would return to their original homes in Jerusalem.)
2. What did God call the king of Persia in Isaiah 44:28 and Isaiah 45:1?  
(God called the king of Persia “shepherd” - **Isaiah 44:28** and His “anointed” - **Isaiah 45:1**).
3. What did God charge the king of Persia to do for Jerusalem?  
(He was charged to build a house for the Lord in Jerusalem - **Ezra 1:2**).
4. What two charges did the king of Persia give to the Jews in his kingdom?  
(The Jews would (1) rebuild the temple and (2)

contribute resources to those who would undertake the return trip to Judah - **Ezra 1:3**).

5. What did God do to prepare the Jews’ return to Judah? (God raised the spirit of the elders of Judah and Benjamin, the priests, the Levites and other assorted individuals - **Ezra 1:5**).
6. What kinds of things did the Jews remaining in Persia give to the exiles who were returning to Judah? (The exiles were given “vessels of silver”, “precious things” and “freewill offering” - **Ezra 1:6**).
7. What did the king of Persia return to the Jews that Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem? (He returned the vessels of the house of the Lord - **Ezra 1:7**).

ANSWERS TO MAY FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Let my **cry** come **near** before **thee**, O LORD: give me **understanding** according to thy **word** (**Psalm 119:169**).
2. Let my **supplication** come before **thee**: **deliver** me according to thy **word** (**Psalm 119:170**).
3. My **lips** shall utter **praise**, when thou hast **taught** me thy **statutes** (**Psalm 119:171**).
4. My **tongue** shall speak of thy **word**; for all thy **commandments** are **righteousness** (**Psalm 119:172**).
5. Let thine hand **help** me; for I have **chosen** thy **precepts** (**Psalm 119:173**).
6. I have **longed** for thy **salvation**, O LORD; and thy **law** is my **delight** (**Psalm 119:174**).
7. Let my **soul** live, and it shall **praise** thee; and let thy **judgments** help me (**Psalm 119:175**).

JUNE HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

What are the meanings of the Names of God.

1. Jehovah Mekoddishkem
2. Jehovah Qanna
3. El-Roi
4. Jehovah Shalom
5. Jehovah Tsidkenu
6. Jehovah Shammah
7. Jehovah Jireh

JUNE FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ unto the LORD the \_\_\_\_\_ due unto his \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD in the beauty of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD is upon the \_\_\_\_\_: the God of \_\_\_\_\_ thundereth: the LORD is upon many \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD is full of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD breaketh the \_\_\_\_\_; yea, the LORD breaketh the \_\_\_\_\_ of Lebanon.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD divideth the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD shaketh the \_\_\_\_\_; the LORD shaketh the \_\_\_\_\_ of Kadesh.
7. The LORD will give \_\_\_\_\_ unto his people; the LORD will \_\_\_\_\_ his people with \_\_\_\_\_.

# Sunday School Lessons for the Month of May

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Elder David Green. He was a teacher of the junior boys class between 1994 and 2000 at the Church of God Sunday School, Newport News, VA.



LESSON 23 – June 6, 2021  
SUBJECT: Joshua Commands the Sun to Stand Still

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel” (Joshua 10:14).

**PRINTED TEXT:** Joshua 10:1 Now it came to pass, when Adonizedec king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;

**2 That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty.**

3 Wherefore Adonizedec king of Jerusalem, sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying,

**4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.**

5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

**6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.**

7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

**8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.**

9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.

**10 And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.**

11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

**12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.**

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

**14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.**

15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

## LESSON DISCUSSION

At the time of this lesson, Joshua had conquered Jericho, captured the city of Ai, and Israel had entered into a peace agreement with Gibeon (see Joshua 10:1). King Adonizedec of Jerusalem joined alliance with the kings of Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon to attack Gibeon (see Joshua 10:2-5). Now allies with Israel, the Gibeonites reached out to Joshua for help. To honor their commitment to them, Joshua marched his entire army from Gilgal to their defense (see Joshua 10:6-7).

God promised Joshua deliverance, and He caused their enemies to be disorganized as they fled before them, raining down hailstones that killed more of them than from Israelite combat (see Joshua 10:8-11). Because the destruction of their enemies could not be achieved during the remaining hours of daylight, Joshua said boldly before the Israelites, *Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou Moon, in the valley of Ajalon*. Due to that prayer of faith to God, the sun stayed up a day longer, and Israel was able to defeat their enemies (see Joshua 10:12-13).

As God fought for Israel because of Joshua’s faith, God continues to fight for His people today. We can testify to the Psalm 7:10: *My defence is of God, Which saveth the upright in heart*.

LESSON 24 – June 13, 2021  
SUBJECT: Gideon Destroys Baal’s Altar

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.” (Deuteronomy 7:6).

**PRINTED TEXT:** Judges 6:25 And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father’s young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it:

**26 And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.**

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father’s household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

**28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built.**

29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.

**30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that was by it.**

31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath cast down his altar.

**32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.**

## LESSON DISCUSSION

The call of Gideon by God as a “*mighty man of valor*” to defeat the Midianites required courage and faith on his part (see Judges 6:11- 24). In doing so, God began training him with a minor commission: he was to take, tear down his father Joash’s altar and grove dedicated to Baal, and build an alter from the wood of the torn down altar. On this altar, he would sacrifice a young bull from his father’s herd (see Judges 6:25-26).

With the assistance of ten of his house servants, Gideon carried out his objective at night. By morning, the men of the city saw that a new altar stood in place of the former. Upset by what had happened, an inquiry into the matter revealed that Joash’s son Gideon had done this (see Judges 6:27-29). The men of the city rushed over to Joash’s house demanding that he hand over his son to lynch him as punishment for what he had done (see Joshua 6:30). Joash questioned them about whether they were defending Baal, an idol god. He also let them know that if Baal had any power, he could take vengeance himself, and anyone who decided to take the matter in his own hands should be put to death. No harm came to Gideon, and he was nicknamed *Jerubbaal*, meaning, *Let Baal defend himself* (see Judges 6:31-32).

As Gideon received encouragement from the minor conflicts, God does the same when He is preparing His people for bigger challenges.

LESSON 25 – June 20, 2021  
SUBJECT: Jonathan Attacks the Philistine Outpost

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few” (I Samuel 14:6).

**PRINTED TEXT:** I Samuel 14:1 Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines’ garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father.

**2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men;**

3 And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod’s brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD’s priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

**4 And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines’ garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.**

5 The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.

7 And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.

8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.

9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us.

11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The Philistines had an outpost located close to Michmash (see I Samuel 13:23). Saul’s son Jonathan suggested to his armor-bearer that the two of them should scope out the garrison. The two departed from Saul’s camp secretly. Saul was unaware of their departure (see I Samuel 14:1-3). To reach the outpost, Jonathan and his armor-bearer had to descend from one cliff, then climb another (see I Samuel 14:4-5). Jonathan wanted a military clash with the Philistines. He believed that, though they were only two against the garrison, God would support them in their reconnaissance of the enemy’s position. His armor-bearer agreed to the plan, and both men set out to purposely be spotted by the enemy (see I Samuel 14:6-8).

If the Philistines told them to wait for their men to come, they would not go any further. But if the Philistines invited them into their outpost, it would be a sign from God for the two to go up and fight them (see I Samuel 14:9-10). The men at the garrison called for them to come up, and when they reached the top, the two went on a rampage killing enemy soldiers. According to I Samuel 14:14-16, Jonathan and his servant killed twenty Philistine soldiers. Israel witnessed their enemies’ retreat.

Proverbs 29:25 states, *“The fear of man bringeth a snare: But whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe”*. When believers stretch out on faith in God, they can expect God’s protection.

LESSON 26 – June 27, 2021  
SUBJECT: Elijah Rebukes King Ahab

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD” (I Kings 21:20).

**PRINTED TEXT:** I Kings 21:17 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,

22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.

23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son’s days will I bring the evil upon his house.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In I Kings 21:1-16, we learn that Ahab, King of Israel, was involved in a conspiracy to obtain Naboth’s vineyard for his own garden. The vineyard was a family inheritance that Naboth refused to sell. False charges of blasphemy against God and the king were brought against Naboth. Consequently, Ahab’s wife, Jezebel, devised a plan that resulted in Naboth’s death by stoning.

As the lesson unfolds, God sends the prophet Elijah to the vineyard to meet Ahab and prophesy punishment for his part in the conspiracy. The dogs would lick his blood in the place where Naboth was executed, and they did. (see I Kings 21:17-19). In addition, because Ahab had sold himself to do evil in God’s presence, God would bring his family legacy to an end. Ahab’s wife Jezebel, would be eaten by dogs, and family members who died in the city would also be eaten by dogs. Those who died in the country would be eaten by birds (see I Kings 21:20-24). Because the punishment was more than he could bear, Ahab rent his clothes, fasted, and put on sackcloth as an act of penitence. Because He saw that Ahab was remorseful, God would not allow Ahab’s genealogy to be wiped out during his lifetime (see I Kings 21:27-29).

St. Mark 5:32: *“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”* As Ahab was remorseful for his wickedness, Jesus calls sinners to repent. By so doing, He will forgive and give new life.

GOD’S WORD REVEALS HOW HE ESTABLISHED HIS CHURCH

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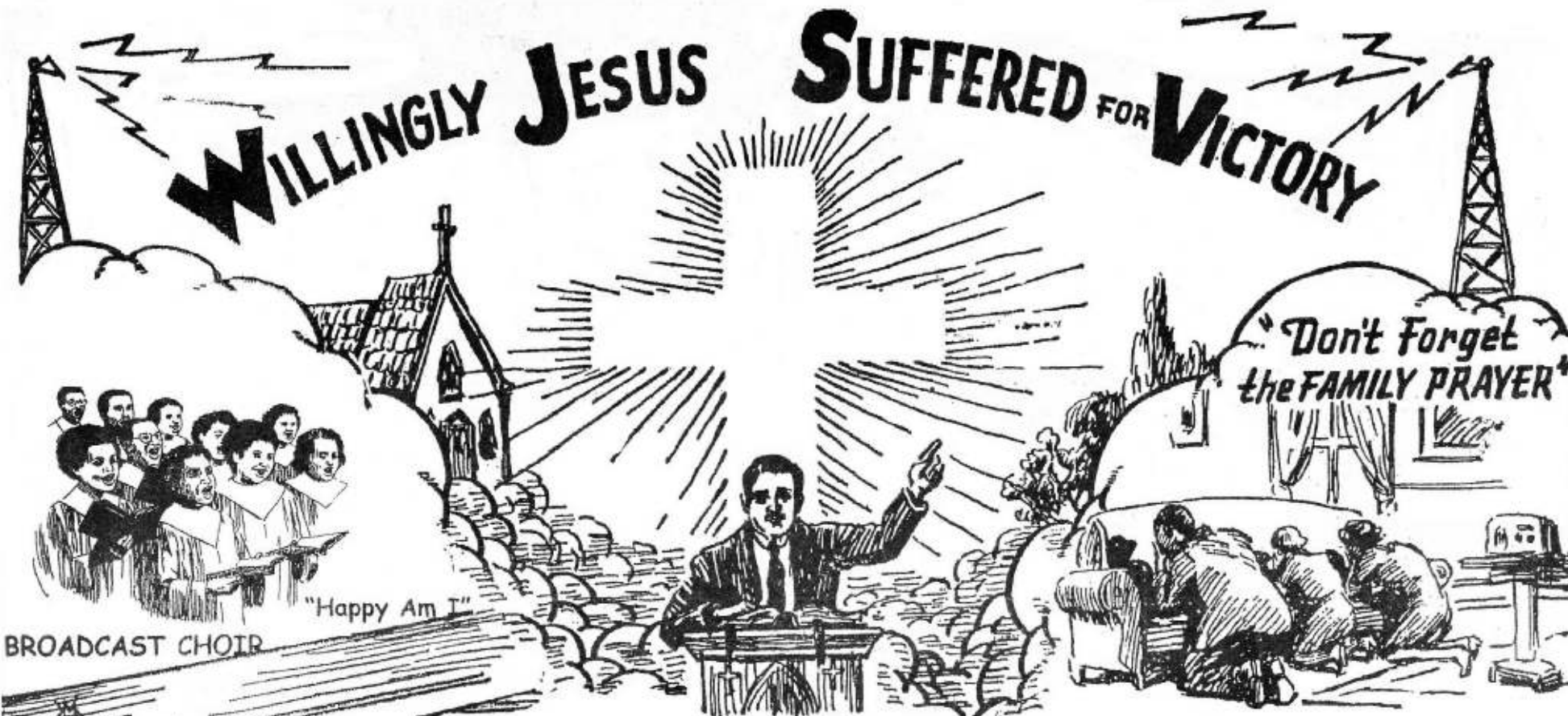
prayer is not the key of Heaven. You hear some people say, “prayer is the key of Heaven and faith unlocks the door.” But yes, my brother and sister, a whole lot of folks are praying and going to hell. Prayer is accorded to many, but only a few have their prayers answered, and those are the people who obey God. Prayer is a petition to God. The Scripture says here in the 15th Verse these words, **“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”** He that believeth and obeys the teachings of Christ shall have everlasting life and shall enter into the Kingdom of God, but he that believeth not the Gospel shall be damned.

It was Peter who preached the first Holy Ghost message after the church had been established at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. The first Gospel sermon that opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all nations was preached by Peter. He opened the Kingdom with the Gospel. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, according to the Word of God. The wrath of God from Heaven against all unrighteousness is revealed in the Gospel. Therefore, my precious ones, though Peter denied Christ, Christ sent for Peter after He arose from the dead and straightened him out. He sent him on to Jerusalem with the rest of the Apostles and said, “don’t go away, stay there until I give you the power to carry out what I commissioned you to do --- to open the Kingdom of Heaven to the nations by preaching the Gospel.”

In reading Acts, the 2nd Chapter from the 1st to the 18th Verse inclusive, you will find out what happened on the Day of Pentecost when the Church was established at Jerusalem. Read: **“AND when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”** When the Apostles and all the people had gathered together on the Mount of Olivet to witness the Ascension of Jesus Christ from the Mount back to Heaven, He commanded that they return to Jerusalem and wait there until He sent them the promise of the Father, His Holy Spirit. So, they were there in the Upper Room in Jerusalem on one accord as He had commanded.

(2) **“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,...”** They were all made holy! It was the beginning of the establishing of the Church of God and every member was

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

## GOD’S WORD REVEALS HOW HE ESTABLISHED HIS CHURCH

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made holy!. Let’s read what happened then. “... and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” They began to speak in the different languages of the nations that were gathered there as the Holy Ghost gave them utterance.

(5) “**And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.**” There were people gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost and among them were Jews, and devout men out of every nation --- they were there. God set forth this time that He might establish His Church, that the Kingdom of Heaven might be opened by the preaching of the Gospel of eternal light.

What happened then? (6) “**Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded because that every man heard them speak in his own language.**” Now when the news of the Great Sensation going on in the Upper Room was noised abroad, the multitude who were at Jerusalem came together and were confounded, because every man heard them speak in his own language. They were unlearned men; the majority of them had never been to school and yet, --- they were enabled by the power of God, the Holy Ghost, to preach the Gospel to each of them in his own language. It was not unknown, but known.

Read: (7) “**And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? (8) And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?**” Jesus Christ, the Son of God had said to Peter, “you shall open the Kingdom, Amen, and you shall shut it. Whosoever believes the Gospel shall be saved; he that believeth it not, shall be damned. And you shall be the one to whom I’ll give the key to the Kingdom, along with the rest. So, they asked, “how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?”

(9) “**Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God...**” All of them said, “we do hear them speak in our language;” --- It must be God!

(12) “**And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? (13) “Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.**” (They are drunk.)

(14) “**But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:**” But here comes Peter. He stood up and lifted up his voice and said unto them, as they listened, “Ye men of Judaea, and all of you who are here in Jerusalem, be it known unto you and hearken to my words.” (15) “**For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:**”

Now in the 31st Verse these words were spoken, “**he seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ,...**” It says, “Seeing this, He (God) spoke through the Prophet Joel of the resurrection of Christ.” Read: “**...that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.**” Peter is preaching now; he’s opening up the Kingdom to them if they want to receive the Gospel. (33) “**Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.**” Therefore, said Peter, being by the right hand of God exalted, He has received of the Father the promise to send us the Holy Ghost. He hath shed forth this which you now see and hear.

(36) “**Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**” Peter, under the influence of the Holy Spirit was preaching with great power. Listen to what they said then! (37) “**Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? (38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**” Peter answered them by saying, “repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you too, shall be made holy.” (39) “**For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**” Way down here in our day He is calling us unto holiness. The Holy Ghost awaits to bless you and give you a membership in God’s Church!

May the Good Lord bless you. Amen