

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace” (Romans 8:6).

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



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A MOTHER IS AN IMPORTANT PERSON: THAT IS WHY GOD INSTITUTED THE FAMILY

My precious ones, I am endeavoring this morning to keep fresh in your minds the things that God ordained that should be a blessing to you. Each individual has to be blessed through another; you can't bless yourself, but you can bless another. The moment that you become selfish and try to bless yourself you become a failure. But God has so created man by placing within him a mind which causes him to be very happy when he does something for someone else and they appreciate it. There's nothing in the world which will rejoice anyone's heart more than to get praise for something which he or she has done for someone, somewhere, who couldn't do it for himself.

Now if you should go ahead and help someone not in such circumstances for the purpose of gaining favor from them, as some people do in many instances, it doesn't bring you a blessing from heaven because you're not pure and honest in your purpose for doing it. You would be trying to win their favor by doing something for someone who could do more than you could for them. When you've done something for someone who couldn't do for themselves and it is appreciated by them, they begin to tell everybody about it. They will say, "Oh, he's a wonderful man or she's a wonderful woman." Then wherever you go you'll meet someone who will say, "Don't you know I met Mr. Jones the other day and he was telling me what a wonderful man you are. He said that when he was in trouble and couldn't help himself, you did him a favor. He said it was wonderful. His brothers and sisters also had forgotten him, but you did that for him. He was so happy." That report was worth more to that individual than all the pay you could have given him, for the substance which men gain from their efforts is to the end that they may bless themselves. But when you bless someone else, God blesses you. What a wonderful program!

In all sincerity, I want to say to you that the relationship between a mother and her son or daughter is great. You may wonder why Adam sinned, but God created him, and did you know that Adam never had a mother to take him upon her knee? He never knew the love of an earthly mother because he was created the son of God. He had a spiritual mother, the Holy Spirit, but without knowing the human touch as well as the spiritual touch, you'll follow in ignorance. At times your natural propensities will separate you from the spiritual gifts of God so you'll have to know the human touch before you can be a blessing.

God knew that in the beginning of creation, but to clear up your minds, I want you to know that Adam was the son of God. In St Luke, the third chapter, reading the 38th verse, it reads like this: **"Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God."** Now Enos was the son of Seth; Seth was the son of Adam and Adam was the son of God. That's who Adam was --- the son of God --- the first created human being was the son of God, but he never had a mother.

A mother is an important person; that's why God instituted the family. It was all planned in the fullness of time all men should be born of a woman. Though Adam didn't have a mother, God gave him a woman, for it wasn't good for man to be alone. No matter who you are

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Seeds you sow today you'll reap tomorrow.

Nobody wants a pickle first thing in the morning. So don't be sour.

Repent doesn't mean "cry". It means to turn around.

There is nothing on earth as mean and contemptible as an unthankful heart.

Don't just deal with God on the surface. Be deep and sincere with Him.

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mister, if you're going to make any progress in this world, you must have help, help first from God and next from a woman. God created woman as a help meet for man and she's the only one who will help him because God created the male and female in one. The Bible says that Adam was created male and female. After God created Adam, He made a woman. The Scriptures tell us how it was done in Genesis 2, verses 21 to 23, inclusive: **"And the LORD GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD GOD had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."**

That's the story from God's Word. Then the Lord blessed them and commanded that they multiply and fill the earth, since they were of one flesh. The beginning of the families started just that way. Adam alienated himself from God because he didn't know the human touch --- God knew it, but God had a plan for man. The word 'Adam' means 'man'.

Now the second Adam, the only begotten Son of God, was given a mother because God wanted Him to have the human touch. And brother, you don't know the human touch until you have a mother for, she's the one who teaches you what love is.

In St. Luke 1, reading the 35th verse, you will find that Jesus, the Son of God was born of a woman. It reads thus: **"And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."** The angel Gabriel was sent from God unto Mary with the message concerning the fact that she would become the mother of the Son of God. He told her **"... that holy thing"** which would be born of her would be **"called the Son of God."** God sent the message that He would be called the Son of God. Now Adam was the son of God created by God without a mother and Jesus was the Son of God created in the womb of Mary and was brought forth the Son of God because no man ever touched her. The angel Gabriel was a stranger to Mary; she had never seen him before; his message was strange to her. Reading St. Luke 1, beginning with the 26th verse, you'll find these words: **"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."** Among all the women, Mary was the one chosen by God to give His Son the human touch. **"And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be."** Mary was troubled about what he had said. **"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS."**



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux,
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The Word tells you that Jesus was the name given to the second Adam. The 34th verse tells you what Mary said to the angel Gabriel: **"Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"** She wanted to know how it could be since she had not known a man. Gabriel answered her in the words of that next verse which were read to you a little while ago. Now that's the story of how God was going to do what He had planned.

Now listen my good friends, don't argue with me about it for I'm just preaching the Word of God; I'm just preaching what is recorded. I believe the Word of God. I believe that He, who created this world can do anything; that's all there is to it. I believe that He, who has this beautiful sun shining this morning with no electric wires attached for man to push 'on' and 'off' is all right! And I believe that He did whatever the Bible says He did. I preach it and whatever I've experienced in my life by believing and obeying what the Book says, is sufficient to convince me that God is not a liar --- that His Word is true! I believe that the first Adam was created out of the dust of the earth and God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. I believe that the second Adam, Jesus, was conceived in the womb of Mary and brought forth without the aid of a man and He became a quickening Spirit --- He did not beget one child because that was not His purpose for coming into the world. He came to beget children after the Spirit of God, that you and I might be born of God, as He was by the Holy Ghost, and be called sons and daughters of God. What a program!

The Word tells you that if you believe that Jesus died and rose again, having followed His instructions, you become a Saint; you become holy. Then the Word of God says, **"BEHOLD, what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:"** (I John 3:1). You have two births --- one of the flesh, of earthly parents, and the other is the birth of the Spirit of your Heavenly Parent --- God. Therefore, Jesus was divine as well as human; He was begotten by the Holy Ghost which made Him divine, and He

was conceived by a woman after the flesh which caused Him to know the touch and love of a mother. But God brought Him into the world, as I've said, to beget spiritual children. The Word of God says that He was cut off from among the living without a child and He was asked, **"... who shall declare his generation?"** (Isaiah 53:8). Who shall declare His offspring? The answer is those who are born of the Spirit of God.

I wish to say to those of you who are mothers, expectant mothers or to those couples who are expecting to marry, that children are a gift from God. Every child who is born into the world is planned by God and God has its name on the Book of Life before it's born. What a God! It is a gift from God when it is born. Psalm 127, reading the third verse says, **"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."** A heritage is an inheritance and children are an inheritance from God and the fruit of the womb is His reward. When God wants to reward or bless you for some good deed, He blesses you with a child. After you've been given a diamond and you don't value it enough to take care of it, you just leave it around --- it will get lost. You can't blame the giver; you must blame yourself. So, it is with a child. A child is a diamond and a blessing to the human family. Don't you know my precious ones that our President Kennedy was once a little baby, given by God to his mother? Our late President Roosevelt and all the other great men of the earth were once babies running around, given by God to their parents, and they have been blessings to the whole nation and the world. A child is everything: don't forget that! One day God gave me to my parents and I'm standing here today trying to make you see and understand that those who are blessed of God are given children. So don't handle them carelessly for the Bible tells you this in Proverbs 22:6: **"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."** God's Word tells you to do that.

I'm going to ask you to train another one, sister; I'm saying this according to the Scriptures, too. When you first get married and have a husband who says he is crazy about you and loves you, train him while you have him in that condition --- while he is young in married life --- train him to love you. You know how to handle him, for there's not a woman in the world who doesn't know how to handle a man through love. If you show love toward him, you can make him obey you. Don't try to boss him or force him to do anything, but just kiss him and tell him what you want him to do. If he loves you, he'll go crazy and do it. Just kiss him, that's all. Say to him, "Honey, Sugar, go downstairs and bring me that bucket of water, dear! Let me pay you before you go." (Step over to him and kiss him.) He'll smile and those kisses will run down to his toes, and he'll start moving. The next thing you know he'll be coming up the steps with the water. But --- if you just say, "go down there and get me some water --- you're sitting 'round here and you know I want water. Get me some water!" You watch that 'rooster' puff up; he'll start 'crowing' some himself. He'll let you know right away that you aren't anything but a 'hen'. But you can be a 'hen' that will rule the rooster if you train him with love. You

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The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".

2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.

3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.

4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.

5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.

6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.

7. Please use the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

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1. St. Mark	13	13	13	_____
2. Zechariah	8	23	42	_____
3. Numbers	8	16	27	_____
4. Nehemiah	4	22	14	_____
5. Leviticus	14	7	31	_____
6. Genesis	6	7	15	_____
7. Psalm	119	37	6	_____
8. I King	13	6	51	_____
9. St. John	7	18	27	_____
10. Isaiah	23	18	10	_____
11. I Corinthians	13	12	7	_____
12. Ezekiel	2	2	2	_____
13. Exodus	24	17	6	_____
14. James	1	23	7	_____
15. Numbers	16	19	5	_____
16. Jeremiah	9	23	4	_____
17. Judges	7	4	9	_____
18. Ecclesiastes	8	1	31	_____
19. Acts	7	55	12	_____
20. St. Luke	2	25	14	_____
21. Deuteronomy	14	28	18	_____
22. Revelation	15	2	27	_____
23. St. Matthew	27	55	12	_____
24. Joshua	7	19	12	_____
25. Esther	9	1	27	_____
26. I Peter	5	4	14	_____
27. Obadiah	1	8	10	_____
28. Job	37	18	13	_____
29. Ezra	1	1	17	_____
30. Proverbs	15	3	1	_____
31. II Chronicles	18	22	10	_____
32. Romans	12	16	2	_____
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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay" (Isaiah 41:25).

Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

How To Curb Juvenile Delinquency

Now speaking of training the children, there used to be a time when parents governed their children according to the Word of God. There was no murdering of parents by them, nor other hideous crimes such as we have today. It is a great problem before us now --- How to Curb Juvenile Delinquency. We will attempt to tell you how it can be done, in short . . . **Just get back and follow the track. Also, go back to our Father's praying ground.**

We have a few exceptions today, considering the multitude of people in the world. I say a few that gather their children around their knees, around the fireside and teach them according to God's Word. The first step towards concerning this, is to teach them to be converted to God, and then love and obey Him as they should. Then, when that is done, the penitentiaries and jail houses will not be filled with them after they become grownups. There will be less of all kinds of crimes. And people should practice that. Well, after all, those of such types are not responsible for being in that category, but their parents are. For even they have wandered so far away from God, and so many have become church members and still practice and participate in the same things as the sinners, who have never been converted. If that is the case, may I inform all, please, of such types there is no difference in the sinners in the church than the sinners out of the church. Hence, God will not allow us to come before Him, lost



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and undone, being a member of some church, and hear Him say “... **depart from me, ye that work iniquity**” (St. Matthew 7:23b) without first warning us thoroughly. He will always have someone to do that and may God help us to heed the warning.

It is possible to live according to St. Matthew, 5th Chapter, 48th verse, which reads as follows: “**Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect.**” Now, we must have Bible facts on training the child, which is found in Proverbs 22nd Chapter, 6th verse: “**Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**” The 15th verse of the same chapter reads, “**Foolishness is bound**

in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.” Also Proverbs 19th Chapter, 18th verse, reads, “**Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.**” Even the Lord, Himself, tells us in Hebrews 12th Chapter, 6th verse: “**For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourageth every son whom he receiveth.**”

Now here's our perfect example, and not worldly-minded church members, who walk after the imagination of their own minds and will not obey God. Now some such one may say, “I don't believe in any of this!” That will not change God's Word nor His Plan. For He has planned that we should live in perfect obedience to Him. And since I have no heaven of my own, neither has any other man, Only He.

I am endeavoring to govern myself according to God's instructions. Now if anyone is going abroad, they will get a map and follow instructions, which I did in motoring to Canada. And by so doing, I never ran five minutes out of the way, but went straight to Canada. Now should I have looked on my map and ignored its guidance and said, “I don't believe this is the right way” or, “this is not the right way”, I never would have reached Canada. In same like manner, if we ignore God's guidance, according to His Word, because we want to suit ourselves and impress others that we are Christians, we are only joking ourselves. May God help us to wake up! “... **To day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts ...**” (Hebrews 3:15).

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can train a lion; don't you know that? I read in the paper one day that a man had a lion which he had raised from a cub. He gave him milk from a bottle and slept in bed with him. Now he sleeps with the lion each night. You talk about Daniel --- that lion is raised with love! Now I don't want to get too far off my subject, but I'm talking about love. It is a wonderful thing.

So, children are gifts from God and when you have them, just train them in the way you'd have them go for they are jewels. And as I said, you'll train your husband while he's young (when you first get married) he won't leave you; he'll be right there when you and he get old. You may ask, “How do you know Elder?” I've been with my wife fifty-seven years, and she trained me how to love her. Brother, I'm trained; you'd better not talk to me about leaving her. No one will ever leave where there's love, real love. Remember, the fruit of the womb is God's reward.

God gives instructions to parents as to what they should teach their children. You'll find these instructions in the third chapter of Proverbs. I'm going to ask all parents to read the chapter and teach your children to the end that the Word will be planted in their hearts. Beginning with verse 1, listen! “**My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:**” It says, “my son, don't forget my law; but lay up in your heart the things I'm going to teach you because God has given them to me to teach to you. Do what I tell you.” “**For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.**” If you do what I tell you, long life and peace shall be added to you. “**Let not mercy and truth forsake thee:**” Don't ever let mercy and truth be forsaken by you; be merciful and kind, but don't lie. Tell the truth! Tell everybody the truth and then help them! Jesus came and He was filled with grace and truth. He told everybody the truth and said, “When you're in trouble, don't get mad; I'm ready to help you and I can.” “**bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:**” You must bind truth and mercy about your neck and write them upon your heart. “**So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.**” You will find favor and good understanding as you walk with God and in the sight of man. “**Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**” Trust in the Lord with all your heart and don't be so smart that no one can tell you anything. “**In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**” First, acknowledge God in all the things you do, and He'll direct your path. “**Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.**” Don't get so smart in your own eyes, just fear God and leave off the evil thoughts and things. “**It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.**” Marrow is very essential to the bones and these instructions are very essential in rearing your children. Just read that chapter and start while your children are small and when they grow up, they'll be a credit to God and you.

May God bless you and may you understand that the words which I have spoken to you are not mine; they are the words of God taken from the Holy Scriptures that you might know what to do in your time of trouble. They are predicated upon what God's Word has laid as a foundation and they are not for entertainment, but for understanding.

The Word says that of all your getting, you should get an understanding. We try to make you know that your child is everything and God lays the burden upon somebody's heart to do what you don't have the time to do, or you don't take the time to do --- to teach it the right way to go. In the schools now, they are trying to get rid of God. They're talking about not having prayer or the Scriptures read. But you've got to honor God. I don't blame them for not having any doctrines taught, but there is only one doctrine and that's the doctrine of Jesus Christ and that's plain enough to read. Just let the Word stand for itself: it can! Children need to know about God. Amen.

~ IN MEMORIAM ~



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*“And I heard a voice
from heaven saying unto
me, Write, Blessed are
the dead which die in the
Lord from henceforth:
Yea, saith the Spirit, that
they may rest from their
labours; and their works
do follow them”.*

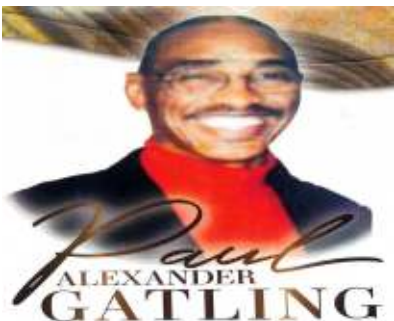
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Calling All Youth

*"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)



Samatha, Age 7
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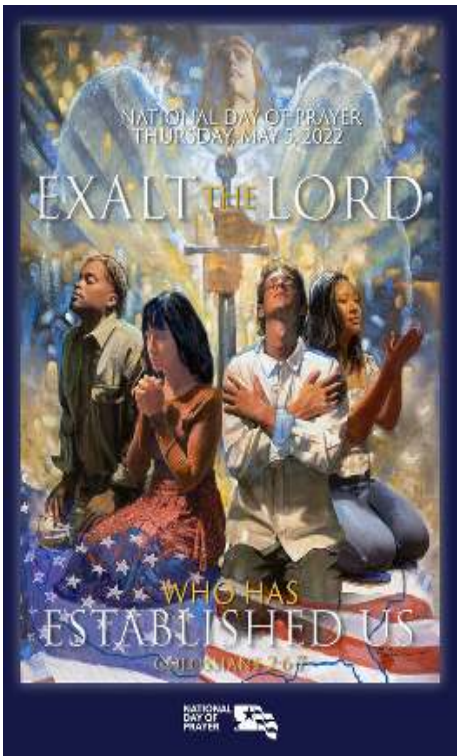
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MEMORY VERSES

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving (Colossians 2:6-7).

“Exalt the LORD, Who has established us” is the 2022 theme of this year’s National Day of Prayer. It is based on Colossians 2:6-7 as interpreted in the New American Standard Bible. The King James Version of these verses states the passages as follows: “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him. Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.”



This theme is set against the backdrop of a painting created exclusively for the National Day of Prayer by renowned Christian artist, Ron DiCianni. The image illustrates God’s people joining His angels in exalting Him as we pray to God Almighty. We have bold access to His throne and passionate confidence as we pray. He has established us in this nation and is working in the heavenlies to accomplish all that He has purposed; therefore, let us continue to pray for America. Let us also pray for other countries—particularly the Ukraine—where war is raging, and the people are being scattered to other nations. Let us call on the Lord Jesus Christ asking Him to intervene on behalf of this country and others similarly impacted by the forces of evil.

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s (Psalm 103: 1-5).

CHILDREN PRAY FOR UKRAINIAN CHILDREN
& FOR CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES



Lord God, I pray that You keep Your hands on the children and families that are in war. Lord God, I pray that You take fear from them and keep the peace. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen

By Trinity, Age 7
Newport News



If my friend Tony was sick I would pray: Dear Lord, please make Tony feel better. In the name of Jesus! Amen!

By Noah, Age 3
Upper Marlboro



God, please help the children in Ukraine, in general. I pray that they do not get nuked by Putin and I just pray that Ukraine is okay. I pray that the Ukrainian kids come out of this [war] good and healthy and blessed. In Your name I pray. Amen.

By Joshua, Age 12
Midlothian



I pray for the people in the country of Ukraine. I am praying for the children especially because I want them to be safe with their families. I pray that they will be able to go outside and play in their yards and parks without being scared. And I hope and pray that the war will over soon.

By Bella, Age 7
Laurel



Dear Heavenly Lord, would You please help the children in Ukraine who are suffering from food loss and clothes loss because Russia started a war with Ukraine? Please help the children in Ukraine. In Your name I pray. Amen.

By Noah, Age 10
Midlothian



I pray that the children who have fallen victim to the brutality in Ukraine are kept safe. I pray that they will escape that terrible situation or get to a safe place. I pray that that You, Lord, keep all of them safe. I pray that this suffering doesn’t last long. Amen.

By Nya, Age 16
Baltimore



I pray for everyone’s safety in Ukraine, as well as those in the surrounding area. I pray for the safety and well-being of the elderly, the children, and for the entire Ukrainian population. Amen.

By Nathaniel, Age 14
Baltimore



Lord, I ask that you protect the people in Ukraine. I ask that you keep all the children protected, rested, and well-fed. I ask that this war will end very soon so they can return to a normal life and live in peace. When they return, I pray that they can rebuild better and stronger. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

By Nkyron, Age 18
Baltimore



Dear Lord, I pray for the Ukrainian children. I pray that they remain safe. I ask that those who are not saved become saved so that they can go to heaven. I ask that You cover them. Amen.

By N’Dea, Age 8
Baltimore



I pray that the kids don’t get hurt in the fight. I pray that they learn about Jesus.

By Imani, Age 5
Baltimore



Dear Lord, I pray that You keep the Ukrainian kids safe. I pray for their parents. I pray that they have everything they need. If they are not saved, I pray that they are led to You.

By Tsehai, Age 12
Baltimore



I know that Jesus is bigger than you [people]. I pray that the kids are safe from danger and feel good.

By Aaron, Jr., Age 6
Baltimore



Lord, please bless the children in Ukraine. Please keep them safe and let them find new homes if needed. Thank you. Amen.

By David, Age 14
Capitol Heights



Dear Lord, please bless the children in Ukraine. Please bless and protect the children in schools in the United States. Please keep everyone safe and guide them. In Jesus’ name, I pray and thank You. Amen.

By Bradley, Age 12
Washington, D.C.



Dear Lord, please bless and keep the children in Ukraine.

By Nasir, Age 5
Washington, D.C.



Dear Heavenly Father, I pray that You watch over and protect the families in Ukraine. I pray that You watch over and protect them. I ask that You keep them from harm and danger. Father, I ask that You cover them. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

By Ryan, Age 18
Upper Marlboro



Lord, I pray that all the kids in the Ukraine will be helped. I pray that their parents can get help too! I pray that they will find new places to live. Amen.

By Samantha, Age 7
Norfolk

Lord, I am asking that you allow all the kids in Ukraine to get good houses. I pray that they will be able to get back to school soon. Amen.

By Michaela, Age 11
Norfolk



Dear Lord, please bless everyone in this world. Please bless the children of Ukraine and keep them all safe. Please bless America and the leaders of this country. Please bless all the leaders throughout the world. Please bless Your people and allow them to show love and kindness to each other. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

By Jacob, Age 12
Upper Marlboro



Listen...Listen... Listen...This is a poem, from all of us, to all of you.
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When children pray,
please do not say, “How nice!”
Remember --Jesus cares,
and listens to our prayers.

When children speak,
please do not say, “How sweet,”
and pat us on the head.
Remember what we’ve said.

And when we sing,
please do not say, “How cute --
It is so nice to hear
the children do their thing.”

Look in our eyes.
We may be angels in disguise.

Our singing voice
may be God’s choice.

We don’t want you to miss
the Holy Spirit’s kiss.

The things that children say and do
may be God’s way
of calling you.

ANSWERS TO APRIL HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. How many women went to Jesus’ tomb?
2. What did the women take with them to the tomb and why?
3. What details highlight the significance of Jesus’ resurrection?
4. Because of the large stone in front of Jesus’ tomb, what was the women’s concern?
5. What did the angel at the tomb tell the women?
6. What were they told to do? What is the significance of the mention of Peter?
7. What post resurrection appearances of Jesus does this Gospel mention?

ANSWERS TO APRIL FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Thou wilt shew me the **path** of **life**: in thy **presence** is fullness of **joy**; at thy right **hand** there are **pleasures** for evermore (**Psalms 16:11**).
2. But the **path** of the **just** is as the shining **light**, that shineth **more** and **more** unto the perfect day (**Proverbs 4:18**).
3. Thou compassest my **path** and my **lying down**, and art acquainted with all my **ways** (**Psalms 139:3**).
4. Thy **word** is a **lamp** unto my feet, and a **light** unto my **path** (**Psalms 119:105**).
5. Thy **way** is in the sea, and thy **path** in the great waters, and thy

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of April

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LESSON 18 – May 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Glory of the New Covenant

GOLDEN TEXT: “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (II Corinthians 3:17).

PRINTED TEXT: II Corinthians 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:
8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?
9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.
10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.
11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.
12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:
13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:
14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.
15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.
16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.
17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson Paul compared the old and new covenants. The old covenant was based upon the Mosaic Law. Under the new covenant, believers are covered by God’s grace and mercy. Both covenants were glorious, yet to different degrees. The covenants contrasted Stone vs. Spirit: Law vs. Grace.

God Himself gave Moses the law directly. This action caused Moses’ face to shine brightly from the glory of God. This glory, however, was temporary. The old covenant was inadequate. The old covenant could not save souls. The new covenant brought salvation, forgiveness, and redemption from sin revealing the need for a Savior as it pinpointed sin.

In this lesson we see glory hidden, and glory revealed (See II Corinthians 3:7-18). The old covenant is referred to as the “...**ministration of death, written and engraved in stones, ...**” (II Corinthians 3:7a). It had no saving power, whereas Jesus came and fulfilled the old covenant. St. Matthew 5:17: “**Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**”

The new covenant, fulfilled for the believers, is eternal in glory. In instituting the new covenant God said in Jeremiah 31:33b, “...**I will put my law in their inward parts, ...**”. Thank God for the liberty and freedom the Holy Spirit brought under the new covenant, the dispensation of grace - Hallelujah!

LESSON 19 – May 8, 2022
SUBJECT: Our Heavenly Dwelling

GOLDEN TEXT: “For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (II Corinthians 5:1).

PRINTED TEXT: II Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:
3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.
4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.
5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.
6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:
7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)
8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.
10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Paul has focused on the believer’s future eternal destination. We should take into consideration the fact that our physical bodies will one day be changed into glorified bodies. Paul likened our physical bodies to a “tabernacle” or tent, a temporary dwelling place (See II Corinthians 5:1). This temporary body endures sin, curses, pain, sorrow, grief and mind-altering situations.

One day a transition will take place. Believers’ physical bodies have been dissolved will be replaced by healthy, glorified ones. The glorified body is the one God intended for man at creation. What a glorious makeover this will be!

As we labor in our daily walk of faith, righteous deeds must be accomplished. We are preparing our bodies for our destination - our heavenly dwelling. Rest assured in the knowledge of the resurrection. Believers will live eternally in their resurrection bodies, their final destination.

The Holy Spirit is our assurance of God’s promise of eternal life. In our daily walk we should focus our thoughts on Acts 5:29b “...**We ought to obey God rather than men.**” God has given us His **GPS** direct route to heaven. There are no alternate routes or detours. Always aim to please God. Serve Him by serving others.

At the judgment seat of Christ, we will give an account of our works done on earth. Continue to walk by faith and not by sight. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.

LESSON 20 – May 15, 2022
SUBJECT: Ambassadors for Christ

GOLDEN TEXT: “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (II Corinthians 5:21).

PRINTED TEXT: II Corinthians 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.
12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.
13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.
14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:
15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.
16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.
17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus

Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.
21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The highlights in this lesson are knowing, sharing and representing God. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Man in his humanity must have an awesome respect for God. Knowing the divine power of God should motivate us to share the gospel, not just facts, but the reality of Who the Savior is.

Paul was fervent in the ministry of persuasion as he ministered to the believers at Corinth. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit motivated Paul to move forward in his witness. Many Corinthians wanted to focus on outward appearances and not on inner workings. For this reason, strife was always present. Paul pressed on. The ministry of God’s love constrained him. It should constrain us as well. **“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead”** (II Corinthians 5:14)).

Through our acceptance of Christ, we are now new creatures in Christ. We have moved into the ministry of reconciliation. God took our sins away and gave us the righteousness of Christ; therefore, we live for the risen Christ. We are His ambassadors. As a result, our walk and talk are always on display.

LESSON 21 – May 22, 2022
SUBJECT: Spiritual Weapons

GOLDEN TEXT: “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” (II Corinthians 10:5).

PRINTED TEXT: II Corinthians 10:1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:
2 But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.
3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.
7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? if any man trust to himself that he is Christ’s, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ’s, even so are we Christ’s.
8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:
9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.
10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.
11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present.
12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.
17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.
18 For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson Paul is set for the defense of the gospel. Some Corinthians still questioned his leadership and credibility. Paul was divinely appointed to his ministry by God. It has been said that God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

Eloquence of speech or being a philosopher captured the attention of the Corinthians. They criticized Paul’s background and leadership capabilities. Amid the criticism, Paul continued to be gentle, bold, and confident in Christ.

We would do well to remember that God looks at the heart, the inner man. The Corinthians judged Paul’s outward appearance.

Believers may use the same characteristics as Paul when confronted by the enemy. **“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)”** (II Corinthians 10:4). The weapons Believers use are inspired by the Holy Spirit. They include faith in Christ, prayer, the Bible, and the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Believer represent God by their presentation of Him in their daily walk. Some at Corinth felt Paul was bold in his letters to them, but timid when meeting them in person. Paul’s tone was tempered by God’s Spirit, by his letters and in his daily personal interactions with people.

He didn’t exalt himself against the knowledge of God or present himself to be self-serving. Weapons that Paul used were spiritual. The love of God was always the motivating factor.

LESSON 22 – May 29, 2022
SUBJECT: Paul’s Thorn in the Flesh

GOLDEN TEXT: “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong” (II Corinthians 12:10).

PRINTED TEXT: II Corinthians 12:1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.
2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.
3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.
5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.
6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.
7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.
8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.
9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

LESSON DISCUSSION

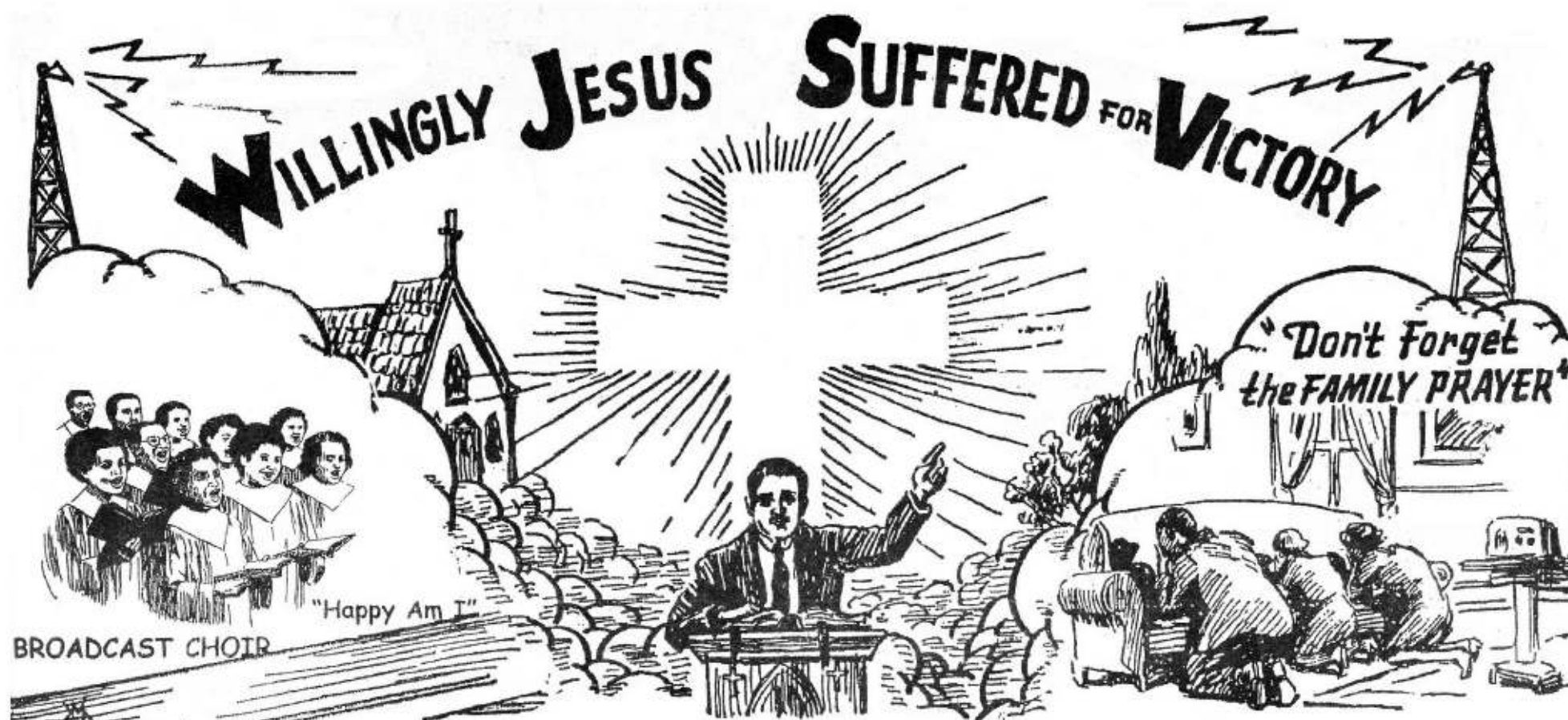
In this lesson Paul gives insight into the sufficiency of God’s grace. He focused on boasting in accomplishments in the Lord and not in boasting in the flesh. Paul spoke of the glorious vision and revelation the Lord had given him. He didn’t boast that he was chosen to receive the revelation, but he focused on the one true God Who gave him the vision.

Believers don’t have to brag on God’s revelations to them to impress others, rather boast on the Giver. Magnify and share the works of the Lord in your life. Magnify the Lord! All glory is due to Him.

Preventive measures were used by God to keep Paul’s ego in check. He received a “thorn in the flesh” (See II Corinthians 12:7).

It is not stated precisely what the thorn was, but it was at times very painful. Paul asked the Lord three times to remove the thorn. God’s response to his petition is found in II Corinthians 12:9, **“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee…”** God’s grace would allow him to continue.

One songwriter penned the words, “Just think of His goodness to you…” We can minister to others while enduring suffering. Healing afflictions are God’s ultimate decision. Writer, Robert Ferguson, Jr. profoundly states in this lesson, “Learn to seek God’s will and grace and not just His relief.” God uses our weaknesses to manifest His power.



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

footsteps are not known (Psalm 77:19).

6. In all thy **ways** acknowledge him, and he shall **direct** thy **paths** (**Proverbs 3:6**).
7. He keepeth the **paths** of **judgment**, and preserveth the **way** of his **saints** (**Proverbs 2:8**).

MAY HOLIY BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who were the first people to whom James referred regarding the use of the tongue?
2. Regarding the use of the tongue, how did James avoid being accusatory?
3. Little things can have a major impact. What two things are used as illustrations?
4. How is the tongue compared to these small things?
5. What are the five truths regarding the tongue?
6. What shows that the tongue can be used both positively and negatively?

7. What is the result of Godly wisdom?

MAY FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. I WILL _____ thee, O LORD, with my whole _____; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
2. Blessed are they that _____ his _____, and that _____ him with the whole _____.
3. I will _____ thee with _____ of _____, when I shall have _____ thy righteous _____.
4. Thy _____ have I _____ in mine _____, that I might not _____ against thee.
5. Give me _____, and I shall _____ thy _____; yea, I shall _____ it with my whole _____.
6. I _____ thy favour with my whole _____: be _____ unto me according to thy _____.
7. _____ in the LORD with all thine _____; and _____ not unto thine own _____.

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