"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Colossians 3: 1). "And the gospel must first be published among all nations" (St. Mark 13:10).



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God Is Calling America to Repent in Sackcloth and Ashes That the Heathen May Not Rule Over Her

God called Nineveh to repent through Jonah. The king repented and Nineveh was saved.

My good folks, this broadcast is sent to you that it might revive you and lift your mind above the temptations and the toils of a sin-cursed world. Our objective is to propel your spirit into the presence of Almighty God. We make God's Word the foundation of this broadcast. We do not just talk at random. We desire that our every word is inspired of the Lord.

You'll find that if you will watch what we say here, you'll see that our utterances will come to pass and will confirm the evidence that we are inspired of the Lord. Every word spoken from this pulpit is based upon what God Almighty has spoken through His prophets to the nations. Prophetic utterances of God's servants have come to pass, and whatever shall be spoken in the same spirit in our day and generation shall come to pass as well.

I want to remind you that it was one year ago on Thanksgiving Day (1961), a day of feasting in America, that God commanded me to call this country to fast and humble itself lest it be reproached by the heathen. My precious ones, God, commanded the seven Churches of God over which I am overseer, to clothe themselves in sackcloth, put ashes on themselves and to picket the great Christian Churches here in the Nation's Capital. We called Christians to repent. We invited President Kennedy to join the Fast as the King of Nineveh did when God sent the Prophet Jonah to warn him that his great city would fall if the inhabitants did not repent.

My precious ones, as a Prophet of God, Jonah told the King of Nineveh that God was going to overthrow Nineveh and humble it in the dust of the earth because of the great sins of its people (See Jonah 3:6). America is a great country that has been blessed by God, but its people have exalted themselves, and feel they are the greatest nation on earth. But may I tell you that there is no body great but God, and there is no man who is indispensable, no matter what position he may hold. Man is still small unless he recognizes that God is all powerful.

In recognizing that fact, we have failed. Yes, we have great Cathedrals, great congregations, and great temples in which we meet to worship, professing to be followers of the doctrines of Jesus Christ, yet we hate one another and are so divided until we can't worship together. Names are given for division, and we have so many different names until the poor sinner doesn't know which name is right. Therefore, following God's command, we picketed some great shrines in the Nation's Capital. We commanded them under the influence of the Holy Spirit of God, to repent.

It was an act of God just as it was when God commanded Nineveh to repent. They followed the words of warning from the Prophet Jonah and the result of their obedience is found in God's Word. Remember that the Bible is the record of the acts of God and men. It tells what happened to men who followed God's commandments.

What God did yesterday, He does today and what He does today, He'll do tomorrow because God doesn't change. Here is the record found in Jonah 3:1-10: "AND the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, ... The first time God called to Jonah, he tried to get away and not go, but God called him the second time because He never destroys an individual or a nation unless He first warns them. So, when God called Jonah the second time, He said, "Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

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Holiness is not that we cannot sin, but that we won't sin.

Holiness is living at peace with your neighbor and your enemy.

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The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

God Is Calling America to Repent in Sackcloth and Ashes That the Heathen May Not Rule Over Her

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"So, the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

"For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

"And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything: let them not feed, nor drink water:

"But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

"Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

"And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them, and he did it not." God commanded me to call a solemn assembly and sanctify the people in the Church of God. I invited President John Kennedy to join us in the fast. I also sent him a garment of sackcloth and some ashes.

My precious ones, God has promised that He will deal with any nation or people who exalt themselves, have a form of Him, deny His power and don't obey Him. Yes, great temples, cathedrals and churches are built and many church members are doing everything the devil would have them do not living according to the commandments of God, drinking, lying, stealing, fornicating. God is sick of it. Unless they turn from their evil, God is going to let them be overcome by the heathen.

I speak as a voice, <u>not</u> as a man! God commanded me to gather the seven Churches of God of America. Approximately five hundred of us met here in Washington, DC dressed in sackcloth and ashes. We picketed the Catholic Shrine and the Washington Cathedral. Congregations claim to be following Christ, but don't worship together.

I warned the nation that unless they sanctified a fast, and called a



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux, founder, Church of God

solemn assembly, people who don't recognize the God of Heaven would come in and rule over us. This was an order from God, not from me. Joel 2:15-18, 28-29: "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly.

"Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

"Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, 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?

"Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

"And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit."

This Book, the Bible is right! The Prophet is telling you what the condition is, and I shall endeavor to make you know and understand that God is calling another fast which shall be great condemnation if you fail to follow. You've got to hear the voice of God through His Prophet and repent! And as we cry "REPENT" as Jonah did, God will save you in the day of

vengeance. When people who profess to be following God don't obey Him and become stumbling blocks to the heathen, the Lord will let the heathen correct them. Those who will be corrected will be saved from the wrath of God.

I told the people that if they failed to hear the Prophet, that America would be reproached by the heathen. I also said, if the words I speak don't come to pass, I am not a prophet. They did come to pass, and we have been reproached. God's Word cannot be broken.

I am saying to you who have a knowledge of God and a desire to be like Him, let Him be your guide; depend upon Him; He is always on time, and you don't have to worry if your heart is right. No matter what may befall the nation, God will take care of His people. Daniel 12:1: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." That time is here! Note the statement made by President Kennedy at the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast which is in accord with the prophecy of Daniel concerning this day in which we live. "The problems we face are complex; the pressures are immense, and both the perils and the opportunities are greater than any nation ever faced.' Never before in the history of the world have nations been in such trouble as they are now. It's all because their wisdom has advanced them to the point where they are about to destroy themselves, but God will deliver His people.

May God bless you. Amen.



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

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.
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"The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet" (Nahum 1:3).

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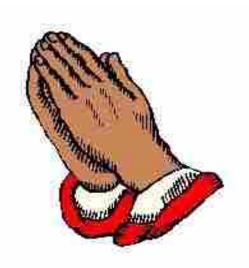
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THE SUMMER 2023 - SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Fasting is a vital aspect of true worship. It is not a time for feasting, fun, pious acting, or bowing to one's self to appear sanctimonious. The period of Prayer, Meditation, Worship and Fasting represents serious time spent with the Lord. During this time of consecration, the Believer afflicts the body while seeking to gain strength for the inner man.

From Friday, July 7th through Sunday, July 16, 2023, Gospel Spreading Church engages in a Solemn Assembly. COVID-19 guidelines suggest radical change in corporate worship. Modern technology such as webinars and smart phones replace regular church gatherings. Gospel Spreading Church members presently engage in the worship experience while sheltering in place.

Praise God for His faithfulness. Since in life we sometimes find ourselves in difficulties that help us recognize the fact that we need God to work out our situations. Problems are no strangers to us. Life's situations are not always understood and may be very hard to unravel.

In Bible days, when people of God found themselves facing insurmountable odds, they called on God. For example, Queen Esther called the people to prayer and fasting (See Esther 4:16). The city of Nineveh was called to fasting and prayer (See Jonah 3:5). When the disciples were unable to cast demons out of the child, Jesus informed them of the necessity of prayer and fasting. "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" (St. Matthew 17:21).

The procedure for corporate prayer and fasting is outlined in Joel 2:15-17. In these worship services every detail is given. Everyone from the greatest to the least is to be accounted for. The people are gathered, the congregation is to be cleansed/sanctified. The elders, children, nursing babies, bride, bridegroom, priests, ministers of the Lord are to be assembled. No one is left out.

Just as the prophet Joel explains corporate prayer and fasting, the prophet Isaiah exhorts the church to fast individually. "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh" (Isaiah 58:6,7)?

Corporate and individual prayer and fasting are often major factors in true worship. We receive great things from the Lord when we obey His instructions regarding how to worship. "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward" (Isaiah 58:8).

Just as prayer and fasting were practices in the Old Testament, and the New Testament, they are important elements in worshiping God in this 21^{st} century. Isaiah truly cried aloud and spared not. He declared unto us what is the acceptable fast unto the Lord. We should not withhold good when we have such an opportunity.

Jesus taught His followers how to conduct themselves when in prayer and fasting. He said, "But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly" (St. Matthew 6:17, 18).

We also follow the exhortation found in I Timothy 2:1-4: "I EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." In this regard, during the solemn assembly, special prayers are offered for the President of the United States, his staff, members of the U.S. Congress, judges of the earth and the Armed Forces. Second Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." As a nation, and as individuals, we need to turn from our wicked ways. If this is done, God will heal our land.

We are living in a time of trouble, such as never was since there has been a nation. However, we can always find comfort in the Scriptures. Psalm 84:11: "For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Regardless of the circumstances, God will honor His Word, if we will obey Him to the letter. "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us" (II Corinthians 1:20).

Readers of **HAPPY NEWS** are invited to join Gospel Spreading Church in this venture - praying and fasting. "...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16b). "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth: (St. John 4:24).

Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

MY SHEEP KNOW MY VOICE, A STRANGER THEY WILL NOT FOLLOW

Saints, we are not playing on this job. We are looking to gather God's people together. He said, "Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice" (Psalm 50:5). That is what we were sent here for. And for those who have not been gathered together, God knows you Saints. He said, My sheep know my voice and a stranger they will not follow; but will flee from strangers. (Sister Michaux paused to ask someone to locate the passage in the Bible.)

I want to read a portion of St. Matthew 19th Chapter, verses 23-30. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again, I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

"When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

"Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have, therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."

Praise God, hallelujah!

Let us all make ourselves last so He can make us first; because most everybody wants to make himself first and push others back so they can be last. The Lord said we must not push ourselves up to be first, but give Him a chance to lift us up to the position of first place. When we become fully subject to the plan of God, we become God's people, intelligent and Godly minded.

We are looking for God's people, the ones who hear His voice and will not follow a stranger. We know His



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

people are coming as we preach the Word because they know His voice. Now the false preachers, and sinpeddling preachers, (I call them) are peddling sin from door to door! They are not the voice of God. And since God said His sheep know His voice, they will no longer follow these false preachers when they hear the voice of God through the preaching of the gospel that we do. The people may be sitting bound under them; but once they get out and hear the voice of God through the Spirit of God, they are going to flee. They are not going to sit there and follow those sinners. Some of the people who are following those false prophets are better than they are. Oh, yes! Some of those prophets participate in some things that the members would not participate in.

Let us be the people that God will be pleased with, both for life and for service. Now this is the side that is called the spiritual side. But there is a side that is called "works." We want to work with all our spirit, soul, and body to build up the works of God. We want to teach you to be God's builders, not destroyers or slothful workers who cannot build anything anytime. We don't want to sit on the deacon seat to tear down what is being built. We don't want to sit behind the rostrum to tear down what is being built up. We don't want to sit around looking ugly to discourage anybody, and to tear down what is being built up. I like for you to look at me in such a manner as to enable me to see God. I like you to look at me with a Godly smile. If you have a stomach ache and I've got it too, we can't be any help to one another. But somebody's got to be well in this Church and look like they're well and act like they're well so they can help somebody.

There used to be a woman who joined the church and used to sit

here near the front. She looked like something was offensive to her all the time. She would sit here with her nose all wrinkled up. She was as poor as a church mouse, but we didn't mind that. If she had God, she would have been beautiful because the Spirit of the Lord beautifies the ugliest person. The Spirit of the Lord also blesses. God will bless anybody who will be blessed, but I mean to say that God doesn't overlook that type. God will go and find them down among the rough, like a diamond all covered up in the dirt, yet precious. God digs them out and cleans and polishes them and you can't tell they came from the dirt.

That is the way it is with God's people. In every age, He gets the diamonds out of the dirt. They are people who have drifted low in sin, terribly soiled and messed up. But they had qualities that only needed the touch of the Lord to bring them out of the mire and place them where their fine qualities can be used as a blessing to others. Such precious ones are usually found, in every generation, by the servant of the Lord whom God has anointed, and to whom the gift is given to find His sheep.

So, Saints, live this life. Fill your seat in the congregation of the righteous, not only for the ten day fast which you honor and respect so faithfully when it comes around, but on other occasions when there is no special call to bring you out. It is your duty to be here all the time and fill your seat; and whatever your hands find to do to send forth the gospel and keep the lamps trimmed and burning at the church, you must have the determination and responsibility to do it. Be busy and abounding in the works of the Lord.

Then you'll find showers of holiness refreshing like rain coming down in this place where the name of the Lord is lifted on high. You know how flowers that you want to grow; and vegetables that you want to grow; how it is when the sun has made it hot and dry, and your flowers and vegetables are wilting, then the Lord sends a refreshing shower, and the rain soaks your entire garden. The flowers straighten up and become fragrant, and the vegetables get crisp, green, and healthy looking. That is the experience I have had in Virginia. I am always happy to see the showers refresh the flowers and vegetables in my garden.

GOSPEL SPREADING CHURCH OF GOD WASHINGTON, DC ~ PRAYER VIGIL ~

As of June 20, 2023, the Nation's Capital has experienced a 29% increase in crime compared with the same timeframe of 2022. Understanding that each institution is called to foster change and positively impact environments where planted, the Washington, DC Church, under the leadership of Pastor Walter Roman, and in partnership with the Washington, DC Third District Police Department, launched a Prayer Vigil initiative on April 6, 2023.

Although most prayer vigils are conducted in response to a tragic event, the focus of this Pray Vigil Initiative is to address crime and violence in the Howard/Shaw community from a proactive stance on an ongoing basis. Our aim is to tackle the root issue of violence and crime through the vehicle of prayer. During the first Prayer Vigil, the following topics were covered in prayer.

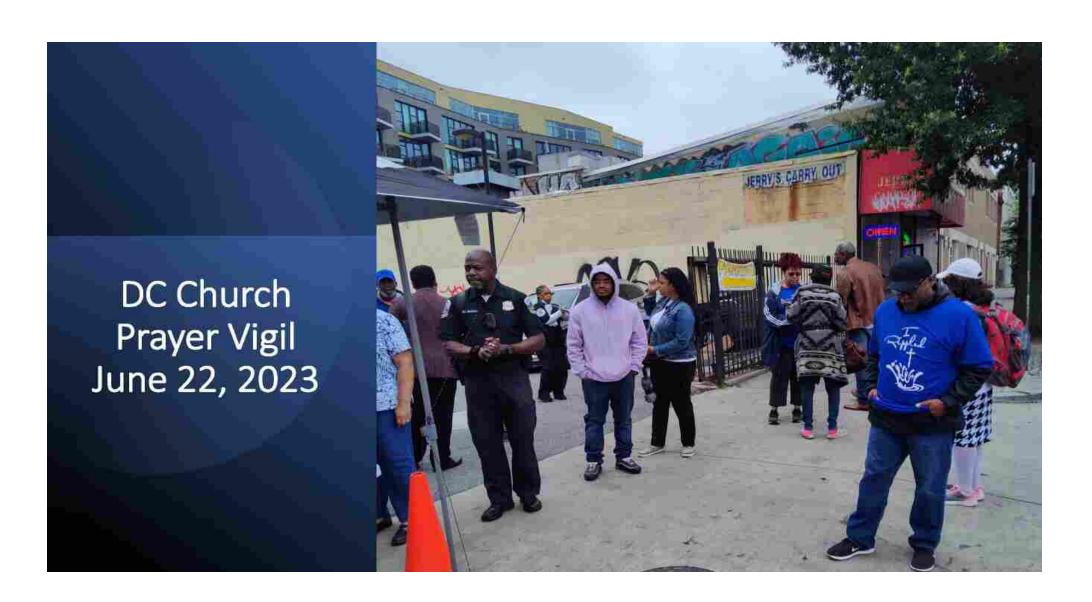
- Salvation
- Strong family structure and support
- Godly examples and mentors
- Church transparency and visibility in the community.

The Prayer Vigil held on Thursday, June 22, 2023, included the following prayer topics:

- Salvation
- Summer job opportunities & structured activities for youth specifically in the Howard/Shaw Community
- Mental and Emotional health (peace of mind)
- Public servants who interact and serve the Howard/Shaw community.
- Health professionals who interact with and serve the Howard/Shaw community.

As God continues to open doors for the DC Church God to stand as a beacon of light and hope in the community, we pray that they will take full advantage of the opportunity to point others to the Ultimate Source of hope, Jesus Christ.

Crime Data Source: https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/district-crime-data-glance

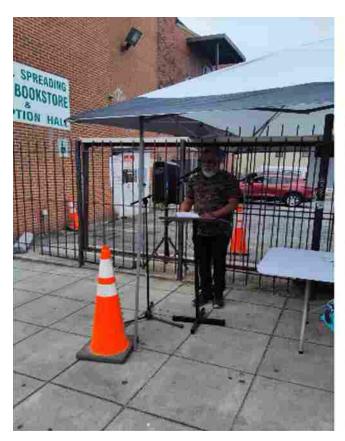


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Gospel News and Views

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)



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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 shuillinde 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 VERSES

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Traditionally, Mother's Day is celebrated in May; however, we believe that it is never too early or too late to say "thank you" to our mothers, grandmothers, and those who are "like mothers." For that reason, we wish to celebrate these wonderful women at this time. God gave us special women who we love, revere, honor, and respect. We thank God for these amazing daughters of Eve, who add color, flavor, and guidance to their children, grandchildren, and extended family. In the words of Proverbs 31: 28a, and 30: "Her children arise up, and call her blessed..." and "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised." Praise God for the godly women—our mothers, grandmothers, and those who are like

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

"My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck" (Proverbs 1:8-9).

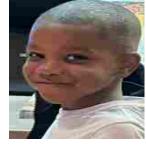
Children Praise their Mothers

I love my mommy! My mommy feeds me. I love her so very much!

By Rose, Age 4 Hampton

My mom lets me get snacks. She lets me eat chips when we go to Pop Pop's house. She keeps me safe. She lets me have fun. I love my mommy very much!

By Makhi, Age 6 Hampton



I am thankful to God for my mom for many reasons. She takes the time to talk to me about important stuff. She keeps a roof over our heads, prepares our meals, washes our clothes, and teaches us to help. She also helps me with my homework when she has time. She teaches us how to take care of ourselves. She teaches us how to help our family, and watch out for each other. I thank God for my mom and pray to God to help her in areas where she needs to be stronger. I think my mom is the best! I love her. I also thank God for my grandma, and great grandma for how they love us. I love them so much.

By Makari, Age 15 Washington, D.C.



My mom works hard. She cooks for me. She is nice to me and she loves me.

By Ravvone, Age 6 Hampton



I love my mom. She takes good care of me.

By London, Age 9 Hampton



My mom cooks me eggs and bacon. She cooks me dinner. I like spending time with mommy. She takes me to Chuckie Cheese and I love it. I love mommy very much!

By Violet, Age 3 Hampton



I love mommy!

By Ivory, Age 1 Hampton

My mommy lets me sing songs. I love my mommy!

By Paeton, Age 4 Hampton



I want to thank God for you, mom. Thank you for having a place for us to live, giving us food, clothes, and shoes. Thank you for taking the time to help me with my homework. Thank you for talking to me about what I need to do and talking to me about growing up. Thank you for teaching us how to look out for each other. Thank you for teaching me how to be kind and how to share. I love you for being my mom. I want to thank God for you, grandma, and great grandma. You are both great! You both do so many things for us. I love you both. Thank you!

By Malayah, Age 12 Washington, D.C.



My mom works hard to provide for my sisters and me. She takes good care of us. She cooks, cleans, and washes our clothes.

By Reese, Age 10 Hampton

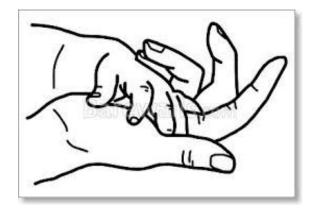


My mom is always making sacrifices for my sister and me. She continues to put our needs ahead of her own. With the help of the Lord, she is always making ways for us to get what we need and even what we want most of the time. She is the best mom that I have had in all the 11 years of my life. The truth is that she is really my aunt, but to me she is my mom. My aunt and uncle took my sister and me into their home when we were born. They treat us like their very own. I thank God for my mom.

By Moriah, Age 11 Hampton

A Mother's Love By Helen Steiner Rice

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain, It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain. It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may For nothing can destroy it or take that love away. It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking. It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns, And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems. It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation, And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation. A many *splendored miracle* man cannot understand And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.



ANSWERS TO JUNE HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- 1. Who saw a lame man at the gate of the temple? (Peter and John Acts 3:1).
- 2. What was the gate called? (Beautiful **Acts 3:2**).
- 3. What did the lame man ask? (For alms Acts 3:3).
- 4. How did Peter answer?
 (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 **Acts 3:4-6**).
- 5. What did Peter do to help the lame man? (Peter took him by the right hand and lifted him up **Acts 3:7**).
- 6. What was the reaction of the lame man when he received his miracle?(He walked into the temple leaping and praising God Acts 3:8).
- 7. What was the reaction of the people when they saw the lame man? (They were filled with wonder and amazement Acts 3:9-10).

ANSWERS TO JUNE FILL IN THE BLANKS

- 1. Shew me thy <u>ways</u>, O LORD; <u>teach</u> me thy <u>paths</u> (Psalm 25:4).
- 2. Lead me in thy <u>truth</u> and <u>teach</u> me; for thou art the God of my <u>salvation</u>; on thee do I <u>wait</u> all the day (Psalm 25:5).
- 3. Good and <u>upright</u> is the LORD: therefore will he <u>teach sinners</u> in the way (Psalm 25:8).
- 4. The <u>meek</u> will he <u>guide</u> in judgment: and the <u>meek</u> will he <u>teach</u> his way (Psalm 25:9).
- 5. All the <u>paths</u> of the LORD are <u>mercy</u> and <u>truth</u> unto such as keep his <u>covenant</u> and his <u>testimonies</u> (Psalm 25:10).
- 6. O keep my <u>soul</u>, and <u>deliver</u> me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my <u>trust</u> in <u>thee</u> (Psalm 25:20).
- 7. Let <u>integrity</u> and <u>uprightness</u> preserve me; for I <u>wait</u> on thee (Psalm 25:21).

JULY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- 1. Why did Jesus go out of the house and sit in a boat?
- 2. In what manner did Jesus speak to them?
- 3. What happened to the seed that fell by the wayside?
- 4. What happened to the seed that fell on the rocky soil?
- 5. What happened to the seed that fell among thorns?
- 6. What happened to the seed that fell on the good ground?
- 7. What does the seed represent?

JULY FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1.	TRULY my upon God: from him cometh my
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2.	My, thou only upon; for my expectation is from him.
3.	He only is my and my: he is my; I shall not be
4.	In God is my and my: the of my, and my, is in God.
5.	in him at all times; ye people, out your before him: is a for us.
6.	God hath once; have I heard this; that belongeth unto
7.	Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth: for thou renderest to every according to his .

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of July

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Elder Dr. Anthony Hurst, Sr., PhD of the Church of God, Philadelphia, PA.



LESSON 26 – July 2, 2023 **SUBJECT**: Praying to God

GOLDEN TEXT: "And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth" (St. Luke 11:2).

PRINTED TEXT: St. Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

- 2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
- 3 Give us day by day our daily bread.
- 4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
- 5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
- 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?
- 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
- 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.
- 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
- 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
- 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

LESSON DISCUSSION

Prayer! This topic and practice is often neglected by those who say they know and love the Lord. And note the oddity of the request, as this is the only thing the disciples ever asked Jesus to teach them! They were with Jesus day in and day out, so they observed His habitual practice of communication with His Father.

The most important part of this lesson is to understand that this is not a prayer; it is a *model* of prayer, as also found in St. Matthew 6:9-13. Reciting this when you pray is nothing more than a recitation, as Jesus makes clear in St. Matthew 6:9 when He said, "After this *manner*, therefore, pray ye:"!!!

Briefly, verse 2b tells us to worship God when we come into His presence. Verse 3 tells us to acknowledge our need of God for our daily sustenance. Verse 4a tells us to confess our sins (yes, saints sin!) and to forgive others as we are asking God to forgive us! Verse 4b asks God's protection from Satan, who uses temptation in an effort to destroy our testimony.

Parting question: If we neglected to communicate with our spouses, our children, and close associates as many of us neglect to communicate with God, is there any wonder that so many of our relationships are fractured and broken? Just a small, yet important parting thought!!!

LESSON 27 – July 9, 2023 SUBJECT: Accept God's Invitation!

GOLDEN TEXT: "And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (St. Luke 14:23).

PRINTED TEXT: St. Luke 14:7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them.

- 8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;
- 9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.
- 10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.
- 11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.
- 15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. 16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade
- 17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.
- 18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.
- 19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.
- 20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.
- 21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.
- 22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.
- 23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.
- 24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The first parable taught by Jesus emphasizes the virtue of humility. Pride, which lifts up self, is one of the most damning sins in all of the Word of God! It has for its foundation unbelief, which refuses to acknowledge the deity of Jesus Christ!

In the second parable, Jesus speaks of a certain man who gave a great supper and invited many to attend. One by one an excuse was given as to why they could not attend. There is a difference between a reason and an excuse; the first shows at least the desire to be present, while the second hides behind things that could have been dealt with at a later time. These are the same types of excuses used today to avoid responding to the message of the gospel. The plain truth of the matter is that God wants men to be saved. That's why He sent His only begotten Son to die in their place. The problem is that mankind is so entwined with the things of this world they do not even want to be saved.

Are you proud, having yourself as the center of your universe, or are you making excuses in an effort to hide your unbelief? Where do you stand?

LESSON 28 – July 16, 2023 SUBJECT: A Warning for the Hard-Hearted

GOLDEN TEXT: "But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented" (St. Luke 16:25).

PRINTED TEXT: St. Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

- 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
- 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
- 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
- 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.
- 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
- 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
- 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
- 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
- 31And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

LESSON DISCUSSION

This passage is listed in most Bibles as a parable, but it is not! An examination of all the parables spoken by Jesus reveals the absence of any names. This, therefore, is a true and accurate account!

Lazarus was a poor man who was ignored by the rich man outside of whose gate he begged for just a portion of what the rich man possessed in order to live. The rich man was selfish. On the other hand, Lazarus, when he died, went to Abraham's bosom, a figurative name for heaven. Lazarus went to heaven, not because he was poor, but because he evidently trusted Christ for salvation. The rich man went to hell, not mainly because he failed to provide for the poor, but rather because he failed to trust Christ for salvation.

Two questions for your consideration: Are you failing to share your goods with someone who is less fortunate while claiming to know the Lord as Savior? Have you made your calling and election sure by placing your faith and trust in Christ alone for salvation? The rich man failed miserably on both of these accounts! Consider his fate! Will yours be any different from his?

LESSON 29 – July 23, 2023 SUBJECT: Separating the Sheep and the Goats

GOLDEN TEXT: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (St. Matthew 25:46).

PRINTED TEXT: St. Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

- 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:
- 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
- 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
- 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
- 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
- 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
- 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
- 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
- 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.
- 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
- 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:
- 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.
- 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did

not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

LESSON DISCUSSION

This scene depicts the return of Christ at the end of the Great Tribulation, after He has put down the rule of the Antichrist, banished Satan to the bottomless pit for 1000 years, and established His rule over the Earth from the throne of David in Jerusalem. The people living in the nations at this time are all Gentiles, as the Jews have been dealt with during the Great Tribulation. This judgment is different from the Great White Throne judgment which takes place at the end of the millennial period, the 1,000-year reign of Christ.

The individuals in these nations who have served the Lord by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting prisoners, providing drink to the thirsty, will enter into the joy of the Lord. They enter in, not because of the things they did, for that would be salvation based on works, but because they were already saved. Salvation is by grace alone, and not works. Those individuals in the nations depicted as goats are those who did not serve the Lord by serving others are lost, not because they didn't do these things, but because they rejected the salvation freely given by God through Jesus Christ.

Will you be among the sheep or among the goats? Now is the time to decide!

LESSON 30 – July 30, 2023 SUBJECT: Ears to Hear

GOLDEN TEXT: "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear" (St. Matthew 13:9).

PRINTED TEXT: St. Matthew 13:9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

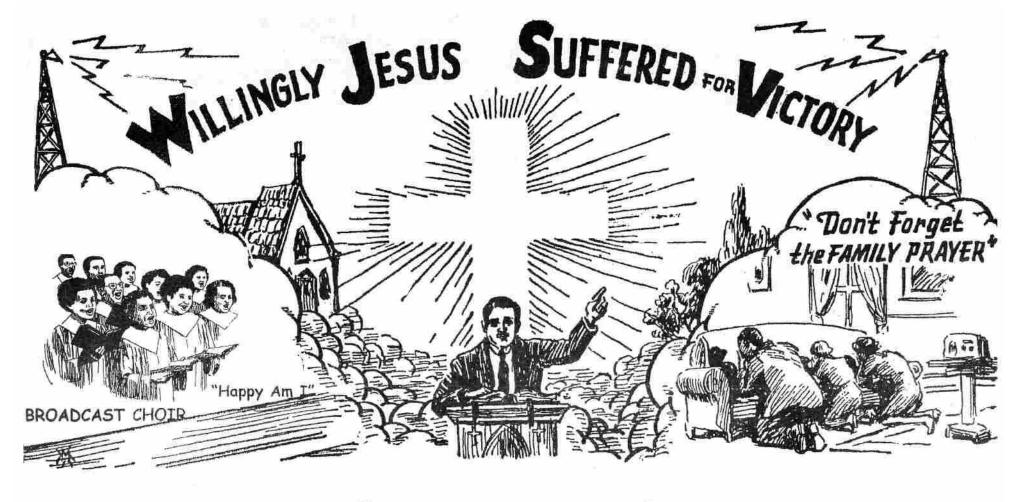
- 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.
- 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.
- 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
- 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:
- 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.
- 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. 17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Parables were tools used by Jesus to reveal heavenly truth to those who had an ear to hear, and to hide the truth from those who had already rejected the truth in their hearts. Those who had ears to hear received the message, while those whose hearts were already hardened to the truth through unbelief, failed to understand. Jesus goes on to describe the four different types of hearts to which the Word of God is preached. Three types of hearts can't receive the Word of God, while only one type does (see verses 18-23).

Jesus does not hide the truth from these individuals because He wants them to be lost. On the contrary, it is not just an act of judgment, but also an act of mercy. Of judgment, because they have made up their minds not to receive the truth. Of mercy, because to provide lighter and understanding for them to reject, He spares them from greater judgment by not allowing them to see. The greater the knowledge, the greater the responsibility to obey. Rejecting the revealed Word of God brings a judgment equal to the amount of knowledge provided.

Are you walking in the light that has already been revealed to you?



Prayer Answered

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

MY SHEEP KNOW MY VOICE, A STRANGER THEY WILL NOT FOLLOW

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We must always be in the attitude that the Lord can send showers of His holiness to refresh us and to revive us. Don't let your trouble steal your crown. That is the favorite testimony of Brother Botts. Where is he? I miss him sometimes, but I always enjoy his testimony when he says, "Don't let your trouble steal your crown."

Don't be that kind of woman or girl that people have to wonder if you are saved. I don't want anyone to have to wonder about me. I say I am saved and sanctified, and by the power of God it shows in my walk and in my talk and in my works. I want people to say, Sister Michaux is right. I never see anything wrong about her! That's what I want people to say. I want them to say that about you, too.

Alright, now that we have found that passage, about the sheep hearing the voice of the shepherd we will have it read. It is found in St. John 10:3-5 and reads as follows: "...the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." Remember, you can live free from sin.

May God bless you is my prayer.

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