"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (St. Matthew 1:21).

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



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My precious ones, we thank God for His love which cannot be measured by man. Your troubles and problems are all because you've failed to obey God — you've failed to love one another. His command is that you love another and to learn to love is to learn the will of God. He's done everything for us; He has blessed us in every way that one could hope to be blessed. He has filled the earth with goodness, and He's given man wisdom and understanding that he might be able to develop and improve on Nature's plan. He taught us how to change trees into boards and build beautiful little palaces, how to get stones out of the mountains and place them into the structures in which we live. But man has failed to take in the lessons that He sent His Son to teach — how to love another.

Be not bitter one against another, seeking glory (vain glory) wherein there is no blessing. Jesus Christ came teaching the people the principles of the Kingdom of Heaven. They are found in the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter of St. Matthew, on record in the Book we call the Bible. They are given to us that we might know the Lord Jesus, to whom and through whom God has revealed Himself.

This Son of God was given the name JESUS and the Scriptures declare in St. Matthew 1:21 the purpose of His coming which was to the end that men might learn how to deny ungodliness and live soberly and Godly in this present world. We are thankful for all who have learned because if they have, their whole pleasure and joy in life is to live so that they will cause someone else to know what God has taught them. Jesus came according to the promise of God, Who, through the angel Gabriel, sent the message of His coming into the world to Joseph to whom the Virgin Mary was espoused, that he might not put her away because she was found with child. Joseph thought that his virgin had been untrue, but it was the plan of God that He would bring into the world a Son, not by the help of man, but by the help of His own Spirit.

So when Joseph found Mary his espoused with child, and knowing the law which said, "If a woman has been untrue to her promise, she is to be stoned (Deuteronomy 22:12-21)," and because he loved her, he didn't want her stoned and yet, he didn't desire to be the husband of an untrue woman, so he sought to put her away without it being known why he did it.

The Scriptures tell us in St. Matthew 1, verse 20, that while he thought on these things, an angel from heaven came to him. Read! "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph..." Joseph thought on these things and while he was asleep, God sent an angel to him in a dream and in the dream, he heard, "JOSEPH!" Read! "Thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." That which is conceived in her is not by the cohabitation of her with another man. In the 21<sup>st</sup> verse he said, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Sin is disobedience to the commandments of God which God ordained that man

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There is never a care that Jesus cannot share.

Jesus manifested the spirit of heaven in His life on earth, not in His talk on earth.

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If you have no flowers in your yard, you can have One in your heart---the Lily of the Valley, Jesus.

Friendship with Jesus is what you need to cultivate.

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Don't become excited at the storm the devil kicks up. Jesus is the Master of every tempest.

Follow Jesus! He will never mislead you.

Don't try to be like anybody but Jesus.

If you get Jesus, you've got everything.

Jesus is the light. Keep your eyes on Him.

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Don't let anything be dearer to you than Jesus.

No matter what you have, you have nothing unless you also have Jesus.

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should be blessed through. The commandments are not grievous. When you've been born of His Spirit, you'll find pleasure in the morning, pleasure at noon and at evening-tide as you keep His commandments. But if you, Mister, because of your having been born of a carnal nature which was brought upon you by your fore-parent, Adam, on account of his disobedience, are rebellious in your spirit and desire to have your own way, then the end of your way is death. But the end of the way that God has set before you is life. Not only here, but life everlasting.

The Lord said to Adam, "the day you disobey you shall die {Genesis 2;17)." He set in the Garden of Eden a tree which was no different from any other tree, but it served as a line of demarcation between God and man. God had given man everything to enjoy but the one thing He wanted man to do was to obey Him that he might continue to enjoy things. The Lord knew that the moment that man went contrary to His commandments by committing sin that he wouldn't be able to control sin. You can't control sin. You may make all the laws you want to; you may build all the prisons you please and you may shoot the body, but the spirit to sin will move into another body. The only hope for us to escape the wages of sin, which is death, is to be born again. God, through Adam, who had the freedom of his will, was able to curse the human family by his disobedience to God because he was the progenitor of all men — the beginning of men. In fact, whether you believe it or not, the word 'Adam' means man. That same Adam who disobeyed God in the Garden is in you until you are born again. And when you are born again, that old Adam dies and the begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ, will become alive in your life. It's strange, isn't it? But the new birth is spiritual; it is of the mind; it is not a change of the body but a change of the mind. The mind is changed by one thing only and that is by the Word of God — (being born again.) In 1st Peter, the 1st Chapter and the 23d verse, it tells you that you're born again not of corruptible seed but of an incorruptible seed by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. I'll have it read for you. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." It is done by the Word of God! Your mind is changed by hearing words! Did you know that? Words are spirits and whether they are of God or of the devil, they are powerful! But to hear the Word of God, which is given by the



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux, founder, Church of God

Spirit of God, will change your mind from a carnal purpose to a divine purpose.

My brother and my sister, just remember that Jesus Christ was given by God for a purpose just as the angel Gabriel told Joseph while he thought of putting away his wife, Mary. The Scriptures tell us that he was told not to fear to take her for his wife because that which was of her was by the Holy Spirit. And listen? Read St. Matthew 1:22: "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, .." All this was done that God's Word might be fulfilled which was spoken of by the Lord through the Prophet Isaiah. And he said this in the 23d verse, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child,..." Notice! He said, "A virgin..." Don't talk about it being impossible! What's impossible with God? Huh! How can you conceive of your being here with the intelligence and wisdom that has been imparted unto you, without there being a God — somebody bigger than man? You can't do anything but breathe and when you stop breathing, your work is done under this sun.

Read: "...and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel which being interpreted is, God with us." The babe who was born in Bethlehem and given the name JESUS was begotten by the Holy Spirit and therefore, having been begotten by the Holy Spirit, He became God with us in the flesh. And the 21st verse says what? "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." This is the purpose for which He came. He shall save them from disobedience, from that which destroyed the human family in Adam. God restored it in Christ that you and

I, through Christ, might be born again and lose our carnal minds and have a divine mind as Adam had before he sinned!

When the angel left Joseph after having appeared to him in a dream, he went to Mary in person in the form and likeness of a human being. Angels can take on the natural appearance of a man. They are in fact, created just as you and I are created. The things that we do are done by the power of our minds but the things that angels do are done by the power of the presence of God. Angels have the power of God with them wherever they go, as God has revealed and given to man the privilege and knowledge to handle Nature, that He might manifest to man His power. Do you know my precious ones that Nature is God's hand? Do you know that electricity as we call it, is the power of Nature? Do you know that everything is filled with electricity through Nature, even your own body? You may walk across a piece of carpet and touch a piece of metal and from the end of your finger will come a spark of electricity. Did you know that if you should hold a piece of live wire, you wouldn't be able to turn it loose because you will be one in nature with God? Did you know that as the lightning flashes out of the East and shines into the West, that's how quickly God Himself, can move His Spirit beings? We move with our minds, but they move with power.

So here now we see Gabriel standing in the presence of the Virgin in person just after he left the man to whom she was espoused. He said these words found in the 28th verse of St. Luke 1 to her: "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." God is sending a message from heaven — The beginning of The Salvation Plan for man, fulfilling His own plan, spoken through the Prophet Isaiah, saying: "A virgin shall conceive and bring forth a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel, being interpreted, God with us (St. Matthew 1:23)." — (right with you!) He said, "Hail, thou art highly favoured among women."

And what else? "And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be" (29). When Mary saw the angel standing in her doorway, she was troubled at his saying, and she wondered in her

## The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

- Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".
- 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.
- Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.
- Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.
- 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

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5. Exodus	19	1	9				
6. Proverbs	3	31	2				
7. 2 Chronicles	16	14	41				
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9. Exodus	36	37	6				
10. Deuteronomy	3	1	2				
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20. St. Matthew	2	2	13				
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"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Hebrews 6:10).

# Responses to the Bible Word Puzzle

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mind, who is this man, a stranger to me? What is he talking about? (The angel appeared in the form of a human being.) Read: "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God (St. Luke 1:30)." And the angel answered her, "Fear not, Mary: Don't be afraid, God has made a choice of you: you are His favorite among women to do something! Read! "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS (St. 1:31)." You shall conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, said Gabriel. Listen! He told Joseph that Mary, the woman to whom he was espoused, "shall bring forth a Son, his name shall be called JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." And now, he tells Mry, you shall bring forth a son and His name shall be called JESUS. Then in the 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>nd</sup> verse he said, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom **there shall be no end.**" He shall reign over My people, Israel, forever; and of His kingdom, there shall be no end.

(34-35) "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? Mary asked of the angel, how can this be? No man has ever touched me; how can I bear a child? "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."

What a plan! What a program! What a name! JESUS, JESUS, the name that God gave His only begotten son. There was only one son ever begotten by God and His name is JESUS. Angels are created sons and after you and I have been born of God's Spirit, we become God's adopted sons but, as I have said, there is only one begotten son of God, and He is JESUS CHRIST.

And God so loved the world that you and I might be redeemed from the curse of sin, which is death, death, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, might not die eternally. Though they take the old body to the dust from whence it came, and the breath goes back to God that gave it, that soul (that mind of yours) that mind of yours, abides with God, if it has been born of God. He has promised to give you a brand-new body one day to live in eternally, so hold out and hold on and let nothing turn you around. You can live above sin in this present world.

May God bless you. Amen.

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## God's Plan of Salvation

In this month we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25<sup>th</sup>. While internal evidence of the Scriptures doesn't support this date, we know that He came into the world. He came for one purpose, and one purpose only, and that was to bring salvation to all men.

The birth of the Savior was prophesied thousands of years before He came. In Genesis 3:15, after Eve was deceived by the serpent, which was used by Satan, God said to him,

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

We all know that a woman does not have a seed; the man does. But since Adam rebelled against God, knowing that He said not to eat of the forbidden fruit, God purposed to use the woman, without the aid of a man, to bring the Savior into the world. The seed of which God spoke, of course, was the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. The first couple used the makeshift means of fig leaves to cover their sin, but God provided one that signified what the Savior would one day accomplish for all mankind. In Genesis 3:21, God covered the sin of Adam and Eve with coats of skins. The animals from which the skins were removed certainly had to die in order to obtain their coverings. The animals did not participate in the sin of Adam and Eve, being innocent. Thus, God demonstrated that Christ would be the innocent sacrifice for the sins of the whole world!

But God's plan of salvation didn't start in the garden. On the contrary! God worked things out in eternity past, knowing full well what He planed to accomplish and when. Before He made the world, the Scriptures declare that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God Who was slain before the foundation of the world (See Revelation 13:8). Moreover, according to Galatians 4:4-5:

But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

God spoke again of the Redeemer in Genesis 12:1-3 speaking to Abraham,

... Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

The last part of this promise to Abraham is the most important because it speaks of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ through His lineage.

The coming of the Son God promised in Genesis 3:21 is recorded in the Gospel of Luke when Gabriel, the messenger angel sent from God, spoke to a virgin named Mary, who was engaged to a man named Joseph, to inform her that she was chosen by God to be the mother of the Savior Who was to come for the salvation of the world. Though in shock, she submitted herself to the will of God, even bearing the stigma of the appearance of being unfaithful to her fiancé, Joseph, since their marriage had not yet been consummated.

When the Savior was born in the city of Bethlehem, the occasion was announced by an angel surrounded by the light of glory to a group of shepherds, according to St. Luke 2:8-20. The shepherds went, and found the promised Messiah lying in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes, just as they were told by the angel. The event was highlighted by a group of angels saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The shepherds, overwhelmed with joy and excitement, went, and spread abroad the news of the Savior's birth.

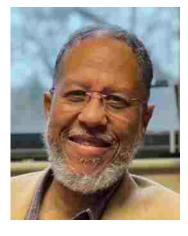
So many individuals focus on the baby in the manger at this time of the year, failing to realize one important fact: this was the most unique baby EVER born into the world, when God became a man. The Savior, 100% God and 100% man, also had a destiny unlike any other: He came to die for the sins of mankind. God declared that the wages for sin is death, (See Romans 6:23) because sin is an offense to His holiness and a threat to the creation He loves. In order to be able to pardon sin and still maintain its penalty, He sent His only begotten Son, whose death provides the grace necessary to pardon sin.

One day, the Savior went to the cross, fulfilling the plan of salvation that began in the heart of God in eternity past. In His death, the sins of all mankind, past, present, and future, were placed on Him and judged all at one time by God the Father, as He poured out His wrath against our sins on His only begotten Son. For all who would place their faith in the finished work of the Savior on the cross, their sins are forgiven, and eternal salvation is granted.

This is a wonderful season of the year. Families and friends gather, fantastic meals are prepared and shared, gifts are purchased, given, and received. But don't forget, the greatest gift of all time, the gift that is far more valuable than any that can be purchased or received by man, the very unspeakable gift that came from the heart of God, the sacrificial death of the Savior. Won't you receive this free gift by faith today?

It was all in God's great plan, to redeem the soul of man. It was by His grace, Jesus took my place, all my sins on Him were laid. That the Law be satisfied, Christ the Lord was crucified. Since He died for me, I by grace am free, from the debt my Savior paid. Writer unknown

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## Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

## God Is Greatly To Be Praised

All nations should praise God as His Word says in Psalm 117: 1-2: "O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth forever. Praise ye the LORD."

Godliness has promises of this life and the future life. Psalm 112:1-10: "PRAISE ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth forever. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

"A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely, he shall not be moved forever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he sees his desire upon his enemies. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish."

Praise God for His Excellency.
Psalm 113. 1-9: "PRAISE ye the
LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the
LORD, praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and for evermore.
From the rising of the sun unto the
going down of the same the LORD'S
name is to be praised.

"The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the Heavens. Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high. Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth! He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of His people. He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD."

God is to be praised for His glorious works. Psalm 111:1-10: "PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honourable and glorious and his righteousness endureth forever. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion. He hath given



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

meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

"He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen. The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever and are done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever."

How good it is to trust in God. Psalm 118:1-29: "O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth forever. Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth forever. Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth forever.

"I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me and set me in a large place. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore, shall I see my desire upon them that hate me. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

"All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them. They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD, I will destroy them. They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD, I will destroy them. Thou has thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

"The LORD is my strength and song and is become my salvation. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous; the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

"The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death. Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD: This gate of the LORD into which the righteous shall enter. I will praise thee for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD. God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."

Prayers, praises, and professions of obedience are found in Psalm 119: 1-16: "BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently, O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

"I will praise thee with uprightness of heart when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments. I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

"Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word." May God bless you is my prayer.

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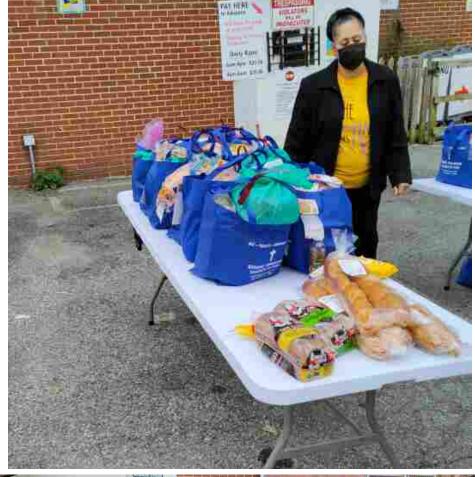
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## Gospel News and Views

## 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)



Noah, Age 4

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Navayah, Age 7, Belcamp



Samantha, Age 8, Norfolk

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn (St. Luke 2: 7)."



Taylor, Age 13, Silver Spring



Robert-Anthony, Age 10, Silver Spring

## 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).



N'Kyron, Age 18, Baltimore



Malayah, Age 11, Washington, D.C.

## 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)?



"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (St. Mark 16:15)."

FROM ALL OF THE CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED



Makari, Age 14, Washington, D.C.



Nya, Age 17, Baltimore

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Mary, Did You Know? By Buddy Greene and Mark Lowry

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and

daughters? Did you know that your baby boy had come to make you new? That the child that you delivered will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with His hand? Did you know that your baby boy walked where angels trod? When you kiss your little baby, you've kissed the face of God.

The blind will see. The deaf will hear, and the dead will live again. The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

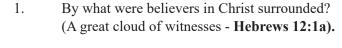


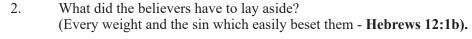
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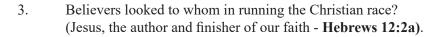
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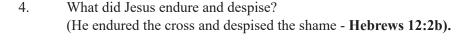


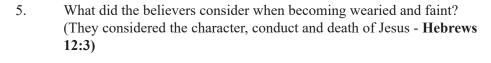
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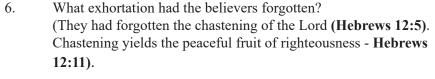














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## Sunday School Lessons for the Month of December

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



LESSON 49 – December 4, 2022 SUBJECT: The Promise of Messiah's Forerunner

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth" (St. Luke 1:13-14).

**PRINTED TEXT:** St. Luke 1:8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,

- 9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.
- 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.
- 11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.
- 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.
- 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.
- 14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. 15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.
- 16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.
- 17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.
- 18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.
- 19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.
- 20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

#### LESSON DISCUSSION

What was the promise? Who made it? Who is Messiah? Who was His forerunner?

God promised to send John the Baptist. He was the forerunner who announced the coming of Jesus, the Messiah.

Interestingly, Zacharias was in the process of executing his duty as priest, when the angel Gabriel told him that his wife, Elizabeth, although barren, would bear him a son who would be called John. When he heard the angel's message, Zacharias was troubled and filled with fear. Because he had difficulty accepting the angelic proclamation, he asked the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. Thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. St. Luke 1:18, 20.

Zacharias requested a sign that the angel's words would be fulfilled. He was given a sign. The sign, however, served as punishment for his failure to believe the divine message.

As Believers, we are admonished to believe God's directives. Whatever the Bible tells us to do, we must not doubt, only trust, and obey.

LESSON 50 – December 11, 2022 SUBJECT: God's Promise to David

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever" (II Samuel 7:13).

**PRINTED TEXT:** II Samuel 7:4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

- 5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?
- 6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.
- 7 In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?
- 8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:
- 9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.
- 10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,
- 11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.
- 12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.
- 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.
- 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

#### LESSON DISCUSSION

The Children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years. There was no firm structure in which to house the ark of the covenant. The presence of God, however, remained prominent in this holy vessel wherever it was situated.

After leaving Egypt, the Israelites worshipped in tents or a tabernacle. Because they had no stable structure such as a temple, David desired to build one. He shared his thoughts with the Prophet Nathan who agreed with him.

God did not agree that David should build Him a temple. Since David had been a man of war, the temple should be built by Solomon, a man of peace.

Although He rejected David's plan to build the temple, God knew his heart and gave him great promises: See II Samuel 7:8-16

1. He would be a ruler over Israel, 2. His name would be great, 3. He would have rest from enemies, 4. He would build a house for God's name, 5. His seed would be set up, 6. His kingdom and throne would be established forever, 7. God would chasten him, 8. Mercy would not depart from him.

God's promises never fail. They are true and faithful.

LESSON 51 – December 18, 2022 SUBJECT: God's Promise of a Saviour

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus" (St. Luke 1:31).

**PRINTED TEXT:** St. Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

- 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
- 28 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.
- 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
- 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
- 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
- 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
- 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom

there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 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

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

#### LESSON DISCUSSION

This promise is rooted in God's love. After the *Fall of Man*, a Saviour was needed. Jesus took on a human body, came to earth and became our Saviour.

God appointed the angel Gabriel to inform virgin Mary that she would conceive and bear a son. You shall call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son on the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his Father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. See St. Luke 1: 31-33.

What a surprise this astounding news was to a teenager who anxiously looked forward to marrying her sweetheart! She had questions.

How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? ... 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. For with God nothing shall be impossible ... Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. St. Luke 1:34, 35, 37.

Jesus' name announces **PROMISE** of salvation to mankind. Jesus is a Deliver, Rescuer, and SAVIOUR.

LESSON 52 – December 25, 2022 SUBJECT: The Birth of the Saviour

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (St. Luke 2:11).

**PRINTED TEXT:** St. Luke 2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

- 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
- 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
- 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
- 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
- 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
- 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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- 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
- 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and
- see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
- 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

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17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

## LESSON DISCUSSION

Ecclesiastes 3:1,2a: To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die;

But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman ... Galatians 4:4.

Jesus' birth is recorded in St. Luke 2:1-17. The time of the advent coincided with the season of taxation in the Roman Empire. ... there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

The birth of a baby is time for celebration. Family members of Joseph and Mary were far away and unable to join the celebration.

Nevertheless, ... there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ... the angel said ... Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. ... this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ... the shepherds said one to another, Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us. ... they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

## Calling All Youth (Continued from Page 9)

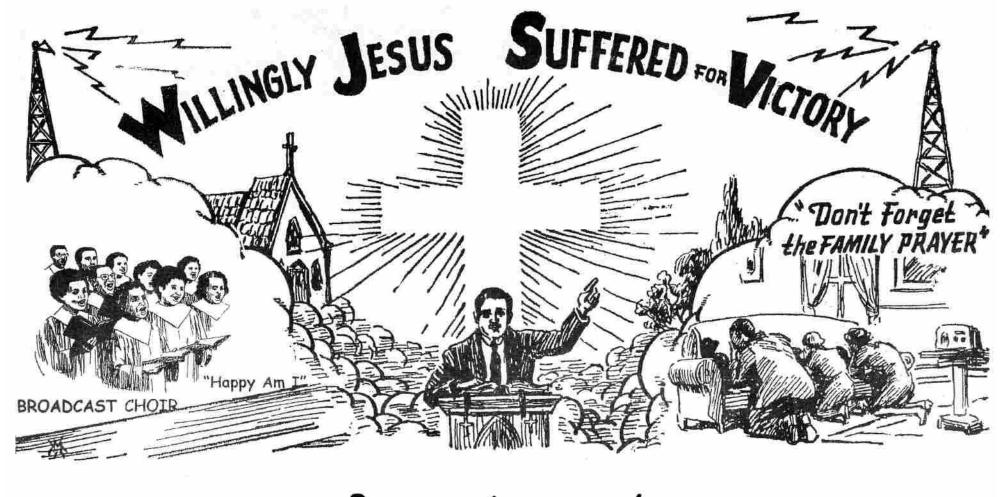
7. What two things were they to follow? (They were to follow peace and holiness - **Hebrews 12:14).** 

#### ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

- 1. O give <u>thanks</u> unto the LORD; for he is <u>good</u>: for his <u>mercy</u> <u>endureth</u> for ever (I Chronicles 16:34).
- 2. I will <u>praise</u> the <u>name</u> of God with a <u>song</u>, and will <u>magnify</u> him with <u>thanksgiving</u> (Psalm 69:30).
- 3. Let us come before his **presence** with **thanksgiving**, and make a **joyful** noise unto him with **psalms** (**Psalm 95:2**).
- 4. Enter into his **gates** with **thanksgiving**, and into his **courts** with **praise**: be **thankful** unto him, and **bless** his name (**Psalm 100:4**).
- 5. I will <u>offer</u> to thee the <u>sacrifice</u> of <u>thanksgiving</u>, and will <u>call</u> upon the <u>name</u> of the LORD (**Psalm 116:17**).
- 6. Sing unto the **LORD** with **thanksgiving**; sing **praise** upon the **harp** unto our God (**Psalm 147:7**).
- 7. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift (II Corinthians 9:15).

#### **DECEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ**

- 1. How did the shepherds initially respond to the angel's appearance?
- 2. What were the angel's first words to the shepherds?
- 3. What titles did the angel use to describe the newborn Messiah?
- 4. What did the shepherds do as soon as the angels departed?
- 5. How did people respond to the shepherds' testimony?
- 6. How did Mary respond?



## Prayer Answered

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

## CALLING ALL YOUTH (Continued rom Page 11)

salvation, for His love, and for His soon return, when we shall meet Him face-to-face.

After spreading the good news of Jesus' birth, how did the shepherds return to their duties?

#### **DECEMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS**

The events of Christmas point to the most important of all truths and this is a life-changing reality. Thank Him for His coming, for His gospel, for His

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