

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men: knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ” (Colossians 3:23-24).

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



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# BUT AS THE DAYS OF NO'E WERE, SO SHALL ALSO THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE

My precious ones, I want you to listen carefully this morning as I bring to you the Word of God. I want you to accept the truth. I want you to find out by the Word of God, which is the truth, that the devil has had us (the people) deceived by making us believe through his apostles, through his ministers, that Christ Jesus, the Son of God, is a minister of sin. He is not the minister of sin, but the minister of righteousness in all places, regardless to where His name is recognized. God ordained that it be recognized in righteousness. But, as I stated to begin with, I want you to know which is the truth.

I have before me a clipping from a recent newspaper which states, (quote), “A prominent Christian layman and businessman said last night that the Christian religion in this country has become a spectator’s sport - a joke - frivolous.” How true it is. I also stated to you that just before I came, I heard over the radio that two boys had set a church on fire. When they were questioned as to why they did it, their answer was, “We thought it would be a benefit to the community to get rid of it.” What a day! It is not because the men and women who follow the doctrine of Jesus Christ have practiced His Doctrine, --- it is because they have mocked Him: they have mocked the Doctrine of Christ.

So, this morning, I want you to write in and we will send you this message that I am now preaching because I want you to listen to the words which we give you in this message and search your Bible so that you will know for yourself God’s Word and His statements concerning His people.

The Lord is about to send Jesus back to the earth. All the signs given in the Scriptures preceding His coming are hanging out like neon signs which tell the kind of business being operated in certain places. I am using for a Text the words of Jesus Christ found in the 37th Verse of the 24th Chapter of St. Matthew, which reads as follows: **“But as the days of No’e were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”** God’s Word says, so shall the return of the Son of Man, Jesus, the Son of God, be.

I’m using for my context, 2d Peter, the 3rd Chapter, reading the 3rd and 4th Verses which are the words of the Holy Spirit expressed to the followers of the teachings of Christ. It reads: **“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.”** Read: **“And saying, Where is the promise of his coming?”** They’re saying, where is the promise of the return of Jesus Christ to the world to establish His kingdom? Read: **“for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.”** They declare that, since the fathers fell asleep, everything goes right on in the same like manner. We are buying and selling, eating, and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage just like it was from the beginning. Listen! **“For this they willingly are ignorant of, ...”**. It says that for this they are willingly ignorant.

History gives an account of the destruction of the old world just as plainly and clearly as it gives an account of World War II and the rest of the wars. Some of us were not here during World War I, but history tells of the destruction it played on the earth. So, in like manner, God suffered a record to be made of what happened during the flood. And if you are not going to take the testimony of God and His witnesses for what has happened, you might as well stop, for you’ll know nothing but what is happening today. This Book, The Bible, says, **“they willingly are ignorant.”** Read: **“that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water.”** The flood came and overflowed the antediluvian world because of sin. God destroyed all flesh except No’e (Noah), a preacher of righteousness and his family.

While Jesus was here, He told His Apostles what should precede His Second Coming, that they might tell you and me -- you’ll find it in St Matthew the 24th Chapter. The Lord’s Christ is coming back to the earth to take His righteous people out of it and end the kingdom of the world, ruled by the devil through his Christian government, (the Christian Church.) Whatever promotes sin is of the devil. I don’t care if it is an angel from Heaven, so says the Word of God. Unless he speaks

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Don’t let the devil stop you from doing what the Lord tells you to do.

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We are independent of the devil. We don’t need him for anything.

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If you keep your mind clean, you won’t do a dirty act.

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All healing comes from God, else physicians would heal themselves.

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We are to rejoice in the Lord and not in the fall of an enemy.

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Don’t let the evil in others run the good out of you.

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We must have so much faith in God that regardless of what He does, we will glorify Him.

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If you live in the favor of God, you don’t have to worry about the favor of men.

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The fear of men goes out of the heart when the Holy Spirit comes in.

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Your fight is not against man, but against wrong.

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You can flatter man because he listens to your lips, but you can’t flatter God Who listens to your heart.

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You can’t fool all the people all the time, and you can’t fool God at any time.

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

## BUT AS THE DAYS OF NO'E WERE, SO SHALL ALSO THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE

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according to the testimony of Jesus Christ, let him be accursed.

I'm beginning with the 37th Verse of the 24th Chapter of St. Matthew which I used for my Text today, in which Jesus is giving warning to His Apostles whom He sent out to preach and teach the Kingdom of Heaven. Listen to what He said to them: **"But as the days of No'e were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."** He says, preceding my coming, the people in the world will be in the same condition that they were in when God destroyed the world with a flood. **"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that No'e entered into the ark."** Notice: They were doing these things until the day that No'e entered into the Ark. **"And knew not until the flood came..."** They did not know how near the end was until the flood came upon them all at once, **"and took them all away."** It was just like what you read and heard about on the radio when that great snowslide from the mountains came down upon the inhabitants in the little village several days ago, and buried the village of over 3,000 people, covering them under dirt, rocks and snow some 40 or 45 feet deep. Many were asleep in their beds; many were on their way to different places; many were eating and drinking and doing things, but never knew their end was so near for this slide came and took them away.

The Lord's Christ said, "you tell the people that I'm coming and I'm coming back again. I'm coming for the righteous, I'm coming to take my people, not Christians --- Saints, with Me. I'm going to take them with Me to the Kingdom of Heaven until I burn up, clean up and renovate this present world." Remember what that Scripture said: read it again! **"And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so, shall also the coming of the Son of man be."**

Reading further, the 40th Verse says: **"Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left."** Notice! When the Lord comes back to the earth, He shall stop in mid-air, according to the Scriptures, and He shall sound the trumpet that no one but the righteous will hear.

I am preaching the Gospel of the Son of God, but for you to hear it, though you listen, you've got to have an ear to hear and a believing heart before you can receive it.

The 41st verse tells us this: **"Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the**



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**other left."** One of the women will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and the other one will be left right here on the earth. Now the next verse tells you what you had better do, listen: **"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."** He says watch therefore because you don't know when the Son of man shall come.

Read: **"But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up."** The Word of God compares the coming of the Lord back to the earth as a "thief in the night." He's coming when the folks in sin are least expecting Him. They are now crying, "peace and safety" but sudden destruction covers the face of the earth. That is what God said would be the condition before the return of the Lord.

The true, clean, pure-hearted Saint is watching and waiting and he's ready, so I'm crying to you and telling you to be ready for in the hour that you think not, the Son of man cometh.

We are bringing you the Message of condemnation --- not to the world for Jesus didn't come to condemn the world but to condemn sin. He sent me to condemn sin. I don't care where it is. If it's in the White House, the Poor House, the saloon, or the dive, I'll condemn it. If it's in the church, I'll condemn it for I'm condemning sin. I'm condemning the Christian who says he can't help from sinning for then, he makes Jesus a liar! He declares that nobody can help from sinning when God sent His Son into the world to save His people from their sins. Listen to how it reads here in St. Matthew 1:21: **"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his**

**people from their sins."** How are you going to know anything about God if you do not know it through the Holy Scriptures?

These are the Words of God and there is nothing impossible with God! Don't doubt God who is going to give you eternal life which you expect to receive. Now if that isn't your hope, just knock off and go ahead where you're going. But God has given Christ to establish in your mind that he, who walks in righteousness, shall live with Him. I'm looking for God's Saints who have not been deceived. I'm looking for you to be delivered and to come out and be ready when He comes.

I have a letter here which I want to read to you; it came from one of my radio listeners. "Dear Elder Michaux, I have been listening to your sermons on Sunday for some time. I like them very much and I like the man who reads for you. I think he is very good. I was born in West Virginia. I will be 71 years old on January 17. I moved up in Vienna, Ohio 7 years ago and I have given the Bible my study for 57 years. I go to the Presbyterian Church in Vienna and the Preacher came up to see me to ask me what church I belonged to. I said, "I don't belong to any denominational church, but I belong to one church for there is only one, (and I added to it) --- I didn't join it; God added me to the church. He said, 'Well, you might as well come on and join with us. He said, we are all sinners. He said, I am a sinner.' Do you know what I said to him? I said, He that sinneth is of the devil. He got red in the face. And I went down to the church the next Sunday and read this Chapter to them, Isaiah, the 13th Chapter, and the 9th Verse. Here is what it says, **'Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.'** I said, what are you going to do? The preacher said you are all sinners and he said he was a sinner.

Elder, I would like to hear you preach on the 13th Chapter of Isaiah. When Jesus came first, He came to save sinners and when He comes back again, He shall come to destroy them who haven't accepted His Doctrine."

The preacher spoken of in that letter said, "come on down and join; we are all sinners". And the writer tells the preacher, "Well, he that commits sin is of the devil." He said the preacher got red in the face. So, when he went down to the church the next Sunday,

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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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he read to them that passage. He told them that the Word of God said that Jesus is coming to destroy the sinner.

My precious ones, sad, sad, sad is the condition. “Come out from among them, saith the Lord. Be separate, handle not and touch not the unclean thing and I’ll receive you unto myself.” You don’t have to be a Baptist, Methodist, or Presbyterian. Amen. You don’t have to be a Christian, but you’ve got to be a Saint to enter God’s Kingdom. God is coming back for the Saints for the purpose of judging the world, the Saints, not the Christians.

In first Corinthians, the 6th Chapter and the 1st Verse, God speaks and tells you these words, listen! --- **“DARE any of you...”** God is giving you a dare and you go and break it. Read! **“having a matter against another,”** ... I dare any of you, having a matter against one another, He says to do what? **“Go to law before the unjust and not before the saints?”** He says, you, who profess to be following Me have no business not being able to settle your matters between yourselves, without going down to the law before the man who sits on the bench who is a sinner nine times out of ten. If you don’t believe it, ask any judge you go before. Say, “do you live above sin, Judge?” Watch him tell you, “No”. And yet, he’s trying you for your sin. If you don’t know what sin is, I’ll tell you; it is the transgression of the law. The law of God is the law of righteousness in heaven and earth. The law is ordained whereby you and I might learn how to deal with and treat one another. And if you’ve got the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the Son of God which makes men holy, you’ll not contend and there’ll not be any argument. Don’t you know that my precious ones?

You may ask, “Elder what are you doing? What are you preaching? I am preaching that not a member of any of these churches of which I have been the Pastor for forty years, can take another to law. We take you to the Word of God and if you don’t want to abide by that and let that govern you, we put you out!

Law is made for the unrighteous. Then if anyone wants to take you to law after we put you out, that’s all right but you can’t go to any law while you’re in here for God said, **“Dare any of you having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints.”** Now you can’t help from going to law in the Christian Church because they don’t have any Saints --- they have to go --- no Saints. Saints must obey the Word of God! Here it is in this book called the Word of God, The Bible. It says, **“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you”** (St. Matthew 5:44); You do good unto them that despitefully use you; pray for them that hate you. Yes! “And rejoice when they say all manner of evil against you”, it says. In the Christian Church you had better not do that. They’ll say, “I’ll take you down to the court and make you prove it.” You don’t hear that around here.

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1. I Corinthians	13	11	1	_____
2. St. John	4	14	5	_____
3. Zephaniah	3	12	13	_____
4. Ezekiel	22	29	9	_____
5. Psalm	12	5	12	_____
6. Deuteronomy	4	29	7	_____
7. St. Matthew	3	11	6	_____
8. I John	5	6	8	_____
9. Proverbs	13	7	10	_____
10. Exodus	9	14	28	_____
11. Genesis	41	15	14	_____
12. Romans	14	7	8	_____
13. Leviticus	18	6	17	_____
14. Job	6	24	8	_____
15. St. Luke	12	33	21	_____
16. Acts	4	12	8	_____
17. Nehemiah	9	15	22	_____
18. Galatians	2	10	13	_____
19. Amos	8	4	8	_____
20. Leviticus	19	10	29	_____
21. Zechariah	14	12	10	_____
22. Malachi	2	2	5	_____
23. Esther	9	22	18	_____
24. St. Mark	1	8	1	_____
25. II Peter	3	6	2	_____
26. James	2	5	7	_____
27. Psalm	72	4	6	_____
28. Judges	6	15	13	_____
29. Amos	8	11	11	_____
30. St. Mark	9	41	27	_____
31. Hebrews	13	5	26	_____
32. Romans	15	26	5	_____

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Answers to Last Month’s Puzzle

“The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet” (Nahum 1:3).





# Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

## WAGES FOR SERVICE

There is a contrast between pay rendered by God for His servants and that of the devil: **“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life...”** (Romans 6:23) Sin is to blame for all sorrow. God tells us what to do, then leaves it up to us to do as we desire. He does not compel us; only says, **“... To day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts ... (Hebrews 3:15).”** So, seeing that the pay for sin is death, for information and light, please read Romans 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**“WHAT shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid, How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

**“For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.**

**“Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.**

**“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

**“What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**

**“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered**



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**you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.**

**“But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

Seeing that is a fact, Joel warned us in Joel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter, first verse which reads as follows: **“BLOW ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all**

**the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;”**

Also seeing this is a fact, we might read for our learning the 12<sup>th</sup> verse of the same chapter through the 18<sup>th</sup> verse inclusive:

**“Therefore also now, saith the LORD, Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.**

**“Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?**

**“Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.**

**“Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, 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?**

**“Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.”**

May God bless you everyone.

Don't throw this chance away,  
Get right with God today.  
Bid sin goodbye, while Christ is nigh,  
Don't throw this chance away.

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Now listen to what it says in the 2d verse: **“Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?”** The Word says, “don't you know that the Saints shall judge the world?” It does not say, the Christians, but the Saints. A Saint is a holy man, a holy woman, made Saints though they were sinners, by the perfect Word of God through Jesus Christ. They were purified, made white and then tried and God is going to take the Saints and judge all the sinning Christians. The Word of the Lord is right! Read: **“Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?”** Now listen to what else it says in the 2d verse: **“and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?”** Are ye unworthy to judge the little trash around here? Amen

For just an hour that you think not.

For just an hour that you think not.

The Son of man may come, the Son of man may come.

For in such an hour that you think not,

The Son of Man may come.

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May God bless you. Amen.



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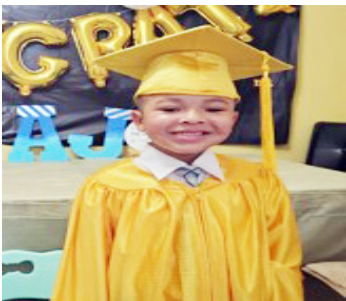


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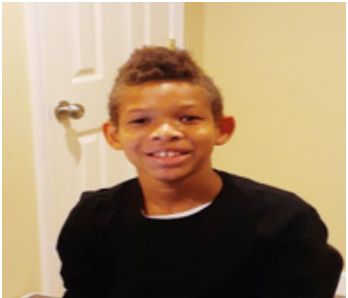
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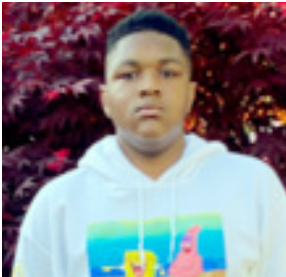


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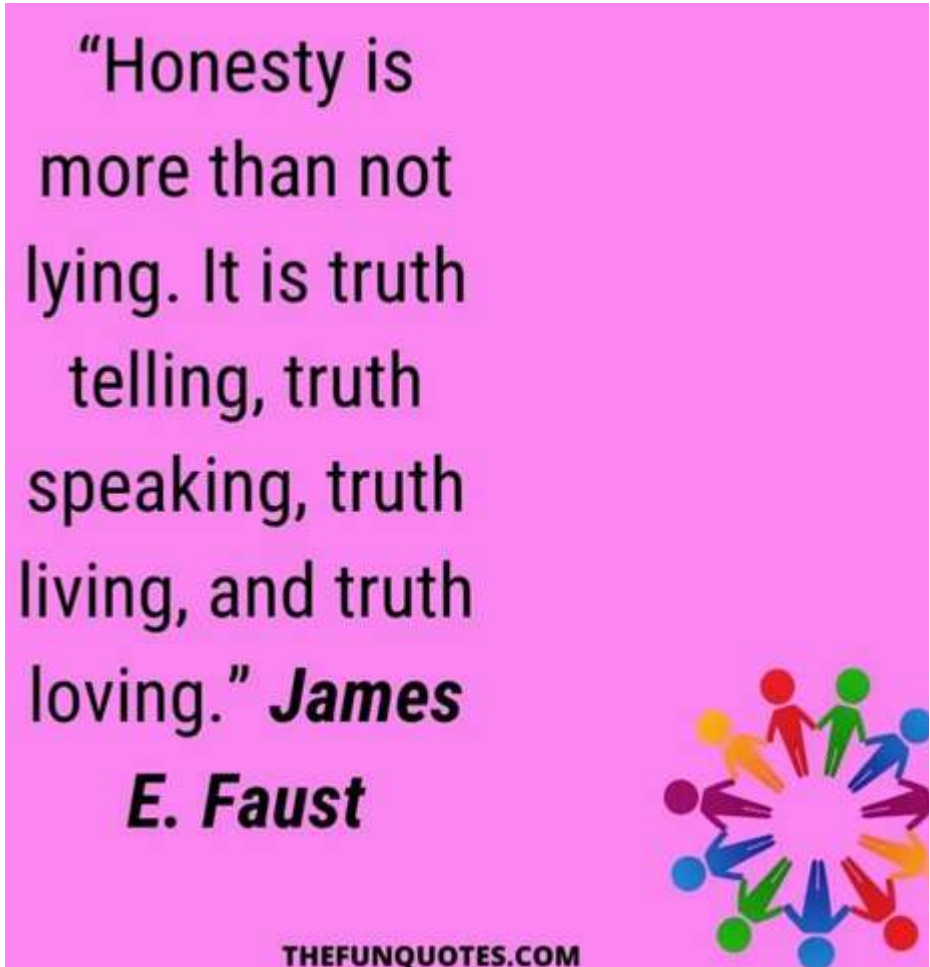


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O be careful little eyes what you see  
O be careful little eyes what you see  
There's a Father up above  
And He's looking down in love  
So, be careful little eyes what you see.

O be careful little mouth what you say  
O be careful little mouth what you say  
There's a Father up above  
And He's looking down in love  
So, be careful little mouth what you say.

3. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion (Psalm 111:4).
4. The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure (Psalm 111:7).
5. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness (Psalm 111:8).
6. He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name (Psalm 111:9).
7. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever (Psalm 111:10).



ANSWERS TO JULY HOLY BIBLE QUZ

1. How did God reveal Himself before Christ came to earth?  
(God revealed Himself through the prophets - **Hebrews 1:1**).
2. What are the first and second reasons Christ qualifies as God's final revelation to mankind?  
(Christ is (1) "heir of all things" and (2) God "made the worlds" through him - **Hebrews 1:2**).
3. What are the third and fourth reasons Christ qualifies as God's final revelation to mankind? (Christ is the (3) "brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person and (4) God is "upholding all things by the word of his power" - **Hebrews 1:3**).
4. How did Christ obtain a more excellent name than the angels?  
(By his inheritance - **Hebrews 1:4**).
5. What verse in this chapter is a quotation from Psalm 45:6?  
(**Hebrews 1:8**).
6. How is Christ contrasted with the universe He created?  
(He is "the same" and His "years shall not fail" (He will never die) - **Hebrews 1:12**).
7. Where did Jesus say "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"  
(**St. Matthew 24:35**).

ANSWERS TO JULY FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation (Psalm 111:1).
2. His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever (Psalm 111:3).

AUGUST HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who was Jude?
2. Why did he write his letter to the believers?
3. How did he characterize impostors of the faith?
4. What Old Testament examples were used to show the consequences of false teachings?
5. How can believers build themselves up in their faith?
6. How is the Holy Spirit related to our prayer life?
7. What kind of God does Jude portray in his doxology (an expression of praise to God)?

AUGUST FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Keep thy \_\_\_\_\_ with all \_\_\_\_\_; for out of it are the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Thy \_\_\_\_\_ have I \_\_\_\_\_ in mine \_\_\_\_\_, that I might not \_\_\_\_\_ against thee.
4. And I will give them an \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my \_\_\_\_\_, and I will be their \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall return unto me with their \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Let not your \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_: ye \_\_\_\_\_ in God, \_\_\_\_\_ also in me.
6. For with the \_\_\_\_\_ man believeth unto \_\_\_\_\_; and with the \_\_\_\_\_ confession is made unto \_\_\_\_\_.
7. And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which passeth all \_\_\_\_\_, shall keep your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ Jesus.



# Sunday School Lessons for the Month of August

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**LESSON 31** – August 1, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Jeremiah Stands Up to Deadly Threats

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you” (Jeremiah 26:13).

**PRINTED TEXT:** Jeremiah 26:1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying,

4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,

5 To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;

6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

7 So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

8 Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king’s house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD’s house.

11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

12 Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.

13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

14 As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you.

15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

**LESSON DISCUSSION**

In this lesson, Jeremiah, faithful servant of GOD, shares a stern warning from the LORD with the spiritual leaders and the people of GOD. This Word provokes the people to want to kill Jeremiah.

He warned that if they failed to listen to the LORD and live according to His Word, their Temple, a place they treasured and in which they worshipped, would be totally destroyed (See Jeremiah 26:6). They had been forewarned. Notice, at an earlier time when they were in Shiloh, God had allowed the Philistines to capture an essential element of worship that had been housed in the Tabernacle. That loss foreshadowed what might happen (destruction of the Temple), if they continued living in disobedience. (See I Samuel 4).

The priests and the prophets and all the people were bent out of shape because of Jeremiah’s fatalistic statement regarding their beloved Temple. Actually, the truth is, that the statement was not Jeremiah’s, but the LORD’S. All the people had to do was to stop disobeying GOD’S Words and start living by them.

We have GOD’S Word with us today, yet many Christian leaders choose to the close the book on GOD’S Word and allow today’s culture to dictate what to preach. Nevertheless, GOD’s servants must follow Jeremiah’s example and not be afraid to share GOD’s truth. Jesus’ requirement to the Church is this: **“If you love me, keep my commandments”** (St. John 14:15).

**LESSON 32** – August 8, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Three Young Men Refused to Bow

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king” (Daniel 3:17).

**PRINTED TEXT:** Daniel 3:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.

9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.

10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

11 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

**LESSON DISCUSSION**

In this lesson we have several things going on. For one, there was a group of jealous leaders in Babylon who hated three young Jewish men whose names were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These Babylonian leaders were determined to destroy Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. However, these young men used their faith in the One True GOD as a weapon to condemn evil men.

Those wicked leaders told King Nebuchadnezzar that he had men in a leadership role who did not respect him, his gods or the image he had set up for worship. The king was extremely angry, but he was willing to give Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego a chance to change their minds and avoid a fiery death.

The king even bragged and told the three, **“...and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands”** (Daniel 3:15b)? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew their GOD was that GOD, and without fear or doubt, boldly told the king to start the fire. They believed that regardless of whether their GOD saved them or not, they were not going to offend Him by bowing to pagan gods.

They never feared or doubted, but obeyed God. Because they served and trusted Almighty God, failing to bow to a pagan god, the three young men were consequently destroyed in the fiery furnace.

Their behavior demonstrated faith in action. These young men proved that you need not follow the crowd, just GOD!



LESSON 33 – August 15, 2021  
SUBJECT: Jesus Corrects and Commends John

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee” (St. Matthew 11:10).

**PRINTED TEXT:** St. Matthew 11:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.  
2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,  
3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?  
4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:  
5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.  
6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.  
7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?  
8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses.  
9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.  
10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.  
11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.  
12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.  
13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.  
14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.  
15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson, John the Baptist, and first cousin of Jesus was in prison. John was the forerunner for the Messiah. John was the one who was mentioned in in Isaiah 40:3 as the preparer of the way for the coming Messiah.

Hearing of all the works that were being done in Jesus’ name, John needed confirmation that Jesus was that One. For this reason, John, sent two of his disciples to Jesus to ask Him if He is the One, or should they look for someone else. Jesus sent the two disciples back to John with Word of the miracles: healings of the sick, individuals raised from the dead and the good news of GOD’s salvation for the people of GOD being preached.

Knowing John would have peace of mind knowing Jesus is that Messiah, Jesus then honored John before the people, confirming that John the Baptist was the greatest messenger amongst men that GOD has ever sent. Jesus also pressed into the minds of listeners that John was not a flamboyant person as they expect, but wore a camel hair garment, not a linen garment as the religious leaders of their times, and that John was Elijah, the prophesied Prophet.

LESSON 34 – August 22, 2021  
SUBJECT: Peter and John Preach with Boldness

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

**PRINTED TEXT:** Acts 4:6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.  
7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?  
8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,  
9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;  
10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.  
11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.  
13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.  
14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.  
15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,  
16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.  
17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.  
18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.  
19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.  
20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.  
21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In today’s lesson we see that GOD’S Holy Spirit brings the best out of us when we trust the LORD. There were two men, Peter and John, who once abandoned the Lord Jesus because of their fear of persecution from the religious leaders and Jewish rulers. But once Jesus sent the Holy Spirit as promised to His Church, (See Acts 1:8a) which is the Body of Christ, these men became fearless when it came to preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To advance the Gospel before the Jewish leaders, the Holy Spirit empowered Peter and John to heal a man who had been lame from birth, to walk with the utterance of three simple words, “**...Look on us**” (Acts 3:4b). This miracle got the attention of the Sanhedrin, who were the rulers, elders, and scribes who confronted Peter and John. They wanted to know by what power and name this miracle was done. The Holy Spirit, through Peter, gave a great witness of the power of GOD and the requirement of GOD. Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the only name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved (See acts 4:12b). Today, this statement is still true. And it is GOD’S Holy Spirit that gives us the boldness to believe in and to witness for Him.

LESSON 35 – August 29, 2021  
SUBJECT: Paul Faces His Accusers

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles” (Acts 22:21).

**PRINTED TEXT:** Acts 22:17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;  
18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.  
19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:  
20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.  
21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.  
22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.  
23 And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,  
24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.  
25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?  
26 When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.  
27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.  
28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born.

