

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name” (Psalm 100: 4).

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



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God Is Calling America To Repent In Sackcloth and Ashes That The Heathen May Not Rule Over Her

I think we all need to know the cause of all the trouble over the entire world; from an individual, to a group, to a nation, and also nations. When a physician is called in to see a patient, if it is a serious case, he first diagnoses the case. Through that medium, he understands what the trouble is, and also how to treat the patient. May I say, I have taken a diagnosis of the case of the entire world, and the three letter word, S-I-N, is to blame for all of it. Now since we have told of the trouble, we shall be merciful to give the healing remedy, which will heal the entire case. May you take this from one who is interested in all people; and truly God has given me this interest.

This Is The Prescription!

Romans 6th Chapter, 1st to 14th Verse 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. For he that is dead is freed from sin.

“Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.”

Also 23rd Verse of the Same Chapter

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

As Sayeth Zephaniah 2nd Chapter

“GATHER yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD’s anger come upon you. Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his

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No matter what your condition is, God can give you relief.

Why do you say what God says, but fail to do what God says?

You might make it without mother or friend, but you can't make it without God.

We know God exists because His works are perfect and man can't duplicate or destroy them.

The only deliverance we now have is God.

Don't get into anything you have to leave God out of.

Don't put anything in front of God; if you do, it will trip you.

The main thing to do is to get folks to see God in you.

Not only does God save...He also keeps.

God will take care of us if we do that which is right in His sight.

The gospel is preached that man might see the love of God, not the wrath of God.

God gave the Holy Spirit to encourage you. Don't worry when men don't encourage you. Just be filled with the Spirit.

You've got to have the Spirit of God to keep from bowing to the flesh.

A thankful heart will offer praise.

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"For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant. And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks. And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for the LORD their God shall visit them and turn away their captivity.

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"Therefore, wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy."

May God bless each of you under the sound of my voice to not let sin reign in your mortal bodies.

LORD, SHOW ME HOW!

If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer with smile or strong-
Lord Show me how.

If I can sow a fruitful seed,
If I can help someone in need,
If I can do a kindly deed-
Lord Show me how.

If I can feed a hungry heart,
If I can make a better start,
If I can fill a nobler part -
Lord Show me how.

The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".
2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.
3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.
4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.
5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.
6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a

- concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.
7. Please use the King James Version of the Holy Bible.
 8. Mail answer to: **Happy News Publishing Co., 2030 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001.** If you do not wish to cut the paper, you may submit your answer on plain paper.
 9. The answer to the puzzle should be postmarked by the fifteenth (15th) of the month for publication in our next issue.
 10. Letters must be limited to forty (40) words and are published as space will allow.
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Responses to the Bible Word Puzzle

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BOOK	CHAPTER	VERSE	WORD	ANSWER
1. Zephaniah	1	14	1	_____
2. Psalm	145	3	4	_____
3. Jeremiah	20	11	4	_____
4. Isaiah	61	10	8	_____
5. Job	26	2	18	_____
6. Judges	2	15	20	_____
7. Ezekiel	20	13	16	_____
8. Nahum	2	3	2	_____
9. Job	35	10	7	_____
10. Deuteronomy	17	17	10	_____
11. II Kings	18	5	2	_____
12. St. Matthew	27	43	3	_____
13. I Samuel	16	21	9	_____
14. Acts	6	7	7	_____
15. I Corinthians	1	10	2	_____
16. James	1	13	10	_____
17. Exodus	2	17	14	_____
18. I Chronicles	22	19	15	_____
19. Proverbs	3	1	5	_____
20. Obadiah	1	3	5	_____
21. Jeremiah	20	11	25	_____
22. Proverbs	13	9	6	_____
23. Colossians	3	15	21	_____
24. Daniel	5	21	22	_____
25. St. John	3	29	28	_____
26. Revelation	5	9	6	_____
27. James	4	8	7	_____
28. Philippians	1	8	8	_____
29. Deuteronomy	10	21	4	_____
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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"The LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will furnish all the gods of the earth: and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen" (Zephaniah 2:11).

If You Meet God In The Morning He'll Go With You Through The Day

By Helen Steiner Rice

"The earth is the Lord's
and the fullness thereof" –
It speaks of His goodness,
it sings of His Love,
And each day at dawning
I lift my heart high
And raise up my eyes
to the infinite sky. . .
I watch the night vanish
as a new day is born,
And I hear the birds sing
on the wings of the morn,
I see the den glisten
in crystal-like splendor
While God, with a touch
that is gentle and tender,
Wraps up the night
and softly tucks it away
And hangs out the sun
to herald a new day.
And so I give thanks
and my heart kneels to pray –
"God keep me and guide me
and go with me today."

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Who Is Perfect?

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” St. Matthew 5:48.

Are we, the saints of God, as perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect? Have you ever wondered why Jesus didn't say, Be ye therefore perfect as I am perfect? He certainly could have said that because He is the only human being Who never committed any sin, Who did not sin, neither was any guile found in His mouth. Though He was divine, He had a natural (fleshly) body just like ours.

“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 St. John 1:14. So why does Jesus point to the perfection embodied in God the Father since He, God the Father, is a Spirit? **St John 4:24. “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” I John 5:7 “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.** They are one with different functions. It is the Holy Spirit Who guides us into the truth of the Bible and provides us with the necessary power needed to obey the truth. **“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth Acts 1:8.”**

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever (I Peter 1:23).” It is the spirit of this immortal seed (the Holy Spirit) Who enables believers to obtain a degree of perfection that comes when our hearts become perfect. **“Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day” (I Kings 8:61).**

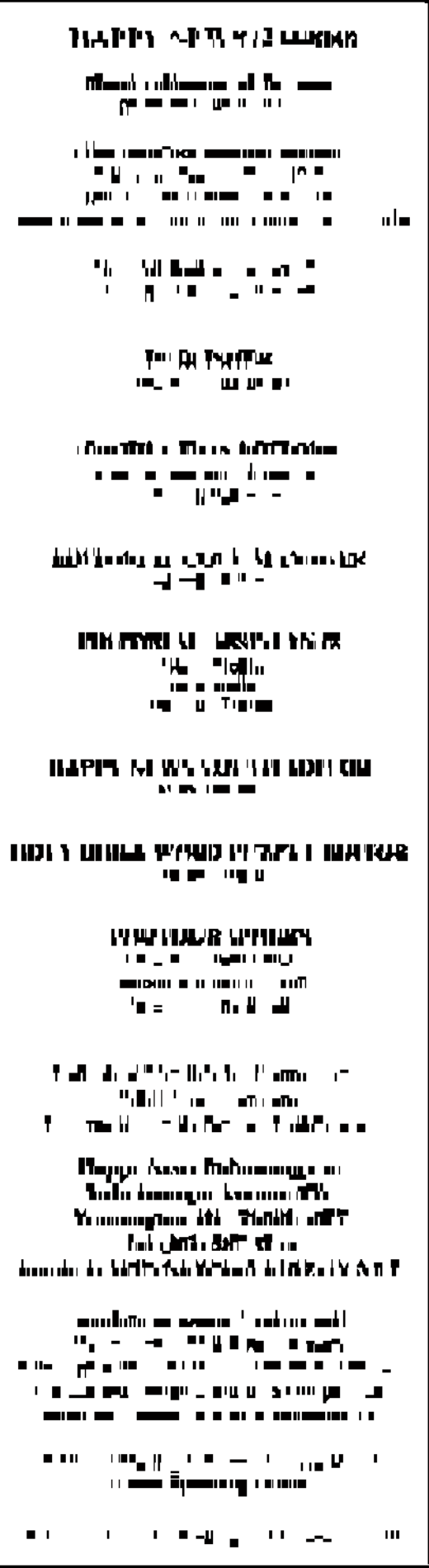
I place the emphasis on heart. When our hearts are right with God, the heart will control the actions of our bodies. **“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore as many as be perfect, be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you” (Philippians 3:13-15).**

When the Apostle Paul uses the word perfect, he is talking about being a spiritually mature believer in Christ, ever growing in the knowledge of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, we recognize that since we have been made partakers of Christ's divine nature, we have the power to live in continual obedience to His Word. This power causes us to have a perfect and thankful heart, giving God the glory for causing us to triumph in Christ as we are perfecting holiness out of reverence to God. He counts us as being perfect in His sight because we have a perfect heart (mind) willing to be corrected when we error. This mind stems from the righteousness and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

We will continue this path **“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13).** Until then **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1:9)** because all unrighteousness is sin.

“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen” (Jude 24, 25).

Who is perfect? **You** are, if you let the mind of Christ rule you.



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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

AN EXHORTATION TO REPENTANCE, AND A SHARP REPROOF OF JERUSALEM FOR DIVERS SINS

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PRAY FOR PEACE

Let love be your portion
Reach out to the lost.

The way for them seems dreary
And they are fighting to find the cost.

They may not understand life
As you would being saved,
The lost feel so closed in
Like an animal who's in a cave.

No one can feel great peace
Tied down, bounded and not free
There is only the hurt traffic
That may come from others, you or me.

All people need great peace
But that will only come through God
and Christ

If we pray daily for great peace
It will come like sparkling lights.

Composed by
Sister Arlethia Jones-Carter

The Nation's Capital Honors an Elect Lady

The Washington, DC office of the Mayor Muriel Bowser proudly celebrated longtime resident, Sister Elizabeth Jones' 102nd birthday. On 2021, Mr. Christopher Ingram, Washington, D C Department of Aging associate agent presented this lovely lady a plaque which reads: **As mayor of Washington, DC, it is my pleasure to acknowledge Elizabeth R. Jones and your fellow Centenarians on this wonderful milestone. Congratulations! You and all of our seniors are true models for residents of the nation's capital, through your longtime work in-and in support of – your community. Please enjoy this momentous occasion with the love of family, friends and neighbors. Once again, congratulations and thank you for your many contributions. Muriel Bowser Government of the DISTRICT of COLUMBIA DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR**

God has indeed granted long life to our faith-filled neighbor. As a resident of the District of Columbia, Sister Jones has been a highly respected citizen. She loved to serve nuns in a local convent. She, at one time, worked at the Washington Hospital Center. Wherever she was employed, she worked diligently. The Bible says, **“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men”** (Colossians 3:23).

As a member of Gospel Spreading Church in Washington, DC, she is considered a Mother in Zion. This God-fearing woman's life exemplifies virtue and godliness. She has been used of God in a variety of ways. In the GSC, she has taught the women's Sunday School class; she has been a member of Radio Choir Number One, participated in the famous Happy Am I Cross Choir, and served on the Usher Board. She supported her husband as he used his artistic talent to teach children how to draw at Camp Lightfoot.

In Sister Jones' home in Washington, DC, there is an atmosphere of peace as evidenced by amazing quietness. She is not disturbed by mass media or television. A small radio brings local news. She is filled with self-confidence and genuine love for God and others.

By the grace of God, at age 102 her auditory and visual abilities are good. She can hear the wind blowing. She can hear the birds sing. In autumn she can watch leaves fall as their colors change.

She enjoys listening to recorded sermons of the late Elder Lightfoot S. Michaux and her current pastor Elder Walter Dale Roman.

She can sing along as the taped broadcasts are punctuated with familiar gospel songs. Her favorite song is, **“Life can be beautiful, if you live it right each day. No heartaches, pain or sorrow or trouble to dismay. The birds, sun and flowers you'll find along the way. Life can be beautiful, if you live it right each day.”** The Bible says **“... thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance ...”** (Psalm 32:7b). **“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the LORD”** (Ephesians 5:19);

Many individuals in our society reach advanced chronological ages. Sister Elizabeth Jones, however, stands out. She is not an ordinary District of Columbia centenarian. She is extraordinary Elect Lady because for more than one century, she has lived by faith in God.



As Mayor of Washington, DC, it is my pleasure to acknowledge

Elizabeth R. Jones

and your fellow Centenarians on this wonderful milestone.

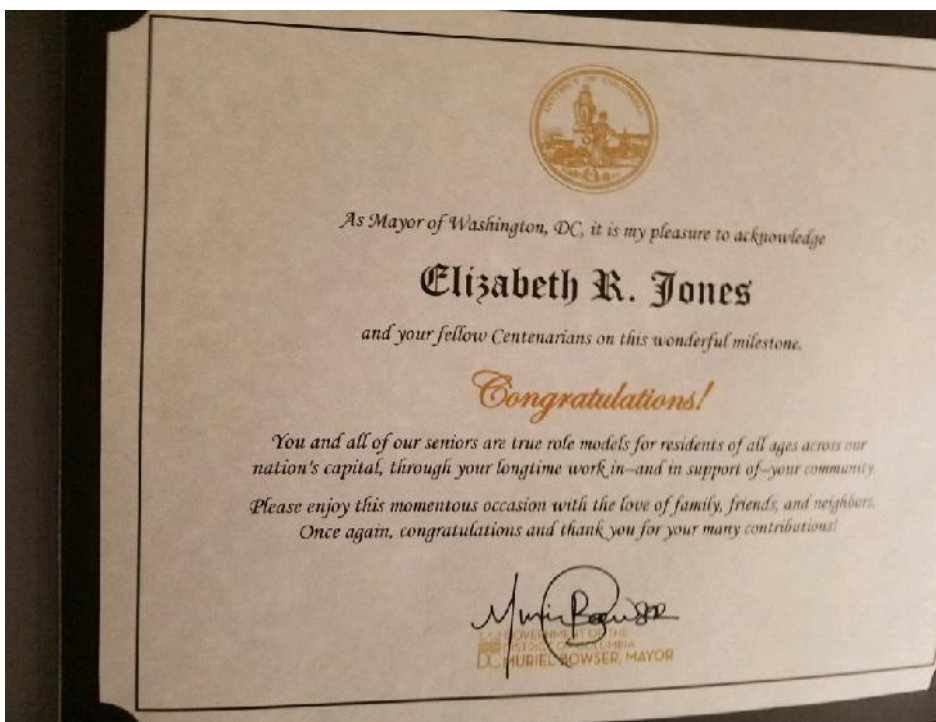
Congratulations!

You and all of our seniors are true role models for residents of all ages across our nation's capital, through your longtime work in-and in support of-your community.

Please enjoy this momentous occasion with the love of family, friends, and neighbors. Once again, congratulations and thank you for your many contributions!


GOVERNMENT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

The Awarded Certificate Reads



Certificate Awarded to
Sister Elizabeth R. Jones



Medal Awarded to
Sister Elizabeth R. Jones

The Nation's Capital Honors an Elect Lady

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Sister Brenonda Jackson receives a bouquet of flowers from Washington DC Office of the Mayor for Sister Elizabeth Jones



Mr. Christopher Ingram presents a Certificate and Medallion to Sister Elizabeth Jones



Sister Brenonda Jackson explains certificate received from DC Mayor's Office



Sister Elizabeth R. Jones - Earlier Years



Sister Elizabeth R Jones - Present

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)



Nasir, 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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MEMORY VERSE

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever (Psalm 107:1).

On 3 October 1789, President George Washington issued a Proclamation recognizing Thanksgiving Day as Thursday, November 26. The Proclamation was written as follows:

"Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

"Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto (H)im our sincere and humble thanks—for (H)is kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of (H)is Providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

"(A)nd also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase[sic] of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best

"Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789."

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

"MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100: 1-5).

Young People Use a Letter in the Word, *Thanksgiving*, to Tell Why They are Thankful

- T is for my teacher—Mrs. Patterson.
- H is for holidays that we spend with family.
- A is for animals.
- N is for my Aunt Nikki.
- K is for karate lessons.
- S is for siblings.
- G is for geometry.
- I is for Independence Day.
- V is for vacations with my family.
- I is for ice water.
- N is for NBA basketball.
- G is for my Granny.

By Bella, Age 7
Laurel



T - I am thankful for Jesus and for my family.

By Bradley, Age 12
Baltimore



T - I am thankful for my mommy.

By Nasir, Age 4
Washington, D.C.

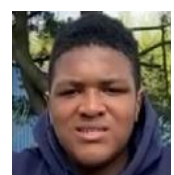
G - I am thankful for my Grandma. She loves me.

By James III, Age 6
Laurel



G - I am thankful for my great grandparents because the Lord has blessed them to live long lives and we can spend some time together.

By David, Age 14
Capitol Heights



G - I am thankful for my **g**randparents because I love them! They like to talk to me and take care of me. They give me all kinds of special treats.

By Noah, Age 9
Midlothian



G - I am thankful for my **G**randmother, Jeannette, and for my **G**reat **G**randmother, Matilda, because they help us. They do not let us down and they take us places.

By Malayah, Age 10
Washington, D.C.



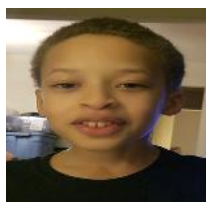
G - I am thankful for my **g**randparents because they are nice to me, and they give me special things. I love them because they love me too!

By Joshua, Age 11
Midlothian



G - I am thankful for my **G**randmother Jeannette and my **G**reat **G**randmother Matilda because they help us a lot and they take us to the store. They also got me new glasses.

By Makari, Age 13
Washington, D.C.



T - I am thankful for the **t**urkey that I enjoy on Thanksgiving. I am also thankful for the **t**ree that we decorate afterwards.

By Samantha, Age 7
Norfolk



S - I am thankful for the **s**now that I hope we receive on Thanksgiving.

By Micheala, Age 10
Norfolk



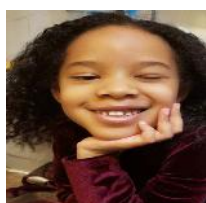
H - I am thankful for a **h**ouse to live in.

By Tanea, Age 14
Fayetteville



T - I am thankful for **T**hanksgiving.

By Navayah, Age 6
Fayetteville



G - I am thankful for my **g**randmother because she helped me when I was sad or mad. I still love her!

Nathaniel, Age 13
Lanham



G - I am thankful for my **g**randmother because she was always there for me and my brothers. She always gave me her opinion. She always gave me great advice.

Nya, Age 16
Lanham



T - I am **t**hankful for Jesus. I am thankful for waking up each morning. I am also thankful and truly blessed for my family and friends.

By Jacob, Age 12,
Upper Marlboro



H - I am thankful for my **h**ouse because it gives us shelter from the rain and cold weather.

By N'Dea, Age 8
Baltimore



G - I am thankful for my **g**randmother because she cared for me. She also took me places that I needed to go. She took care of my siblings and me whenever our mom was at work. She also gave me money when I needed it. She was the best grandmother anyone could ask for!

By N'Kyron, Age 17
Lanham



G - I am thankful for my relationship with **G**od. I am thankful for the **g**ift of life. I am thankful for family and friends. I am also blessed for bringing my loved ones through COVID safely, thus far.

By Ryan, Age 17
Upper Marlboro



A- I am thankful for **a**nimals-- of which there are different kinds. Some can be kept as pets. Others can be observed at a zoo or a farm.

K- My favorite animal is the **k**angaroo because of the unique way that they hold their babies and the way that they jump.

By Tsehai, Age 11
Baltimore



T is for thankful—I am thankful for my family.

H is for me being **h**elpful to my family.

A is for **a**llowance, **a**nimals, **a**pples, and **a**utomobiles.

N is for being **n**ice to my family.

K is for being **k**ind to family, friends, and strangers.

S is for siblings.

G is for being grateful for my grandparents.

I is for **i**ntelligence. I stay alert!

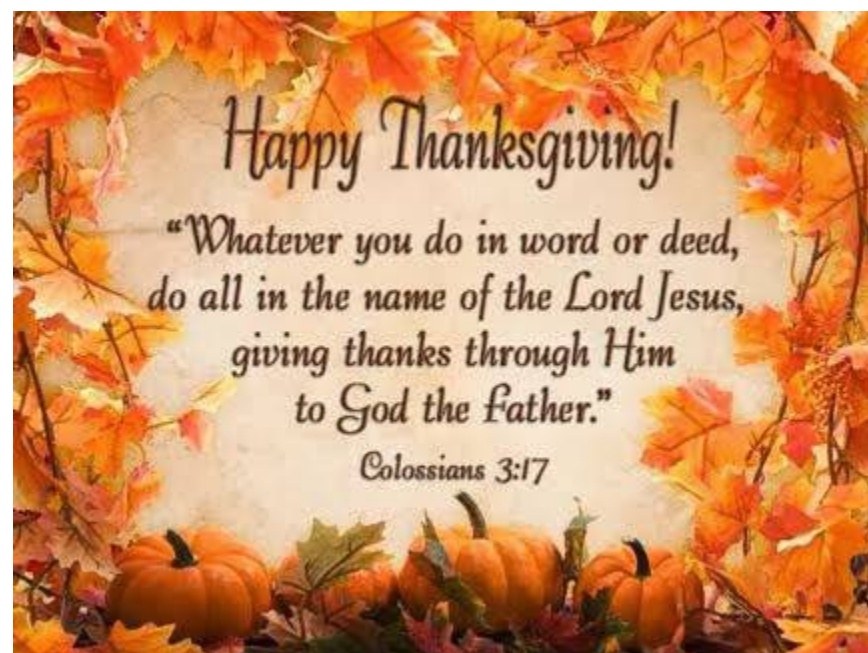
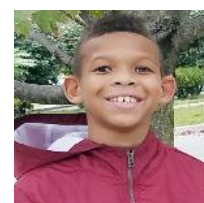
V is for **v**accines that help keep us healthy.

I is for **i**ce cream because it's very yummy.

N is for **n**ickles because they help me to count.

G is for family **g**atherings when we all stand and worship.

By Elijah, Age 11
Laurel



Sunday School Lessons for the Month of November

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



LESSON 45 – November 7, 2021
SUBJECT: Moses Prayer and God's Answer

GOLDEN TEXT: "The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation" (Numbers 14:18).

PRINTED TEXT: Numbers 14:13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)

14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,

16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18 The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:

21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

23 Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Because the Children of Israel were fearful of what to expect, they were opposed to entering the Promised Land. They wanted to elect another leader to take them back to Egypt in the place of Moses (see Numbers 14:4). God spoke to Moses, testing him, proposing that He should destroy the rebellious people and create a new nation. (See Numbers 14:11-12). Moses prayed, pleading for the people as a lawyer in the courtroom pleading on behalf of his client. He reminded God how the nations would hear of their destruction and question His sovereignty. If He delivered the Children of Israel out of bondage to destroy them in the wilderness, He would not be able to bring them into the land He promised them (See Numbers 14:13-16).

Moses used wisdom when he acknowledged God's great power, patience, mercy, and forgiveness, encouraging Him to continue to pardon and restore His people (See Numbers 14:17-19). Because of his compelling argument, God forgave His people, but would hold the defiant ones accountable for their action: His punishment would be that they would not see the Promised Land (See Numbers 14:20-23). Nevertheless, because Caleb was faithful, he would be released from suffering the rebuke that the others would encounter (See Numbers 14:24).

When we pray for others we must pray in the right spirit, so that God will hear us and reward us as He did Moses.

LESSON 46 – November 14, 2021
SUBJECT: Korah's Rebellion

GOLDEN TEXT: "Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway" (Deuteronomy 11:1).

PRINTED TEXT: Numbers 16:1 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men:

2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:

3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:

5 And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

6 This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company;

7 And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.

8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:

9 Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?

10 And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?

11 For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up:

13 Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?

14 Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Insurrection is the violent uprising against authority. In this week's lesson, Korah, a Levite, joined in with Dathan and Abiram, descendants of the tribe of Reuben. Along with 250 Israelites, they formed a conspiracy in the camp (See Numbers 16:1-2). This group came together in opposition to Moses and Aaron's God given authority over the children of Israel (See Numbers 16:3). Upon hearing the charges, Moses fell on his face before them as a way of being grieved by their actions. He then stated that God would reveal who He had established as His leaders (See Numbers 16:4-5).

Calling out Korah and his cohorts to a challenge, Moses instructed them to take censers with fire in them. These are to be brought before God the following morning to prove who the true leaders were (See Numbers 16:6-7). Inquiring why this group protested against Aaron, they were uptight about why Aaron was being appointed high priest, and they could only serve as minor priests (See numbers 16:8-11). Out of spite, Dathan and Abiram refused to come forward at Moses' request. They accused Moses of leading the Israelites out of the land that flowed with milk and honey to die in the wilderness for self-glory (See Numbers 16:12-14).

Jesus said in St. Matthew 5:11-12, "*Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*"

LESSON 47 – November 21, 2021
SUBJECT: Judgment on the Rebellion

GOLDEN TEXT: "Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust" (Psalm 16:1).

PRINTED TEXT: Numbers 16:23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of their's, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:

32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

33 They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

34 And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.

35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The previous week's lesson discussed Korah, Dathan, Abiram and others' rebellion against Moses and Aaron because they did not accept them as chosen by God. In this week's lesson, God instructed Moses to tell the Israelites to separate themselves from the places the rebellious allies lived (See Numbers 16:23-24). Since Korah, Dathan and Abiram refused, Moses went to them with the elders of Israel (See Numbers 16:25). Again, Moses warned the people to get away from the three men and not to touch any of their possessions (See Numbers 16:26).

When Dathan and Abiram came out of their tents (Korah probably came out also), Moses proclaimed publicly that God had appointed him to lead Israel out of Egypt into the Promised Land (See Numbers 16:27-28). To prove that God was with him, Moses made known to the people that if Korah, Dathan and Abiram died of natural causes, God did not send him. However, if the ground opened up and swallowed them alive, this would substantiate that God was with him. (See Numbers 16:29-30). Following his speech, the people witnessed the earth open and swallow the three men and their families, as well as their belongings (See Numbers 16:31-33). Back at the tabernacle, God sent fire to consume the 250 men who offered incense in support of the rebels (See Numbers 16:35).

When you fear God and trust His word, He will be your defense in time of adversity.

LESSON 48 – November 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Water from the Rock

GOLDEN TEXT: "Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink" (Numbers 20:8).

PRINTED TEXT: Numbers 20:1 Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

3 And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!

4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Moses' sister Miriam had died while the children of Israel were in the wilderness of Zin. It was a very dry region, and water was not readily available (See Numbers 20:1-2). The people complained against Moses, stating that they were better off dead, and that he had led them to their destruction in an evil place, that lacked water, seeds, figs vines, or pomegranates for survival (See Numbers 20:3-5).

Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before God, seeking direction from Him (See Numbers 20:6). God instructed Moses to hold the rod and speak to the rock, and it would bring forth water (See Numbers 20:7-9). Frustrated with the people's chiding and disapproval of his leadership, Moses struck the rock twice, and addressed God's people as "rebels" (See Numbers 20:10-11). God was very displeased with Moses and Aaron because they did not sanctify, or properly represent Him before the people. He told them they would not enter the Promised Land (See Numbers 20:12).

James 1:19-20 states, "*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.*"

Calling All Youth (Continued from Page 9)

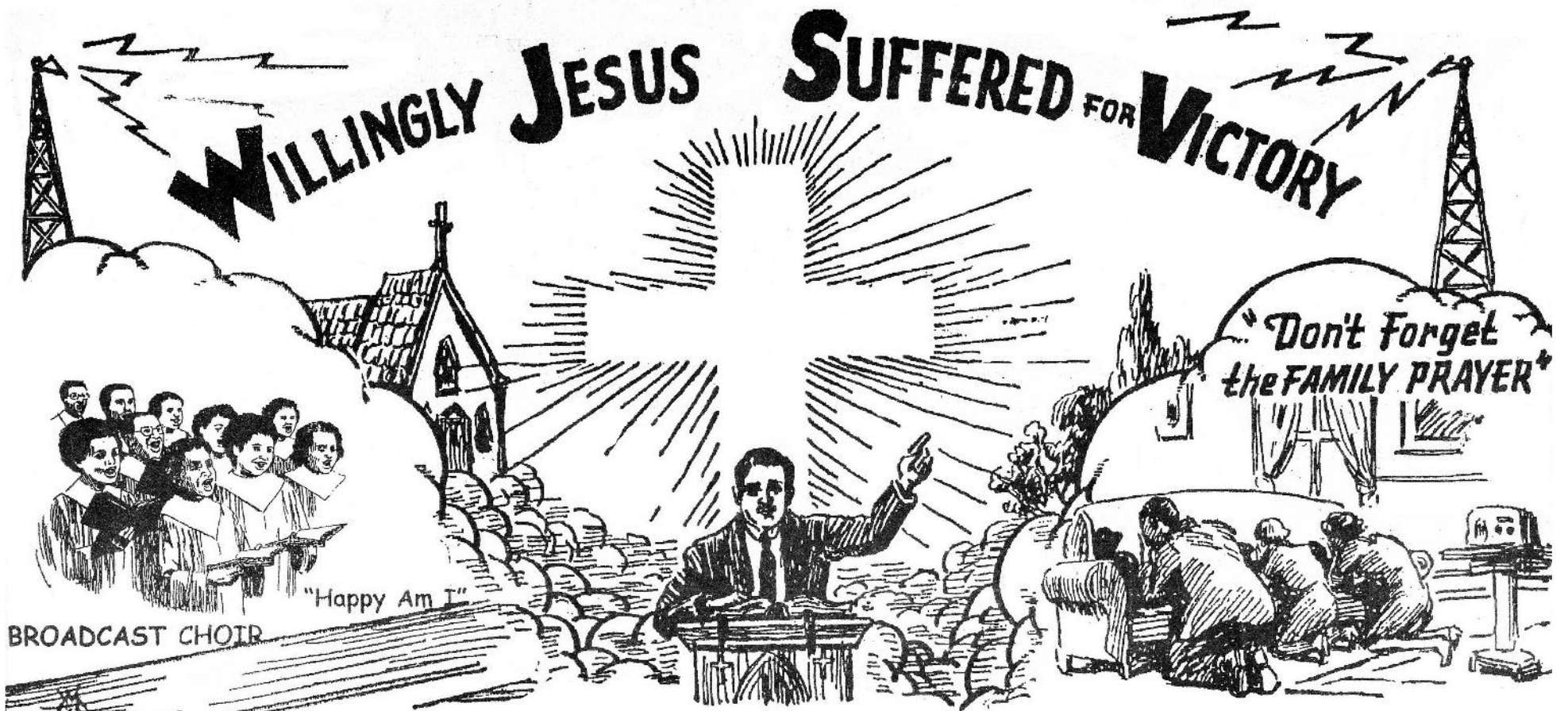
ANSWERS TO OCTOBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- How did Paul encourage Euodias and Syntyche?
He encouraged them to be like-minded in the Lord (**Philippians 4:2**).
- How can believers always rejoice in the Lord?
Believers can be joyful even when it seems they are surrounded by darkness and feel dreary. Joy does not depend on our changing circumstances. When our focus is on the Lord and His grace and not on our circumstances or needs, we can rejoice in the Lord (**Philippians 4:4**).
- What are some reasons the Lord gives us for rejoicing? How does the Holy Spirit help us to rejoice?
The Lord will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5-6). He bears our burdens and blesses us (Psalm 68:19). Joy is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).
- What does prayer replace?
Prayer replaces worry and anxiety (**Philippians 4:6**).
- What is a result of prayer?
The peace of God which guards our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (**Philippians 4:7**).
- As believers what things should our minds dwell upon?
Things that are truthful, honest, just, pure, lovely, kind, virtuous and praiseworthy (**Philippians 4:8-9**).
- What does God promise He will provide to believers?
God has promised that He will "... **supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus**" (**Philippians 4:19**).

ANSWERS TO OCTOBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

- Beloved, let us **love** one another: for **love** is of God; and every one that **loveth** is born of God, and **knoweth** God (**I John 4:7**).

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

Calling All Youth (Continued from Page 11)

- He that **loveth** not **knoweth** not God; for God is **love** (I John 4:8).
- In this was manifested the **love** of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten **Son** into the **world**, that we might **live** through him (I John 4:9).
- Herein is **love**, not that we **loved** God, but that he **loved** us, and sent his Son to be the **propitiation** for our **sins** (I John 4:10).
- Beloved, if **God** so **loved** us, we ought also to **love** one another (I John 4:11).
- And we have **known** and **believed** the **love** that God hath to us. God is **love**; and he that dwelleth in **love** dwelleth in **God**, and God in him (I John 4:16).
- And this **commandment** have we from him, That he who **loveth** God **love** his brother also (I John 4:21).

NOVEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- In what was Timothy called to be strong?
- Who gives us understanding in all things?
- What was Timothy to remember about Jesus Christ?

- What are we to shun for they will increase more ungodliness?
- What are three qualities of an honorable vessel for God?
- We are to flee youthful lusts and pursue what good things?
- Why should we avoid quarrels about doctrine?

NOVEMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

- TRULY my _____ waiteth upon _____: from him cometh my _____.
- He only is my _____ and my _____; he is my _____; I shall not be greatly _____.
- My soul, _____ thou only upon _____; for my _____ is from _____.
- In God is my _____ and my _____: the _____ of my _____, and my _____, is in God.
- Trust in _____ at all times; ye people, _____ out your _____ before him: _____ is a _____ for us.
- God hath spoken _____; _____ have I heard this; that _____ belongeth unto _____.
- Also unto _____, O Lord, belongeth _____: for thou _____ to every man according to his _____.

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