

“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” (Acts 2: 38).

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



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HAVE I ANY PLEASURE AT ALL THAT THE WICKED SHOULD DIE?, SAITH THE LORD GOD

*God, Through Man's Conscience, Makes Him Know
The Right From The Wrong*

Briefly, I wish to impart to you a little wisdom from which you may catch a vision of the relationship that exists between God and man. There's no way in the world that you can understand this relationship except by the Holy Scriptures, (the Bible) which many of you have right in your homes on the table. You cannot know the Word of God unless it is revealed to you, having been made known to you by God's Holy Spirit. Just to read the Bible is one thing, but to understand what you read is another. I shall endeavor on these eight Sundays between now and the Baptizing Sunday to make you know what it means to be in relationship with God.

In II Corinthians, the 5th Chapter, reading the 1st Verse, you are given a knowledge of what you already possess, but the thing that will take place after this shall have come to pass, will have to be revealed to you by one whom God has sent to make you understand. I trust that God has sent me, for I speak nothing but what He says. When one speaks what another person tells him to say, he must have been sent by that person. So it reads thusly: **"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."** Now just to read that, you couldn't understand it very well unless the Holy Spirit made it plain to you as an individual or through somebody with whom the Holy Spirit deals. We know that this earthly body (this tabernacle) is going back to the dust from which it came and we also know that this body didn't come here by the will of a man. No, no. The God of all creation, created the first man and that's how you got here Mr. Second Man. Had God not created the first man, you wouldn't be here. But after creating the first man, He then arranged whereby that man might join Him and become a pro-creator, that is by making him male and female and blessing him and telling him to multiply. So these bodies are going back to the dust.

It's not the will of God that you perish. Why create you if you're going to perish and there be no more of you! So the Scripture says that if these bodies which we now possess dissolve, we've got another one, eternal in the heavens. In 1st Corinthians, the 15th Chapter, reading for your learning the 44th Verse, it says this: **"It is sown a natural body;..."** You know you have a natural body, and it's going to die; just like you sow a grain of wheat in the earth, you're going to sow this body. But what? **"...it is raised a spiritual body."** It's going to be raised because the Book tells you that you've got another body "eternal in the heavens," one that will never die. This body is going to dissolve and be no more. From this natural body that will be sown, God is going to bring into existence in His Kingdom a spiritual body. Read it! **"There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body."** We have a natural body and God, who gave us these natural bodies has promised that we shall have spiritual bodies. Now just don't doubt Him. Amen. He made this one and He can do whatever He promises to do.

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Jesus died for men because their souls are immortal; but men foolishly die for things which perish with them.

When Christ gets ready to return, it will be too late to get ready because He will be here before you realize it.

Love everybody! It doesn't cost anything and will bring big dividends.

Don't let the devil set up in your mind evil imaginations.

Because you are the salt of the earth, that doesn't mean you are to always be salting someone down.

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Shame those who mistreat you by being nice to them.

The will of God is going to be done, whether you desire it or not.

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

God doesn't try to find out how strong you are, but that you might find out how weak you are.

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HAVE I ANY PLEASURE AT ALL THAT THE WICKED SHOULD DIE?, SAITH THE LORD GOD

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All we know about God’s relationship to man is revealed to us in His Book we call the Bible, as I have said. The Bible tells us this in Genesis, the 2d Chapter, reading the 7th Verse: -- how man came into existence. It reads thusly: **“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground,”** You were not here when God formed man, were you? But you are here now, aren’t you? Don’t argue about it knowing that you’re here. And God is telling you that He formed you out **“... of the dust of the ground.”** Read: **“and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;...”** He breathed into man’s nostrils the breath of life. Haven’t you got breath in your nostrils? That’s it. Don’t argue about what you already have. Listen! **“... and man became a living soul.”** That is to say that man became an individual that could think, feel, and act. That’s all there is to you -- your thoughts, feelings and actions, that’s all. Remember that! When God created you and breathed into your nostrils the breath of life, you became one who could think, feel and act. The soul is the mind, that part of man that lives in “this tabernacle” (the body) that thinks, feels, and acts. If you do not understand, I want you to know these things as God has given them and revealed them that you might know them.

There is another faculty given by God to all men through which they know right from wrong. That faculty of which He tells you in Romans 2, Verses 14 and 15 is your conscience! You’ve got a mind (your soul); you’ve got a conscience through which God directs your mind. God makes one conscious of things and if you’re conscious of something falling on you, you’ll get out of the way, but if you’re unconscious, you can’t move. God has given man a conscience to direct his soul (his mind) which is in his body.

My precious ones, He says to you in Romans 2, verses 14 and 15 these words. **“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, ...”** The Bible refers to all nations, and the gentile nation means every nation except the Jews. So it says, **“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, ...”** The Ten Commandments were given to the Jews. They are the laws that God gave to a people to be established by them who He chose that the laws might guide man right through his conscience. But many heathens don’t know that, The Ten Commandments; they don’t know anything about them. So the Lord says what? **“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, ...”** When the Gentiles (every nation but the Jewish) who don’t know the law, do by nature the things that are right, something within guides them. You know there are



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some people who have never been in any church but they do better than many of those who are in the church. It’s natural. God doesn’t trust any man to guide you right. He gives man a knowledge of what is right, puts His Spirit on him and then lets him do it and become a witness to you. The preacher is only a witness to you concerning the power of God which enables you to do right and if he doesn’t do right, he doesn’t know what he is talking about. But notwithstanding, he knows when he does wrong because God won’t let him get away. And when the Gentiles (the nations) do by nature the things contained in the law, it tells you how they do it. Read! **“... these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves;”** Those who have not been given the law become a law to themselves. Amen. They just know. And when they do right, here’s what happens: **“Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts,”** God puts it in every man’s mind or soul just what’s right and what’s wrong. Oh yes! Don’t try to fool me when you snatch my pocketbook and then tell me that you don’t know that it’s wrong. Don’t try to tell me when you come around to try to take my wife that you don’t know it’s wrong. Don’t tell me when you lie on me that you don’t know what you’re doing. God put it in your heart that you can’t help from knowing it. He tells you what else happens when this takes place. Read! **“...their conscience also bearing witness,...”** If nobody knows, your conscience will bear witness. God knows and when you go wrong, your conscience will speak to you; God, through your conscience will bear witness. And what else? **“... and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.”** And when God speaks to your conscience, your thoughts will excuse you if you’ve done right; if you’ve done wrong, your thoughts will accuse you. That’s God. God is dwelling in your conscience. If your conscience condemns you, God has already done it.

Therefore, my brother, He says to you in the same Chapter in Romans, reading from the 9th to the 13th Verse these words; listen! **“Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile.”** God doesn’t excuse anyone. You’re going to have tribulations and anguish if you do evil; of the Jew first, to whom I’ve given the law to establish in the midst of the nations of the earth, and then to every nation, every nation. God, through Jesus, commissioned His Apostles to ‘go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth the gospel and is baptized shall be saved.’ (See St. Matthew 28:19). And God’s “shall” don’t miss; they hit the mark every time.

In the 10th Verse, it says: **“But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile;”** If you do right, glory, honor, and peace to every man that worketh good but wrath and anguish to every man that worketh evil. I know it’s so, yes! I know by my own experiences. I knew when I was a sinner; I knew when I walked contrary to the will of God; I knew the judgments of God condemned me. I looked all right and men and women may not have known anything about it, but I was walking around with a heavy heart. But one day I found the Lord and I learned to do good and ceased to do evil. Since that day, joy, peace and happiness have been my portion from the early morning until the setting of the sun. Now He says that it is “to the Jew first, and also to the Gentiles.” The 11th Verse tells you why. **“For there is no respect of persons with God.”** Hear that, will you! God doesn’t have any respect of persons; He isn’t studying about a king anymore than He is a peasant for doing wrong; what God allots to the poor man, He allots to the greatest man for wrong doing. God is not a respecter of persons.

Read the 12th Verse: **“For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law;...”** If you don’t know the things that you should not do by having had the law read and preached to you, and you sin, God has written it in your conscience. I dare you to start wrong! Amen. You’ll know it. Whether you’ve got any law or not, you shall also perish without the law whether you know it or not. Read! **“... shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be shall be judged by the law;”** And if you’ve known the law and have sinned, you’re going to be judged by the law and you’ll perish too.

God is a wonderful God, an everlasting Father; He’s the Prince of

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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.

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8. Psalm	57	10	5	_____
9. I Kings	18	45	6	_____
10. St. Mark	14	62	20	_____
11. Job	35	5	5	_____
12. Isaiah	5	6	3	_____
13. Proverbs	10	3	4	_____
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26. Jeremiah	4	13	15	_____
27. Zephaniah	1	15	12	_____
28. Joel	3	13	3	_____
29. Micah	6	11	7	_____
30. Isaiah	25	4	22	_____
31. Deuteronomy	4	11	5	_____
32. Jude	1	12	38	_____
33. St. Matthew	24	30	35	_____
34. Genesis	2	4	2	_____
35. Habakkuk	3	13	5	_____
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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father" (I John 2:24).

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Peace. Read! **"(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, ..."** Those who come out here or go yonder in every church in town and sit down and hear the gospel telling them what's right and what's wrong, aren't justified before God because they go to church. But what? **"but the doers of the law shall be justified."** But you, who do what you hear shall be justified. Now read that 14th Verse again which was read before. **"For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves."** God's hand in nature. God's hand causes the trees to bud and blossom; it causes the waters to move into the sea --- God's hand --- nature, nature, nature! When those who don't know anything about the law of God, do by nature, the things contained in the law, they are a law unto themselves. Why? **"Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, ..."** They show that God has put it in their minds. It's in you, mister, in you, sister. God put it there; He has written it in your conscience that when you do right, your thoughts will excuse you; you do wrong when no man knows and your thoughts will condemn you.

So He says to you in Ezekiel, the 18th Chapter and the 4th Verse, these words which He wants you to know. Listen! **"Behold, all souls are mine;..."** The word 'behold' means 'look'. Read! **"... as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die."** The soul that sinneth shall die.

To die in the flesh is to be separated from your family, other relatives and your friends, but there's another death which God refers to --- the death of the soul. The death of the body, as I have said, separates you from your loved ones, but the death of your soul separates you from God, Who is life. So it says to you in the 20th Verse, **"The soul that sinneth, it shall die...."** Remember -- the soul that sinneth, shall die. Read! **"... The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father,..."** The father can sin, but it won't affect the son. **"... neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: ..."** "Neither shall the father bear the sins of his son. **"... the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him."** If you do right, you're going to be rewarded for your doing right and if you're wicked, your wickedness shall be upon you.

"But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die." God says that if you'll just turn from your sins, (no matter how bad you are) that you have committed,

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THE SUMMER 2021 - SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Fasting is a vital aspect of true worship. It is not a time for feasting, fun, pious acting, or bowing to one’s self to appear sanctimonious. The period of Prayer, Meditation, Worship and Fasting represents serious time spent with the Lord. During this time of consecration, the Believer afflicts the body while seeking to gain strength for the inner man.

From Friday, July 9th through Sunday, July 18th, 2021, Gospel Spreading Church engages in a Solemn Assembly. COVID-19 guidelines suggest radical change in corporate worship. Modern technology such as webinars and smart phones replace regular church gatherings. Gospel Spreading Church members presently engage in the worship experience while sheltering in place.

Praise God for His faithfulness. Since in life we sometimes find ourselves in difficulties that help us recognize the fact that we need God to work out our situations. Problems are no strangers to us. Life’s situations are not always understood, and may be very hard to unravel.

In Bible days, when people of God found themselves facing insurmountable odds they called on God. For example, Queen Esther called the people to prayer and fasting (See Esther 4:16). The city of Nineveh was called to fasting and prayer (See Jonah 3:5). When the disciples were unable to cast demons out of the child, Jesus informed them of the necessity of prayer and fasting. **“Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting”** (St. Matthew 17:21).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Readers of **HAPPY NEWS** are invited to join Gospel Spreading Church in this venture - praying and fasting. **“...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much”** (James 5:16b). **“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth:** (St. John 4:24).

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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

“How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great A Salvation?”

God has provided a way whereby we can be saved from His wrath; but how shall we escape if we neglect so great a Salvation? He has made ample provision to save everyone if we only accept His wonderful plan of salvation.

We were all born in sin through Adam's transgression in the Garden of Eden, but thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, who redeemed us at a very costly price. This is made clear in the book of Isaiah. The exhortation to seek the Lord as recorded in Isaiah, Chapter 55 says: **“HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

“Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

“Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

“Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

“For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that



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shall not be cut off.”

My next thought is Jesus is the entire plan of salvation, our second coming King, and He is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption, health, and strength. We find in Isaiah 53:5. **“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”**

In Acts the Third Chapter, we find Jesus still working: **“NOW Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.**

“And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

“And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

“And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

“And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's

greatly wondering. And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

“The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

“And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

“And now brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

“For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

“And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

“Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.”

May God bless each of you, is my prayer.

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Beginning: **July 2, 2021**

In-person Service – 11:00AM

Virtual Service – 11:00AM



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Beginning: **June 13, 2021**
In-person Service – 11:00AM
Virtual Service – 1:30PM
Radio Broadcast – 5:30PM



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through 2021. I am grateful for all the good times that we share together. I love you! Enjoy your special day.

By Elijah, Age 11
Laurel



I love you Uncle Jamie. You give the best snacks and sometimes you give me breakfast, lunch, and dinner! Thanks for saying prayers with me after tucking me in bed. It’s fun when you allow me to sleep in the basement with my cousins.

By Bella, Age 6
Laurel



I love my dad. He lets me watch the latest movies. I like it when my dad gives me cheese snacks and takes me to the store. He prays with me before I go to bed. He also lets me watch Bible stories before I go to sleep at night.

By James, III, Age 6
Laurel



A Reflection: Needed Men and Women of Character
Author Unknown

The world needs men and women who cannot be bought;
whose word is their bond;
who put character above wealth;
who possess opinions and a strong will;
who are larger than their vocations;
who do not hesitate to take risks and who will not lose their
individuality in a crowd;

The world needs men and women who will be as honest
in small affairs as in greater;
who will make no compromise with wrong;
whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires;
who will not say they do it “because everybody else does it”;
who are true to their friends through good and bad,
in adversity as well as in prosperity?

The world needs men and women who do not believe
that shrewdness, cunning and
hard headedness are the best qualities for winning success;
who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth
when it is unpopular and
who can say “no” with emphasis,
although the rest of the world says “yes”;
The world needs men and women who are willing to say “I believe”,
who are not afraid to say that their faith in a loving God
is important to them and
who are happy to say that it makes a difference in their lives.

ANSWERS TO JUNE HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

What are the meanings of the Names of God.

1. Jehovah Mekoddishkem - The Lord Who Sanctifies (**Exodus 31:13**).
2. Jehovah Qanna - The Lord Who Is Jealous (**Exodus 20:5**).
3. El-Roi - The Lord Who Sees (**Genesis 16:13**).
4. Jehovah Shalom - The Lord Is Peace (**Judges 6:24**).
5. Jehovah Tsidkenu - The Lord Is Righteousness (**Jeremiah 23:6**).
6. Jehovah Shammab - The Lord Is There (**Ezekiel 48:35**).
7. Jehovah Jireh - The Lord Will Provide (**Genesis 23:13, 14**).

ANSWERS TO JUNE FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. **Give** unto the LORD the **glory** due unto his **name**; **worship** the LORD in the beauty of **holiness** (**Psalm 29:2**).
2. The **voice** of the LORD is upon the **waters**; the God of **glory** thundereth: the LORD is upon many **waters** (**Psalm 29:3**).
3. The **voice** of the LORD is **powerful**; the **voice** of the LORD is full of **majesty** (**Psalm 29:4**).
4. The **voice** of the LORD breaketh the **cedars**; yea, the LORD breaketh the **cedars** of Lebanon (**Psalm 29:5**).
5. The **voice** of the LORD divideth the **flames** of **fire** (**Psalm 29:7**).
6. The **voice** of the LORD shaketh the **wilderness**; the LORD shaketh the **wilderness** of Kadesh (**Psalm 29:8**).
7. The LORD will give **strength** unto his people; the LORD will **bless** his people with **peace** (**Psalm 29:11**).

JULY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. How did God reveal Himself before Christ came to earth?
2. What are the first and second reasons Christ qualifies as God’s final revelation to mankind?
3. What are the third and fourth reasons Christ qualifies as God’s final revelation to mankind?
4. How did Christ obtain a more excellent name than the angels?
5. What verse in this chapter is a quotation from Psalm 45:6?
6. How is Christ contrasted with the universe He created?
7. Where did Jesus say “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”

JULY FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. PRAISE ye the LORD. I will _____ the LORD with my whole _____, in the assembly of the _____, and in the _____.
2. His work is _____ and _____: and his _____ endureth for ever.
3. He hath made his wonderful _____ to be _____: the LORD is _____ and full of _____.
4. The _____ of his hands are _____ and _____; all his _____ are sure.
5. They _____ fast for _____ and _____, and are done in _____ and _____.
6. He sent _____ unto his people: he hath _____ his _____ for ever: _____ and _____ is his name.
7. The _____ of the LORD is the _____ of _____: a good _____ have all they that do his _____: his _____ endureth for ever.

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of July

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 27 – July 4, 2021 SUBJECT: Abijah Challenges King Jeroboam

GOLDEN TEXT: “But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business” (II Chronicles 13:10).

PRINTED TEXT: II Chronicles 13:3 And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour.

4 And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel;

5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.

7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with your golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

9 Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.

10 But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business:

11 And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also set they in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.

12 And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

13 But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them.

14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

LESSON DISCUSSION

King Abijah of Judah went into battle against King Jeroboam of Israel with only four hundred thousand soldiers, compared to Israel’s eight hundred thousand. (See II Chronicles 13:3). As the two forces prepared to fight, Abijah stood upon Mount Ephraim and bellowed out the truth

to Israel’s soldiers concerning David’s eternal kingdom which was established by God, in comparison to Jeroboams ingdom which rebelled against Solomon (See II Chronicles 13:4-6). Abijah also reminded Israel how Jeroboam had amassed a bunch of corrupt evildoers to oppose King Reoboam to cause division against him (See II Chronicles 13:7) Along with the truth about the golden calves that Jeroboam forced them to worship, and the priests that Jeroboam set up that were not of the tribe of Aaron, Abijah made his case concerning Israel’s imprudence against God (See II Chronicles 13:8-9).

Next, Abijah defended Judah’s obedience to God. Concerning the priest from the lineage of Aaron, the faithful offering of sacrifices, burning of incense, showbread in the temple, and the burning lamp stand, all showed that Judah continued to uphold the traditions of God (See II Chronicles 10-11). In conclusion, he proved that God was with Judah, and he warned them that if they fought against God, Israel would not prosper (See II Chronicles 13:12). Jeroboam then set an ambush behind Judah’s army. Yet, Judah’s soldiers cried out to God and gave a battle cry, along with their priests who blew their trumpets. God “smote” Jeroboam and the Israelite army (See II Chronicles 13:13-18).

We must trust God to deliver us no matter how dark the situation may appear.

LESSON 28 – July 11, 2021 SUBJECT: Hezekiah Rallies Judah’s Army

GOLDEN TEXT: “With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah” (II Chronicles 32:8).

PRINTED TEXT: II Chronicles 32:1 After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.

2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,

3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city: and they did help him.

4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?

5 Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance.

6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying,

7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him:

8 With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.

23 And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

LESSON DISCUSSION

When King Sennacherib of Syria invaded Judah, King Hezekiah met with his military officials and made plans to cut off the water flow outside of the city (See II Chronicles 32:1-4). In addition to that, Hezekiah built a second wall outside of the first wall and increased the supply of Judah’s weaponry (See II Chronicles 32:5). He then appointed captains over the people and assembled them in the square at the city gate. There, he encouraged the people not to be afraid of the king of Assyria, whose arm of flesh could not withstand God who would fight their battles (See II Chronicles 32:6-8).

God sent an angel to destroy the Assyrian army, forcing King Sennacherib to retreat home in shame, only to be slain by his sons (See II Chronicles 32:21). Because they saw how the hand of the Lord had delivered them

from their enemies, many of the people of Judah bought gifts to the Lord and to the king (See II Chronicles 32:22-23).

This lesson shows that as believers, we can have confidence in God when affronted by the enemy.

LESSON 29 – July 18, 2021

SUBJECT: Nehemiah Combats Derision and Danger

GOLDEN TEXT: “Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them” (Nehemiah 4:9).

PRINTED TEXT: Nehemiah 4:1 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

8 And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Sanballat was the leader of a group of people in the region of Judea who made up a terroristic band. This band clashed with Nehemiah and the Jews as they rebuilt the city’s damaged wall. By making mockery of the workers, Sanballat hoped to discourage the Jews to stop working (See Nehemiah 4:1-2). He also incorporated Tobiah the Ammonite to bring about his own derision about the wall being so fragile that a fox would knock it down (See Nehemiah 4:3).

Nehemiah, vexed with what they were saying, called on God to cause their adversaries taunts and heckling to bounce back on them (See Nehemiah 4:4-5). God answered his prayer, and the wall was joined to half its original height because the people had a mind to work (See Nehemiah 4:6). When Sanballat and his cohorts heard the construction was progressing, they conspired together to march into Jerusalem and stop the rebuilding by force (See Nehemiah 4:7-8). Nevertheless, Nehemiah and his people prayed to God, and posted guards to watch day and night (See Nehemiah 4:9).

When threatened by the devil’s activities, prayer is always the best way to protect yourself.

LESSON 30 – July 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Esther Goes Before the King

GOLDEN TEXT: “Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish” (Esther 4:16).

PRINTED TEXT: Esther 4:6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king’s gate.

7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king’s treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.

8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10 Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;

11 All the king’s servants, and the people of the king’s provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or women, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

12 And they told to Mordecai Esther’s words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king’s house, more than all the Jews.

14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

15 Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer,

16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

17 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

5:1 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king’s house, over against the king’s house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The story of Esther is about a young Jewish woman God used to divert the racial massacre of her people. Chapter three tells how Haman, the king’s prime minister, obtained a decree from the king to exterminate all the Jews. Mordecai, Esther’s cousin, learned of the wicked decree. He rent his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and cried out in the city about it (See Esther 4:1-3). Esther’s attendant, Hatach, found Mordecai, who supplied him with the decree that told of how Haman would pay money into the treasury to promote the slaughter (See Esther 4:6-7). With the decree at hand, Hatach was to encourage Esther to make a merciful appeal to the king for her people (See Esther 4:8-9).

Esther knew that the risk of approaching the king uninvited could suffer the penalty of death, unless he held out his scepter to her as an exception. She made this known to Hatach (See Esther 4:10-11). When Hatach communicated this to Mordecai, he responded back to her that keeping quiet, her and her father’s house would be destroyed, but deliverance to the Jews would come elsewhere. Then he sent his famous words to her, “*And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*”(See Esther 4:12-14)

Esther had a decision to make. She asked Mordecai to assemble the Jews living in Shushan to hold a fast for three days and nights, whereas her maidens would do the same. The purpose for the fast was to obtain God’s favor in approaching the king. From there she stated, “*If I perish, I perish.*” (See Esther 4:15-16) Three days later when Esther approached, she found grace in the sight of the king, who held out his scepter to her. (See Esther 5:1-2)

Proverbs 28:1 states, “*The wicked flee when no man pursueth: But the righteous are bold as a lion.*” It was the righteous boldness of Esther that allowed her to approach the king on behalf of her people.



