

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

"Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (James 3:10).



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# Is A Woman Who Destroys Her Children Before They Are Born A Murderer?

I am going to have read to you one passage from which I shall take my text. It is Jeremiah 2:34 which reads as follows: **"Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these."**

My subject tonight is this: "Is A Woman Who Destroys Her Children Before They Are Born a Murderer?"

Spirits rule the flesh. They make you run or walk. They make you happy or sad. They make you go or come. Whatever you do, a spirit guides you in doing it. If it is a bad spirit, you'll do evil things, and the flesh becomes evil. If it is a good spirit, you'll do good things, and the flesh becomes righteous.

Women have various reasons for wishing to prevent conception. In the first place, they are ignorant of the purpose of marriage. They don't realize that God made male and female to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it. They don't realize that bearing children is the principle purpose of entering into the marriage relationship, and that every other duty of the female is an outgrowth of this one.

## Motherhood Considered Burdensome

Moreover, another reason for wishing to prevent conception is that children are considered a burden to women today. Besides the embarrassments and inconveniences of bearing them, there is the added trouble of caring for them during their infancy and the problem of shaping their future as they grow up. To assume these responsibilities the young mother is required to give up a great deal of pleasure and spend most of her time in her home with her offspring.

In some cases, poverty is given as a reason for wishing to prevent conception, in still other cases women undertake to limit the number of children, feeling that after they have given birth to a certain number they should quit. Altogether, women have pretty much taken the matter into their own hands, ignoring, or disregarding the divine purpose of marriage and misunderstanding the privilege of bearing children.

After God joined male and female in holy matrimony, He ordered them to be fruitful and multiply and replenish (or fill) the earth (with people). In this He delegated to the male and female the honor of creating the rest of the folks of this world. He, therefore, adjusted things so that by this means and this means only could people come into existence. So, when a woman destroys her child, she thwarts God's plans and thereby falls into condemnation.

## Blood Is The Life Of Human Beings

Now I am going to show you that life is blood and not flesh. In Leviticus 17:12-13 and 14a which reads as follows we see that blood is life: **"Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof and cover it with dust. For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof..."**

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The world craves for something that satisfies. We have found it in God.

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Man might save you from fire or from water, but it will take God to save you from sin.

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Folks haven't gone blind. They see when your talk isn't like your walk.

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Seek God for encouragement.

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Selfishness seeks the good of self. Love seeks the good of others.

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The only way you can serve God is to serve one another.

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Serve one another with sincerity, unthoughtful of reward.

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If you want a shelter in time of storm, fear God in time of peace.

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The devil started the sin business. So those who sin are in business with the devil.

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Sin causes the heart to be heavy, the eyes blind, and the body broken.

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How can we win the war if we on the home front continue in sin and lose contact with God?

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

## Is A Woman Who Destroys Her Children Before They Are Born A Murderer?

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The children of Israel were forbidden to eat or drink blood of anything they killed for food. They were instructed to empty the blood on the ground and cover it. In Genesis 4:10 when God was investigating the first murder, He said: **"And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground."** It was the blood of Jesus Christ that gave us eternal life. If you shed blood in destroying flesh, according to Genesis 9:5, you are a murderer and will be punished as such. Read it! **"And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man."**

Since woman was commanded by God to bear children, it should be a pleasure for her to do so. This command, functioning in its orderly channel causes the woman to desire to fondle and pet something even if it has to be a dog. The most unbecoming thing to see is a woman mothering a dumb beast. I cannot see how a woman can get her mouth in shape to kiss a dog and yet this is a common thing among women who do not have children. The instinct to fondle and to love when not degenerated will cause the woman to bear a child. This is natural affection and natural affection will cause you to do natural things. Then when you realize that you are to become a mother, instead of dreading the ordeal or wishing to prevent it, you will appreciate the honor of bearing a child. If a woman loves her husband, she will want to bear him children. And by all means, the children will favor their daddy. A child doesn't have any business favoring anybody but the daddy or mother. And if the parents love each other, it will.

### Children Are A Blessing To Any Home Poor Or Rich

The wife should also realize the children are a blessing from God. When God gets ready to bless you, He does it by giving you children. If He wants to pour out a large blessing, He gives you many children. You should by all means receive what He gives you in a spirit of cheerful gratitude. Suppose my Mother had not wished to have any children and I had not been born, you wouldn't be here tonight praising God. I want you to know that children are a blessing. Read Psalm 128:3, 4: **"Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine**



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**house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD."**

When you are old and somewhat feeble and someone comes to take advantage of you, you can look around and call your sons one by one - Sam! George! Nathaniel! John! William, come here, and they'll rush eagerly to lift you up and protect you. Besides, there is an inward satisfaction to enjoy when you realize that you have done your part in peopling the earth.

I have shown that the primary purpose of marriage is to bear children. I have shown that to bear children is to do the will of God. I have shown that blood is life, and consequently to spill blood is to take life. In showing that blood is life, I have revealed (contrary to general opinion) that you cannot kill the flesh except by spilling the blood or by destroying its properties. Now I will show that every child's birth is designated and ordained by God. This will make it evident that a woman who destroys her children before they are born is a murderer.

The child's life is molded by the disposition and habits of the parent while it is developing. If one child is sweet and pleasant and the other mean and hateful, it is because the mother was sweet and pleasant during pregnancy with the one and mean and hateful with the other. If the mother would realize how important her work is in shaping the destiny of her offspring, she would be more careful in subduing her wayward inclinations and allowing a

sweet spirit to rule her at least during this delicate period.

Although man and woman are instruments or agencies by which other human beings come into existence, it is known that God is the actual giver of life and of every good and perfect gift. Man, plants the seed but God raises the crop. Before the human seed of life is planted, God takes note of it, and arranges for its existence and career. He even names it by putting the idea in the mind of the parents. Read Jeremiah 1:5: **"Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."** Also read St. Luke 1:13: **"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."**

Since this is true, we can see how deplorable it is for man to propose to do something that is grossly contrary to God's plan and purpose. We can see that after He has sent the life-giving fluid into proper channels and ordained that it should become a human being of specific descriptions, it is a terrible thing to thwart His plan and terminate the life by causing the blood to flow or be spilled.

### Stop and Repent

We have seen that it is God's intention that man and woman marry while they are young and bear children if they are not barren. God does not desire and will not allow women to interfere with the orderly processes of nature. If you have been doing so, I exhort you to repent, that is, **STOP!** For by destroying your unborn child, you make yourself as much a murderer as the man who thrusts a dagger into another's heart without justification or excuse. Whether the unborn child has formed or not, if blood has ceased to flow because of impregnation, and you start the flow again with the intention of interfering with the process of nature, you are guilty, and God will judge you as a murderer.

How terrible it will be when you face the judgment and hear Him say, **"The voice of thy children's blood crieth unto me from the ground."**

May God bless you.

### The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".
  2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.
  3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.
  4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.
  5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.
  6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.
  7. Please use the King James Version of the Holy Bible.
  8. Mail answer to: **Happy News Publishing Co., 2030 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001.** If you do not wish to cut the paper, you may submit your answer on plain paper.
  9. The answer to the puzzle should be postmarked by the fifteenth (15th) of the month for publication in our next issue.
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4. Galatians	3	17	7	_____
5. Genesis	18	5	15	_____
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7. Ezekiel	36	26	5	_____
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10. Exodus	6	4	9	_____
11. Joshua	3	3	36	_____
12. Revelation	4	9	3	_____
13. Psalm	90	12	7	_____
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15. I John	3	19	9	_____
16. Acts	1	24	7	_____
17. Judges	2	1	15	_____
18. Revelation	17	17	11	_____
19. Proverbs	13	9	15	_____
20. Psalm	7	1	3	_____
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25. Ezra	7	25	17	_____
26. Daniel	9	10	14	_____
27. Psalm	28	3	18	_____
28. II Corinthians	4	4	11	_____
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#### Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes" (Amos 2:6).

### THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL ENDURE FOREVER

The joy of the Lord is our strength  
 Blessed are they that follow therein;  
 The Lord hath cleansed us from iniquities  
 Don't allow the enemy to cause you to sin.  
 Praises is comely for the upright in heart  
 Whose mouth speaketh words anew  
 For they remember the charge they have been given  
 To walk in the Light and live true  
 The hills and the mountains belongeth to the Lord  
 Also, the oceans, the great seas, and the plains  
 No matter where the Lord's children abide  
 The Lord will bless them through the fire, tumult and rain.  
 The Lord has made known His salvation  
 His Spirit will be with thee in the congregation  
 If you stay in His Spirit, He'll leave you never  
 The glory of the Lord shall endure forever, Amen!

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**THE SUMMER 2022 - 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 8th through Sunday, July 17, 2022, 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 reward"** (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<sup>st</sup> 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

## WISDOM

**“Doth not wisdom cry? And understanding put forth her voice?”** (Proverbs 8:1). **“Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee. Rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee”** (Proverbs 9:8). **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding”** (Proverbs 9:10). **“Let another man praise thee, and not thine own lips”** (Proverbs 27:2).

**“A stone is heavy and the sand weighty; but a fool’s wrath is heavier than them both”** (Proverbs 27:3). **“Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than him”** (Proverbs 26:12). **“An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression”** (Proverbs 29:22).

**“WINE is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise”** (Proverbs 20:1). **“He ... said unto me ... keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth”** Proverbs 4:4,5) **“Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; ... (Proverbs 7:4a). That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words. For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, And beheld among the youths, a young man void of understanding, Passing through the street near her corner, and he went the way to her house, In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: And behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart . So, she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, I came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. Come let us take our fill of love until the morning: With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life”** Proverbs 7:4a,6,11,18,21-23).

**“A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing. For she sitteth at the door of her house, ... To call passengers who go right on their ways** (Proverbs 9:13-15):

**“Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he knoweth not that the dead are there and that her guests are in the depths of hell** (Proverbs 9:16-18).”

### THE ALPHABET OF WISDOM

**(A)**ccumulate knowledge while you are still conscious, for its light means leadership and makes life desirable.

**(B)**e studious and persevering in all to which you aspire in life, and Father



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

Time will wheel it to your door.

**(C)**onsort not with Satan, lest you linger in his inferno.

**(D)**ivine intelligence is turned in upon them who seek its light.

**(E)**verything in life has its bright and gloomy aspects.

**(F)**ill your soul with wisdom and you will, like the tide, rise above ordinary levels.

**(G)**ather all your savings, and you will become a stockholder.

**(H)**ealth begets wealth; do not abuse it.

**(I)**dleness destroys both home and happiness; work against it.

**(J)**ealousy always causes troubles and scandal; guard against it.

**(K)**ee pace with progress, and your affairs will prosper.

**(L)**earn to be above reproach and win friends.

**(M)**an’s true relationship to his Maker bids him clothe himself in celestial light.

**(N)**urse good thoughts toward your neighbors, and you will be a credit to the community.

**(O)**ne must have a mixture of good and bad fortune in order to appreciate all the good things of life.

**(P)**rovidence helps those who dwell in her consciousness.

**(Q)**uarrels undermine health, peace, and happiness; hence it behooves one to avoid them.

**(R)**emove all that is offensive to your good taste or morality, and you will be worthy of commendation.

**(S)**itting at a window, looking at the falling snow, does not fill one’s cellar with coal.

**(T)**oday is the time for good deeds, for tomorrow may be too late.

**(V)**alue anything useful or estimable if you expect others to value you.

**(W)**hen little results from much effort, keep on ploughing until success is attained.

**(X)**ylophones’ rhythmic sounds are the best remedies for ill harmonies.

**(Y)**outh is blind, but it can still be taught to walk in the light.

**(Z)**ero man is a live ghost, always seen hunting in the background.

### OPEN AIR CAMPAIGN AT NEWPORT NEWS

Concerning our great campaign on the old camp ground which is one of the most inspiring meetings that has been held here. The camp grounds are located on the Chesapeake Bay, near the Norfolk ferry landing, and surely, we are enjoying one rich blessing after another. It has been such a pleasure to have with us Elder Bentley from New York City, and without flattery we can truthfully say, did not our hearts burn within while he talked with us by the way, and certainly I cannot find words sufficiently to express to you the greatness of this noble man of God, which I esteem to equal the Apostle Paul, from every angle.

At our noonday devotional and Bible Class, it was marvelous to hear the words of wisdom that fell from his lips and also the wonderful messages each evening. Still God has some men of God in the earth even though they are few and far between. Truly, if one is whole-hearted in serving God there is real joy and pleasure, for I am happy in the way and enjoying the trip. For salvation is enjoyed and not endured. For things that you have to endure you would rather not have them. You may have a new suit of clothes - or dress - or an automobile - and so on and if you cannot enjoy them then you have to endure them, and so you would be happier without them. So, we just love to have things that we can enjoy.

I have talked with people who say if you get religion what are we going to do for pleasure? They say it will cut off all of my pleasures. I will agree to this extent that there is no pleasure in the religions of today for you can possess them and practice the same things you did before, hence there is no pleasure. For one becomes hypocritical and you cannot enjoy one thing if you are the other. Whereas if you plunge into the fountain that was opened to the house of David for all sin and uncleanness and get a big dose of salvation it will work all of the devil out of us. Then we have heaven here. Then the wife will make it pleasant for husband—husband for the wife—parent for children—children for parents—that makes the world worth while living in.

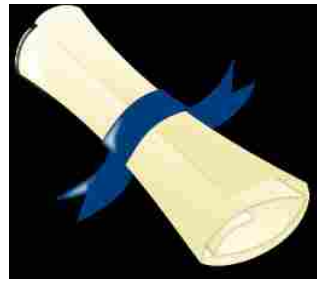
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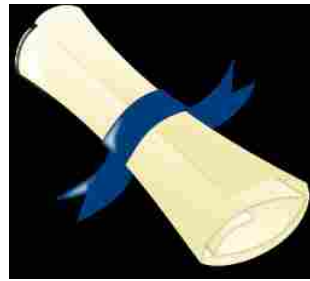
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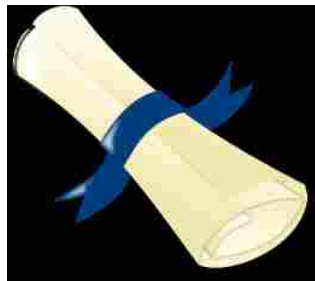


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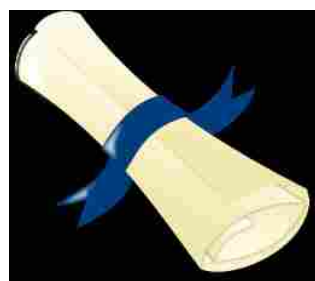


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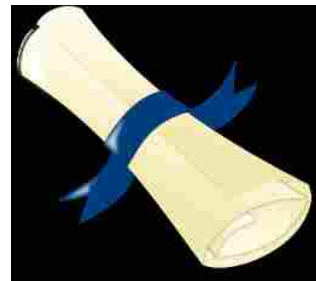
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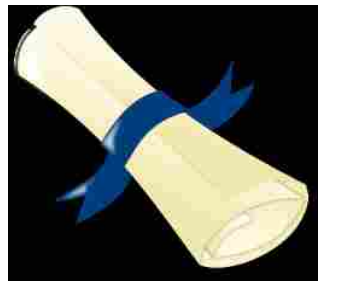
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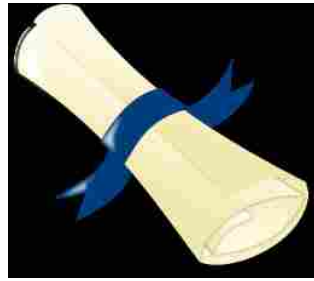


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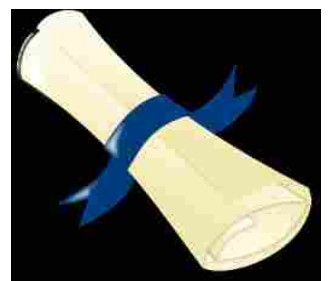


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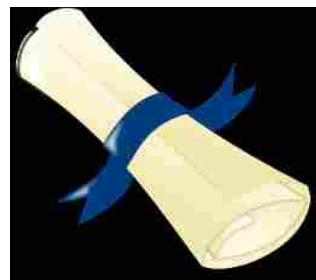


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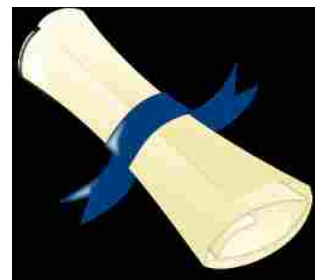


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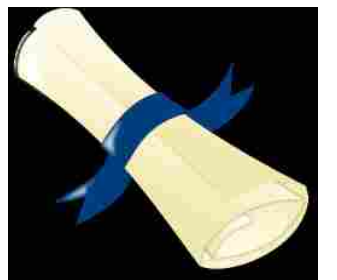
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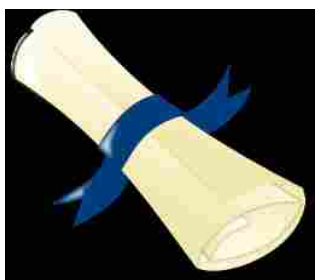


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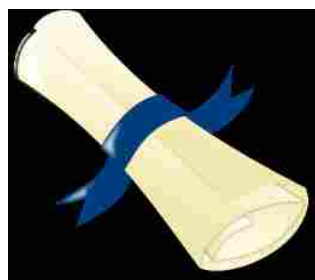


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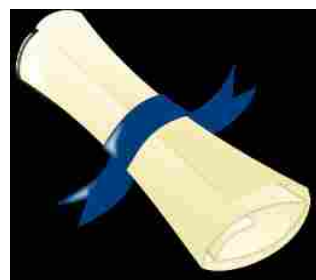
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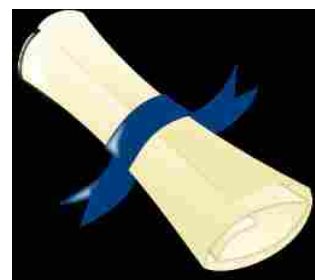
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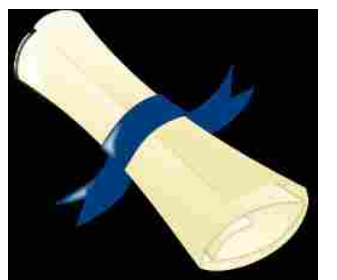
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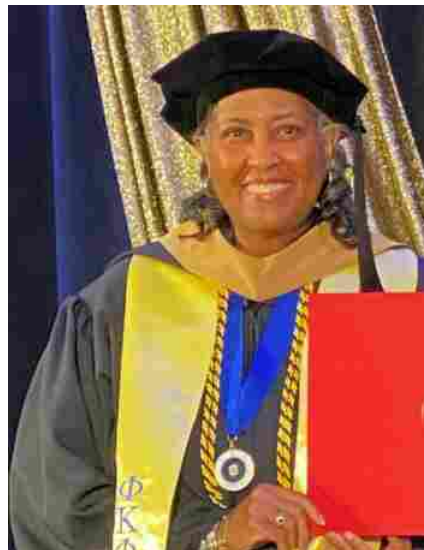
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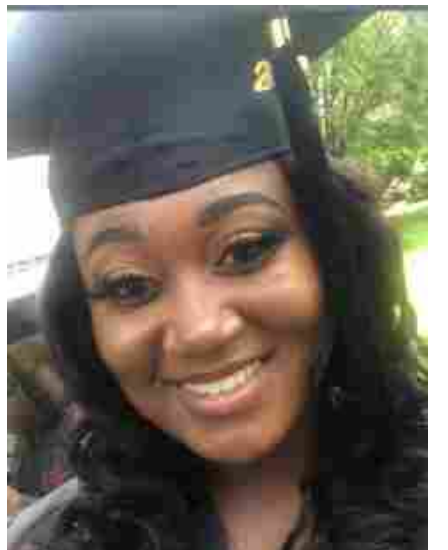
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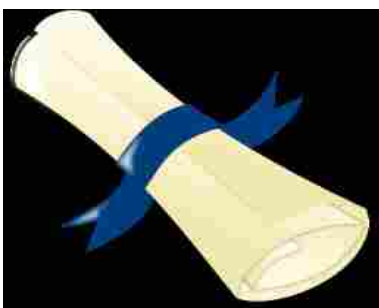


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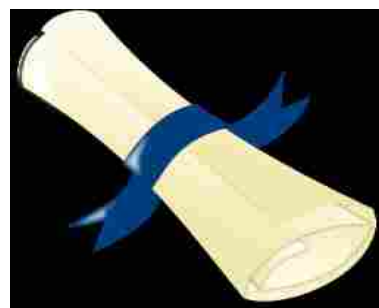


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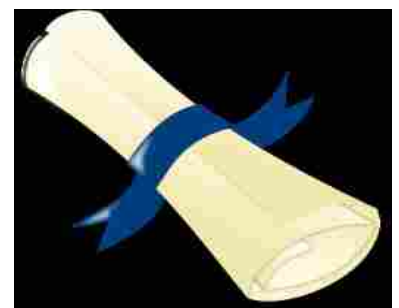
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## Calling All Youth

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

(Isaiah 54:13,14)



James III, Age 7

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### MEMORY VERSE

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace (Psalm 37:37)."

We all need role models. Initially and ideally our parents fill this role (see Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6.) Older siblings may be role models for younger ones. Older men and women in the church should be role models for younger men and women (see Titus 2:2-7), and pastors and church leaders should be role models for their congregations (Hebrews 13:7).

Finding a good role model should begin with finding someone who is a Christian, but the qualifications don't end there. A good role model is a believer in Jesus and who is following Him and seeking to grow in faith. A good role model also is one who is living out the truths of the Bible and who encourages us to know God more and follow Him more closely. That role model regularly reads God's Word (the Bible), spends time with Him in prayer, is involved in Christian fellowship, loves others with godly love, and exhibits the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The Apostle Paul wrote "BE Ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ (I Corinthians 11:1)." Good role models can encourage us to remain steadfast in faith. They can also encourage us to love and to do good works. We can remind each other of Christ's character by looking at the lives of faithful Christians around us.

Ultimately, Jesus is the best role model. He is the perfect example of love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. He is the perfect example of obedience to God. He loves perfectly. May each of us continue or begin to be role models that mimic the life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### 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)?**

### COMMANDMENTS

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 the earth (Ephesians 6:1-3).

### CHILDREN HONOR THEIR FATHERS AND THEIR MALE MENTORS

Every time we get in any vehicle to go: Poppa says, "Pray Before We Roll!" And we do!

By Noah, Age 3  
Upper Marlboro



My dad often tells my brother and me to "be strong" in the face of adversity. I think that his advice plays a key role in helping me to become the person that I am today.

By Nya, Age 17  
Upper Marlboro



I want to recognize my dad for being one of the best supporters that I could ever have.

By Nathaniel, Age 15  
Upper Marlboro



I respect and look up to my uncle, Eric, because he is hard working and has a business doing what he loves to do. I am striving to achieve the same goal.

By N'Kyron, Age 18  
Upper Marlboro



My dad, Tyrone, always tells me to "relax!" He says that I am bossy, so he also tells me to "chill out!" He says that he is going to take care of whatever he has said that he would do. He usually does. Thank you, dad! I love you!

By Malayah, Age 11  
Washington, D.C.



One of my dad Tyrone's sayings is: "I got you!" Basically, he is saying that he will always be there for me and that he will get the things that I need and—if he can—the things that I want. Thank you, dad! I love you!

By Makari, Age 14  
Washington, D.C.



Dear Daddy,

You have always been a part of my life. You tell me what not to do before I do it. Thanks for telling me what to expect when I go to middle school. You also taught me how to swim and a lot more. You have



guided me through 2021. I am grateful for all the good times that we share together. I love you! Enjoy your special day.

By Elijah, Age 12  
Laurel



I love you Uncle Jamie. You give the best snacks and sometimes you give me breakfast, lunch, and dinner! Thanks for saying prayers with me after tucking me in bed. It's fun when you allow me to sleep in the basement with my cousins.

By Bella, Age 7  
Laurel



I love my dad. He lets me watch the latest movies. I like it when my dad gives me cheese snacks and takes me to the store. He prays with me before I go to bed. He also lets me watch Bible stories before I go to sleep at night.

By James, III, Age 7  
Laurel

### A Reflection: Needed Men and Women of Character Author Unknown

The world needs men and women who cannot be bought;  
whose word is their bond;  
who put character above wealth;  
who possess opinions and a strong will;  
who are larger than their vocations;  
who do not hesitate to take risks and who will not lose their  
individuality in a crowd.

The world needs men and women  
who will be as honest in small affairs as in greater;  
who will make no compromise with wrong;  
whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires;  
who will not say they do it "because everybody else does it";  
who are true to their friends through good and bad,  
in adversity as well as in prosperity.

The world needs men and women who do not believe  
that shrewdness, cunning and hard headedness  
are the best qualities for winning success;

**who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is  
unpopular and who can say "no" with emphasis, although the rest  
of the world says "yes".**

**The world needs men and women who are willing to say "I believe",  
who are not afraid to say that their faith in a loving God is  
important to them and who are happy to say that it makes a  
difference in their life.**



### ANSWERS TO JUNE HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- How is Stephen described? What special powers did he have?  
(He was "full of faith and power". He performed "miracles among the people" - **Acts 6:8**).
- With whom did Stephen first have a major conflict?  
(The synagogue - **Acts 6:9**).
- When Stephen's detractors were unable to defeat him in debate, what did they do?  
(False witnesses were set up and he was accused of speaking

blasphemous words - **Acts 6:11-13**).

- What charges were made against Stephen when he was brought before the Sanhedrin?  
(The accusers reported that Stephen stated "Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place" and Christ would "change the customs which Moses delivered us" - **Acts 6:14**).
- What did Stephen's face look like as he gave his defense?  
(His face looked like the face of an angel - **Acts 6:15**).
- What vision was Stephen given prior to his death?  
(He was blessed with a vision of "the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God" - **Acts 7:55-56**).
- What was the final prayer of Stephen?  
(Stephen prayed for his executioners, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge" - **Acts 7:60**).

### ANSWERS TO JUNE FILL IN THE BLANKS

- WHOSOEVER **believeth** that **Jesus** is the **Christ** is born of God: and every one that **loveth** him that begat **loveth** him also that is begotten of him (**I John 5:1**).
- By this we know that we **love** the children of God, when we **love** God, and keep his **commandments** (**I John 5:2**).
- For this is the **love** of God, that we keep his **commandments**: and his **commandments** are not grievous (**I John 5:3**).
- For whatsoever is **born** of God overcometh the **world**: and this is the **victory** that overcometh the **world**, even our faith (**I John 5:4**).
- Who is he that **overcometh** the world, but he that **believeth** that Jesus is the **Son** of **God** (**I John 5:5**)?
- This is he that came by **water** and **blood**, even Jesus Christ; not by **water** only, but by **water** and **blood**. And it is the **Spirit** that beareth witness, because the **Spirit** is truth (**I John 5:6**).
- For there are **three** that bear record in heaven, the **Father**, the **Word**, and the **Holy Ghost**: and these three are one (**I John 5:7**).

### JULY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- How is Stephen described? What special powers did he have?
- With whom did Stephen first have a major conflict?
- When Stephen's detractors were unable to defeat him in debate, what did they do?
- What charges were made against Stephen when he was brought before the Sanhedrin?
- What did Stephen's face look like as he gave his defense?
- What vision was Stephen given prior to his death ?
- What was the final prayer

### JULY FILL IN THE BLANKS

- Lead me in thy \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ me: for thou art the God of my \_\_\_\_\_; on thee do I \_\_\_\_\_ all the day.
- Remember, O LORD, thy \_\_\_\_\_ and thy \_\_\_\_\_; for they have been ever of \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is the LORD: therefore will he \_\_\_\_\_ sinners in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ will he \_\_\_\_\_ in judgment: and the \_\_\_\_\_ will he \_\_\_\_\_ his way.
- All the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ unto such as keep his \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD is with them that \_\_\_\_\_ him; and he will shew them his \_\_\_\_\_.
- Let \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ preserve me; for I \_\_\_\_\_ on thee.

# Sunday School Lessons for the Month of July

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



## LESSON 27 – July 3, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Haggai Calls for Faithful Service

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?” (Haggai 1:3-4).

**PRINTED TEXT:** Haggai 1:1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD’s house should be built.

3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

9 Ye looked for much, and, lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

## LESSON DISCUSSION

This minor prophet with a major message has a name not found anywhere else in Scripture. His name means ‘festal one,’ possibly indicating he was born on a feast day. This passage contains the first of four prophecies, directed to Zerubbabel, in the lineage of Jesus and governor of Israel, and Joshua, the high priest, descended from Aaron, who was over the religious life of the people. In 538 BC 50,000 Jews returned from Babylon to Jerusalem under the order of Cyrus the Persian. They began rebuilding the temple two years later but stopped due to persecution from their enemies and disinterest.

In 520 BC, God raised up Haggai, along with Zechariah to challenge the people to finish rebuilding the temple and to reorder their spiritual priorities. Twice Haggai says, “Consider your ways!” They were indicted for building their own houses and allowing the temple to lie in ruins, thus failing to bring glory to God!

Today, God still calls us to consider our ways. Do all of our funds go to making our homes comfortable while the church building lies in disrepair? Is everything around you breaking down? Sometimes this is an indication of misplaced priorities.

The New Testament instructs us to give as God has prospered us (See I Corinthians 16:2), with a tithe being the starting place. God wants us to give cheerfully and willingly (See II Corinthians 8.) Verse 6 is a clear indication of what can happen to us today if our priorities are not in order!!!

## LESSON 28 – July 10, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Micah Stands Firm for God

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “The Lord knows the days if the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever” (Psalm 37:18).

**PRINTED TEXT:** Micah 2:4 In that day shall one take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed it from me!

turning away he hath divided our fields.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

6 Prophecy ye not, say they to them that prophecy: they shall not prophecy to them, that they shall not take shame.

7 O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD straitened? are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?

8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war.

9 The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction.

11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophecy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

## LESSON DISCUSSION

Although very little is known about the prophet Micah, his name means “Who is like the LORD?” Nothing is known about his parents or his birthplace. His ministry was mostly to the northern kingdom of Israel, which was about to fall to the Assyrians in 722 B.C. Micah’s prophecies were during the reigns of Jotham (750-731 B.C.), Ahaz (731-715 B.C.), and Hezekiah (715-686 B.C.), all kings of the southern kingdom of Judah.

He prophesied against the wickedness going on in society as well as the corruption in the religious life of the nation. The Old Testament prophets always called Israel back to the worship of the true and living God when they went astray, and Micah is no different. In Chapter 1, Micah condemns the nation for its sins against God, breaking the first commandment to have no other god but God. They played the spiritual harlot worshipping the idols of the heathen.

In Chapter 2 Micah speaks to the nation about their sins against each other. They took property from others by force. Because of their sins, Micah prophesied that Judah would fall to the Babylonians, which took place in 586 B.C.

All that Micah spoke about is present in our world today, and more besides. But God says the same to us today as He said then: **“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God”** (Micah 6:8).

## LESSON 29 – July 17, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Habakkuk Praises God’s Faithfulness

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation” (Habakkuk 3:18).

**PRINTED TEXT:** Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

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

4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

5 Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people: 3:17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds’ feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

## LESSON DISCUSSION

Not much is known about Habakkuk. The book opens with **“The burden which the prophet Habakkuk dis see”** (Habakkuk 1:1). giving indication that he might have been well known to his audience. His name means “one who embraces.” This might be appropriate as will be pointed out by the end of this lesson. He was contemporary with Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and Zephaniah.

He prophesied during the end of the Assyrian Empire and the beginning of the Babylonian Empire, giving a timeframe of the late 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. There was very little justice. Violence was rampant, and all kinds of wickedness was ongoing with no challenge. Habakkuk cried out to God in Habakkuk 1:2-4, asking why God had not answered his prayers.

In our text today, Habakkuk decided to wait for the Lord's reply to his prayer. He was essentially powerless to physically right the wrongs that he saw, but He knew it was nothing God could not handle. God answered him and had him to write what He said, because it would surely come to pass! Habakkuk 2:4 compares the life of the wicked (one who is proud with a soul detached from God), and the just (one who lives by faith that is anchored in God!)

Habakkuk makes a remarkable and noteworthy statement in chapter 3:17-19. He proclaims that regardless to how bad things get, yet he would rejoice in the LORD God, who is his strength.

This is a much-needed lesson in our modern times. The problems of life crash down around us.

### LESSON 30 – July 24, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Ezekiel Brings Hope to Israel

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “And [I] shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord” (Ezekiel 37:14).

**PRINTED TEXT:** Ezekiel 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

4 Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

### LESSON DISCUSSION

Ezekiel's name means “strengthened by God.” He was contemporary with Jeremiah, Daniel, and Zechariah. Ezekiel and his wife were brought to Babylon along with a group of about 10,000 captives in 597 B.C., seven years before the fall of Judah, the southern kingdom. He was around the age of 25 at this time, and he functioned as both a prophet and a priest.

He spoke to Israel by means of prophecies and illustrations. There were also false prophets who spoke of the nation's early restoration to its land that were dispelled by the fall of Judah in 586 B.C.

Our text is one concerning the future restoration of the nation. In spite of the people worshiping idols, eating meat with blood, committing adultery, and trusting in their own strength (See Ezekiel 33:25), and in spite of God's judgment against violators of His law (See Ezekiel 33:27), God's grace shines through brighter than the noonday sun!

Ezekiel is brought by the Spirit to this valley filled with dry bones, signifying the spiritually dead nation, God asks Ezekiel “... **can these bones live**” Ezekiel 37:3)?

As Ezekiel obeyed the voice of the LORD, the bones came together and lived!!! God was promising the yet future restoration of the nation of Israel (See Romans 9:11.)

If God promised to deliver Israel, His covenant people, from their sins, will He not do the same for those who He has made part of the church, the body of Christ? James tells us “**Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you**” (James 4:8a).

### LESSON 31 – July 31, 2022

**SUBJECT:** James Heals a Centurion's Servant

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “When Jesus heard these things, he...said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel” (St Luke 7:9).

**PRINTED TEXT:** St. Luke 7:1 Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.

4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this:

5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

6 Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof:

7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.

8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

### LESSON DISCUSSION

Gentile from Syrian Antioch. He is the only Gentile to write a portion of the Word of God. While Paul wrote most of the epistles in the New Testament (12 or 13), Luke wrote the most by volume. He also accompanied Paul on much of his missionary journeys.

Our text today, which is also found in St. Matthew 8:5-13, concerns a request by a Roman centurion on behalf of his servant who was deathly ill. This event takes place in the city of Capernaum, where Jesus went to live when He left His hometown of Nazareth (See St. Matthew 4:12-16).

This same city would later be thoroughly and eternally condemned by Jesus for its unbelief (St. Matthew 8:11-13). This man expressed love for Israel by building a synagogue for them as compared to the hatred the Jews expressed toward Gentiles (See St. Luke 4:24-30). This man called Jesus “**Lord,**” in St. Luke 7:6, something Paul said could only be done through the Holy Spirit (See I Corinthians 12:13).

This Gentile military official expressed such faith in Jesus as opposed to the lack of faith in Israel, that Jesus marveled, the only time in the gospels this is spoken of Him!!! God honors faith because faith honors God (Hebrews 11)!!!

Compare your faith in Christ to that expressed by this Gentile man. Ask God to forgive where you fall short and ask Him to help you to fully trust Him in every situation of life!

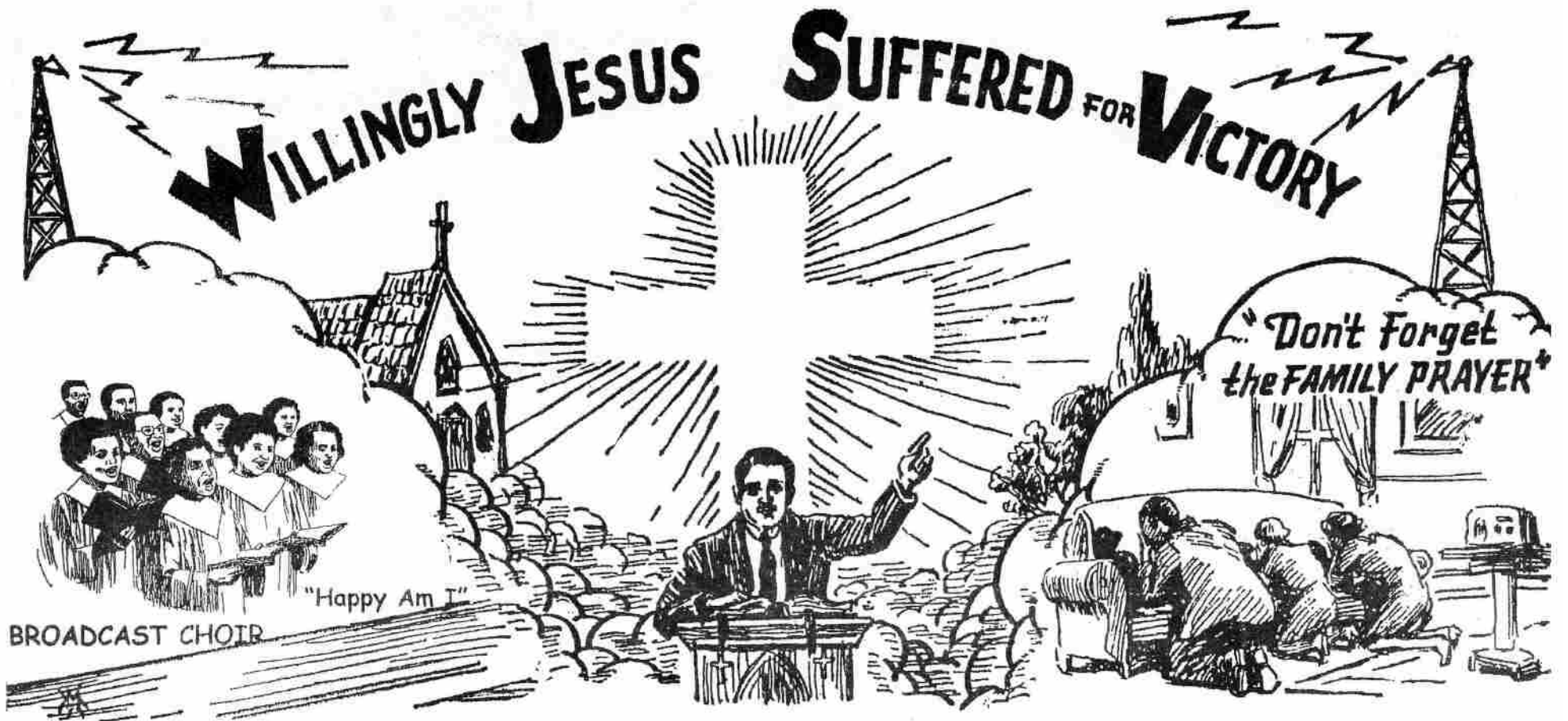
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dear old spot on the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Jefferson Avenue, under the tent on the very spot where we held our first meeting in the year of 1917, which, in that meeting, God gave us over 150 souls with which we established the gospel association and since that time this gospel has spread from coast to coast and even to foreign countries. During this series of meetings approximately 60 souls have been gathered in. I am so happy to say that while being invited to Elder J. A. Handy's Tabernacle in Norfolk, Virginia Friday of last week, I had the opportunity to speak to approximately 200 children, after which when we made the altar call to know who wanted to consecrate their lives to God 53 came forward and took the stand. When the youngest one of these children who was almost 5 years of age, was asked if she wished to be free from sin her reply was yes, we then asked her what was living free from sin, and her reply then was doing right.

That reminded me of the passage of scripture that says that a little child shall lead them. It is no wonder Jesus said suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the kingdom of heaven, and may God help the elderly ones to be as wise as this little child.

We cannot fail to mention our great home gathering on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There was quite a large number of saints, and many friends present to enjoy the day with us. Many of them said it

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### Prayer Answered

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

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was marvelous to see the quiet, enjoyable way the saints move around, even though we were on the historical James River, near the National Memorial Farm.

There was no nude, immodesty running in and out of the water—drinking or smoking. There was a table that seats 600 people on which lay the usual Smithfield ham, roast and fried chicken, deviled eggs, salads, hot roasting ears of corn which were boiled on the ground, freezers of ice cream, cakes and beverages, which was enjoyed by all. So may God help all nationality to look away from all earthly cares for there is real joy in serving God whole-heartedly.

#### THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR IS HARD

**"I have sinned, in that I have betrayed the innocent blood."** These are the words of a troubled Judas. But listen to the unsympathetic reply he received from the chief priests and elders: **"What is that to us? See thou to that"** (St. Matthew 27:4). The cold indifference of the chief priests and elders to the bitter remorse of Judas is an excellent example of the way in which the devil ultimately treats his servants.

The tragedy of Judas stands out as an example of the tragedy which overtakes every sinner whom salvation never reaches or who as Judas, resists salvation. To every unsaved sinner will surely come the day of remorse when it will be too late. Our Lord made our sin His business to the extent of paying the price with His own precious blood. He shows no cold indifference to the sinner who turns to Him and says out of the depth of a troubled heart, "Lord I have sinned." Of such, He tenderly says: **"Thy sins are forgiven. ... go in peace** (St. Luke 7:48b, 50b) and sin no more."

May God bless each of you is my prayer.

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