

"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength" (Isaiah 40:29).



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Fret Not Thyself

Those who practice wickedness shall soon be cut off. The righteous people shall see it.

My text is found in Psalm 37:1-2 and reads as follows: **"FRET not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb."**

People are interested and worried about what is going on in the country. But I am concerned about living right because I heard the Lord say to me through His Word, don't get mad with folks because they don't do right. You will always meet people who are not right, and if you get angry with them, you will always be mad. You will see people seemingly prospering because they work their rackets and get by, and you hardly look like you can make it when you do right.

Wrong of Those Close To You Affect You, Too

Now, doing right is doing what the Lord tells you to do. When you help anybody else to do wrong, of course, you are going to have a hard time. There are a lot of good women who do not do anything wrong. But just as soon as that man or that sinful child goes out and does something wrong, then the good woman will run to and fro to try to get her man out of trouble. She should let him stay in trouble. Then when you meet her and say, "Sister, how are you getting along?" She will say, "Oh, child, I am having a hard time!" You are not having a hard time, but you will find it hard to bother with the transgressor. Anybody who bothers with him is going to have a hard time.

Jesus, Himself, had a hard time because He numbered Himself with the transgressors, because He took sides with them. I don't know whether you understand or not, but as long as I understand, it's all right with me.

Jesus died for the sinners. If I had an old bad brother, and he got in jail and sent for me to help him out, I would say, "Jesus helped you out more than 1900 years ago". If you try to help sinners, surely your way will be hard. Anytime you cling to anybody the Lord is whipping, you are going to get a few licks, too. If any of my folks get in jail for doing wrong, they stay there. I am like Jesus: Who is my mother, who is my sister, who is my brother? They that do the will of my Father.

Oh, you don't like this. Now, I am not worrying about evil doers or fretting myself because they prosper. Let them ride in their big cars while I walk. It won't be long before they will be riding in the patrol wagon. They will be riding just the same.

Seeming Prosperity of The Wicked Is Costly

Why should you care about how a young girl seems to be having a good time because she has all the boys taking her out and making a fuss over her. She is riding down the street in a car with a boy on each side, and her hair streaming in the

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What the Church needs today is a good burning out by the Holy Spirit.

If I compromise, you'll have no light and I'll have no life.

Don't trust what man says, watch what he does.

Wealth does not consist of gold, but rather in a clear conscience and a peaceful mind.

You cannot share your cross, you must bear it.

It is alright to be with the crowd if the crowd is with Jesus.

The thing that destroys people is to sympathize with them when they are wrong.

The devil can preach, pray and shout, but he can't live right.

If you want to dodge the devil, keep on your knees, and he'll lose your trail.

The devil will come, but if you stay clean he won't stay.

Don't play with the devil; he'll trick you.

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

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The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

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air. But, you girls, I would not fret myself. No sir! The time is coming. You will see the end of that girl. It won't be long before she will be sitting at home with something in her arms crying. Don't fret yourself because of evil doers when you are obeying God and doing that which is right in His sight. Don't be jealous of the girl who wears silk. If you can't get silk to wear by working for it, then let the other girls wear silk and you wear cotton. It is better to wear cotton and be virtuous than to wear silk and lose the favor of God. You lose the favor of God when you do anything that is unrighteous in order to satisfy a lust of the flesh.

Now, hear what the Lord says! Read the third and fourth verses of Psalm 37th as follows: **"Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."**

When you trust in the Lord and do good, God will surely provide the best of good for you to eat, regardless of the condition existing in the earth at the time. When you delight yourself in the Lord, you will be pleased to live in righteousness. And in doing righteousness, you will not allow your heart to have desires that are worldly and unholy. So, God will give you your desires.

Changes In Government Are Ruled By God

Now that is what I am concerned about. I am not concerned about who is in the White House. I will have respect for the man who is in the White House because that would be in harmony with God's commandment. But I know that whatever the man in the White House does, it is what God planned. If it is unholy, then I am sure God suffered him to get to the White House to punish the people of the country because they are drifting away from God. But when such does happen, and the people



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of God call upon Him for relief, God will move the unholy and prepare one who will do that which is right. Then the people may lift their voice in praise and thanksgiving to God.

Folks run around and ballyhoo, and when God gets ready, He puts in whom He pleases, after they have finished their campaigning. Old Nebuchadnezzar told us that. He said, God ruleth in the heavens and in the earth. Nebuchadnezzar thought he ruled Babylon. One day he walked out on his walls and said, "Is not this great Babylon that I built?" At that moment, God wanted to teach him a lesson. God wanted to show him who builds and who tears down. So, God took his reasoning from him. Brother, when your mind goes, I don't care what you have, as far as you are concerned, it all goes. The moment the mind of Nebuchadnezzar left, he received the mind of a beast, and felt like he wanted some grass to eat. He fell down on his knees and bellowed like an ox. Because he was king, they could not bother him. He was ruler, but he could not rule himself, so they put guards to watch him. They could not put him in prison or in an asylum because he was king by name. But the King of heaven was his King then. He ran into the field to eat grass, and when a man would come to attend him, he would rush at him as if to butt him like a bull would. After seven years, his reasoning returned, and he told

the world that God ruled heaven and earth and raises up whom He pleases to be king or ruler or president.

Good Shall Always Eat, Wicked Shall Fare Hard

My precious ones, I am concerned about doing good, **"For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb"** (Psalm 37:2). God has promised that if I do good and keep my mind on Him, I shall be fed.

Tonight, the way of the transgressor is hard (see Proverbs 13:15). Lean upon the arm of God and don't let anybody fool you. The earth is the Lord's, and they that dwell therein. God shall never relinquish His power over the earth and mankind. He suffers the devil to walk to and fro, and up and down (see Job 1:7) in the earth, seeking whom he may devour (see I Peter 5:8). But the devil cannot prevent the servants of God from eating the good of the land, as long as they are willing and obedient (see Isaiah 1:19).

God never made a bird that He did not provide for. If there is anything wrong, it is in the people. No rabbit has come out of the woods to the White House to see about the depression. No fish in the pond has complained. Birds are singing as sweetly now as they sang before the depression. Flowers are still blooming. Trees are full of fruit. I am frank to tell you I am not aware that the depression is on, nor is any other true child of God. God will provide for me, and you like he did for Elijah and the widow. I am willing to help you to get right with God; and I know if you do, you won't have to fret because of the prosperity of evildoers. **"For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb"** (Psalm 37:2). **"... the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it"** (Isaiah 1:20).

May God bless you.

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.
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4. Joshua	1	18	3	_____
5. Deuteronomy	7	21	20	_____
6. Numbers	12	6	22	_____
7. Judges	1	22	17	_____
8. I Samuel	20	21	35	_____
9. II Kings	2	3	35	_____
10. Ruth	1	10	8	_____
11. Proverbs	10	3	12	_____
12. Genesis	41	55	3	_____
13. Jeremiah	2	28	20	_____
14. Psalm	82	1	13	_____
15. Ezra	1	2	10	_____
16. I Chronicles	16	14	3	_____
17. Leviticus	26	19	20	_____
18. St. Mark	6	44	1	_____
19. Job	32	9	2	_____
20. Isaiah	66	23	3	_____
21. Ezekiel	46	2	40	_____
22. I John	2	29	19	_____
23. Judges	7	5	16	_____
24. St. Matthew	5	18	12	_____
25. St. Luke	2	15	12	_____
26. St. John	19	17	4	_____
27. Acts	1	25	24	_____
28. Romans	3	22	1	_____
29. I Corinthians	7	7	5	_____
30. Galatians	5	14	3	_____
31. Esther	10	1	14	_____
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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

“And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible” (Isaiah 13:11).

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Everyone Will Be Salted with Fire.

“Everyone will be salted with fire” (St. Mark 9:49). Whoa, wait a second. What? **Everyone?** Yes, everyone. What is powerful from this passage is that we are confronted with the reality of our true purpose.

Since the most ancient of times, salt has been important to the cultures who had it. In fact, there was a time when salt was even used as currency. Where do you think the old saying came from “He’s worth his salt?” Salt has been used to preserve, season, and even to cure illness.

As we look at the overall context of this passage in St. Mark 9, we note that the primary problems that prompted Jesus’ comments were (1) the apostles debating among themselves as to who was the greatest, and (2) their effort to hinder and exclude those who did not “follow along” with them. As followers of Christ today, we also need a lesson in *acceptance* of our fellow spiritual siblings in the *One Body* that Jesus brings together with His sacrifice. The things that stand in the way of such unity and harmony could prove eternally costly.

There is a power that can transform us and unite us. If we are to give ourselves as sweet-smelling offerings to God, we first need to be “salted” with that which will sanctify us and in so doing serve to awaken the Church to the unity that should typify the Family of God. That power from on high which will transform us and unite us ... is the strength with which we would be “salted” ... that is the Holy Spirit, symbolized by the figure of “fire.”

As the apostle Paul, for example, went out to bring the Gentiles into this *One Body*, he stated he was called to be **“That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost”**: (Romans 15:16). Notice the wording here, as it clearly looks back to Leviticus 2:13. He is ministering “as a priest”; his “offering” is the Gentiles, and they are “sanctified” by the Holy Spirit (the salting process) that they might “become acceptable” to God.

Rather than excluding others, and seeking to elevate themselves above others, the disciples within the inner circle of Christ Jesus needed to realize that Jesus had come to offer up EVERYONE as a sweet-smelling sacrifice to the Father --- **“Everyone will be salted with fire.”** By virtue of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, both Jews and Gentiles would be brought before the Father as *One Body*. In Joel 2:28 we’re told, **“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; ...”**

In short, ... ALL of us ... Every one of Us needs to be salted with fire from above; we need to be indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and thereby transformed.

We are meant to be transformed by the Message of the Gospel to the point that we are empowered to choose **truth** over convenience, **peace** over chaos, and **authentic love** over the easier and lesser version of mere rule-keeping. We are called to **take sin so seriously** that we embrace the fire of God’s love now. We can allow His “fire” to purify us.

When this happens, barriers that divide us will come down. No longer will disciples seek to determine who is the greatest; no longer will they seek to hinder others who do not “walk along with us.” Instead, sanctified by His Spirit, we will **“... pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another”** (See Romans 14:19). This is the **“peace and joy in the Holy Spirit”** that characterizes **“... the kingdom of God ...”** (See Romans 14:17).

Dr. Albert Barnes in his commentary regarding this powerful statement by Jesus said: **“The main scope of the passage was not to discourse on future punishment...”** The chief object of the passage was **“To teach the apostles that ‘other men,’ those not ‘with them,’ might be true Christians,”** and that **“they ought to be disposed to look favorably upon”** these others, whether they are **“walking about with them or not.”** (Barnes, Albert. *“Commentary on Mark 9:49” Barnes Notes on the Whole Bible.* Kindle Cloud Reader, E4 Group Copyright 2014 Location 209462, 2094821) 1870.

Hebrews 13:1-2 says **“LET brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”**

We in the church today desperately need this very same insight, and it is my belief that it can and will come by the very same means -- being salted with fire as we offer ourselves as living sacrifices. Being filled, sanctified, and transformed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

Now what does this have to do with us?

- For those who know Jesus as Savior, there are great things to come if we continue to deny our selves and follow Jesus every day saying no to sin.
- For those who do not know Jesus as Savior, please listen. In these last verses of this chapter Jesus speaks about hell. Heaven or hell after life is a reality. Those who do not trust Jesus as Savior cannot go to heaven. Oh! Dear friend, you do not want to go to hell. We just get a small glimpse of hell in **St. Mark 9**. There will be fire that will not be quenched. It is a place of worms. Hell is an awful place. You don’t have to go there.
- I want to finally speak to you who are going through pain and trials. In this world everyone has trouble, but your trials will lead to greater glory. So, hold on, there is a blessed tomorrow.

Remember... If you walk with Jesus...You will walk in VICTORY!!!

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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

DEATH TO SIN

Can we live for CHRIST without death to sin? Let us prove this by the Holy Bible. Romans 6th Chapter, first verse to sixth inclusive:

“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.”

SANCTIFICATION BY CHRIST

“Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours” (I Corinthians 1:2).

“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (I Corinthians 6:11).

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word” (Ephesians 5:26).

“For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren” (Hebrews 2:11).

“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Hebrews 10:10).

“JUDE, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:” (Jude 1:1).

“That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable,



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being sanctified by the Holy Ghost” (Romans 15:16).

“But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:” (II Thessalonians 2:13).

“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied” (I Peter 1:2).

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First of all, since Jesus has died to take away our sins, He only requires of us to accept Him, confessing our sins to Him, which is the first work of grace. Then, after having accepted Him, the complete work He finished is sanctification; first, by sanctifying Himself, who never knew any sin, there was never any guile found in His mouth, leaving us an example that we should follow His steps.

Now for example, if we have never made a cake and don't know how, we surely have to follow the recipe in the cookbook if we want a good cake. Now if we have to do that for food to sustain the temporal body, we should surely take this recipe that I am giving you to sustain the spirit. For may we inform everyone that reads this article that we are not even Christians if we sin, for so many are deceived, feeling that they are Christians because they are members of various churches. But may I inform you that from the preacher to the usher that does sin, they are not serving God,

for God heareth not sinners pray, according to St. John 9th Chapter, 31st verse, which reads as follows: **“Now we know that God heareth not sinners: But if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.”**

Now, I say if there is any sinner that God does not hear, it is the church sinner. *Now if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness,* as sayeth 1 John, 1st Chapter, 9th Verse, which reads as follows: **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

May God bless you is my prayer.

Lord Help Me To Help Somebody

Lord, help me to help somebody
There's someone who needs a
word or two
Some kind of encouragement in
Thy pathway
Is a small deed for your servant
to do.

Lord, guide me in showing an
example
To all I see and to those I know
Please let me reflect Thy own
brightness
As Thy Holy Spirit upon me
glows!

Lord, help me to be somebody
A vessel that's willing to share
Of all the goodness you've set
before me
With other persons in Your
loving care!

Lord, help me to prove to
somebody
It's worth the sacrifice to crown
Thee King
For Lord, you're ours just for
the asking
For trusting and obeying you in
everything.

Lord help me to help somebody
And not keep what I know upon
a shelf
But to share it with others, no
matter what,
To give praise to You, and not
myself.

Composed by Sister Arlethia Jones-Carter

A Prayer for Afghanistan



I am so grateful for the prayers of the Saints who prophesied that the same God Who took me to Kabul, Afghanistan would ensure my safe return to my family. I was selected to serve as the Executive Officer responsible for health and safety of approximately 50 persons. This group was composed of persons who were serving in the military, civilians, and contractors on a compound located in the city of Kabul. I was humbled and honored to be part of that team of professionals assigned to one of the nation's most sensitive missions in Afghanistan. I thank God for my six-month deployment, 14 February – 16 August 2012, and His unending protection, even as I was involved in a vehicle explosion while in Kandahar. God is Faithful!

President Biden made the decision to end the 20-year war in Afghanistan, effective 31 August 2021. The events of that pull-out, to include the ISIS-K attack on the airport, caused some active duty and veterans of the armed services to feel despondent and hopeless regarding the sacrifices made over the past 20 years. My encouragement is for them to lift their heads and realize that their sacrifices were NOT in vain.

We can't change the hearts and will of the Afghan people to fight, but we have provided our expertise, assistance and contribution to the Afghan economy, Afghan army and air forces. These services kept the enemy from attacking Americans on our soil. My prayer has been and will continue to be for God to foil the plans of the enemy!!

We pray for the Biden Administration as they attempt to save the lives of the Afghans who assisted us in this war and those Americans who remain there. Those who worked for and beside every country's military force should be given the opportunity to leave Afghanistan and reside in a chosen country where they can be free from the oppression of those who aim to do them harm. I began to have a flood of emotions as I attentively watched the news of the pull-out activities.

During my deployment to Afghanistan, I journaled every day and captured pictures to remind me of God's faithfulness. I converted those journals into a book, *Afghanistan: 179 Days of Teachable Moments* (available on Amazon). I will always remember the Afghans who provided various services to us while deployed. It is due to their sacrifice and commitment to provide those services that I feel compelled to **pray** for and acknowledge them in this article.



Lord, please bless and protect Fawad, whose company serviced our generators and whom I was honored to delicately share the blessings You provide. Shield the Afghan guards who protected our compound from the Taliban. Protect the staff members who cooked, cleaned, and provided maintenance on the compound.



A Prayer for Afghanistan (Continued from Page 6)

Father God, please bless the Afghan economy. Help those who daily walk the streets to sell their products to provide for their families. Bless the Fathers who pray daily for peace. We ask for improved housing conditions and that You'll provide essentials, like water to the homes in the mountains.



Lord, have mercy on the children who just need to be children... those who need shoes and supplies. Please allow for continued aid to flow to the country for those schools that need supplies.



Lord, remember the Afghan Women's Education Center and women who are in danger of Taliban rules against their education, work, and freedoms! Remember those children who can only attend school two hours a day because they must work to provide for their families.



Lord, I pray for restoration, peace and healing of the wars and plagues that confront us worldwide. We ask these blessings in Your Son Jesus' Name. AMEN... Let it be so!

Deaconess Robyn Smith - Baltimore Church of God

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)



Navayah, Age 6

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MEMORY VERSES

"I WILL bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Psalm 34:1-3).

As we near the end of a year of tumult and controversy, let us remember to celebrate Jesus. Some might say that He is the "tallest man in the crowd." He, alone, is our Savior and one day, He will return for His children. As recorded in Acts 1:11: **"... this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."** Perhaps this verse and others (See St. Mark 13:35 and St. Luke 21:36) were the inspiration for Eliza Hewitt's song, "When We All Get to Heaven." A portion of this now hymn includes the following refrain: "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!" Until then, may we remember to celebrate Jesus by obeying Him and telling everyone we meet about His love, forgiveness and merciful kindness. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

LET US PRAY THIS PRAYER AT NOON

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

COMMANDMENT SECTION

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love they neighbor as thyself (St. Matthew 22: 37-39).

In lieu of celebrating Halloween, young people identify the Saint from the Bible they would celebrate

I would like to dress as Ruth. I would want to dress as Ruth because she had a good attitude, thought positively, and had a good outlook on life. She was also loyal, respectful, selfless, courageous, and hard-working. In addition, she also loved Naomi's God. Ruth was beautiful inside and outside. My desire is to be beautiful like Ruth.

By Chloe, Age 12
Upper Marlboro



We don't celebrate Halloween because is Satan's Day. I only celebrate it because my mother's birthday is on October 31st.

By N'Kyron, Age 17
Greenbelt



I would dress as David because he was able to slay the giant!

By Navayah, Age 6
Fayetteville

I would like to dress as Noah. God started the world over again with Noah and his family. They were the only good family on earth. Noah had faith in God. Noah was obedient to God and did as he was told. My name is Noah. I want to be obedient like Noah. He saved lots of animals' lives.

By Noah, Age 11
Upper Marlboro



I would dress up as Jonah because he was able to help the people of Nineveh in the end.

By Samantha, Age 7
Norfolk



I would dress up as Mary the mother of Jesus because she was his mother.

By Michala, Age 10
Norfolk



We don't really celebrate Halloween because of the stigma underlying some parts of the holiday, but if I had to dress as a person from the Bible, I think that I would dress as Mary, the Mother of Jesus. She was a very strong person, so I would dress as Mary.

By Nya, Age 16
Maryland



I don't celebrate Halloween because I think the devil celebrates this day, but I do celebrate my mother's birthday because it is October 31st. If I had to dress up as a person in the Bible, I would dress as James, the Apostle and half brother of Jesus.

By Nathaniel, Age 13
Maryland



FUNNY BIBLE RIDDLES

1. Who was the smartest man in the Bible?
2. How many of each animal did Moses take on the Ark?
3. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
4. What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?
5. What do they call pastors in Germany?
6. And what car did David drive?
7. Which Biblical character had no parents?
8. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
9. According to the Bible should men or women make coffee?
10. How did Adam and Eve feel when expelled from the Garden of Eden?

Lord, I want to be a Christian

A Negro Spiritual adapted by Frederick Work

Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

CELEBRATE JESUS

by Benjamin Anabaronye

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate His Love
Celebrate Him Who came from above.

Celebrate Jesus, His name glorify
He is the Son of God Most High.

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate His grace
Give Him your love and highest praise.

Celebrate Jesus, rejoice and sing
Praise Him, praise our glorious King.

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate His power
He stands by us in life's darkest hour.

Celebrate Jesus, our ever faithful Friend
His great compassion the broken heart mends.

Celebrate Jesus, tell the whole world
Till all creation knows that Christ is Lord.

Let your light shine so
people everywhere may
see your good actions
and praise God in
heaven because of it.
Matthew 5:16

ANSWERS TO THE FUNNY BIBLE RIDDLES

1. Abraham. He knew a Lot.
2. None. It was Noah.
3. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
4. Ruth-less.
5. German Shepherds.
6. A Triumph. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.
7. Joshua, son of Nun.
8. Samson. He brought the house down.
9. According to the Bible, there's a whole book about it—He Brews.
10. They were really put out.

ANSWERS TO SEPTEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. To whom did Micah first address his message seen in verse 1 and again in verse 9?
(Micah addressed the heads of the house of Jacob and princes of the house of Israel - **Micah 3:1a**).
2. What question did Micah ask these people?
(**"Is it not for you to know judgment"** - **Micah 3:1b**).
3. How did Micah describe the ways in which the rulers were destroying the people?
(The rulers were described as vicious barbarians. Their actions were against poor, innocent, and defenseless people. They hated doing what was good, and loved doing what was evil in the eyes of God - **Micah 3:2-3**).
4. How did God say He was going to punish them for their deeds?
(The rulers were described as vicious barbarians. Their actions were against poor, innocent, and defenseless people. They hated doing what was good, and loved doing what was evil in the eyes of God - **Micah 3:2-3**).
5. What lesson should we learn from this warning to Judah's leaders?
(We cannot ignore or defy God and His will, then expect Him to rescue us when we get into trouble because of the way we have lived.)
6. How did Micah answer his questions on behalf of the people?
(God has shown you, **"... O man (every individual), what is good ..."** - **Micah 6:8a**).
7. What three requirements are stated for godly living?
(God wants us **"... to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God"** - **Micah 6:8b**)?

ANSWERS TO SEPTEMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. I will **mediate** in thy **precepts**, and have **respect** unto thy ways (**Psalm 119:15**).
2. Behold, I have **longed** after thy **precepts**: quicken me in thy **righteousness** (**Psalm 119:40**).
3. I am a **companion** of all them that **fear** thee, and of them that **keep** thy **precepts** (**Psalm 119:63**).
4. I will **never** forget thy **precepts**: for with them thou hast **quicken**ed me (**Psalm 119:93**).
5. Through thy **precepts** I get **understanding**: therefore I hate every **false** way (**Psalm 119:104**).
6. Consider how I **love** thy **precepts**: **quicken** me, O LORD, according to thy **lovingkindness** (**Psalm 119:159**).
7. I have kept thy **precepts** and thy **testimonies**: for all my ways are before thee (**Psalm 119:168**).

OCTOBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. How did Paul encourage Euodias and Syntyche?
2. How can believers always rejoice in the Lord?
3. What are some reasons the Lord gives us for rejoicing? How does the Holy Spirit help us to rejoice?

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Sunday School Lessons for the Month of October

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Elder Waverly Charity. He serves as an Associate Minister of the Church of God, Baltimore, MD.



LESSON 40 – October 3, 2021
SUBJECT: Complaints about Manna

GOLDEN TEXT: “And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD’s hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not” (Numbers 11:23).

PRINTED TEXT: Numbers 11:4 And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

10 Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

20 But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.

22 Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD’s hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson we find Moses and the children of Israel on their journey from Egypt to the Promised land of Canaan. Although God had provided food and water, they were not satisfied therewith, and complained to Moses against God. In the meantime, Moses became frustrated.

From this lesson we must learn to always trust God and learn to be content with such things as we have. We must not allow ourselves to look back at the former things in which we had pleasure, but to keep trusting in God. He promised to supply all our needs according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.

Don’t allow the will of the flesh to cause a break in your relationship with God because you might get what you ask for, and it may not turn out to be the blessing for which you hoped. You will be accountable for your actions. God gave the Israelites meat. It was more than enough.

So, trust God to supply. He knows your needs, and He will always provide. Do not allow yourself to be drawn aside by your lust which when finished brings forth death. Remember, God is God, and if He said it, He will perform it. Whatever He promised, He will do.

LESSON 41 – October 10, 2021
SUBJECT: God Sends Quail and Plague

GOLDEN TEXT: “And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD’S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!” (Numbers 11:29).

PRINTED TEXT: Numbers 11:24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD’S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

30 And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

31 And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day’s journey on this side, and as it were a day’s journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth.

32 And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

33 And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

34 And he called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

35 And the people journeyed from Kibrothhattaavah unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Today’s lesson is a continuation from the previous lesson where Moses intreated God for help with a complaining people. The Israelites complained about Moses and God. How soon we forget God’s blessings! Yet we expect Him to forget our complaining.

Well, God did provide Moses with help. He supplied quail for the people. Even though the quail was a blessing, some people died before they could eat it. Perhaps these were the instigators.

Beware that your complaining doesn’t cause you to lose favor with God and you consequently find yourself in a bad way. Beware whom you follow, they may take you down the road of destruction.

Also, beware that neither jealousy nor envy becomes a part of you concerning the Spirit of God as it seemed to have been with Joshua and the two elders who were not with the other sixty-eight. Moses explained that he welcomed all the help he could get so long as it was coming from individuals who were Holy Spirit filled.

As Believers, we are all working toward the same cause. Remember, we are working together to build up the kingdom of God. Be one who assists and supports the Man of God and not one who tears down.

LESSON 42 – October 17, 2021
SUBJECT: Miriam and Aaron Oppose Moses

GOLDEN TEXT: “And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream” (Numbers 12:6).

PRINTED TEXT: Numbers 12:1 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.

3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

4 And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.

12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

13 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.

15 And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.

16 And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson we find members of Moses' own family opposing him. Now consider this: they were opposing the Man of God who stood as God's spokesman. In effect they were opposing God Himself. God called a meeting and judged the situation right away. It is not good to fall into the hands of an angry God. Although God deals with the problem and forgives, punishment is still meted out according to the Mosaic law.

The lesson here is to not let yourself get you on the wrong side of God. Stay in your lane. God deals with His servants in different ways. He explained to them: I speak to you by dreams and visions, but my servant Moses is different. With him I speak face to face. Now there is enough work for all to do. Do what I appoint you to do, and do it well. Don't get caught up thinking of yourself more highly than you ought to think.

Notice, Moses, a humble man, did not allow personal feelings of anger and bitterness to prevent him from praying for the restoration of Miriam, and you never heard him mention it again. Miriam was fully restored and given a powerful, vivid reminder of Who is in charge, God Almighty!

LESSON 43 – October 24, 2021

SUBJECT: The Mission of Twelve Spies

GOLDEN TEXT: "And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it" (Numbers 13:30).

PRINTED TEXT: Numbers 13:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.

17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And see the land, what it is, and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many;

19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the firstripe grapes.

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation,

and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Whenever God has a mission for you to perform, you may rest assured that He will provide the wherewithal to complete it. For example, consider the mission of the twelve spies.

In order for every person to be represented, twelve men were chosen to spy out the Promised land, one from each of the twelve Tribes of Israel. Instructions were very specific.

Whenever God gives you a task with clear directions, do what He asks. He instructs without deviation.

God already knows what roadblocks you will face, and He is able to help you overcome them. There were ten men who doubted. On the other hand, two who had witnessed the power of God, Caleb and Joshua, were confident that they were able to take the land. These two men refused to follow the crowd. They trusted the power of God to overcome seemingly impossible odds.

As children of God, we are not to see ourselves as weak, or as the ten spies saw themselves, grasshoppers before giants. With God on your side, see yourselves as giants before grasshoppers. Remember the scripture Philippians 4:13: **I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.**

LESSON 44 – October 31, 2021

SUBJECT: Rebellion of the People

GOLDEN TEXT: "Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not" (Numbers 14:9).

PRINTED TEXT: Numbers 14:1 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:

7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.

8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

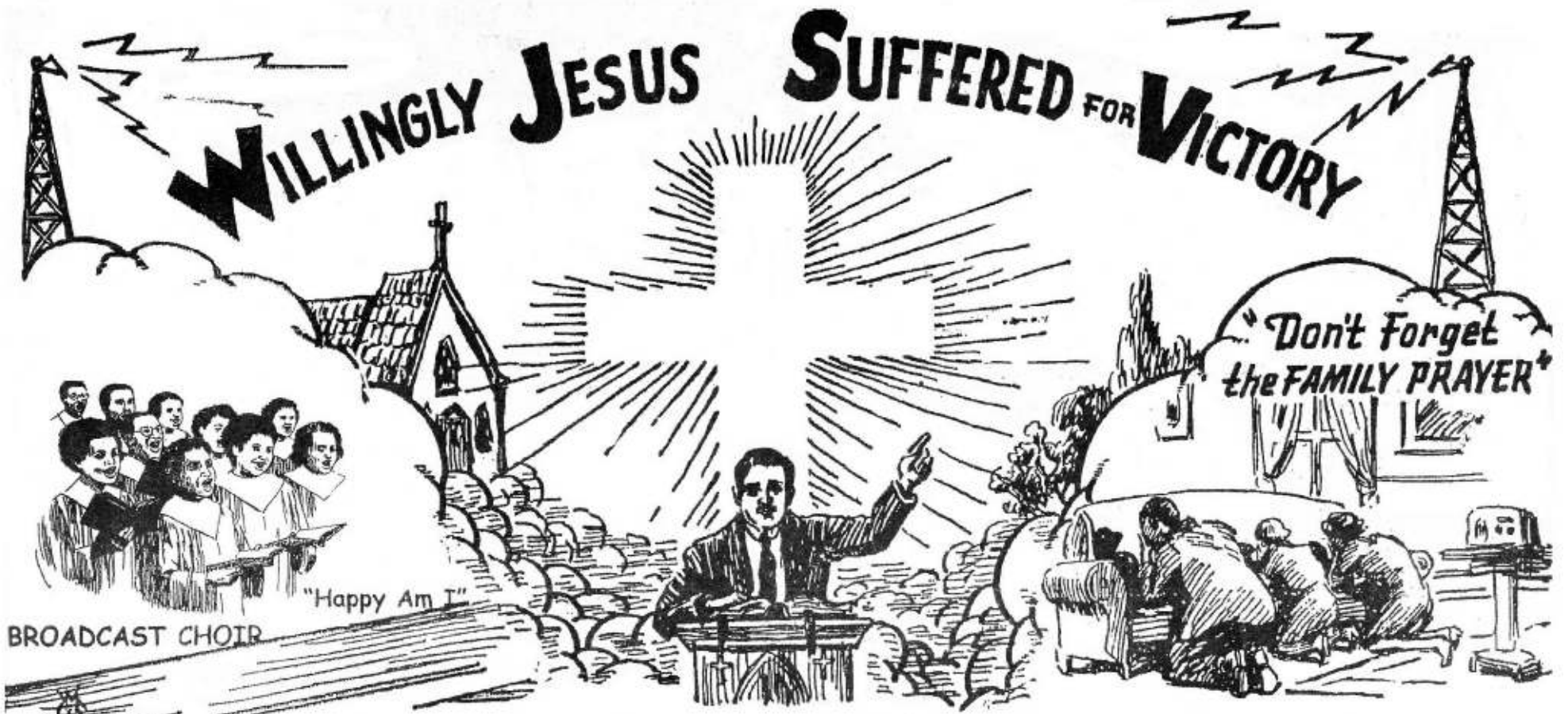
9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

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Prayer Answered

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

CALLING ALL YOUTH (Continued from Page 9)

4. What does prayer replace?
5. What is a result of prayer?
6. As believers what things should our minds dwell upon?
7. What does God promise He will provide to believers?

6. And we have _____ and _____ the _____ that God hath to us. God is _____; and he that dwelleth in _____ dwelleth in _____, and God in him.
7. And this _____ have we from him, That he who _____ God _____ his brother also.

OCTOBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Beloved, let us _____ one another: for _____ is of God; and every one that _____ is born of God, and _____ God.
2. He that _____ not _____ not God; for God is _____.
3. In this was manifested the _____ of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten _____ into the _____, that we might _____ through him.
4. Herein is _____, not that we _____ God, but that he _____ us, and sent his Son to be the _____ for our _____.
5. Beloved, if _____ so _____ us, we ought also to _____ one another.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson we find the twelve spies returning from spying out the promised land. Conflicting reports between a group of ten spies and Caleb and Joshua caused such great confusion among the people of God, that despite all God had done for them, they longed to return to Egypt where they had experienced harsh slavery and cruelty. They clearly evidenced meager respect for God, but thanks be to Jehovah, faithful men sought to encourage the people and show them that with God, it was possible to take the land, though they risked possible death by stoning.

God came down in His glory. His displeasure was so great that He was ready to pour out His wrath on the people. But when Moses interceded on their behalf, God relented and did not destroy them.

This dramatic action calls our attention to the fact that the faith and obedience of a few righteous men can make a great difference in the eyes of God. So, we must hold fast our profession. Trust God to do what He said because if God promised it, He will surely perform it.

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