

“My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (I John 3: 18).

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



THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE GOSPEL SPREADING CHURCH OF GOD

VOL. LXXXIV, No. 6

WASHINGTON, DC

JUNE 2023

NOT FOR SALE

Without The Nature Of Man

There are many people who profess to know the Lord, but only a few really know Him. Of course, to a certain extent there is a knowledge of God in every heart, even with the sinner. Oh, it is expected that the Saint know the Lord because the Saint is a child of God. But I must inform you that the sinner knows the Lord, though he doesn't worship Him. A sinner would not know the Lord like a Saint would, but a sinner knows that the Lord stands for righteousness and will punish the sinner and the ungodly in the fullness of time. Knowing this, many sinners desire to break away from their sins and follow after righteousness to escape the wrath of God which will fall upon the sinner. But they learn it isn't easy to break away from sin without help.

Now to know the Lord, one must understand thoroughly that the Lord is the Son of God Who was made flesh and was sent into the world to redeem man and save him from sin. You do not know the Lord if you say He did not come to save us from sin. You do not know the Lord if you say He is not the Son of God. You do not know the Lord if you cannot say He was subject to all natural and physical laws like any other man is, that He felt pain and grief and disappointment like others, but that He allowed no sin or guile to enter Him.

A lot of people today professing to know the Lord are like a lot of the same class who professed to know Him in the days of the disciples. Then some said He was John the Baptist; some said He was Elijah. Some said, what difference does it make, He's just a good man, that's all! They said that about Christ, but then as now, they didn't recognize that He came to save them from sin and keep them from sinning.

Now let us read St. Matthew 16th Chapter, verses 13-17 as follows: **“When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.”**

This statement reveals the difference of opinion concerning Christ. Rather than acknowledge Him to be the Son of God, some would dare to say He was a person who had once lived, but had died, and was now reincarnated. It is as difficult today to see the Lord as He really is unless He is revealed to you by God. Then Peter was told this revelation did not come to him through his own skill to discern, but by revelation from God, the Father. We are so surrounded with the sin of unbelief that we cannot know the Lord as He really reveals Himself to us. Therefore, we profess to know, but are so badly ignorant. This condition of ignorance exists not only among the mass of people who go to some church, but also among the preachers and leaders of the people. This knowledge of God cannot be acquired in institutions of learning, or even in the congregation of the righteous, but, it comes only by revelation from God. It has to be revealed to you before you actually know the Lord as a Saviour from sin.

(Continued on Page 2)



God in you will be manifested if you obey the Word.

God knows what you mean, regardless of what you say.

Not only does God save---He also keeps.

God will take care of us if we do that which is right in His sight.

You can't leave God and succeed.

Live so you can call Him yourself when you need Him.

The gospel is preached that man might see the love of God, not the wrath of God.

There is no slipping when the Lord has you by the hand.

Hate makes you miserable. Love makes you happy.

I am happy because I am with the Lord and He is with me.

We gather together to hear more about the goodness of the Lord.

IN THIS ISSUE

The Holy Bible Word Puzzle	Page 3
Forgiveness – Part 1	Page 4
The Nest of Domestic Troubles In The Home.....	Page 5
The Music Ministry In The Church.....	Page 6
Calling All Youth.....	Page 8
Sunday School Lessons	Page 10

“Sparks from the Anvil” are now available in hard copy. If you desire a copy, write to the Happy New Publishing Company, 2030 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001-3027 Contributions are \$8.00

The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

Without The Nature Of Man

(Continued from Page 1)

Jesus did not have the nature of any man. He had the nature of God. So, He couldn't be Elijah or John the Baptist, or any other prophet. He could only be the Son of the living God. Now this 'nature' I am talking about refers to man's sinful nature. Jesus did not have a nature to sin. He had a nature to live holy in this sinful life in the face of every temptation and test. He had a natural body that was susceptible, but His spiritual nature kept the natural tendencies in absolute subjection. You are not to get the impression that Jesus did not have the nature of a human being which comprises the sensations of the human body. He had feelings and emotions, and He could be hurt by a slap in the face. He could be touched with sympathy and weep. It was this that caused agony when He bore His suffering for our sake. It was this agony that made His suffering equal to any that man has ever endured in this life. By enduring this agony without offending in any point caused Him to be a fit example for us, worthy to be the Lamb of God Who died to take away the sin of the world. For as He endured without sin, having like passions, we have no excuse for sinning. We can't say it is impossible to live in this present life without sin when He, being constructed with flesh and feelings like we are, did live without sin under every condition of the flesh with feelings. When we come complaining about conditions that drive us into sin, we come face to face with the Example, and lose our complaint decisively.

As a child is born with the nature of the parents, the children of men come into the world with a nature to sin. With Christ, it was different. The angel appeared to the mother and told her that the power of the Most High had overshadowed her and the Child she was bearing would have a nature of holiness. It was to be flesh and blood like other human beings, but it was to have a different nature in one particular sense. It is because of this nature to sin in the children of men that caused Christ to tell Nicodemus that he had to be born again. This second birth is in effect a change of nature.

It ought not to take an unction from God to reveal to us that Jesus was the Son of God. As we read about Him, and see His patience, and love, and devotion for people who spat on Him, and cursed Him, and falsely accused Him, we can see He did not have the nature of a man. As we follow Him, and see Him tenderly heal their sick, cast out devils that they may have peace, and feed their hungry and



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux,
founder, Church of God

tired bodies, we should see without a revelation from God that He did not have the nature of man, and was therefore the Son of God. I don't care how righteous you are or how much God you have, when folks begin to talk about you and abuse you, Sister, you are going to fight back. That is the natural disposition of man; and even with the Spirit of God, you are going to act natural sometime.

There are so many people who are not born again. You heard about Jesus, and you joined the church, and you jump

in and help with the load. But you still don't know the Lord. You still don't know how His boundless love and great mercy work to make those who follow Him take on the nature of God. You have the nature of your earthly parents. If they were quick tempered, you are quick tempered. If they were back biters, you become a back biter. If they were liars, you become a liar. This condition is corrected only in those who are born again. They shed the nature of their earthly parents and take on the nature of their heavenly Father. They love their enemies. They obey the Word of God. They present themselves a living sacrifice.

I don't care what church you belong to, if you commit sin, you don't know the Lord. Read I John 3rd Chapter, verse 6, 9-10 as follows: **"Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil."**

Those who are born again have the nature of God, and do not sin. May God bless you. Amen.

Our Dad

Author Unkown

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to add,

He knew his masterpiece was complete,

And so, he called it Dad.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

June 18, 2023

The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".
 2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.
 3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.
 4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.
 5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.
 6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.
 7. Please use the King James Version of the Holy Bible.
 8. Mail answer to: **Happy News Publishing Co., 2030 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001.** If you do not wish to cut the paper, you may submit your answer on plain paper.
 9. The answer to the puzzle should be postmarked by the fifteenth (15th) of the month for publication in our next issue.
 10. Letters must be limited to forty (40) words and are published as space will allow.
- Editors reserve the right to edit as needed.

No. 1033

BOOK	CHAPTER	VERSE	WORD	ANSWER
1. Psalm	145	8	1	_____
2. Micah	7	17	27	_____
3. Proverbs	16	32	3	_____
4. Titus	1	12	18	_____
5. St. Luke	24	25	12	_____
6. Joel	2	13	24	_____
7. Ecclesiastes	11	3	14	_____
8. Psalm	57	10	5	_____
9. I Kings	18	45	6	_____
10. St. Mark	14	62	20	_____
11. Job	35	5	5	_____
12. Isaiah	5	6	3	_____
13. Proverbs	10	3	4	_____
14. Ezekiel	3	18	46	_____
15. Numbers	16	26	29	_____
16. Job	10	14	12	_____
17. II Samuel	23	4	6	_____
18. Genesis	13	13	7	_____
19. Acts	8	22	12	_____
20. Zechariah	10	1	5	_____
21. Colossians	1	21	17	_____
22. I John	3	12	12	_____
23. Hosea	10	13	22	_____
24. Ephesians	6	12	26	_____
25. I Corinthians	5	8	5	_____
26. Jeremiah	4	13	15	_____
27. Zephaniah	1	15	12	_____
28. Joel	3	13	3	_____
29. Micah	6	11	7	_____
30. Isaiah	25	4	22	_____
31. Deuteronomy	4	11	5	_____
32. Jude	1	12	38	_____
33. St. Matthew	24	30	35	_____
34. Genesis	2	4	2	_____
35. Habakkuk	3	13	5	_____
36. Daniel	12	2	9	_____
37. II Peter	2	17	17	_____
38. Numbers	23	10	32	_____
39. St. Matthew	10	14	26	_____

QUOTE WHERE PASSAGE IS FOUND

.....

PRINT FULL NAME.....

YOUR COMPLETE ADDRESS.....

.....

Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"The LORD will be terrible unto them: For he will famish all the gods of the earth; And men shall worship him, everyone from his place, Even all the isles of the heathen" (Zephaniah 2:11).



Help



GOSPEL SPREADING CHURCH

Throne ROOM
Wednesdays
Journey

JOIN US FOR MIDWEEK HOPE
INTERCESSORY PRAYER
&
A WORD FROM THE LORD

DAY WEDNESDAY

TIME 7:00 - 7:30 PM

PRAYER REQUEST? EMAIL: [INFO@GOSPELSPREADINGCHURCH.ORG](mailto:info@gospelspreadingchurch.org)

Dial-In: 1 (646) 749-3112 / Access Code: 171-323-829

Join Virtually

Gospel Spreading Church, Inc. | 202-387-1471
info@gospelspreadingchurch.org | www.gospelspreadingchurch.org

LET'S CELEBRATE -
OUR GRADUATES!!!

Congratulations
Class Of
2023

You Did It!

Sunday, June 25, 2023

email: info@gospelspreadingchurch.org



HAPPY NEWS (234-860)

Official Publication of the Gospel Spreading Church of God

Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux
Editor-in-Chief - 1883 - 1968
Edwin F. Lark, Editor -1898 – 1975
Deacon Jasper W. Sturdivant, Editor -1975 – 2016

Elder Michael A. Clayton, Sr.
Bishop - General Overseer

PUBLISHER

Joseph L. Sturdivant

PRODUCTION EDITORS

Deborah Patterson

EDITORIAL COPY MANAGER

Almeta Stokes

EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS

Addie Anglin
Joyce Kelly
Brenda Morgan
Marjorie Turner

HAPPY NEWS YOUTH EDITOR

Mary Haynes

HOLY BIBLE WORD PUZZLE EDITOR

Chauna Anglin

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Deacon William T. Scott
Joseph L. Sturdivant

Published Monthly by Happy News Publishing Company
Postmaster send change of address to

Happy News Publishing Co.
2006 Georgia Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001-3027
Tel (202) 387-8233
Email: HAPPYNEWS@VERIZON.NET

Contributions accepted and mailed to
Happy News Publishing Company
Subscription Price \$4.00 Per Annum in Advance
Canada and foreign countries \$6.00 per year
Periodical Postage Paid At Washington, DC

Additional Mailing Offices© Copyright 2022
Gospel Spreading Church

Vol. LXXXXIV No. 6 Washington, DC June 2023

Forgiveness – Part 1

Many of us, me included, have experienced deep hurts. I have been wounded so deeply at times that I thought I would never recover. But through the process, God strengthened me, built spiritual muscle, and conformed me more into the image of Christ. As I look back, I thank God for the experience, and how He used it to change me.

As I began to meditate on this issue, I was led to deal with what forgiveness is, and what it is not. But I also had to think about why we are so injured if an offense is not rectified.

I'll start with the last thing, why we are so injured if an offense is not rectified, and work backward.

Why do we feel the need for an apology when we have been wronged?

All throughout the Scriptures is taught the concept that God is a God of justice He has wired us the same way – we want justice when we are wronged. If we don't get justice, it appears as if the other person got away with something. In many cases we feel powerless, and it can rob us of our joy and our peace.

In Luke 18:1-9, Jesus used a parable to teach persistence in prayer. In this story, He spoke of a widow who had been wronged, and there was no one to defend her.

Her husband was dead, and she evidently had no son to come to her defense against someone who had more power than she.

We have had times like this, where someone with more authority, more power, and more influence, got the better of us, and there was nothing we could do, and nowhere we could turn. Here, Jesus taught that God would avenge His own who cry to Him day and night, even though it might seem to be a long time before He sets things right. We must always remember that vengeance belongs to God, not to us. He said He will repay.

The Scriptures define justice as righteousness, rightness, acting according to a proper standard, which is God's standard, not man's, doing what is right, and being in the right. Justice is more than just a word on a page. Micah 6:8 tells us to do justice and to love mercy. Timothy Keller points out in his book "Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes us Just," that the Hebrew word for justice is mishpat and for mercy chesed, God's unconditional grace and kindness. According to Keller, "The word for justice "...puts the emphasis on the action, [and the word for mercy] puts it on the attitude [or motive] behind the action. To walk with God, then, we must do justice, out of merciful love."

Taking it a step further, justice is broadened to our having right relationships with each other. When we are mistreated by someone, our relationship with that person is broken. And we must also keep in mind, that when we are the one in the wrong, our fellowship with God is broken, according to 1 John chapter 1. If you take the time to read that whole passage you'll see clearly that sinning against each other, which itself equates to sinning against God breaks fellowship, not relationship!

What forgiveness is not:

It is not forgetting. I have heard the phrase "Forgive and Forget," over and over throughout my life. While I have been able to forgive, I have not forgotten what was done. Some have said "You haven't forgiven unless you've forgotten," but this can't possibly be true. If you were to take a knife and cut me, after it heals there will be a scar, many times one that I will carry to my grave. When I look at the scar, I can certainly remember how it got there. The change, though, is not made in my body; it's made in my heart. The change is made in the attitude I have toward the one who cut me.

Lewis B. Smedes, a former theologian at Fuller Theological Seminary, now in the presence of the Lord, and who wrote much on the matter of forgiveness, said:

"Forgiving does not erase the bitter past. A healed memory is not a deleted memory. Instead, forgiving what we cannot forget creates a new way to remember. We change the memory of our past into a hope for our future."

God doesn't forget; He can't! He just does not hold it against us. We say "He dropped it into the sea of forgetfulness," but this phrase is found nowhere in the Bible! Micah 7:19 says:

- **"He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins in the depths of the sea."**
- Psalm 103:12 says
- **"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."**

If I pay off my bill at a department store, that store can't come to me and ask me to pay another dime. I paid the bill! The store has a record that I once owed them, but since it's been satisfied, it may as well be forgotten that I ever owed them anything. God doesn't forget, rather, He just doesn't hold it against us anymore. When Christ died on the cross, all of our sins were laid on Him, and the Father judged Him there. Christ paid the bill in full! It's no longer a subject of discussion. It doesn't cloud His vision when He looks at us. He looks at us as if nothing ever happened. But in order for Him to see us this way, we've still got to repent for any sins committed after we're saved, no matter how great or small, otherwise, our sin remains unforgiven! And this affects our fellowship with God, ever our relationship!

Paul didn't forget. In 2 Timothy 4:14-15 he remembered that Alexander the coppersmith did much evil to him, and he left his judgement up to God. In verse 16 he remembered how he was forsaken by everyone, but he prayed that God would not lay it to their charge. He forgave them, even though it's left on record what they did. That sure sounds like Jesus to me!!!

Next month, Lord willing, I will continue where I left off today.

Elder Anthony Hurst, Sr., PhD
Church of God Philadelphia, PA



THE GOSPEL SPREADING CHURCH OF GOD

4310 Edmondson Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21229
Tel. 410-233-2385

180 West 135th Street
New York, NY 10030
Tel. 212-283-5054

300 Lincoln Street
Hampton, VA 23669
Tel. 757-723-3799

4105 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Tel 215-386-5051

528 MLK Jr. Blvd
Kinston, NC 28501
Tel. 252-522-3799

4322 North Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222
Tel. 804-329-7684

1915 Jefferson Ave.
Newport News, VA 23607
Tel. 737-247-5451

4655 Priestland Road
Union Bridge, MD 21791
Tel. 410-775-2167

2030 Georgia Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20001
Tel. 202-387-6419

3842 C Highway 17 North
Awendaw, SC 29429
Tel. 843-814-4618

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY SERVICES**

5:30 AM Sunrise Prayer Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:45 AM Morning Service
6:00 PM Young People's Union

WEEKDAY SERVICES

8:00 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Washington, DC Tuesday

PURITY CLUB

7:00 PM Tuesday Baltimore, MD
8:00 PM Thursday Newport News, VA

RADIO BROADCASTS

Hampton and Newport News, VA
Praise 92.5 FM, Praise 104.9 FM,
WTJZ 1270 AM, WHKT 1650 AM
Online: Google "Praise 104.9 Virginia"

Sunday 5:30 PM-6:00 PM

Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

THE NEST OF DOMESTIC TROUBLES IN THE HOME

I am going to tell you ladies tonight how to keep your husband. If you'll listen to me, you'll never have to see a fortune teller. You'll never have to wear asafetida bags or go around sprinkling dust.

A Contentious Woman

Read Proverbs 21:19: **"It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman."** The Bible is the Word of God, and God knows what He is talking about. If you follow His Word, you'll come out all right, always, because His Word is right.

Now that you might see the danger of forcing that man of yours to dwell in the wilderness, read Proverbs 7:13-15 as follows: **"So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee."**

These are the words of the woman who stands on the corner waiting for your husband. When you have made things miserable for him at home and he goes out, and this woman meets him on the corner, naturally he becomes affected by her sweet talk with him; and believe me she knows that sweet talk wins a man. She also knows how to talk sweet. With her lips she kisses him, and she tells him that he can find peace and pleasure and comfort and happiness in her house. She tells him everything that would make him enjoy himself has been fixed up in her house for him; and she tenderly slips her arm in or between his, cuddles up closely to him, smiles sweetly, and leads him off.

Women Should Not Nag

It is very wrong, sister, to nag your husband. The Bible tells us it is better to that man for him to dwell in the wilderness, that is, any place though it may be without comfort or convenience if the woman there is contentious and angry. Some women are under the impression that the more they talk to their husband the better the husband becomes. But if you get in the habit of nagging, naturally the sweetness and affection of the strange woman will be soothing and inviting; and when he leaves him and meets her in the way, you are apt to lose that man because the strange woman will know how to be sweet to him in order to draw him to her and lead him from you. She will powder her face, and color her lips, and sweeten her tongue with words of flattery which will have



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

their affect and cause your husband, in a weak moment, to follow after her and be taken by her.

So, the strange woman is dangerous, especially to that man who has a nagging wife, or a woman who is unthoughtful of his comfort and happiness. A wise woman would talk to her husband so as not to offend him. A wise woman will not nag or offend her husband, but will be sweet and affectionate to him even when he is cross to her. The way to straighten things out with your husband when you find him slipping is to make him a freezer of ice cream, give him a big helping, sit on his knee, put your arms around him, kiss him sweetly, and take a spoon full of the ice cream and put it in his mouth. Then while you have him under the spell of your loving approach, say to him: "Darling, do you think I am as good as the best woman in the world?" Molasses catches more flies than vinegar, you know. You've got to hold your husband with the same stuff that the devil takes him with - sweetness.

No Control Over The Tongue

The trouble with some wives is that they have no control over their tongue. In James 3:4-8 we see that the tongue is a little member that boasts of big things and is the cause of a lot of fire in the home. Read: **"Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, withersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course**

of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

Causing Your Own Heart To Burn

Sometimes while nagging your husband, you'll begin to boast. You'll speak so as to cause yourself much grief. A little match can cause Washington to burn. A little word unguarded can cause your heart to burn. If you let it run, the tongue can run you out of your coat in the dead of winter.

Be wise! Don't tell your husband, "I don't care when you go, I'm tired of you anyway, and the sooner you go, the better I'll like it," when you don't mean a word of it. You tell him to go, and he gets up and puts his clothes on and slams the door behind him. As soon as he has gone, you are the first to run and see which way he went. He doesn't want to leave himself, so he goes to the garage and hangs around until about 3 o'clock in the morning; then he'll come creeping back. You jump back in the bed and pretend to be asleep. He goes to the bureau and starts pulling out his clothes to pack up. You pretend to wake up at the moment and sit up in bed. Then you say, "What are you doing?" He answers, "I'm packing like you told me to do." Then you say, "You better put those clothes back." He is as glad to put them back as you are to see him do so.

What Happens When You Drive Your Husband Away

Now this is what happens when you drive your husband away from home. Read Proverbs 7:6-10 as follows: **"For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned 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."**

When you receive the Word of God, take it in, for it will give you a knowledge of life; it will teach you how to live; it will deliver you from every snare; it will keep you in all your ways.

There are women on every corner seeking to take your husband from you, and if you are careless, you'll lose him. This audience before

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing (Psalm 100:1-2).” “Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: ... praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: ... Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD” (Psalm 150:3-6).

THE MUSIC MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

It has been said that music is a universal language. God created it to bring Him Glory. His children praise Him in song. They petition him through song. They dance before him in song. They exalt Him in song. God commands it. He loves it. His children need it. **Colossians 3:16-17** states *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”*

One of the Bible’s earliest references to music and a musician is found in **Genesis 4:21** which introduces “Jubal”: the father of all who handle the harp and the organ. (Some believe that Satan, himself, was a musician based on **Isaiah 14:12-14**.) While the Old Testament references music in other passages, one reference is notably mentioned in **Exodus 15**, when the children of Israel sang a song of worship following their escape from captivity in Egypt.

Another reference to the force and power of musicians is found in the account of King Jehoshaphat who was full of fear as he was led into battle against the children of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir. However, the people of Judah fasted and prayed. God commanded that praise singers move in front of the army. Consequently, the enemy was defeated, the battle was won, and God was glorified.

Music, in the form of singing and playing musical instruments, remained an essential part of the formal worship in the Israelite Tabernacle and later in the Temple in Jerusalem (See **I Chronicles 6:31-32; 16:42**). Additionally, the Book of **Psalms** is replete with poems that were set to music and later sung in worship to God. Some of the Psalms that mention music include the following:

- **Psalm 71:23** - My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
- **Psalm 95:1** - O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
- **Psalm 104:33** - I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
- **Psalm 105:2** - Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.
- **Psalm 149: 1** -Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

The command to praise God through music continues throughout the New Testament. Some of these are:

- **Ephesians 5:19** - Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.
- **Colossians 3:16** - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- **James 5:13** - Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

The late founder of the Gospel Spreading Church of God (GSCOG), Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux, took seriously the LORD’s mandate to praise Him through music. Throughout his ministry, Elder Michaux used both musical instruments, as well as vocal music to praise and worship God, to introduce non-Believers to Jesus, and to encourage Believers.

Elder Michaux’s sermons always followed the upbeat song “service,” as he called the group of musical selections. In fact, he called himself the “Happy Am I” Preacher because he identified with the words of the song, “Happy Am I,” sung and performed by his choir who were accompanied by the church orchestra or band.

Perhaps one the Elder’s most famous choirs was his 156-member Cross Choir. (A smaller version of this choir still exists.) Choir members are always arranged in the form of a human cross attired in white satin robes. The choir usually enters an auditorium (or other venue) marching in single-file

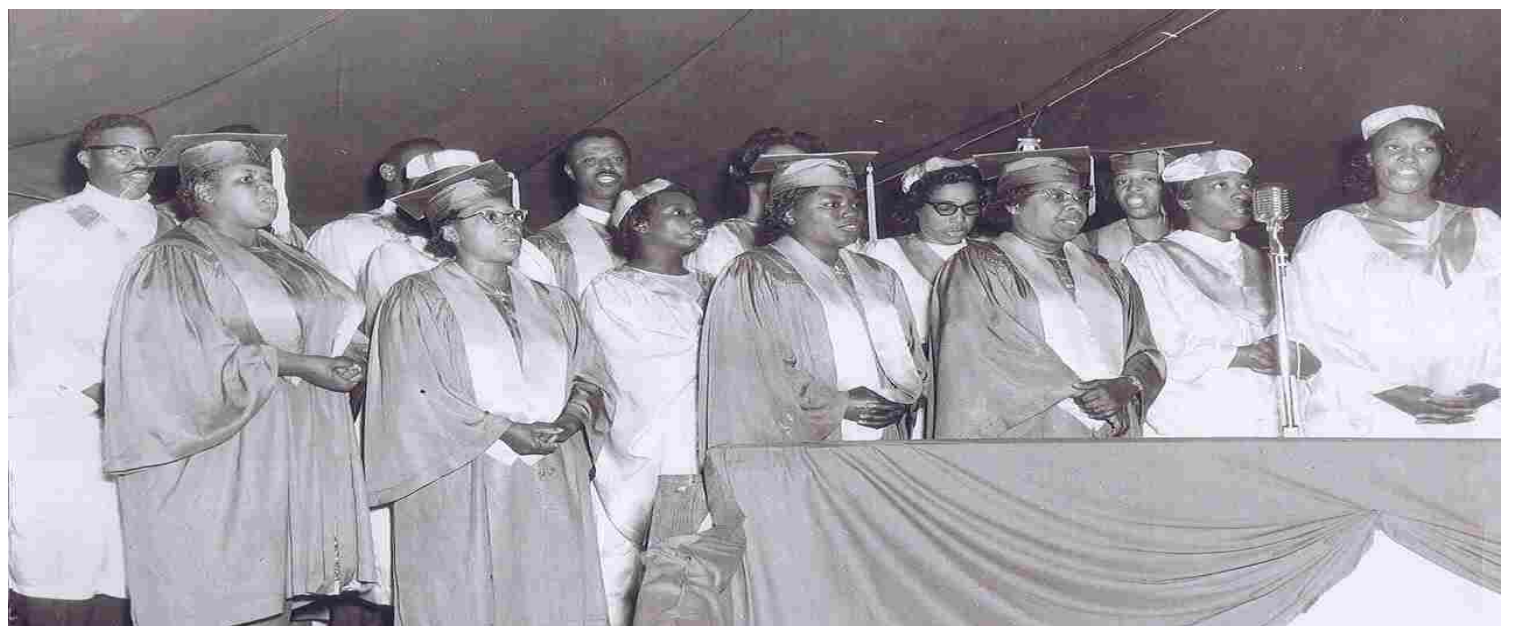


1940 World Fair
New York City, NY

Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux
and Radio Choir No. 1 (left)

Brother Furman Little and
“Happy Am I” Cross Choir (right)

Newport News Church Choir members (grey robes) and the Victory Chorus (Powell family) sing for a tent meeting service in Newport News, Virginia.



THE MUSIC MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH



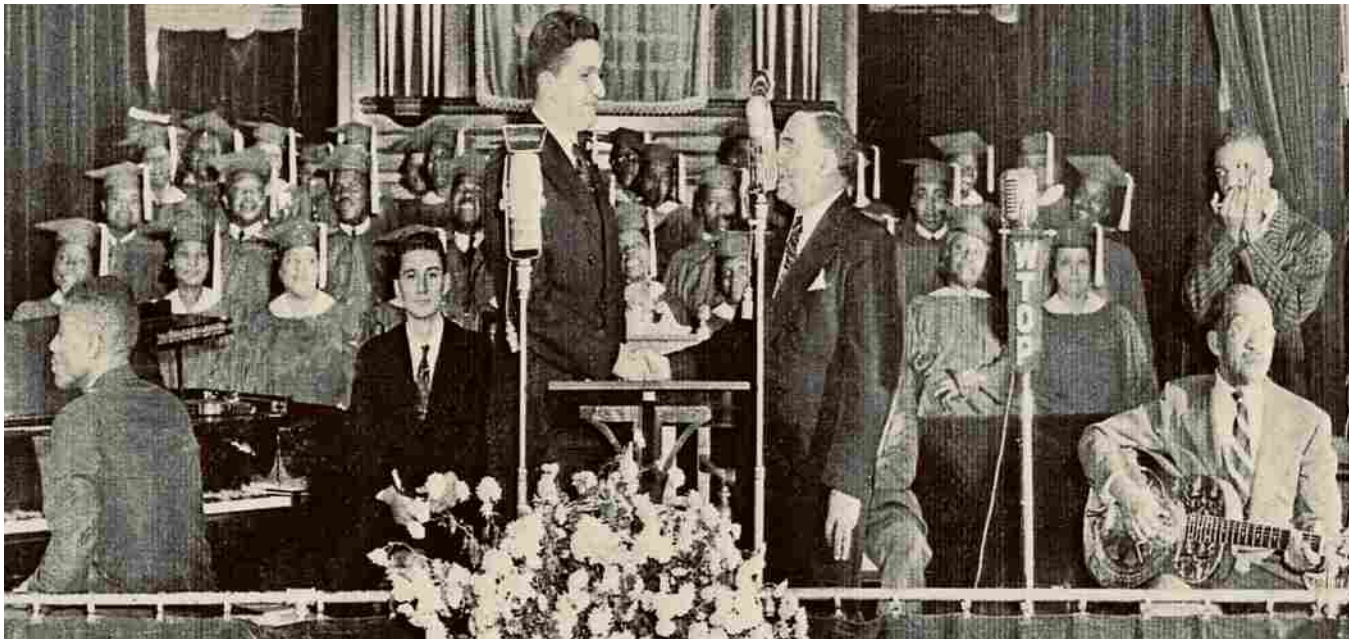
Elder Daniel Russell, Sr. (center) and the New York Church of God

to the tune of their theme song, “Hear the Tramp, Tramp of the Army.” During select programs, choir members pantomime songs and perform musical dramas that demonstrate Bible history and prophecy. All the music performances and enactments are and were intentionally designed to precede the grand finale: the preaching and teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Originally, the teacher/preacher/prophet was the GSCOG Founder, Elder Michaux. Since his demise, the church has continued its mandate of celebrating God’s goodness and mercy through music in preparation for His spoken Word: The Bible. We, the members of the Gospel Spreading Church of God, intend to continue to fulfill the mandate of Psalm 150: 1-5:

Praise ye the LORD. Praise GOD in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

According to Revelation 5:9, heaven will be filled with music. In that passage, the Apostle John wrote: “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;” Until then, those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ will continue to lift the name of Jesus in song or while playing musical instruments. After all, He said, in St. John 12:32: “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” Amen.

Mary Louise Haynes



WTOP Broadcast - Radio Choir No.1, Brother Robert Printis (piano), Brother William Hill (guitar), Elder Roger Rust (harmonica), Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux (center right) and guests (center left).

2014 “Happy Am I” Cross Choir
Washington, DC



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)



Ravvone, Age 6

CALLING ALL YOUTH is featured each month to encourage our youth of all ages to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We solicit your comments, questions and answers on any topic listed on our Youth Page. Your response may be printed the following month provided space is available and it is received before the next publication goes to press. It is our desire "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" (Psalm 144:12).

Please mail your letters to:
Happy News Publishing Co.
2030 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001-3087

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

MEMORY VERSES

"Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. ... Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding" (Proverbs 4:5,7).

A godly father is a blessing to his family. The Bible provides many points of guidance on what God's expectations are to be a good father. Here are just a few verses that describe a father's role:

- Psalm 103:13 – **"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him"**.
- Proverbs 20:7 – **"The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."**
- Ephesians 6:4 – **"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."**
- Colossians 3:21 – **"Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."**

God, our heavenly Father declares that **"...children are an heritage from the LORD...As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: ... (Psalm 127: 3a, 4-5a). Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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

"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding, for I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law." (Proverbs 4:1-2).

In Praise of Godly Fathers & Godly Male Role Models: The Children Speak

My father is special because he helps me take care of my fish. He makes sure that we have special dinner on Friday nights. I also like it when we go on adventures together, which is usually a trip to several grocery stores because momma forgot something.

By Carter, Age 9
Charlotte



My dad works hard to buy me things. Thursday is our special day for pizza.

By Ravvone, Age 6
Hampton

My dad is very kind and funny. We like eating cake crumbs together. He treats me like a Princess!

My Uncle Reggie is nice to me. He is funny and kind. Sometimes, he is strict, so we call him "Uncle Bernie" [after the television character "Bernie Mack"].

By Reese, Age 10
Hampton



My Dad: I love him!

By London, Age 10
Hampton



When I think about a man who I admire most, I think about my dad. Even though his health is not the best, he always takes time out for my sister and me. My dad is so very special to me. He is my everything. He takes the very best care of us—like a dad should. He gives me lots of good talks and he takes time to listen to me. I love the way he treats my mom: very lovingly. I really love my dad and one day I am going to make him very proud of me. I love him.

By Moriah, Age 11
Hampton



First, Lord, I would like to thank You for my dad. I would like for him to be in my life more, but he is a good person. He tells me that I am beautiful and that I look like him. I know that my dad loves me. I am praying for him to be saved so that he can go to heaven with me because I am choosing to go there. I want to be with God and Jesus. I want to take my dad and the rest of my family with me.

By Malayah, Age 12
Washington, D.C.



Jesus is my Hero because He is always there for me. I can go to Him anytime. He helps me all the time, so He is my Hero.

By Makari, Age 15
Washington, D.C.



My dad always protects me every day. He loves me and he is a really good person to talk to.

By Tsehai, Age 13
Baltimore



My father is special because he travels all over the world teaching people how to help others. He takes us to all the latest movies: we call it our time with the “fellas.” But most of all, I love it when we spend time together.

By Alonzo, Age 11
Charlotte



Bless Our Fathers

By *Tony Rossi*

An excerpt

Heavenly Father,

Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries;

for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

Not all our fathers live up to these ideals.

Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes.

Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all.

Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness and move forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who serve as father figures in our lives

when our biological fathers are not able to do so.

May the love and selflessness they show us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence changes us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children,

grounded in a love for God and other people.

Remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is

one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace,

and that our family will one day be

reunited in your heavenly kingdom...”

Amen

FATHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH



ANSWERS TO MAY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. Why should believers test every spirit to see whether they are of God? (Because many false prophets are gone out into the world - **I John 4:1**).
2. What spirit is of God? (Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh - **I John 4:2**).
3. What two profound statements did John mention about love? (Love is of God and God is love - **I John 4:7-8**).
4. How did God's love move Him to act on our behalf? (He sent his only begotten son into the world that we might live through him and to be the propitiation for our sins (**I John 4:9-10**).
5. Why must we love one another? (God loves us therefore we should love one another - **I John 4:11**).
6. On what occasion does one dwell in God, and God, in him? (We must confess that Jesus is the son of God - **I John 4:15**).
7. Love is rid of what and what is able to cast it out? (Fear and perfect love casts out fear - **I John 4:18**).

ANSWERS TO MAY FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Beloved, let us **love** one another: for **love** is of God; and everyone that **loveth** is born of God, and **knoweth** God (**I John 4:7**).
2. He that **loveth** not **knoweth** not God; for God is **love** (**I John 4:8**).
3. Herein is **love**, not that we **loved** God, but that he **loved** us, and sent his Son to be the **propitiation** for our **sins** (**I John 4:10**).
4. Beloved, if God so **loved** us, we ought also to **love** one another (**I John 4:11**).
5. No man hath seen God at any time. If we **love** one another, God **dwelleth** in us, and his **love** is perfected in us (**I John 4:12**).
6. And we have **known** and **believed** the **love** that God hath to us. God is **love**; and he that dwelleth in **love** dwelleth in God, and God in him (**I John 4:16**).
7. And this **commandment** have we from him, That he who **loveth** God **love** his brother also (**I John 4:21**).

(Continued on Page 12)

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of June

LESSON 24 - June 11, 2023
SUBJECT: A Perfect Kingdom

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



LESSON 23 – June 4, 2023
SUBJECT: Upside-Down Kingdom

GOLDEN TEXT: “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled” (St. Matthew 5:6).

PRINTED TEXT: St. Matthew 5:1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,**
3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.
13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The long-awaited Messiah, promised throughout the entire Old Testament, now sits as the King, speaking to His subjects, the children of Israel. Here He teaches them how the children of God are to live. This sermon is directed to Israel, not the church, as the church would not be established until after the King was crucified, buried, and risen again. However, these things taught here follow through into the New Testament through the teachings of the apostles.

A close examination will show that Jesus is focused on the attitudes of the heart. These attitudes would then reveal themselves in the behavior of the believer. The poor in spirit is one who recognizes their spiritual bankruptcy. The one that mourns sees the wretched condition of his own heart. The one who is meek walks in humility and not pride. The one who hungers and thirsts after God will be filled with His very Person. The one who shows mercy obtains it from the Lord, and the one who is pure in his heart will see Him. The peacemaker is God's child, and those who are persecuted for the sake of the gospel obtain the kingdom. All of these together indicate the blessedness, or utter happiness, of the one whose trust is in the Lord! All of this is the direct opposite of the lives of those who do not know the Lord! God's children will certainly be used as the salt which preserves society and lights who point the way to Christ by the godly way they live!

The Beatitudes, from the first to the last, have humility as their foundation. Examine your own life to see how you measure up to these “attitudes” of the kingdom, and confess and repent where necessary!

GOLDEN TEXT: “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil” (St. Matthew 5:17).

PRINTED TEXT: St. Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

21 Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

LESSON DISCUSSION

The King explains in today's lesson the very nature of His kingdom here on earth. Although verse 48 of this chapter is not included, it does, however, provide a good explanation for the character of the inhabitants of this kingdom. The word 'perfect' in this verse means mature, not sinless perfection. It reflects on the maturity of those who will inhabit this kingdom. He wants them to know He didn't come to destroy the law, rather to fulfill it. He declares later that it is love that fulfills all of the law and the prophets (See St. Matthew 22:37-40).

In the remaining passages of this lesson, the Lord makes clear the difference between the letter of the law and the internal condition of the heart. In verses 21-22, He points to the commandment against murder (See Exodus 20:13. The immature person would believe that if they didn't kill physically, they were fine. But Jesus points out that if they're angry with their brother, it's considered murder. In verses 27-28 He points out the law against adultery, and He makes them understand that if they allow even the thought of adultery to remain in their heart, He, who knows the heart, counts it as done! In 38-39 He condemns revenge, combatting it with meekness. In verses 43-44 He teaches that hatred of others is to be replaced with love. Only the believer who is mature in Christ can accomplish this lofty command!

Since you have come to know the Lord, have you been growing on a consistent basis? It is only a regular and steady diet of the Word of God that can grow you into a mature believer in Christ!

LESSON 25 - June 18, 2023
SUBJECT: A Victorious Kingdom

GOLDEN TEXT: “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil” (St. Mark 3:14).

PRINTED TEXT: St. Mark 3:13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.

14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

16 And Simon he surnamed Peter;

17 And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:

18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,

19 And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

6:6b And he went round about the villages, teaching.

7 And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

8 And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse:

9 But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats.

10 And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place.

11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In verses 13-14, Jesus called those He would appoint as disciples up into a mountain where He ordained, or appointed, twelve who would work closely with Him. St. Luke 6:12 tells us before these very important appointments were made, He spent all night in prayer with His Father. The names of these men will be part of the 12 foundations in the new Jerusalem (See Revelation 21:14)! Since Judas was eliminated by suicide (See St. Matthew 27:5) and Matthias, disobediently chosen by the 11 apostles as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 1:26, was never mentioned again, the twelfth apostle in these foundations would have to be Paul.

These disciples included three sets of brothers: Peter and Andrew; James and John (See St. Matthew 10:2); Matthew/Levi (See St. Mark 2:14) and James (See St. Matthew 10:2, See St. Mark 2:14.) In order to authenticate the fact that the King was present and the kingdom was being established, He gave these men the same power He had over the demonic world and sickness. They preached the same message of repentance He preached when He began His public ministry (See St. Matthew 4:17). He sent them out two-by-two and gave them instructions on how to conduct themselves (verses 8-10,) telling them if their message was not received, they were to shake the dust off of their feet when they left that city. Jesus declared it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for the inhabitants of that city!

The power that Jesus gave to the disciples is available to us today through the power of the Holy Spirit Who uses the Word to help us obtain victory over the flesh and the devil!

LESSON 25 - June 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Growing God's Kingdom

GOLDEN TEXT: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (St. Matthew 13:30).

PRINTED TEXT: St. Matthew 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The growth of the kingdom of God is illustrated by a parable in this

text. This actually prefigures the church and those within it. Verses 24-33 provide the parable, designed to hide the truth from those who don't believe. Verses 36-43 provide the explanation of the parable privately to the disciples. Jesus explains that He is the One Who sows the good seed, while the world is the field of which He spoke. Satan is the one who sows the bad seed among the wheat.

In the church there are those who profess to know the Lord, represented by the tares. A tare is hardly distinguishable from wheat, as indicated by the fact that Jesus said to let the tares and the wheat grow together until the time of harvest (See verse 30). There are also in the church those who actually do know the Lord by faith, represented by wheat. The children of the wicked one, the devil, are not those of the world who have not received Christ, rather, they are religious imposters as seen in St. John 8:38-44 and St. Matthew 23:15, sown within the true church.

Jesus concludes this parable with the time of judgment that will come in the future. The angels, (the reapers,) will gather those who reject Christ, and they will be burned in the fire. This indicates the judgment of eternal death in the lake of fire brimstone (See Revelation 20:10-15). The wheat, those who have received Christ by faith, will be gathered into the barn (See St. John 14:3; I Thessalonians 4:14-17.)

The apostle Paul said for us to examine ourselves to see whether we are in the faith. See II Corinthians 13:5a. We are called to lives of repentance, keeping the record straight with God and with others as we go. This will prove to yourself and to others that Jesus Christ is in you!!!

THE NEST OF DOMESTIC TROUBLES IN THE HOME

(Continued from Page 5)

me tonight, I dare say, is one-third full of grass widows and grasshoppers. A grass widow is one who has left her husband, and a grasshopper is a man who has left his wife. He hops from one to another.

The Position of the Wife and Husband

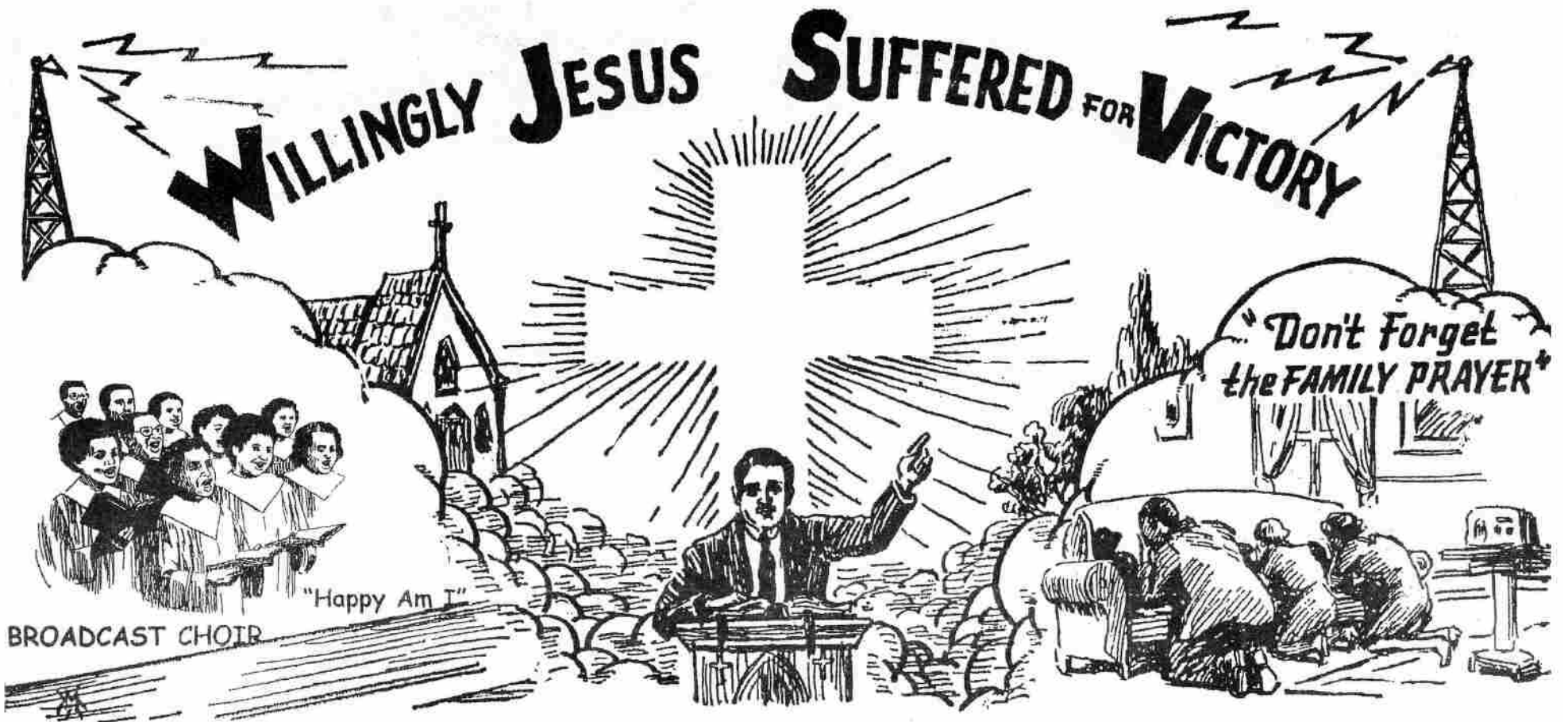
If the husband and the wife realize that they no longer belong to themselves, but to each other, domestic troubles would not be so great. In 1 Corinthians 7:3-5, we read as follows: "**Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto her husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise, also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.**"

The wife's body belongs to the husband, and the husband's body belongs to the wife. When your wife says, "Come home," you should bring her body, which is yourself, home to her. When the husband says to the wife, "Don't go out," she should not go, for if he doesn't want his body to go, she should not take it.

The day has passed when a man can say to his wife, "You stay home until I come back." When he comes back, she will be gone. The day has passed when a man can blow smoke in the face of his wife. She now blows smoke back in his face. The day has passed when a man can tell his wife he was held up at the barber shop in a long argument. She goes to the barber shop now and he has to listen to her barber shop tales. These conditions have been brought on because you have failed to recognize the wife's position.

Start Right and Keep Right

When you have married a man, Sister, start right off right and keep right as you go. If you let him get away inch by inch, he'll soon get away foot by foot. Taste your own words before you turn them loose. If you don't like the taste, how can you expect him to like it? You shouldn't keep your husband afraid to come home. You should always treat him right, be sweet and affectionate to him, and you should obey him, especially if he is a working man. When you find him slipping, don't use your tongue, use your lips. May God bless you is my prayer.



Prayer Answered

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

CALLING ALL YOUTH (Continued from Page 9)

JUNE HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who saw a lame man at the gate of the temple?
2. What was the gate called?
3. What did the lame man ask?
4. How did Peter answer?
5. What did Peter do to help the lame man?
6. What was the reaction of the lame man when he received his miracle?
7. What was the reaction of the people when they saw the lame man?

JUNE FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. Shew me thy _____, O LORD; _____ me thy _____.
2. Lead me in thy _____, and _____ me; for thou art the God of my _____; on thee do I _____ all the day.
3. Good and _____ is the LORD: therefore will he _____ in the way.
4. The _____ will he _____ in judgment: and the _____ will he _____ his way.
5. All the _____ of the LORD are _____ and _____ unto such as keep his _____ and his _____.
6. O keep my _____, and _____ me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my _____ in _____.
7. Let _____ and _____ preserve me; for I _____ on thee.

Moving?

If you are moving, please notify Happy News of your new address so that your subscription will not be interrupted. Fill in the subscription blank below. Check the **Moved** box and send the printed label from your current issue along with your new address to Happy News Publishing Co.

SUBSCRIPTION SPECIAL

(For every 3 subscriptions purchased you can receive one **FREE** subscription.)

Clip this blank and mail it with \$4.00 for each one year subscription
Canada and foreign countries \$6.00 per year
Please include **Box or Apartment Number and the Zip Code + 4**

HAPPY NEWS PUBLISHING CO.
2006 GEORGIA AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

New Renewal Moved Total Enclosed \$ _____

PRINT FULL NAME (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr.) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____

New Renewal Moved Total Enclosed \$ _____

PRINT FULL NAME (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr.) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____

New Renewal Moved Total Enclosed \$ _____

PRINT FULL NAME (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr.) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____

New Renewal Moved Total Enclosed \$ _____

PRINT FULL NAME (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr.) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____