

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

"If you love me, keep my commandments" (St. John 14: 15).



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## BAPTISM IS FOR THE RIGHTEOUS ONLY

If God gives a command and that command is not obeyed by you, then you become a sinner. You must obey the commandments of God line upon line. You can't do it your way, the way most convenient to you. So many people who are believed to be following Christ want to have their way. That is not the way to follow Christ. Everything He tells us to do, He tells us how to do it. The blessing comes in doing it like He tells us.

If you are willing to obey God, you'll make the effort though you may not have the capacity. And when He sees you have the will to do, He'll supply the ability and the strength. Many years ago, I couldn't see how a man could live in this world and not commit sin. It didn't seem possible that one could be perfect. But one day I heard His voice saying in St. Matthew 5:48: **"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."** I believed it was possible and started out trying to obey. He supplied all the power and ability necessary, and then I became perfect. Every day I figure how to do what I have to do the right way. As I begin to figure, the Lord showed me how. Now it is easy. Now I would rather endure whatever it takes to treat you right than the eternal consequences of treating you wrong.

Living above sin is just doing that which is right. Don't conceive of any plan or program that would require you to do wrong in order to put it over. God says, whatever you lose in order to follow Him in righteousness, He'll make up to you in abundance. Joy, peace, and contentment are great rewards that no power, but God can supply; and these are freely given to those who live right. You'll have God to help you win when the devil is trying hard to subdue you. Anytime you obey God as He commands, you'll be a very happy man and woman.

God has given us a command regarding baptism which is very essential and must be obeyed. In I Corinthians 15:29 you'll find these words: **"Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead,"** I am ready like Phillip, the deacon of the early church, to help you complete your salvation: and it is not complete without baptism in accordance with the commandment of God. He didn't mean sprinkle. He didn't mean to have water poured on you. He meant to be buried under the water, in the water like Jesus was. He said, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life."** No man can get to the Father unless he follows the way I lead (See St. John 14:6). Baptism is one of the things you seem to feel is not essential. It carries with it a great meaning, a meaning which you are not able to understand or analyze. You are baptized for a purpose.

The command that God gave John was **"Go and preach repentance to men"** (St. Luke 24:47a). And when they show fruit indicating that they have repented, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. This is essential because Jesus Who shall redeem men from their sins shall be buried and shall be raised again. So, their baptism will be a symbol of this burial and resurrection of Jesus, their Redeemer. When you are baptized, you commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ who endured this experience for your sins.

You are told in Romans 6:4 that you are not to be sprinkled, or wet by water poured from a vessel, but buried in baptism. **"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."**

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My hope is not built on the conferences of man, but on the plan of God.

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You must get to the point where you can boldly say to the devil, "I am not interested," when he comes to you.

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One thing about loving Jesus: everyone can do it without anyone getting jealous.

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Nothing brings knowledge to the mind of man like the Word of God.

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If you learn to be thankful, you will have lots to be thankful for.

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A lie gets you mixed up and messed up.

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You are wasting your time if you are not making secure your chance to have eternal life.

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The Church is the light of the world. Don't let the bulb get so sooty that the world won't be able to see the light.

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Be a reflector and reflect the light of Jesus throughout the world.

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Live right so folks who do wrong will feel condemned in your presence.

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

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The symbol can only be carried out by burial in water whereby the entire body is submerged and brought to the surface again. So good folks, regardless to what you have been told, this is the only type of baptism that God recognizes. You are not obedient if you accept any other type. You are not in Christ if you accept any other. You are not doing right if you accept any other. As you are buried in the likeness of His death, you come forth out of the water in the likeness of His resurrection.

Your concern above everything should be to have spiritual life. All things you do are governed by the thoughts that enter your mind. I am, therefore, trying to get into your mind thoughts that will bring you peace, bring you joy, bring you happiness; give you understanding so that other things cannot upset you. I am trying to get you to place your mind on God to the extent that you will seek to obey His commandments and do that which is right in His sight. If you will receive my word and follow the teaching, He will deliver not only from the physical torments of life, but also from the eternal torments of the spiritual life.

The foundation of salvation is obedience to God. God has set forth instructions which we must follow to establish us as obedient children of God. Rules conducting the child of God over a definite course leading to complete salvation require that certain ordinances be observed. Whether we see the need of observing them or not, is not the basis of the requirement. It is not left to our judgment or opinion because it is God who has mapped out the plan of salvation and not us. The course He has set forth is necessary to restore us in His favor and meet the requirements of regeneration, just like the ritual that is set up in your lodge in order that one of the outside desiring to become a member might be initiated into the lodge.

Baptism was introduced by Christ as an essential ordinance by which you might be inducted into the channels of salvation to become a child of God. No one can be baptized in the name of Jesus unless he has first repented and forsaken his sins. Repenting doesn't mean crying. It means forsaking the sins. You are sorry for the sins you have committed in that you turn away from them and seek to live a righteous life only. Godly sorrow worketh repentance, which means you are sorry you



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux,  
founder, Church of God

went contrary to the will of God, and ashamed of things you did in sin to the extent that you firmly resolve that if God forgives you and shows mercy in cleansing you from your unrighteousness, you will never again commit such acts. God being moved by such repentance, forgives you and clears up your record. Then you are ready for baptism.

God wanting you to be freed from the penalty and power of sin, sent His only begotten Son to die for you. The moment you could believe and see that disobedience to God is unprofitable here and damnable hereafter, you would become established in righteousness. You would then be buried with Christ in baptism in water and come up in the newness of life and live a life above sin, by following His precepts and obeying His teachings. You would let Christ be the example.

Read St. Matthew 3:5-7: **"Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"**

I want you to notice the expression, **"in Jordan."** Today some ministers pour water on, some sprinkle; but those who were baptized by the messenger or minister sent by God, were taken into the water, and buried beneath the surface.

The Pharisees and Sadducees constituted the religious group in the day of Jesus. It was this bunch who associated to take counsel against

Jesus and planned the crucifixion of Christ. It wasn't sinners who did this. It was the church folks. It was folks who didn't want to be subject to the order of Heaven. They refused to be baptized according to the order of Heaven and came to the services only to mock and to laugh. John called them a generation of snakes. He said, though you are members of the church, you have not yet repented. You have not yet obeyed God. You are not yet prepared for salvation. You think that because you are the seed of Abraham, God will have respect for you in disobedience. But don't fool yourselves! For God is able of these stones to raise up a worthy seed unto Abraham who will be obedient to His word and acceptable in your stead.

This has brought a vivid lesson home to us. If you've got evil in your heart against your neighbor, if you regard iniquity in your heart, if you are not walking free from your sins, you go down in baptism a dry sinner and come up a wet one. Baptism is not intended for such. You have no business being buried with Christ in baptism until you have forsaken your sins.

**"Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore, every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, Whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire"** (St. Matthew 3:8-12).

May God bless you.



### The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".
  2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.
  3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.
  4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.
  5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.
  6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.
  7. Please use the King James Version of the Holy Bible.
  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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2. Exodus	14	19	5	_____
3. Deuteronomy	1	17	32	_____
4. Psalm	25	5	15	_____
5. Acts	28	28	9	_____
6. Jeremiah	39	18	2	_____
7. II Kings	18	30	13	_____
8. Judges	9	15	22	_____
9. I Peter	1	10	8	_____
10. I Thessalonians	5	9	4	_____
11. II Corinthians	7	10	10	_____
12. Leviticus	26	6	19	_____
13. Titus	2	11	1	_____
14. Jude	1	3	12	_____
15. II Samuel	22	1	6	_____
16. Exodus	6	3	21	_____
17. Revelation	12	10	11	_____
18. Philippians	1	19	9	_____
19. Proverbs	8	14	12	_____
20. Romans	10	10	9	_____
21. Nehemiah	6	9	26	_____
22. Numbers	21	17	5	_____
23. I Chronicles	15	22	10	_____
24. Ruth	2	16	4	_____
25. Job	35	10	5	_____
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#### Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry” (Habakkuk2:3).



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The Washington DC Church of God Food Outreach on June 20, 2023

I just want to say that it is truly a pleasure to be a small part of the DC Food Outreach Ministry here at the Washington Church.

There are many people who respond to the outreach efforts of the few who are diligent in making the time spent a true delight for the volunteer staff.

Everyone is welcomed, no one is turned away. God is so faithful, in giving us the donations that Deacon Joseph & Sister Joycelyn gather. If there is something that someone else can use, the team is faithful to take it to them. We also partner with a particular organization that comes and picks up food for animals. I thank Abba for the connections we have made in networking with others in this endeavor. I thank Abba for those who volunteer when they can: Sis. Nikki, Sis. Talaya, Sis. Juanita, Sis. Sharon, Sis. Edythe, Sis. Elaine, Mother Almeta, Bro. Michael, Bro. Donnell.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> District Precinct Outreach Officers volunteer along with us. They are so very helpful especially with the heavy bags. Some of them carry the signs along the sidewalks. I also want to include all those who pray for this outreach. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

I so enjoy praying for the different ones who request it, or we will ask if they would like us to pray for a need that they have. Some say, "I can always use prayer". Thank you. Sometimes we end up with tears running down our faces.

One young man for whom I prayed was so appreciative of the prayer that was prayed for him. It was as though the Lord knew exactly what he needed. We serve an All Knowing Father. There is true joy in serving the LORD. You forget about anything that may be a concern to you. Your focus is on those in need. They are truly appreciative of the blessing that God is sending their way.

They want to know when the next one will be. It will be Tuesday July 18, 2023 from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

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**DC CHURCH FOOD MINISTRY GIVEAWAY  
JULY 18, 2023**



Praise the LORD....another successful food giveaway took place last Tuesday (7/18). God continues to show HIS favor to us! People from all walks of life were so happy to receive the food. We served the recipients...all to the glory of God.

We are grateful for the contributions and support of our community partner DC MPD - Third District - Officer Rogers and Officer Smith. We also want to send a special shoutout to our AWESOME food giveaway ministry team!!! Thank you for your time, dedication, effort, and energy. We are still accepting donations to purchase chicken and bread, which can be dropped off at the church office. A few photos are attached from the July giveaway.

Our next giveaway will be **Tuesday, August 22, 2023**. More information will be forthcoming. We thank you again for your continued support of this outreach ministry and your prayers!



# Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

## *“How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great A Salvation?”*

God has provided a way whereby we can be saved from His wrath, but how shall we escape if we neglect so great a Salvation?

He has made ample provision to save everyone. If we only accept His wonderful plan of salvation.

We were all born in sin through Adam's transgression in the Garden of Eden, but thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, who redeemed us at a very costly price. This is made clear in the book of Isaiah. The exhortation to seek the Lord as recorded in Isaiah, Chapter 55, verses 1-13 says: **“HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

**“Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.**

**“Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.**

**“Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

**“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.**



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux,  
co-founder, Church of God

**“For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”**

My next thought is Jesus is the entire plan of salvation, our soon coming King, and He is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption, health, and strength. We find in Isaiah 53:5. **“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”**

In Acts the Third Chapter, verses 1-26 we find Jesus still working: **“NOW Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.**

**“And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.**

**“And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.**

**“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I**

**have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.**

**“And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.**

**“And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's greatly wondering. And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?**

**“The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.**

**“And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.**

**“And now brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.**

**“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things,**

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# GSC 2023 Baptismal



## ROOMING BLOCK INFORMATION

GSC has a rooming block reserved at the  
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## PRAISE IN THE PARK II

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Gospel News and Views

Calling All Youth

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

(Isaiah 54:13,14)



Julie, Age 10

By Julie, Age 10  
Charlottesville

I want my teacher to know that I am smart, respectful, brave, strong, and very good in sports.

By Ravvone, Age 6  
Hampton



I want my teacher to know that I am a loving, caring, funny, and very kind student.

By Jayden, Age 13  
Williamsburg



I will work hard in all my classes and I will do my best in every sport in which I participate.

By Joel III, Age 17  
Williamsburg



I am responsible. I have good manners and I respect others.

By Brielle, Age 14  
Williamsburg



I am a good student. I am also looking forward to obtaining higher education, as well as pursuing athletics.

By Brayden, Age 16  
Williamsburg



I would like my teachers to know that I am not good at math. I do not know who my teachers will be this year, but I need them to come up with a plan so that I can do much better. I have plans for my future and math is important!

By Malayah, Age 12  
Washington, D.C.



I would like my teacher to know that I will do what is necessary to get my grades up, although I feel that some of their requests are

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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All letters should be postmarked by the tenth of the month. Thank you and may God bless you always.

MEMORY VERSE

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God (Philippians 4:6)."

It is that time again---time to go to or return to school! Some will be reporting to elementary school for the first time. Others will enter middle or continue to high school. Still others will enter college! Regardless of which category you fall, we will pray that you comprehend the instructions imparted by your instructors and be able to interpret that information in the format required, as necessary. Additionally, we will pray that your teachers teach, motivate, and encourage you as you develop a life-long love for learning. Equally as important, we will pray for your safety, as well as that of your school's personnel throughout the year.

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

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Philippians 4:8)."

CHILDREN RESPOND TO THE QUESTION:

What do you want your teacher to know about you this school year?

I would like my teacher to know that I will do my best. I will be respectful and that I will not talk in class unless I am answering questions.

By Reese, Age 10  
Hampton



I want my teacher to know that money is nothing compared to family and friends, so I never take them for granted.



unreasonable in that we do not have enough time to complete the assignments.

By Makari, Age 15  
Washington, D.C.



**Prayer for Protection  
This School Year  
By Alisa Nicaud  
July 22, 2022**

Thank you, Lord, for Your divine  
protection over our children.  
Keep them safe as they travel to and from school.  
Protect them from any physical harm  
while they are in school.  
I stand on Your Word that  
no weapon formed against them will prosper.  
I thank you that Your angels stand guard  
over them and surround them like a shield.  
Guard their hearts and minds as they  
step out to meet new friends.  
Let negative words or comments,  
roll off them and not take root in their souls.  
Cover them as they navigate  
this new school year and  
guide them in the right direction.  
In Jesus' name, Amen!



**ANSWERS TO JULY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ**

1. Why did Jesus go out of the house and sit in a boat?  
(Great multitudes had gathered - **St. Matthew 13:1-2**).
2. In what manner did Jesus speak to them?  
(Jesus spoke in parables (a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson) - **St. Matthew 13:3**).
3. What happened to the seed that fell by the wayside?  
(It was trodden down and the fowls ate it - **St. Matthew 13:4**).
4. What happened to the seed that fell on the rocky soil?  
(It sprang up, the sun scorched the plants, they had no root, they withered away - **St. Matthew 13:5-6**).
5. What happened to the seed that fell among thorns?  
(The thorns choked the plants - **St. Matthew 13:7**).
6. What happened to the seed that fell on the good ground?  
(It grew and produced a good crop - **St. Matthew 13:8**).
7. What does the seed represent?

(The Word of God (the things God has said through His son); "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" - **St. John 1:1**).

**ANSWERS TO JULY FILL-IN THE BLANKS**

1. TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation (**Psalm 62:1**).
2. My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him (**Psalm 62:5**).
3. He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved (**Psalm 62:6**).
4. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God (**Psalm 62:7**).
5. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us (**Psalm 62:8**).
6. God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God (**Psalm 62:11**).
7. Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work (**Psalm 62:12**).

**AUGUST HOLY BIBLE QUIZ**

1. How many lepers cried out to Jesus?
2. What did they call out?
3. What did Jesus tell them to do?
4. What happened when they obeyed Him?
5. What did one leper do? From what country was he?
6. What did Jesus ask?
7. What did Jesus say to the returned stranger?

**AUGUST FILL-IN THE BLANKS**

1. And the LORD shall \_\_\_\_\_ thee continually, and \_\_\_\_\_ thy soul in drought, and make \_\_\_\_\_ thy bones: and thou shalt be like a \_\_\_\_\_ garden, and like a spring of \_\_\_\_\_, whose \_\_\_\_\_ fail not.
2. I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee and \_\_\_\_\_ thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee with mine \_\_\_\_\_.
3. To give \_\_\_\_\_ to them that sit in \_\_\_\_\_ and in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ into the way of peace.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ will he \_\_\_\_\_ in judgment: and the \_\_\_\_\_ will he \_\_\_\_\_ his way.
5. Hear thou, my son, and be \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ thine \_\_\_\_\_ in the way.
6. For this \_\_\_\_\_ is our \_\_\_\_\_ for ever and ever: he will be our \_\_\_\_\_ even unto \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ me with thy \_\_\_\_\_, and afterward receive me to \_\_\_\_\_.



# Sunday School Lessons for the Month of August

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Sister Juliette Chestang of the Church of God, Washington, DC.



**LESSON 31** – August 6, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Forgiving One Another

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?” (St. Matthew 18:32-33)?

**PRINTED TEXT:** St. Matthew 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

**22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.**

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

**24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.**

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

**26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.**

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

**28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.**

29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

**30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.**

31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

**32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:**

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

**34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.**

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

## LESSON DISCUSSION

St. Matthew 18:21,22. Since these teachings seemed overwhelming to the disciples, Peter was prompted to ask: **Lord how oft shall my brother sin against me** (St. Matthew 18:21? Peter wrongly assumed that **seven times** are ample to forgive anyone. Jesus let him know that seven is not only insufficient, but that one should forgive ... **Until seventy times seven** (St. Matthew 18:22). In other words, unlimited forgiveness must characterize the true disciple's behavior.

In St. Matthew 18:23-35 the Parable of the unforgiving servant is used by Jesus to reinforce the power and importance of the principle of forgiveness.

A certain King represents God, the sovereign Father (See St. Matthew 18-35) to whom the debt is owed. The one who owed him is a servant who had access to the king's money and represents the individual sinner. Ten thousand talents were an insurmountable debt equivalent to millions of dollars in our currency. This amount represents the debt of sin, which the sinner cannot pay by himself.

As Believers, let us examine our hearts. We should make certain there is no spirit of bitterness or unwillingness to forgive.

**LESSON 32** – August 13, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** A Story of Forgiveness

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry” (St. Luke 15:24).

**PRINTED TEXT:** St. Luke 15:11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

**12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.**

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

**14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.**

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

**16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.**

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

**18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,**

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

**20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.**

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

**22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:**

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

**24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.**

## LESSON DISCUSSION

### The Parable of the Lost

During His earthly ministry, Jesus' teaching style frequently involved parables, simple stories used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. In the St. Luke 15:11-24 parable, a man has two sons. For some strange reason, the younger son asked for his portion of the inheritance early.

The law stated in Deuteronomy 21:17 regarding inheritance rights is quite clear. If a man has two sons, upon his death, the older son is entitled to a double portion the estate. The younger son receives less.

In this parable, although the father was under no moral obligation



to give the younger son his inheritance early, he, however, did so. Consequently, the money was received and spent foolishly. The younger son traveled to a far country where he squandered the money and was left in such a desperate condition that forced him to take a job feeding swine, a despicable position for a Jewish young man.

One day, however, he came to his senses and realized how well off his father's servants fared. He came to himself and said, **How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee. And no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants** (St. Luke 15:19). The father forgave and blessed him mightily.

In this parable, the father portrays our Heavenly Father in His love, kindness, grace, and mercy. If any of us needs to be reconciled to Him, we can be certain that He is waiting and watching and will never turn away from someone coming to Him.

### LESSON 33 – August 20, 2023

**SUBJECT:** God's Gracious Rewards

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way" (St. Matthew 20:4).

**PRINTED TEXT:** St. Matthew 20:1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

**2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.**

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

**4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.**

5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

**6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?**

7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

**8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.**

9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

**10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.**

11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

**12 Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.**

13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

**14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.**

15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

**16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.**

### LESSON DISCUSSION

This week Jesus again engages in parable style teaching. The focus is on the labor force and their rewards. The workers who were to pick grapes did not all begin work at the same time of

day. The first shift began at about six o'clock in the morning. The second shift began around nine o'clock in the morning. Other shifts were at noon and another at three o'clock in the afternoon. Hence, there were four different shifts.

The standard wage for the work was a penny or denarius per day (See St. Matthew 20:2). In this parable, the householder is Christ. The field is the world, His church.

The first laborers began at dawn with subsequent shifts following. At the end of the day, every man was paid the same wage, causing major disgruntlement. The first hired laborers murmured because the last hired as well as the last hired laborers all received the same pay. **Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day** (St. Matthew 20:12). The householder had a strong word for him. **Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? ... So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen** (St. Matthew 20:13b-16).

The first workers spoke in terms of justice, but the owner gave in terms of grace. This parable reminds the Believer that God gives according to His grace and as we will see in next week's lesson, His great mercy.

### LESSON 34 – August 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** God's Great Mercy

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (St. Luke 18:14:).

**PRINTED TEXT:** St. Luke 18:9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

**10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.**

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

**12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.**

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

**14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.**

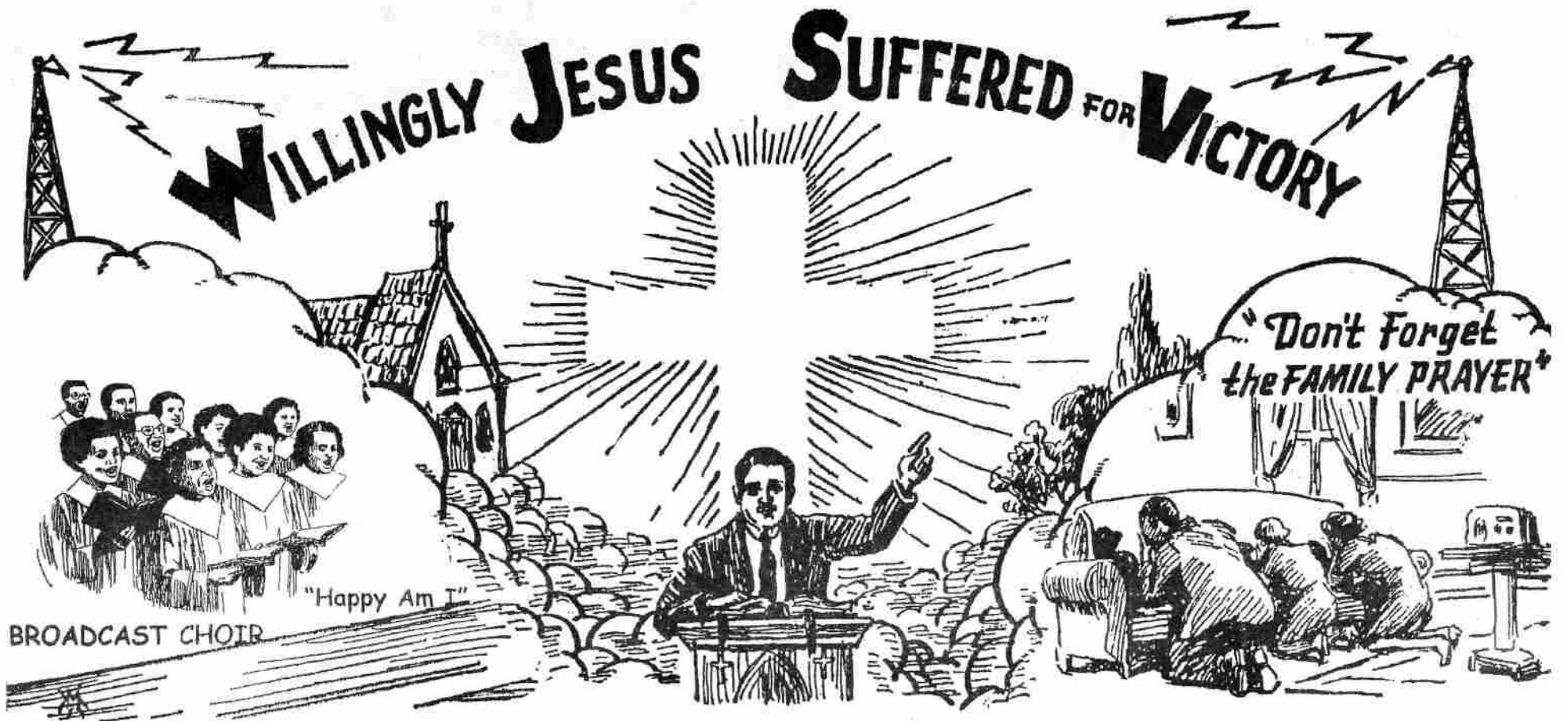
### LESSON DISCUSSION

Jesus continues teaching by way of a parable. He began His discourse with the following statement: ... **to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint** (St. Luke 18:1b). He explored different purposes and demonstrations in prayer by illustrating the prayers of two men who were avid church goers. According to St. Luke 18:10, **Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.** The Pharisee prayed with a boastful, haughty, prideful spirit. The publican knew he was a sinner and called out to God for mercy.

Jesus said, **I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.** (St. Luke 18:14)

Just as the Pharisee's outwardly pure life was no guarantee of salvation, neither is it so for any of the rest of us. It is only acknowledging our sin, repenting, asking His forgiveness that will give us eternal life.





### Prayer Answered

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

## "How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great A Salvation?"

(Continued from Page 5)

which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

"For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

"And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

"Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

May God bless each of you, is my prayer.

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