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My precious ones, I wish to say that the sermons which are being preached during this series of sermons on Saints and Christians are to enlighten you and bring you to the full knowledge of the truth in this evil day. Whether you understand it or not — God understands, and each generation has a different program to confront them. Before creating man, God, the Creator of this world and man instituted a plan whereby man — if he would obey — would be happy each day. The wisdom of God is of such that He would not have created man to be as miserable as he is in many parts of the land and even in this land that is blessed with everything that his heart desires. No person living in America has any right to be dissatisfied, for it is the promised land of the gentiles (the nations other than Jews), — God has blessed this country. You may sing, ‘My Country ‘tis of thee,’ all you please, but if you are bound with a wicked spirit which causes you to hate and feel at variance with your fellow man, it is because you don’t understand God’s plan for man. We invite you to the Temple of Freedom to get an understanding of God and His relationship to man. We’re not playing about this thing, it’s real with us. We trust that as we go along, we’ll cause others to experience what we have experienced — a closer walk with God.

This morning I am continuing my message about the Lamb of God Who prevailed to open the Book which was sealed with seven seals. John, the servant of God, saw this Book in a vision while he was in exile on the Isle of Patmos because he stood up for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus. God’s plan of salvation and condemnation of man was revealed to John so that he might send it to the churches, and they convey it to the world.

As I said, God had a plan in creating this world and man. The plan was written in accord with man’s progress in knowledge. God knowing that man was subject to death, arranged that **“though a man dies, he shall live again? (See Job 14:14a).**

On last Sunday I completed the Scripture in the 19th chapter of Revelation reading the 11th verse which plainly revealed the opening of the first seal. The white horse was loosed with its rider in that revelation. The white horse represents the righteousness of God, and the rider was called the Word of God (Jesus) Who was made flesh that he might come down into the earth and reveal God’s Eternal Plan to man. The Scripture explaining the white horse rider reads thus: **“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse: and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.”** John said he saw Heaven open and behold a white horse and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge. Notice: A person was judging and making war against unrighteousness. **“His eyes were as a flame of fire.”** John said His eyes were as a

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Do not speak beyond your ability to do; do not promise beyond your power to act.

You have only to believe to get to God, and obey to stay with Him.

Because I did the best I could for Him, God will do the best He can for me when the storm comes.

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flame of fire — piercing to the depths of every heart. **“And on his head was many crowns;”** The crowns on His head are representative of His being a conqueror. **“And he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself and he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:”** He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood which symbolizes the death of Christ on the cross when blood came from His side as compared with a flowing fountain. The poet said, *“There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel’s veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.”* The vilest sinner who will plunge beneath that flood (the blood of Jesus) will lose his guilty stains. ‘Blood’ means life — the life of Jesus Christ — if you let it cover you, it will wash you even ‘whiter than snow.’ Just follow the life, the doctrine or the teachings of Christ and no matter how bad you are, you’ll be better, and you’ll not only be better, but you’ll feel better. Read! **“And his name is called the Word of God.”** He’s the One — The White Horse Rider — the Word of God made flesh — Jesus!

I want you to know that the Word of God is hid from the wise and prudent, but revealed to the humble, who will become as meek as a child. The things that are being made known to you as I speak are things that you can understand plainly because they are revealed by the Spirit. The Scriptures tell us who the Word of God is in St. John 1:14 which reads as follows: **“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.”** It says that the Word of God was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), filled with grace which is the favor of God, and truth. He told the truth. You don’t need to show people favor in a lie. If you do, you’ll only strengthen them in their own destruction. But tell them the truth and then say, “I’ll help you.” Jesus came to tell men and women their sinful condition and errors and after telling them, He said, “I’ll help you.” Help comes from God! You, as an individual can’t match the adversary of God, the devil, in his attempt to destroy the glory of God which is man.

In St. Luke, the first chapter, reading from the 26th to the 35th verse inclusive, you’ll find out how the Word of God was made flesh. The Angel



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Gabriel sent by God came all the way from heaven to a virgin named Mary and these are the words he said to her: **“And in the sixth month the Angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.”** Gabriel was sent by God to a virgin, a girl who had never been touched by a man. She was engaged to a man named Joseph; he was of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. **“And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.”** Mary wondered what he was talking about. **“And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.”** Listen! The Angel said, “Behold, you shall conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and His name shall be called Jesus. The Angel brought the name from God to Mary: He said it should be called Jesus! **“He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:”** The Angel said, “He shall be great and shall be called the Son of God; and God shall give Him the throne of David of whom He shall come after the flesh. **“And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”** He said, He shall reign over the House of Jacob, (my people) of whom I have made a choice to establish righteousness in the earth.”

He said there shall be no end to His kingdom. **“Then said Mary unto the Angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?”** Then Mary said to the Angel, how can this be Mister? No man has ever touched me. **“And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”** Jesus was the Word of God made flesh!

I want you to notice Genesis, the first Chapter, reading from the third verse. I want you to see what the Word of God, which is the power of God, did in the Spirit. It says here: **“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.”** It was God who said, ‘let there be light’ and the light was there, according to the Scriptures. And God saw the light; He said that it was good and then God divided the light from the darkness and called the light day and the darkness night.’ It says, ‘the evening and the morning were the first day.’ **“And God said Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.”** The Spirit of God which is the power of God spoke again and said, ‘let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.’

In the second verse it says **“And the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”** Notice! The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.’ **“And God said, Let there be light.”** When the earth was without form and void, it was the Spirit of God that moved out on the bosom of the deep and formed this beautiful world. Why couldn’t He also form the little body of a child into the womb of a woman? Don’t doubt God! When someone says to you, “God did it”, just say, “Amen!” No matter what they say God did which is good, you just say, “Amen” for He does nothing but that which is good. Don’t let any man with his little wisdom which he got from someone else other than God convince you that which God’s Word says is not right. If they should say

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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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“When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst. I the LORD will hear them. I the God of Israel will not forsake them (Isaiah 41:17).

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that God didn't create this world, say, "bring me the man who did. Bring me the man who can keep the sun shining. He may turn off the electric light, but he can't turn off God's sun." So, hear me my precious ones, the Word of God was made flesh and dwelt on the earth among men.

In the opening of the seals which begins in Revelation the 6th Chapter, you'll find that it reveals to man God's plan concerning Himself in this world. I've already explained to you about the white horse which John saw in his vision and its rider which we read about in the opening of the first seal. Revelation 5:7 tells how John looked and beheld the Lamb of God as He took the Book sealed with seven seals from the hand of the One who sat upon the Throne of God and opened it. The 2nd verse of the 6th Chapter of Revelation reveals more about the rider on the white horse. **“And I saw and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering and to conquer.”** It says, 'He went forth conquering and to conquer.' I want to talk about Him, the Conqueror of conquerors, — The Word of God.

When I began this message, I told you of the white horse being the righteousness of God, and its rider being the Word of God, Jesus, who was made flesh and He went forth conquering and to conquer as was just read to you. Now I know for myself that He is a Conqueror for one day I mounted the righteousness of God, amen, and I took a seat beside the Rider, Jesus, and He helped me to conquer everything in my life that didn't become righteousness. David said, **‘Hide His Word in your heart that you might not sin against Him.’** (See Psalm 119:11). (When David was dirty and filthy after having taken Uriah's wife, he cried out, **“Lord, create within me the right Spirit; teach me how to walk right and I'll teach sinners how to obey you.”** (See Psalm 51:10). The greatest Psalmist on the earth was David after God gave him His Spirit.

It was the Spirit of God which moved out on the face of the deep that formed and shaped the world. It was the Spirit of God which moved down into the womb of Mary and brought forth a child, a conquering child, a child that had power, amen, because the child was the Word of God made flesh. If you, my brother or sister or whoever you may be, no matter how common or evil the devil has made you, will mount the white horse (righteousness) and ride with the Conqueror, you'll be able to conquer everything that has conquered you!. Then one day, after the mists have rolled away, you'll be able to say, **“Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to everybody!”** (See St. Luke 2:14). You'll not wish an ill to befall your enemies because God is able.

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THE CANCEL CULTURE AND THE BELIEVER

The cancel culture is not new. It was even operating during the Messiah’s time on earth.

Some persons may ask, “**What is the cancel culture?**” So here goes! The cancel culture is defined as a practice characterized by withdrawal of support for a person or a group of people who are in a public position such as political, religious, an athlete, an entertainer or even companies/businesses who hold an opinion or make remarks that aren’t popular. They may be called out or disgraced until they either apologize or retreat from public. They sometimes lose support to the point that careers and/or personal lives are adversely affected, sometime ruined. Consequently, because of this mob mentality, some people are afraid to speak up for fear of being attacked and becoming unpopular.

For example, Prolife advocates had been canceled long before the term cancel culture was even heard of. The same could be said regarding advocates for prayer in public schools.

Now there are situations that warrant cancel: for instance, using stardom status, being a political or religious leader to engage in ways that divide the masses politically by demographics. Some leaders prey upon the weak and young.

As Believers, how are we to respond? Believers should consider the fact that, the cancel culture seeks to come against not only the right to speak freely in a democracy, but also against those who are a peculiar people.

The cancel culture also uses people’s mistakes against them. Before the accused can even apologize, the media can turn that person into a pariah. The cancel culture for the believer has made life better for us in that Jesus paid our debt of sin and the power of death and the grave. No mob crew can do that.

He forgave us. He didn’t cancel us. Forgiveness offers something better than cancelation from society and public life. It offers a chance to promote the uncompromising Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now there are many things that should be canceled or called out like those who are unrepentant and who use their positions politically, spiritually and stardom to engage in ways that divide the masses politically by demographics. They prey upon the weak and young musicians who are like pied pipers with filthy lyrics that serve as theme and background music for behaviors that are so mainstream that are now being normalized.

Let us look at the cancel culture with which Peter and John contended. They were brought before the Sanhedrin counsel and told not to speak or teach about Jesus, especially His resurrection. But even after spending time in jail, they could not be silenced. They said, “**We ought to obey God rather than men.**”

Acts 5:27: And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, 28: Saying, Did not we straightly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye had filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us. 29: Then Peter and other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

We just want to be certain when we speak that we are led by the Holy Spirit, then we will find favor with God and men. I am reminded of a highly regarded Pharisee, a member of the Sanhedrin (See Acts 5:34 -39). He squashed the Sanhedrin’s plan to kill the Apostle by reminding members of the Sanhedrin that interference with what the Apostles were doing might prove to be opposition to God. If the work of the apostles were purely human, Gamaliel said, it would come to nothing anyway. According to Acts 22:3, this Gamaliel had been Paul’s teacher.

Interestingly, cancel culture was present centuries earlier during Moses’ era (See Hebrews 11:24). **By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; verse 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; ... 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.**

Our late founder, the Honorable Lightfoot Solomon Michaux, also withstood the cancel culture. The Gospel Spreading Church was founded on the doctrine of Jesus Christ and the Apostles in 1919. Although the Church has faced many obstacles, we know that if this work was not of God, it would have come to nothing long ago.

There are times when true worshippers must take a bold stand for righteousness and against ungodliness. While God is not looking for martyrdom, He does expect Believers to be willing to suffer rather than renounce their faith or righteous principles. At a time when we are inundated with obtaining material wealth and living painless lives, the very thought of suffering is repulsive.

II Timothy 2:12: If we suffer we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us. If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

WE CAN BE VICTORIOUS IN THE CANCEL CULTURE WAR.



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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

BE LIKE CHRIST

It is commonly thought by the average Christian of today and also by many who are endeavoring to teach the Word of the Lord, that it is impossible for a saved person to be like Christ. To be like Christ simply means to love everybody, even those who oppose you and try to discredit everything you say; to work diligently with the unsaved to turn them away from sin and encourage them to accept salvation under the plan that God sent Jesus to set up among men; to pray to the Father day and night, and invoke His blessings upon the works of the Church of God; to invoke the blessings of the Lord upon little children, and work with them to build up the Sunday School and Purity Club; and to obey God unto death.

The Lord never asked people to do that which they could not do. Jesus always had a final word with people He blessed. It was: "Go and sin no more!" Why would our dear Savior say such words if it were not intended that saved people should live like Christ? If you will note the beautiful words of Christ in His wonderful sermon on the Mount of Beatitudes (See St. Matthew Fifth Chapter), you may recall that He taught them that they were the salt of the earth, and if the salt have lost his savour, it is good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men.

Jesus also taught on this occasion: **"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men like a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."** (St. Matthew 5:14-16). And then Jesus commanded, **"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect"** (St. Matthew 5:48). This certainly does not sustain anyone who would say it is impossible to be like Christ.

Let us turn to Colossians Third Chapter and read verses one through seven. These instructions come directly from Christ through the Holy Spirit which was in Paul, the Apostle: **"IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:**



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For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them", but not know.

If we are the people of God, the proper kind of parents, we want our children to be like us. God has the same concern for His children. He certainly wants His children to be like Him. Frankly I should say, you are not a child of God unless you are like Him. When you are born of God, you take on the nature of God, and turn out to be like Him. This is the mystery of Godliness: the power of God's working in the carnal nature of man to make it Christ-like.

When we speak of being like Christ, we simply mean that the things He would not practice, we should not practice. May God help ungodly, sin-peddling, lukewarm, so-called Christians to wake up, shake off their grave clothes, and rise and shine.

If gospel workers of today would only go to the fountain which is opened in the House of David for sin and uncleanness, and would get a real good bath, (glory to God!) They would be in the position to help others. They would be worthy to carry the gospel message where it can do most good. God does not send any person to carry His Word who is unclean. If one is in the mire himself, he is not worthy or able to help others, who are also in the mire. As God has said, when we teach others not to steal or do things that are condemned by the gospel, the question is asked: Do we do those things?

When working for the Lord, we are simply instruments in God's hand, available for use wherever He might desire to place us. Therefore, we must be clean vessels, meet for the Master's use. God does not use men who exalt themselves to become gods. He uses those who go down into the valley of humiliation. Praise our God! To go up is to come down, and to go down is to come up.

May God help every knee-high preacher, every tempting card playing church worker who scoffs at a real child of God, to lay aside his choir books, give up his activities, leave off his food, and pray his way through to God. God will then make him a firebrand and soul winner. And his life will "tell for Jesus."

The wound of a friend is better than the kiss of an enemy. So you had better take in what I am saying and let it do your soul good.

Let us read II Peter, First Chapter, verses three through twenty-one, as follows: **"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me."

"Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Gospel Spreading Church of God – Baltimore, MD

~ Monthly Food Distribution ~

The Baltimore Church of God has been focused on a mission to be a blessing to the community of Edmonson Village where the church is located in west Baltimore. God has blessed the church family under the direction of Pastor Jamie Green to give food and supplies to the community on the third Saturday of each month. This program was started in July 2020 and has continued every month since its inception. The church has partnered with the local church in the community that coordinates food for the Maryland Food Bank and other resources to be disbursed in the community.

Every third Saturday, Pastor Green, church leadership and members pick up the food and supplies for the giveaway that consists of fresh vegetables, canned food, fresh chicken, and dry goods. Along with the food boxes, the church has given school supplies, Easter baskets, and Christmas stockings filled with goodies for the children. It is through the generous gifts of the membership and others that we are able to provide this service to the community. It is a labor of Love. “We are the hands and feet of Jesus” and we will work as long as God grants us this opportunity.



Gospel Spreading Church of God – Baltimore, MD

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Gospel News and Views

Calling All Youth

*"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord;
and great shall be the peace of thy children.
In righteousness shalt thou be established:
thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou
shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not
come near thee."*

(Isaiah 54:13,14)



Imani, Age 4

CALLING ALL YOUTH is featured each month to encourage our youth of all ages to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We solicit your comments, questions and answers on any topic listed on our Youth Page. Your response may be printed the following month provided space is available and it is received before the next publication goes to press. It is our desire "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" (Psalm 144:12).

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By Makari
Age 13
Washington, D.C.



The biggest story in the Bible is about God. He created Adam and Eve. He created the earth. He created everybody. He created trees, plants, flowers, the moon and the sun. He made us something to drink because He is God and He is our Hero. He loves us!

By Malayah
Age 10
Washington, D.C.



The biggest story in the Bible is that Jesus died on the cross! It is the biggest story because He died to save us from our sins!

By Elijah
Age 11
Hyattsville



The biggest story in the Bible is about Jonah and the big whale that swallowed him up and spit him out!

By N'Dea
Age 8
Baltimore



The biggest story in the Bible is about Moses. He went to get the children of Israel out of Egypt and God used him to bring [plagues like] frogs, flies, and other things on Egypt until God's people were free.

By Tsehai
Age 11 1/2
Baltimore



My Jesus is my favorite story because he listens to my prayers.

By Imani
Age 4
Baltimore

MEMORY VERSES

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God (James 1:19-20)."

A few years ago, the National Day of Prayer team boarded a bus and set off to visit 62 elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as colleges, and universities within 60 days. Upon reaching their various destinations, the prayer team asked students, faculty, and parents to share how the team could pray for them. More than one faculty member asked the team to **"Pray for unity and cooperation among the ministry leaders on our campus."** Students usually asked for prayer so that they could **"stay strong"** and continue to be **"witnesses for Jesus"** among their peers.

Today, students still are soliciting the prayers of the righteous. God is still working on school, college, and university campuses. Students and faculty members' lives are still being transformed, and we still need to pray for leaders on campuses across our nation. More than ever, students still need prayer to **"stay strong"** and to be **"witnesses for Jesus"**. We still need to be quick to listen to the students, faculty, and parents in our community. We need to keep asking the simple questions that include **"How can I pray for you?"** If we listen, God will reveal how we need to pray for that student, parent, administrator or campus leader.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"...Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen" (St. Matthew 6:9-13).

LET US PRAY THIS PRAYER AT NOON

"...Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God" (Joel 2:17b)?

COMMANDMENT SECTION

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

The children respond to the question: What is the biggest story in the Bible?

The biggest story in the Bible is about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and all of God's creations that He loves. God made all things, even man. All things obeyed God except Satan, his demons, and man because Satan tricked Eve. She was Adam's wife.

Suggested Prayers for School Year 2021-2022

Supporting students means supporting the environments in which the students are learning, growing, and interacting. Teachers, paraprofessionals, and professors impact these school environments by the way they structure their classrooms and interact with their pupils. Their important influence means they need our prayers daily!

Pray for all parents

Pray that the Lord will give them wisdom and boldness to understand the academic programs that impact their children. Pray that they will

question some of the subjects that are being taught to their children. Pray that they work with teachers, advisors and administrators to ensure that their children obtain the best education possible.

Pray for all students

While still in the midst of a global pandemic, many students are returning to schools for the first time in more than a year. Please pray that they will be protected from all diseases. Pray that they will be able to focus on their schoolwork. Pray for their protection from all physical disruptions, including bullies. Pray that they will remember to adhere to classroom instructions without unnecessary distractions.

Pray for all educators

Many states have academic standards that students must meet, and while standards help increase knowledge, it can create pressure to focus on test scores rather than the development of the whole student. So pray that teachers are reminded that their students are more than test scores. Pray that teachers remember that they have a profound impact on their students. Pray that teachers remember that they are making a difference.

Pray for administrators

Many administrators are under increasing pressure to oversee facilities and students who are both anxious and frightened about the pandemic and their academic pursuits. Please pray that these administrators will make the best decisions possible for their academic communities. Please remind them that that they are responsible to a higher power - the Lord Jesus Christ --- for all of their actions.

Let us pray:

Jesus, Your disciples called You Teacher when You were on Earth, and we look to You as the ultimate source of knowledge and wisdom. We ask that You fill the hearts of teachers as they instruct and nurture young minds around the country. Fill them with wisdom on what to teach, how to teach it, and how to make a lasting impact on their students. Open their hearts to be receptive to Your Holy Spirit as they speak with students and fellow educators.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Internet Safety Tips for Children & Teens

1. I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number without my parents' permission.
2. I will tell my parents or guardians right away if I come across something that makes me feel uncomfortable.
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4. I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. If I receive any such messages, I will tell my parents or guardians right away.
5. I will not give out my passwords to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents.
6. I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could hurt our computer, mobile device, or jeopardize my family's privacy.
7. I will not post or send pictures or other content that will embarrass me, my family, or my friends.
8. I will not post my plans and activities in a chat room or on my personal website.
9. I will be respectful to myself and others. I won't bully and I won't tolerate bullying by others.

Jesus Loves Me

By Anna B. Warner, 1860

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

·Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.



ANSWERS TO AUGUST HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who was Jude?
(He was "the servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James" - **Jude 1:1**).
2. Why did he write his letter to the believers?
(The letter was written to exhort believers to uphold, (contend for) the faith - **Jude 1:3**).
3. How did he characterize impostors of the faith?
(They were "ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness" and they denied the "only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" - **Jude 1:4**).
4. What Old Testament examples were used to show the consequences of false teachings?
(First, those who were saved out of Egypt, but never reached the Promised Land - **Jude 1:5**; second, the fallen angels who sinned along with Satan - **Jude 1:6** and third, those who sinned in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah - **Jude 1:7**).
5. How can believers build themselves up in their faith?
(Believers are to (1) build their lives upon the solid ground of their holy faith (salvation through Jesus Christ), (2) pray in the Holy Spirit, (3) keep themselves in God's love, and (4) "look for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" - **Jude 1:20-21**).
6. How is the Holy Spirit related to our prayer life?
(The Holy Spirit plays a vital role in our prayer life and those who are filled with the Spirit pray in His will - **Ephesians 5:18-20; 6:18**).
7. What kind of God does Jude portray in his doxology (an expression of praise to God)?
(Jude ascribed "Glory", "Majesty", "Dominion", and "Power". These attributes are His "both now and ever" - **Jude 1:25**).

ANSWERS TO AUGUST FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Keep thy **heart** with all **diligence**; for out of it are the **issues** of **life** (Proverbs 4:23).
2. Blessed are the **pure** in **heart**: for they shall **see God** (St. Matthew 5:8).
3. Thy **word** have I **hid** in mine **heart**, that I might not **sin** against thee (Psalm 119:11).
4. And I will give them an **heart** to **know** me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my **people**, and I will be their **God**: for they shall return unto me with their **whole heart** (Jeremiah 24:7).
5. Let not your **heart** be **troubled**: ye **believe** in God, **believe** also in me (St. John 14:1).
6. For with the **heart** man believeth unto **righteousness**; and with the **mouth** confession is made unto **salvation** (Romans 10:10).
7. And the **peace** of God, which passeth all **understanding**, shall keep your **hearts** and **minds** through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).

SEPTEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. To whom did Micah first address his message seen in verse 1 and again in verse 9?
2. What question did Micah ask these people?

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Sunday School Lessons for the Month of September

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LESSON 36 – September 5, 2021 SUBJECT: Ordination of Aaron and His Sons

GOLDEN TEXT: “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:22).

PRINTED TEXT: Leviticus 8:1-13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread;

3 And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

5 And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.

7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith.

8 And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim.

9 And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them.

11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron’s head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

13 And Moses brought Aaron’s sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In the Old Testament, Aaron and his sons were ordained to serve as mediators between man and God. “Sinful humans cannot approach a holy God on their own.” (Ferguson, p5, para 1). The ordination of Aaron as High Priest was a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ, who is now our high priest (See Romans 8:34, Hebrews 2:17, 4:14-16).

There is encouragement here. In the ordination process, the sons of Aaron were vicariously purified and prepared for service as priests of the Most High God. Only descendants of Aaron could serve in this capacity.

Like the sons of Aaron, we were made descendants and inheritors of Jesus by faith (See Ephesians 2:12-19); therefore, we too, are privileged to serve as priests (See I Peter 2:9a, Revelation 1:6a). Let us draw near to His holiness and serve Him faithfully.

LESSON 37 – September 12, 2021 SUBJECT: Death of Nadab and Abihu

GOLDEN TEXT: “Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.” (Psalm 2:11).

PRINTED TEXT: Leviticus 10:1-7 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said.

6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In the previous lesson, God established the priesthood through the ordination of Aaron and his sons. Aaron’s two sons, Nadab and Abihu, who were ordained priests, took it upon themselves to do things their own way. They ignored the instructions for the sacrifice, offering “strange fire” to God. As a result, it cost their lives. The lesson here is twofold, the Holiness of God, and His commandments are uncompromising.

I heard one preacher say, “The road to hell is paved with people that have good intentions.” I believe Nadab and Abihu had good intentions; however, they sidestepped God’s instructions by taking a common (unholy) fire from an altar other than the one authorized by God (See Leviticus 16:12, Numbers 16:46). It was strange fire to God. Man must neither add to nor take from God’s instructions (See Deuteronomy 4:2, Revelation 22:18,19).

Sad to say, many are loose and careless concerning their worship and service to God. Jesus shows us how to worship God (See St. John 4:24). Any other way will result in a rejected sacrifice and spiritual death.

LESSON 38 – September 19, 2021 SUBJECT: The Day of Atonement

GOLDEN TEXT: “And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness” (Leviticus 16:16).

PRINTED TEXT: Leviticus 16:1-16 And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died;

2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.

5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD’s lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering.

10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself:

12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil:

13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:

14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The day of atonement was appointed by God for the high priest to cleanse the sanctuary and make atonement for the sins of the people annually. It was instituted because the temple was polluted by the actions of Nadab and Abihu (See Leviticus 10:1-2, 16:1).

The atonement is a beautiful illustration of God's grace towards His people, not only cleansing them through the shedding of blood, but removing sin from His sight as illustrated through the scapegoat (See Leviticus 16:9-10). As striking as this is, the sacrifice of bulls and goats repeated annually proved imperfect and could not take away sins (See Hebrews 10:1-4). The Aaronic priesthood was imperfect. The high priest himself had to offer a sacrifice for his own sin. He could only postpone God's judgment. An atoning sacrifice was needed to take away sins once and for all to reconcile man back to God. This task fell on Jesus.

Jesus is the perfect High Priest Who offered Himself on the cross once and for all. When the Father sees the believer, He sees Jesus' righteousness. Jesus stands before God as our Advocate and Intercessor. He gives us direct access to God (See Romans 8:34, Hebrews 4:15-16).

LESSON 39 – September 26, 2021

SUBJECT: A Blasphemer Stoned

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (Exodus 20:7).

PRINTED TEXT: Leviticus 24:10 And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp;

11 And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the Lord, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:)

12 And they put him in ward, that the mind of the LORD might be shewed them.

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin.

16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the Lord, shall be put to death.

17 And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death.

18 And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast.

19 And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him;

20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again.

21 And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death.

22 Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the LORD your God.

23 And Moses spake to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this week's lesson, a fight happened between two persons, an Israelite, as well as another of mixed parentage (See Leviticus 24:10-11). The fight was not so much the crime, but the disrespect of God's name. It is critical for us to understand that God's name should not be used carelessly.

The name of the Lord is holy and counts for something (See St. Luke 1:49); therefore, it should be revered. R.C. Sproul, in *The Holiness of God*, said it this way, "His name is holy because He is holy. He is not always treated with holy reverence. His name is trampled through the dirt of this world. It functions as a curse word, a platform for the obscene. That the world has little respect for God is vividly seen by the way the world regards His name. No honor. No reverence. No awe before Him." We can understand why a blasphemer needs to be stoned.

In Exodus 20:7, we are told that anyone who curses God shall bear his sin. May our lips always honor His name!

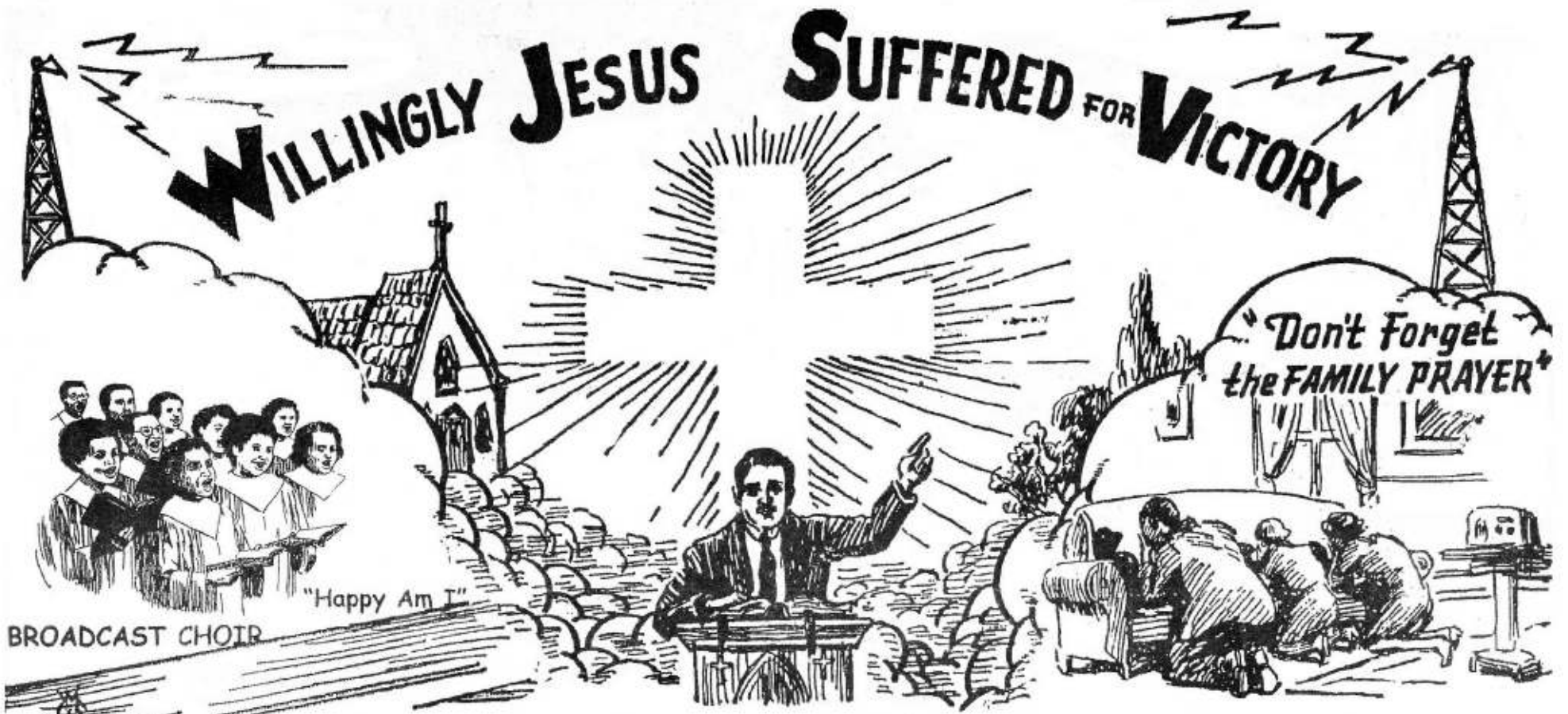
THE POWER OF GOD BROUGHT EVERYTHING INTO EXISTENCE

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Remember, — the white horse Rider was the Word of God made flesh, Jesus. He was the Word of God sent from God by an Angel to a little city called Nazareth and was brought forth by His own power and spirit for no man had touched Mary — it was God's creative power. No man can tell how the bones are formed in the womb; how every finger, toe and every member of the body is in its place. Tell me now! If you think some man did that, you are deceived. One day a fully formed child stepped forth which was the fulfillment of the Word of God, and came out into this world that He might declare the glory of God; that He might show the works of God and that God might be manifested to us.

My precious ones, if you want to know anything about God, you'll have to know it by the Word of God and the Spirit of God revealing it to you and making it so plain that 'a wayfaring man, though a fool, won't have to err (See Isaiah 35:8b).' But the Scriptures are written to be hid from those who seek to know them that they might argue and contend over them. They are revealed to those who want to know them to obey them. Jesus said to His flock when He had gathered them together, 'don't seek the things you shall wear; don't worry about the food you shall eat — I'll provide it. There's not a sparrow that falls to the ground without My notice. Every lily that blooms from the mud-pile comes forth as white as snow arrayed in a beautiful garment.' (See St. Matthew chapter 6. I say this to you for a purpose and that is that you seek to obey Me, and I'll give you — I'll give it to you — I'll give you knowledge how to produce it; I'll give you the knowledge how to manufacture it or anything. I'll give you the knowledge of how to have things if you'll just obey Me and keep My Commandments. And I'll give you the Kingdom one day — one day the world will be yours. He was talking to the little flock which lived in the world in the midst of a people who were selfish and who had not the wisdom of God. Today, may I say to you, yours is the Kingdom of Heaven if you obey and just walk in the Spirit of Righteousness and enjoy the government of everlasting peace now. *Farther on, yes, still father, count the milestones one by one. Jesus will forsake you never; it is better farther on.*

If you have been made acquainted with God through faith by the Word of God, you are blessed. One becomes acquainted with another by introduction, through mail, by person to person contacts or through business associations. But if you believe the words of a person which are written to you in a letter, you'll know them as they are, as well as you'll know them when you meet them in person. I'm saying to you, learn to know Jesus by this letter, the Bible. Believe His Word and you'll find that every sentence in it is true. If you want to know God and be better allied with the Kingdom of Heaven and the Saints of Heaven, the door here always stands ajar — walk right in. May God bless you.



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Prayer Answered

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

BE LIKE CHRIST

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"For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

May God bless you is my prayer.

CALLING ALL YOUTH

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- How did Micah describe the ways in which the rulers were destroying the people?
- How did God say He was going to punish them for their deeds?
- What lesson should we learn from this warning to Judah's leaders?
- How did Micah answer his questions on behalf of the people?
- What three requirements are stated for godly living?

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- I will _____ in thy _____, and have _____ unto thy ways.
- Behold, I have _____ after thy _____: quicken me in thy _____.
- I am a _____ of all them that _____ thee, and of them that _____ thy _____.
- I will _____ forget thy _____: for with them thou hast _____ me.
- Through thy _____ I get _____: therefore I hate every _____ way.
- Consider how I _____ thy _____: _____ me, O LORD, according to thy _____.
- I have kept thy _____ and thy _____: for all my ways are before thee.

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