

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:4-5).

THE FOOL HAS SAID IN HIS HEART “THERE IS NO GOD”

Context: *“For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known”* I Corinthians 13:12.

My precious ones, we are only empty houses for God’s intelligence to work through us, by way of our minds. Paul explains this in Romans, 7th Chapter, 17th Verse: **“Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.”** We cannot get our sins out ourselves: we cannot unless we surrender. Lots of folk won’t go to a hospital because they are afraid, so they just let Jesus Christ operate on them. My precious ones, your happiness is founded upon something. Did you ever notice how happy a drunken man is? He’ll sing with anybody—he goes out and drinks his whisky and is happy for awhile, but it is the after effects that hurts him.

Because you desire to have joy you seek something to make you happy. It is happiness that everybody is seeking. But unless the Holy Spirit makes you happy you don’t know what it’s all about. No one in this choir drinks, or smokes cigarettes; in fact, no one in this church drinks or smokes. God doesn’t want any false spirits to preside over his people. The Spirit of truth is the Spirit that you should seek to make you happy; which takes out of your heart whatever would make you sorry. When we are filled with God’s Spirit, we become a part of God. To be filled with the Spirit of God is to be one with God. Christ is the head of the church, the Spirit of God that comes from God, fills the temple and thereby we become a part of God. Nothing makes things plainer than the knowledge of the truth. We cannot see our future home. But we know this is not our home. My precious ones, we have the vision by faith. John saw the things that God showed him on the Isle of Patmos one day when others thought by putting him in exile he would be destroyed by wild beasts. But listen to what he says in Revelation 1:10: **“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, ‘I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.’**

And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.” Now John actually heard the voice of God which spoke to him like that of a natural man. (Cries of joy and cheers went up with the Amens.) Look here, folks, if I had a religion, I could not enjoy I would sell it to the junk man. Jesus came to bring joy; and if you look up you can see the rainbow, which is the covenant God made to Noah, that no more would He destroy the world by water. Look up in the sky; you can see the rainbow. When troubles begin to bear heavily upon you, my precious ones, look up and sing: *“Trace the rainbow; through the raindrops faith will show it bright and clear. Light is shining; cease repining, trace the rainbow through the rain.”*

The body that we live in, and everything around us, whether you believe it or not is controlled by nature. Did you ever notice when a man perspired, he says the sun is hot; but you can perspire in winter if you get angry. So, my precious ones, actions don’t amount to anything if you don’t have the Son shining in your soul. Psalm 14:1 says: **“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”**

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No matter what your condition is, God can give you relief.

Why do you say what God says, but fail to do what God says?

You might make it without mother or friend, but you can’t make it without God.

We know God exists because His works are perfect and man can’t duplicate or destroy them.

The only deliverance we now have is God.

Don’t get into anything you have to leave God out of.

Don’t put anything in front of God; if you do, it will trip you.

The main thing to do is to get folks to see God in you.

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

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

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

God gave the Holy Spirit to encourage you. Don’t worry when men don’t encourage you. Just be filled with the Spirit.

You’ve got to have the Spirit of God to keep from bowing to the flesh.

A thankful heart will offer praise.

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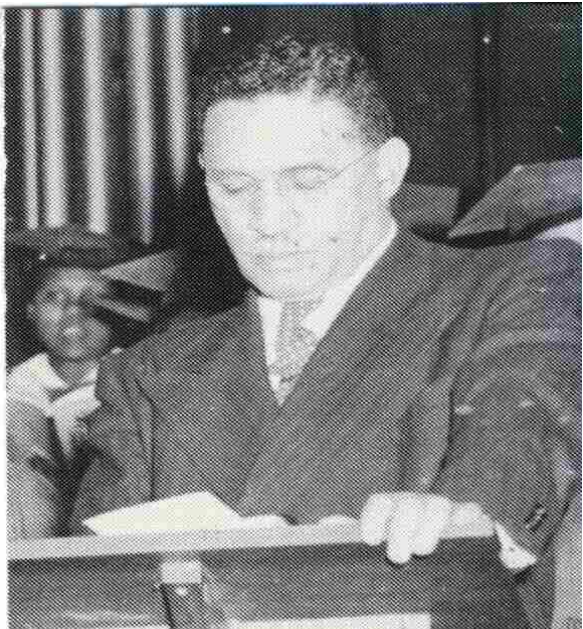
The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

THE FOOL HAS SAID IN HIS HEART “THERE IS NO GOD”

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My precious ones, we are in an awful strain, not only are we but the whole world—without God no man or woman can go very far. The time is coming when we shall know Him as He is known: **“For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”** The thought that rises in the human mind is: Where did God come from? That’s the thought that you talk to about God; if you believe, or if you don’t believe, you begin to figure in your mind where did God come from? The same question might be asked of you. Where did you come from? Man say we evolved. The Bible says: God is from everlasting to everlasting. (Amen cheers and cries, Thank God.) There is nothing before Him; I don’t care how man figures. He wasn’t here before God got here. If he says so, he’s a liar. The man who says there is no God is a fool. When I say God, I mean the God that makes spring, summer - the God that differentiates an apple from a peach tree; the God that made the heaven and the earth; the God that locked the lion’s jaw when old Daniel was in the den of lions. You may say, well things just happen that way; but brother, there is a superior being. God is a systematical God, things don’t happen with Him just so. He brings to pass the things which pleases Him. We now see through a glass darkly, but the time is coming when we shall see God face to face, not only see Him, but we shall know Him as He is.

In the 19th Division of the Psalms, verse 1, God speaks to us and tells us how we may know He lives and reigns: **“THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”** All I have to do is to pass by a Woolworth’s store, I know there’s a Woolworth somewhere. I don’t have to see God. A maker is glorified by his works. I would like to see a man that has made a sun. The Bible declares that the heaven is his handiwork: and the firmament is also the work of God. No man placed the stars in their orbits; they were placed there by a Mighty Hand; yes, it was the hand of a mighty God. Clarence Darrow at one time asked: “How does anybody know there is a God?” I answered: by five senses. You don’t have to see the wind but when it begins to blow, and you see the destruction in its path you know it was the wind. My precious ones, there’s day and there’s night, both of which no man can control. The earth is revolving, and you can’t stop it. He doesn’t know why; and if he leaves here before the world ends, he won’t know.



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux,
founder, Church of God

It’s God’s plan. No man can rule the darkness and no man can rule the light whether you know it or not. Day breaks before the sun rises. Edison, the great electric wizard, gave us these artificial lights that we are enjoying. (To the usher: pull that switch, the light went off, pull it again, the light came back on.) Now that is not needed to turn on God’s sun or God’s night. It’s the mighty hand of God that controls and is ruling the universe. Now we see through a glass darkly. The glory of God is so powerful, so wonderful, no one in the flesh can look upon Him. When Moses asked God to show Him his glory, the Lord told Moses in Exodus, 33rd Chapter, 22d Verse: **“And it shall come to pass while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cliff of the rock and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.”** My precious ones, the day is coming when this body shall

be ushered in, and we shall know Him and see Him as He is.

God is going to take us one day around the throne in heaven and He is going to feast us by day and walk with us by night. When that time comes, we are going to see Him coming in the air. Glory to God, Amen, we shall not only see Him, but we shall know Him as He is. I don’t care what you say or how you talk, but it’s a mystery. Man has grown so fine in science that he can make things look like what God makes. But there’s one thing He can’t do. He can’t give you an appetite, because He can’t feed you: Yes, man can make beautiful flowers; the only way you can tell that they are not real even though they look so natural, is you can’t smell them. Well, Glory! You shall see Him that day face to face, and you shall know then that you came from the dust, and that’s why your body is going back there - the dust body, but the life within shall not die. You don’t understand my precious ones, it’s a mystery, brother you cannot see that little spark they call life. It’s like electricity, they can harness it for their use, but they can’t tell you what it is.

According to the Scripture, Revelation 21 and 2: **“And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”** The fourth verse says: **“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.”** The former things shall be passed away and we shall know Him as we are known.

May God bless each of you.



The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".

2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.

3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.

4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.

5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.

6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.

7. Please use the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

8. Mail answer to: **Happy News Publishing Co., 2030 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001.** If you do not wish to cut the paper, you may submit your answer on plain paper.

9. The answer to the puzzle should be postmarked by the fifteenth (15th) of the month for publication in our next issue.

10. Letters must be limited to forty (40) words and are published as space will allow.

Editors reserve the right to edit as needed.

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BOOK	CHAPTER	VERSE	WORD	ANSWER
1. Haggai	2	7	1	_____
2. Malachi	3	12	16	_____
3. Micah	4	2	19	_____
4. St. Luke	22	38	12	_____
5. Hosea	9	17	12	_____
6. Ecclesiastes	11	5	22	_____
7. II Kings	7	18	17	_____
8. Revelation	21	24	3	_____
9. St. John	6	9	17	_____
10. Acts	13	19	8	_____
11. Deuteronomy	7	13	19	_____
12. St. Luke	1	15	33	_____
13. St. Matthew	24	14	20	_____
14. II Corinthians	13	1	15	_____
15. Leviticus	20	25	33	_____
16. St. Luke	12	30	8	_____
17. Joshua	14	8	14	_____
18. Isaiah	2	4	3	_____
19. Judges	13	5	22	_____
20. Galatians	2	12	22	_____
21. Nehemiah	9	2	8	_____
22. Exodus	23	11	17	_____
23. Psalm	71	6	21	_____
24. St. John	20	12	13	_____
25. Ezekiel	20	26	16	_____
26. Jeremiah	20	7	25	_____
27. Daniel	4	1	6	_____
28. St. Mark	11	17	13	_____
29. Ephesians	5	31	14	_____
30. I Corinthians	10	22	10	_____
31. Judges	15	2	27	_____
32. Hosea	9	16	24	_____
33. James	5	12	19	_____
34. Joel	3	2	25	_____
35. St. Mark	4	41	5	_____
36. Psalm	22	9	10	_____
37. I Timothy	5	1	4	_____
38. Amos	9	9	26	_____
39. I Thessalonians	1	9	25	_____
40. Isaiah	44	2	3	_____
41. I Peter	5	5	3	_____

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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

“For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee” (Deuteronomy 23:14).

Responses to the Bible Word Puzzle

The following persons found the correcct answer:

Rudene Bonnette
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Yonkers, NY

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South Hill, VA

ADDENDUM - Baptizing History

More on the Annual Baptismal Services in the Gospel Spreading Church of God

Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux first began his Baptizing Services in the James River at the end of Ivy Avenue in Newport News, Virginia, sometime in the early 1920s. Later, the annual Baptizing Service was moved to the Potomac River in Washington, D.C. From the Potomac, the service was moved eventually to Griffith Stadium, in Washington, D.C. After that stadium was demolished, the Baptizing service was held in various other locations including the following: the Washington D.C. Coliseum, the Carter Barron Amphitheater in Washington, D.C.; Palladium and Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland; the Washington, D.C. Armory; the Benjamin Banneker Field, Washington, D.C.; the Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Maryland; Washington, D.C. Church of God; and Buckroe Beach, Hampton, Virginia.

Lord, Show Me How!

If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer with smile or song—
Lord Show me how.

If I can sow a fruitful seed,
If I can help someone in need,
If I can do a kindly deed—
Lord Show me how.

If I can feed a hungry heart,
If I can make a better start,
If I can fill a nobler part—
Lord Show me how.

Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

“The Importance and Value of Prayer”

I like to think of the prayer which Jesus Christ, Himself, prayed for the Apostles, which will be found in the 17th Chapter of St. John. I just love to think of that prayer. It takes in so much; it covers so much ground. The thing that makes me so happy about it is, that it was not only prayed for the Apostles, but for all who will believe on Him through their words. And it reads as follows:

“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

“I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

“Now they have known all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them; I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

“And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

“And now I come to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

“As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for



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them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”

Now, I have read twenty-one verses inclusive of this 17th Chapter of St. John, which is always strengthening and encouraging to me.

I know this, that Jesus Christ, who never knew any sin and never was there guile in His mouth, sanctified Himself. He did it for an example that we might follow in His steps.

The Word of the Lord says, **“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken ...”**St. John 15:3. Then, too, the Holy Spirit will not come into an unclean temple; for your temple must be clean and set apart.

Let us read the 5th Chapter of I Thessalonians and see what it says about abstaining from all appearances of evil. You will find it in the 22nd, 23rd and 24th Verses. It reads as follows: **“Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”** Now the one Who calls you to holiness will sanctify you wholly if you will just abstain from the appearance of evil.

Now I hope this lesson will strengthen you and encourage your heart and help you to stand fast when the enemy begins to waver around with doubt. He will try to make you doubt as to whether you can live this Holy life or not. Well, if Jesus could live it, and He sanctified Himself, leaving us an example that we should follow in His steps, and prayed for the Apostles that they might be blessed and kept from the evils of the world, and not only did He pray for them alone but for all that would believe on Him through the words of the Apostles, then I am sure we can live it. Just to know that, should encourage you and

strengthen your faith. If they needed it, surely, we do.

That prayer that Jesus prayed, took you and me in when He said, **“I pray not for these alone, but for all that will believe on me through their word.”** It is up to us to live this beautiful life, and we don’t have to if we don’t want to. All we will have to do is to vacate and move out of His temple. Our bodies are His temple, and if we will just give up the things of the world, and find our pleasure in things more noble, more grand and more uplifting, we will find much more joy.

I am tickled pink with holiness, myself. I don’t know who is tired of it, or who doesn’t want it, for I am not really concerned, but it would be so nice if everyone knew the real value. God could move on without one of us, and heaven wouldn’t miss us at all, but we surely do need the Lord.

I took out a through ticket one day. I am determined to go on straight through to the end and see what the end will be.

It is marvelous and wonderful to think on that beautiful city, the New Jerusalem, that He has gone to prepare for us. Just to think, He came down here and took upon himself the form of a servant, and went about doing good, healing the sick, raising the dead, giving sight to the blind and healing all manner of diseases. Oh yes, He did it and He is the same Jesus today. His Spirit is working in the earth now. After His doing good, He went on the cruel cross of Calvary after being despised and rejected and set at naught. He followed on through, stayed in the **Will of His Father**, according to the Word of God, and His blood atoned for you and me to take our sins away.

In Him there is no sin; and whosoever abideth in Him, sinneth not. I am so glad that I am abiding in Him. Are you abiding? ... **the carnal mind is ... not subject to the law of God**, so says the Word of God, **and neither indeed can be** (See Romans 8:7-9). As long as you abide in this house, you are not going in and out at all. That is just the way I am abiding in the Lord and confiding in His Word. I am trusting in His Promise, for the promises of God are never known to fail. No power of darkness over them can prevail. And now, we are looking forward to the rapture, for He has promised to come and catch away His waiting bride. And when the first trumpet sounds, the dead in Christ shall rise first to meet Him in the air; so shall we ever be with the Lord. (See I Thessalonians 4:6,17).

Now this wonderful prayer that Jesus Christ prayed in the 17th Chapter of St. John was not in vain for me; it has been really answered in my life. It would be nice to know if everyone in this lovely audience this evening can say the same thing.

May God bless everyone is my prayer.

In Recognition of Veterans Day and the Veterans of the United States of America

On November 11th, the United States celebrates Veterans Day. Originally called Armistice Day, the name was changed to Veterans Day in 1926 by Congressional Resolution. It was the hope of all, that World War I would be the last war that mankind would experience. As many know, World War I was referenced as “**the war to end all wars.**” Sadly, as history attests and Christians acknowledge, war is a common and ongoing experience that will continue until our Lord and Savior’s return.

Nevertheless, it is appropriate to honor those veterans who served or are serving in defense of our country, the United States of America. These brave men and women stand and have stood ready and able to defend the freedom of this country and its allies.

One such person who has defended this freedom is a member of the Gospel Spreading Church of God, Elder Vernell Hardy, Sr. For this reason, we honor him and all those who are standing or have stood to defend this great nation. Please join us as we celebrate this great veteran and all the other veterans who have served or are serving in military service of this country.

*Interview with Elder Vernell Hardy, Sr.
Assistant Pastor of the Baltimore Church of God (GSC),
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Baltimore GSC & GSC Virtual Sunday School*

Interviewer: Mary L. Haynes (MLH)
Interviewee: Elder Vernell Hardy, Sr. (EVH)
Interview Dates: November 4-5, 2023

MLH: May God Bless you, Elder Hardy. We, the staff of the Happy News, are pleased to interview you on behalf of the Paper and in recognition of U.S. Military veterans in the Church of God.

MLH: When and where were you born?

EVH: I was born on October 10, 1954, in Danville, Virginia.

MLH: Please tell us about your birth family.

EVH: I am the 4th of 8 children born to Irene Hardy, who is now deceased and Willie W. Hardy, Jr. My father is 100 years old and still lives in Virginia. He is a U.S. Navy veteran. My siblings consist of 3 boys and 5 girls. Of that number, my 3 brothers are deceased and 1 sister is deceased.

MLH: I know that you are married, but, for the record, when did you marry and to whom? How did you meet?

EVH: I am married to the former Carolyn Williams from Newport News, Virginia. We attended Menchville High School in Newport News together. We were among the first to integrate the school. We married in 1974. We have three children---boys—who are now young men.

MLH: In what branch of the military did you serve and when?

EVH: I served in the best branch: the United States Army. I enlisted in March 1973 when I was 18 years old. I enlisted because I thought that I was headed in the wrong direction. I knew that I needed to make a change in my life.

MLH: What were your military assignments and where were some of your stations of duty?

EVH: I was a marine engineer who worked on ships. I was also a tank wrecker. Among my many assignments in the United States were the following: Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Eustis, Virginia; and Fort Leonard Wood, Kentucky. Some of my overseas duty assignments included: Bad Hersfeld, Germany; Illesheim, Germany; and Korea.

MLH: Are there any memorable experiences that you would like to describe?

EVH: I enjoyed everywhere that I went. I learned that color or race does not matter. People are people. I learned that people can work together and lean on each other when it is time. I learned to lean on my fellow soldiers in the military. We supported one another and worked together to get the job done.

MLH: Do you have any regrets about your military service?

EVH: I have no regrets about my military service. I started service with the rank of an E-1 and ended it as an E-9. I served for 20 years and appropriately 4 months in the service of my country. I am now retired, but if I had to do it all over again, I would.

MLH: When did you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

EVH: In 1984, I attended a service in the Baltimore Church of God (COG). The late Elder Jake Butler (Senior Pastor of the Baltimore (COG) was preaching. His sermon was so direct that I thought he was talking to me. At first, I thought that my wife had talked to him about me. She denied it. When Elder Butler extended the invitation to those who wanted to accept Jesus Christ, I went to the altar because I wanted the life that Elder Butler was preaching about. I wanted Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior.

MLH: What were some of your early activities and assignments in the Baltimore COG?

EVH: In approximately 1986, Elder Butler and the late Deacon Romeo McClary (the Head of the Deacon Board in the Baltimore COG) met with my wife and me. They asked me if I would become a deacon in the church. I accepted the office.

MLH: When were you called to the ministry?

EVH: The Lord called me to the ministry in 1988.

MLH: When did you become the Assistant Pastor of the Baltimore COG?

In Recognition of Veterans Day and the Veterans of the United States of America

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EVH: By 2001, Elder Butler had retired and the late Elder William Barber, Sr., was the senior pastor of the Baltimore COG. Elder Barber told me that “the Lord had put me on his heart.” Elder Barber said that he had been told to ask me if I would be the Assistant Pastor of the Baltimore COG. He asked if I would accept the position. I did. I was ordained in 2002 by the late Elder Jehu Riddick, Bishop of the COG.

MLH: I know that Jesus Christ is the head of your life, but who are some of your earthly mentors? What was some of the advice that they gave you?

EVH: Some of my mentors were the late Elder Wendell M. Green, Senior Pastor of the Washington, D.C. COG; the late Elder Charles Thomas, of the Washington, D.C. COG; the late Elder Daniel Russell, Sr., Washington, D.C. COG; and the late Elder George Hawkins, Sr., of the Lothian COG. Elder Green advised me “not to try to please people, but to please God.” Elder Hawkins said: “preach the gospel and if you don’t preach it, you don’t have to worry about coming back over here [to the Lothian COG]!”

I really looked up to all of them. All these men “glowed” with the light of God. None of them ever gave me the impression that anything upset them. Although I know that sometimes they were offended; none of them appeared to react to these offenses. I believe that they carried their wounds internally and they continued to do the work of the Lord.

MLH: When did you become a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent.

EVH: Around 1988, I was appointed the Sunday School Superintendent of the Baltimore COG. When the rest of the United States shut down because of COVID-19, I continued teaching and began serving as virtual Sunday School teacher for the entire Church of God. I have continued serving in this capacity since 2019.

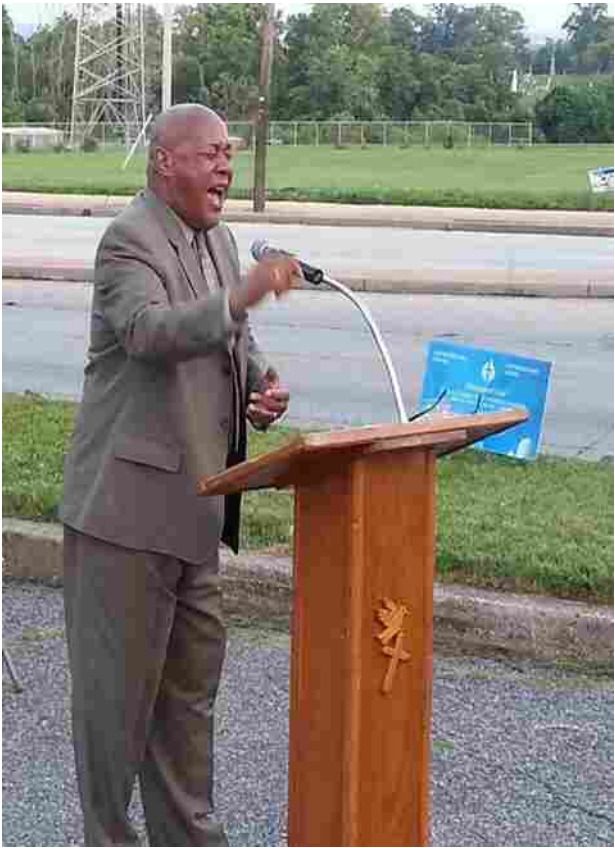
MLH: What would it mean to hear the Lord say: “Well done, Good and faithful servant”?

EVH: It would mean the world to me! That’s what I am living for. I want to hear the Lord say “Well Done.” That is my goal.

MLH: What advice would you give to young people.

EVH: I would advise both young and old people to live for Christ.

MLH: Elder Hardy, thank you on behalf of the Happy News staff and the entire Church of God. May God continue to bless you and your family as you do the work that He requires of you as one of the soldiers in the Army of the Lord.




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)



Violet, Age 3

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MEMORY VERSE

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever (Psalm 136:I).

Every day is a good day to thank God for His many blessings. This conclusion is especially appropriate on Thanksgiving Day: the official day on which the people of the United States observe as Thanksgiving. For the original participants - the Indigenous or native Americans and English people - a successful harvest was a great reason to rejoice. This shared feast of giving thanks and gratitude took place over a three-day period in 1621. This celebration began a new tradition of gathering and giving thanks.

As important as the origin of an official day of Thanksgiving is, it is more important to remember to thank God for His many, many blessings. As Psalm 100: 4-5 command: **“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”** 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

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. (Psalm 105: 1-2).

**Children respond to the question:
Why are you thankful for your grandparents and/or great grandparents?**

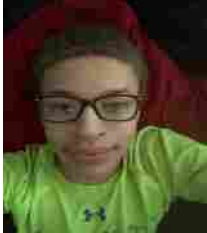
I am thankful for my grandparents because they help in rough times. They are not mean. I am thankful for my mom because she loves me; she is raising me right; and she is not mean either.

By Malayah, Age 12
Washington, D.C.



I am thankful for my great grandmother, my grandmother, and my mother because they are helping me grow up. I am thankful that God gave them to my family. I am thankful for my brothers and sister because sometimes when I am not feeling my best, just having them around, makes me feel better.

By Makari, Age 15
Washington, D.C.



My Grammy and my Granddad love me, and I love them! They take care of me. Grammy takes me to the bank and deposits lots of money for me. She takes me to the store and lets me buy whatever I want.

By Ravvone, Age 7
Hampton



My Grammy and my [Granddad] Abuelo take good care of me when my mom cannot. I am thankful for my siblings because it would be lonely without them. We help each other and we love each other!

By Reese, Age 11
Hampton



I am grateful for my parents because they sacrifice for me and put me in activities. I am grateful for my grandparents because they help me when I need it. They do lots of things for me.

By Navaeh, Age 10
Houston



I am grateful for my parents because they are making sure that I have a roof over my head. They do so much more for me-- like making me food and getting me a phone. I am also thankful for my siblings because I have someone to play with and I know that they will always be there for me. Finally, I am thankful for my grandparents because they look out for me and make sure that I am safe.

By Nilah, Age 12
Houston



I love my grandparents because if I need them to do anything for me, they do it as soon as they can--like right away. My parents put a roof over my head and take good care of me. They encourage me to do my best. They always give me good advice and try to help me to be the best person that I can be.

By Joshua, Age 13
Midlothian



I am grateful for my grandparents because they are super nice and give me everything that I want and they buy me stuff. I have the best grandparents in the whole wide world, and I love them.

By Noah, Age 11
Midlothian



My grandmother is a violinist. She has toured throughout Europe. While touring Holland, in the Netherlands, her Dutch band gave her the nickname “Mopee,” a term of endearment for a loved one. My grandmother says that no one knows what that means in the United States. So, we call her Mopee instead of Grandma. I am thankful that Mopee LOVES my brother and me. Our Mopee and my granddaddy are teaching me how to become a great baseball player. He says that he was taught by the great Yogi Berra while being raised in Montclair, New Jersey. I am thankful to my grandmother for watching as I walk to my bus stop. She also picks me up from baseball practice four days a week.

By Keneris, Age 15
Newport News



I am thankful for both my grandmother and my grandfather. Not only does my grandmother wash my clothes, but she irons them too! I am also thankful for my granddaddy. He is a great cook. (My favorite is shrimp alfredo). My granddad ordered my soccer equipment from Amazon and my team won our first game. My grandmother prays for me just in case I have done something mischievous, and my prayers didn’t reach heaven!

By Christian, Age 13
Newport News



I am thankful for my mom because she takes me to school every day. I am thankful for my grandma because she buys me clothes and shoes. I am thankful for a family to make memories with.

By Jaden, Age 9
Hyattsville



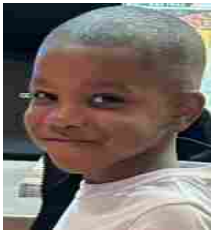
I am thankful for my grandparents. They take me places. They love my brother and sisters and me. I love my brother and sisters because they share the tablet.

By Rose, Age 4
Hampton



My grandparents are nice. They love me. My mom loves me and cooks the best food for me. She takes me to fun places.

By Makhi, Age 6
Hampton

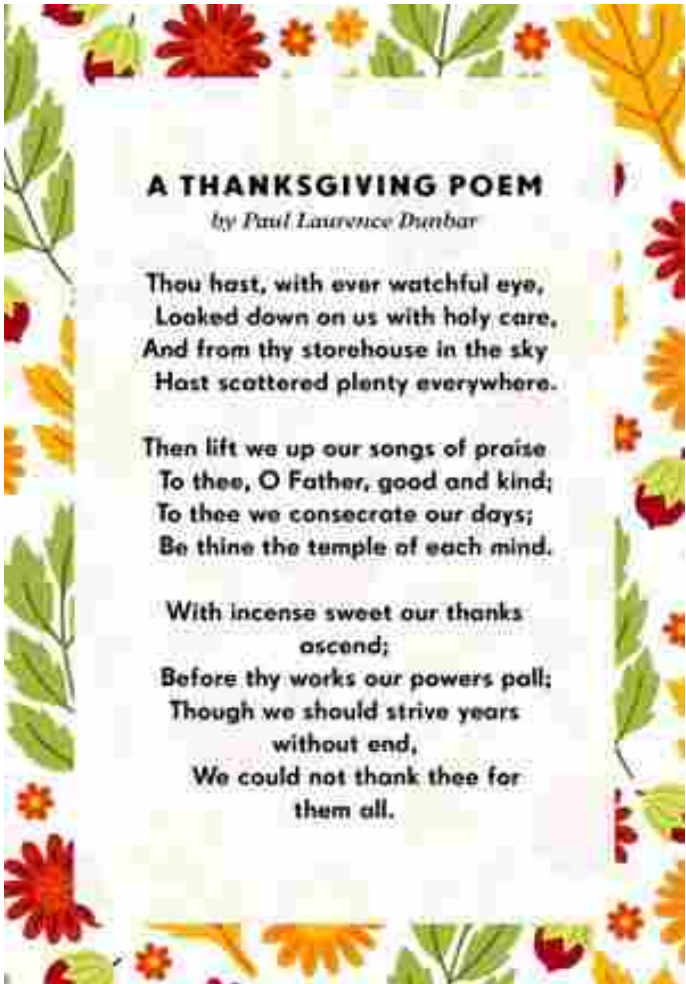


My grandparents are sooo nice.

By Violet, Age 3
Hampton

I am thankful for my parents because they take good care of me!

By London, Age 10
Hampton



ANSWERS TO OCTOBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. As believers in Christ, what do we need to put on daily and why?
(We need to put on the whole armor of God which empowers us to stand against the schemes of the devil - **Ephesians 6:11**).
2. What do we have to fight against?
(Principalities and powers, rulers of the darkness, and spiritual hosts of wickedness - **Ephesians 6:12**).
3. What should we wear around the waist?
(“Belt of Truth” - **Ephesians 6:14(a)**).
4. What should we wear on the chest?
(“Breastplate of Righteousness” - **Ephesians 6:14(b)**).
5. What is worn on the feet?
(“Preparation of the gospel of Peace” - **Ephesians 6:15**).
6. What is used as the shield and what does it enables believers to do?
(“Faith”, “to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked” - **Ephesians 6:16**).
7. What is worn on the head and what is the sword of the Spirit?
(The “Helmet of Salvation”; “Word of God” - **Ephesians 17**).

We need God’s strength because of the nature of the enemy. His attacks are, to name a few, subtle, deceitful, underhanded and unexpected. It is essential that we recognize our frailty and go to God for the resources we need for victory.

ANSWERS TO OCTOBER FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not (**Lamentations 3:22**).
2. For thy mercy is great above the heavens; and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds (**Psalms 108:4**).
3. PRAISE ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever (**Psalms 106:1**).
4. The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes (**Psalms 119:64**).
5. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart (**Proverbs 3:3**).
6. O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days (**Psalms 90:14**).

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of November

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



LESSON 44 – November 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Rebuke and Repentance

GOLDEN TEXT: “And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day” (Judges 10:15).

PRINTED TEXT: Judges 10:10 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.
11 And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?
12 The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.
13 Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more.
14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.
15 And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day.
16 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.
17 Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpeh.
18 And the people and princes of Gilead said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Acts 13:20 tells us that the period of the judges lasted for about 450 years. This era began after the death of Joshua. The people served the Lord all the days of Joshua and the elders who outlived him.

Afterwards, the people strayed from God. They forgot what He had done. For example, He delivered them from Egypt and led them in their conquest of the Promised Land.

Because of the anger of the Lord against Israel for their repeated sins, He gave them into the hands of their adversaries. When they cried out to the Lord, He raised up a Judge who delivered them. As long as the judge lived, Israel served God. As soon as the judge died, they drifted into sin again. With each cycle of sin and deliverance, Israel sank to lower depths of depravity. Our text today illustrates one of these cycles, where God turns them over to the Ammonites, the descendants of Lot, Abraham’s nephew.

Can you relate to any of this? Have you forgotten how God delivered you in the past? Repent, and you will find God to be merciful and gracious, according to Psalm 51.

LESSON 45 – November 12, 2023
SUBJECT: David’s Sin and Punishment

GOLDEN TEXT: “Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon” (II Samuel 12:9).

PRINTED TEXT: II Samuel 11:2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king’s

house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.
3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?
4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.
5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.
14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.
15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.
16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were.
17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.
18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;
26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.
27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.
12:13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.
14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.
15 And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah’s wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

LESSON DISCUSSION

King David, the greatest of the kings of Israel, was promised an eternal throne, to be occupied by the Lord Jesus Christ one day yet future. However, instead of being with his army in battle, he was at home relaxing. He saw Bathsheba bathing on her roof. He was immediately tempted, sent to find out who she was, and even though he learned she was the wife of one of his close friends, he had her brought to the palace and committed adultery with her.

Later learning that she was pregnant, he arranged for the death of her husband during the battle, making it appear to be a casualty of the war. The prophet Nathan delivered the message of God’s displeasure, which brought about David’s repentance.

Even though God gave David His mercy and grace, that did not do away with the corresponding punishment. David experienced the repercussions of his sin for the rest of his life. The higher the position and responsibility, the greater are the consequences.

This account should serve as a warning to all of God’s children. We cannot lose our salvation, according to God’s promise, but we can certainly lose our testimony. God said, “**If we walk in the Spirit, we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh**” See (Galatians 5:16). David, in Psalm 51, leads us to God’s heart in repentance. He received an eternal throne, and through the cross of Christ, we also have received an eternal home.

LESSON 46 – November 19, 2023
SUBJECT: A Rebuke from the Lord

GOLDEN TEXT: “Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph” (Amos 5:15).

PRINTED TEXT: Amos 5:14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.
15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.
18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.
19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.
20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very

dark, and no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.
22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.
23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.
24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.
25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?
26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.
27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Amos, was one of the 12 minor prophets, was so called only because of the size of their prophecies, and not at all due to their lack of importance. Though he was from Judah in the southern part of Israel, his prophecies were directed to the northern tribes.

Amos 5:2 makes us know that God made a covenant with Israel, and God keeps His covenant even though the people don’t. Amos rebukes Israel for their failure to administer justice. Amos 5:18 speaks of the wayward people of Israel desiring “... **the day of the LORD,**” not realizing its proper meaning. They thought it would be a day of deliverance for them. Nevertheless, Amos lets them know that it will be a terrible time.

Jeremiah 30:7 calls this same period the time of Jacob’s trouble. Jesus said in St. Matthew 24:21 “**...there will be great tribulation, such was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**” Amos is seeking to let Israel know as he prophesied that this is not what they should be looking for. God tells them that He does not regard their sacrifices, their feast days and sacred gatherings, or their burnt offerings. Rather, He called for repentance, after which He expected the nation to “**...let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream** (See Amos 5:24).

These prophecies and their unequivocal consequences call our attention to conditions we face nearly 2800 years later. The same message of God’s judgment against injustice and unrighteousness applies to us. If God did not spare Israel, neither will He spare us, upon whom the Day of the LORD is swiftly approaching unless we repent!

LESSON 47 – November 26, 2023
SUBJECT: Judgment and Exile

GOLDEN TEXT: “By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion” (Psalm 137:1).

PRINTED TEXT: II Chronicles 36:15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:
16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.
17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.
18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.
19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.
20 And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:
21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.
Psalm 137:1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.
2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.
3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
4 How shall we sing the LORD’s song in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.
6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In 586 BC Jerusalem fell to the Chaldeans. God used King Nebuchadnezzar to punish His people for their rebellion against Him. He sent messengers to warn Israel about their behavior, but they refused to hear the warnings they brought. One king after another in Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, leading the people into idolatry. God held the leaders of the people responsible, even though all had to take part in the punishment. Men like Daniel, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah were all taken captive by the king of Babylon, who were used by God to speak to His people even then.

The Psalmist points out in Psalm 137 how the people wept while they were in exile, missing their homeland. A nation who loved to sing praise to God at one time found it difficult to sing these songs of worship in a strange land. It would be 70 years before they were allowed to return to their homeland, according to the prophecy of Jeremiah 25:9-13. God knows how to bring His children around, many times allowing His people to be captured by another nation. His purpose, however, is always to restore, not to destroy His covenant people.

Just as God chastised Israel over and over, He chastises His people today. When we, as God’s children, make a choice to sin, we also make a choice to suffer the consequences. The writer of Hebrews makes this point clear in Hebrews 12:3-6. God’s purpose for Israel and the church is to present both blameless before Him one day through the love of Christ.

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7. Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee (Psalm 33:22).

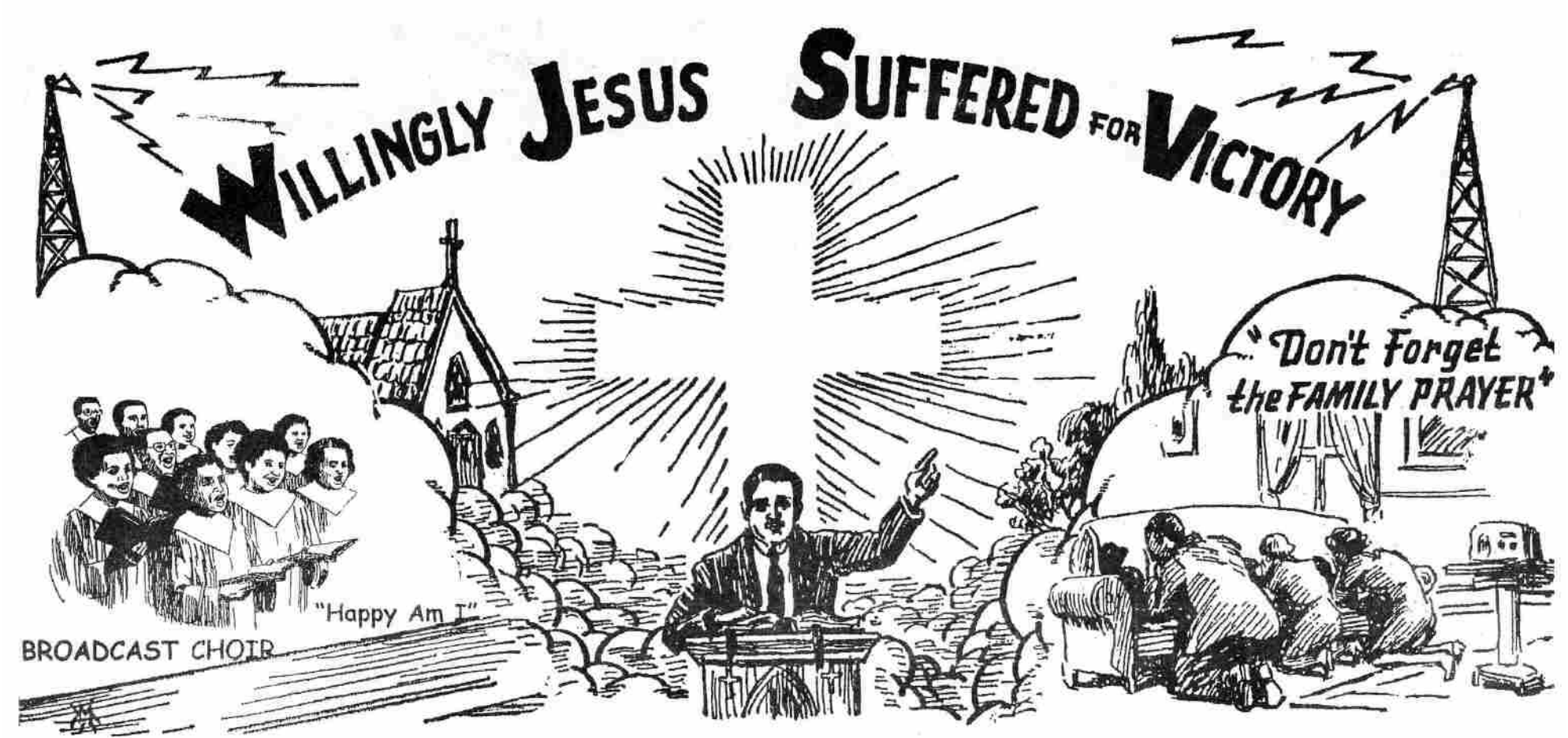
NOVEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

THE BIBLE

1. Name the two large divisions of the Bible?
2. Which testament tells about the creation of the world?
3. Which testament tells about the birth of Jesus Christ?
4. How many books are in the Bible?
5. How many books are in the Old Testament?
6. How many books are in the New Testament?
7. Name the four divisions of the Old Testament?

NOVEMBER FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. For the LORD God is a _____ and _____: the LORD will give _____ and _____: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
2. And the _____ was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his _____, the _____ as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of _____ and _____.
3. For the _____ was given by Moses, but _____ and _____ came by Jesus Christ.
4. And God is able to make _____ abound toward you; that ye, always having all _____ in all _____, may abound to every good.
5. For by _____ are ye _____ through _____; and that not of yourselves: it is the _____ of God.
6. _____ be with all them that _____ our Lord Jesus Christ in _____ and _____. Amen.
7. But grow in _____, and in the _____ of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both _____ and _____. Amen.



Prayer Answered

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

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