"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (St. Matthew 11:29).

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





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PRAISE THE LORD

The wisdom of man has led him to his end because he does not also possess the wisdom of God. No man has any wisdom but that which is of the world, unless he hears God, for the Bible tells us the wisdom of God is the fear of God---not afraid of Him as you would be afraid of a tyrant, but fear that you would do something to displease Him.

God loves you, and because He loves you, He is long-suffering toward you. He is not willing that you perish, but after you've played the fool, He wants you to come to the knowledge of the truth. He wants you to understand, and because He does, He fills the heart of another and sends that one to you in some way or other. But if you keep on hardening your heart, you will be destroyed suddenly, and that without remedy: not because of the fact that God wants to destroy you, but because your deeds lead to destruction. If you don't want to be saved, God doesn't want you to cause everyone else to be lost. And you can kick up so much dust when you're going wrong, if God doesn't stop you, you will get the devil in everyone that is around you unless they pray without ceasing.

You may ask, why are people inclined to go wrong rather than right? You were born wrong, and 99 per cent of the people haven't been born again, although they are in the church singing and shouting. The only time you're born again is when you live above sin. You may ask, how will I know when I am living above sin? You love everyone and love to work no ill. You have no evil thought, no evil imagination, no condemnation. Love can't condemn. Love always looks for the best that's in you. And though devils come to you and try to show you everything against that which you love, you take the road that the Lord took, and suffer a little rather than do wrong. So, brother, sister, I'm telling you this that I want you not to forget: and that is, as long as you try to sing the praises of God, and are not living right, you're mocking Him. But my somber warning is He can't be mocked. Instead of mocking God, you're mocking yourself. To try to mock God, is to fool yourself.

God created us to praise Him. And He wants us to praise Him because it is all that we can do for Him. There's nothing we can do for God, other than praise Him. And therefore, that men and women might glorify or praise Him, there's nothing that God has left undone to reward us. If we are unhappy today, it is because of our way of thinking. Regardless of who you are, you must reap what you sow. If you've been born again, if you've done all you know how to do, you must reap what you've sown. The things that come to you in life are yours. Your judgment may not be perfect, but God's is, and He'll not let you reap what you haven't sown. You might say, why did Jesus suffer? He didn't do any evil, but what did He do? He took the part of those who did evil. He took the part of a sinner, and because He took His part, He had to suffer, and die like a sinner, and be treated like a sinner deserved to be treated, that you and I might escape the pangs of death. Not only escape the pangs of death, but your burden and my burden might be lightened when we suffer for the sins we have committed. For when you begin to suffer for the sins you have committed, the load gets heavy and unless you go with God, you can't make it.

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If you want God to abide with you, walk so as not to offend Him.

The day is coming when there will be no war, only love.

I am not in heaven yet, and I know the devil is not in hell yet; so I am going to watch every day.

Though you may be in the midst of the world, don't indulge in the ways of the world.

The strong must take care of the weak, not advantage of them.

Wickedness brings destruction in the land.

Wise men found Christ in their day, and those who find Him today are wise, too.

The Lord does not have to have a witness---He knows your heart.

God doesn't mind you having a woman, but He wants you to have one of your own.

There is one standard----God's Word! If you do not follow that, He will not stand by you.

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Everything in the Word of God is a promise to the righteous and a warning to the sinner.

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The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

PRAISE THE LORD

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And so, God's wisdom surpasses yours and mine, therefore, never charge God foolishly. Never ask God, why is this, or why is the other. If your hands are clean, if your heart is pure, whatever comes to you, is what His love allows. Sometimes it gets awfully heavy and burdens you down, but just steady yourself and get your equilibrium. And when you get your equilibrium, get up and say, God, I thank you.

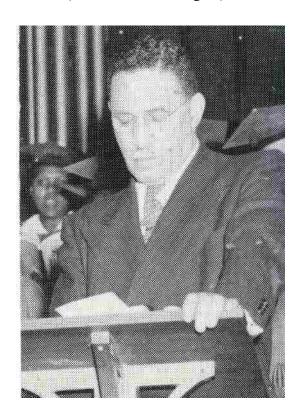
Your ways seem right to you always, you're never wrong in your eyes. So, brother, sister, the wisdom of God is finer than ours, nevertheless every man and woman that is born into the world is born unto trouble. You can't escape it. The Bible tells us, that Jesus Christ was a Man acquainted with grief and trouble, and every one of us before we can find out where God is has got to have trouble. The time you look for help is when you're in trouble and there's one trouble that no one can help you out of, and that's when your load of sin is bearing down on you so heavy until you turn to the right and left and you can't find any consolation. And at that time, you'll be like Abraham of old and you'll look up and wonder if there is a God. And you'll get an answer because God wants to reveal Himself to you.

Today if you have any breath, don't use it to damn, or curse your brother or your sister. Use it to praise God. There is something you can praise Him for every time you turn around. You can praise Him for the breeze. Everything is beautiful when your eye becomes single, but nevertheless God will suffer you to be tried. The Lord hath declared that the trying of your faith in Him is more precious than gold.

If you don't see God, you'll question Him. And you will ask Him, Lord, why is it if I've done the thing I know and the best I know, that this comes? Lord, I've given my service to you and I'm trying to help others, why is it the one I help does me the worse. When I do all I know, why am I hated without a cause? If you don't understand God, you'll ask those questions.

It was God who said to the devil, "Job is a righteous man." Job was perfect. That's what He said in Job 1:6 "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them."

Job knew his hands were clean when the devil began to work on him, and in his own mind, he questioned God, who knoweth the hearts of men. Job, because he questioned God, was chastened the more. Nevertheless, Job



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux, founder, Church of God

never charged God foolishly, but he questioned Him. You have no right as clay to question the potter. You have no right to argue with your Maker. So, Job went down to the lowest hell in suffering, but God kept His hand open. At the end of his suffering, the Lord said to those who had professed to be friends of Job, who tried to condemn him; Job, my servant, you'll have to pray for them, but before He said that He said to Job one morning, "Who are you that you question Me? Where were you when I laid the foundation of the world? Where were you when I hung out the stars, sun and moon." (See Job 38).

After He had completed His conversation with Job, Job bowed his head and said, "Now I humble myself in the dust. Who am I to contend with God?" (See Job 40:4,5). Brother, whatever the Lord does is right. And Job cried out, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." (See Job 13:15). So this morning my brother, sister, you're going to reap just what you sow. Whether you know it or not, when the things start coming on, they'll be your chickens coming home to roost. But just say to the Lord, "... Thy will be done ..." (St. Matthew 6:10). Never turn aside to unrighteousness, no matter how unrighteous you might be treated, God has promised that though you die, He will meet you in the sweet by and by. And every sorrow, heartache, and every wound that you have suffered will be compensated for one moment in His presence.

So, if you know the Lord, don't mock Him, and don't forget to praise Him. Don't let men praise you. They want to flatter you. The devil wants to flatter you through them. But whatever you are doing when men praise you, give the glory to the Lord.

Say "If it wasn't for the Lord, I wouldn't be what I am." That's your chance to praise God, no matter what folks may say about you---no matter how they may think you're wonderful. Just give the credit to God. For if it wasn't for God, you wouldn't be able to do it.

Jesus never took any glory to Whenever men came and praised Him, He said, it is by the power of My Father, that I do what I do. So, remember you can praise God if when you do anything that men praise you for, you pass it on to God, and let Him have the glory. It won't take anything from you, because God will see to it that you will be manifested in your place. So, praise Him, but you can't do it without clean hands, because you're not obeying Him. Don't talk about how much you love your mother and do everything she tells you not to do. No need to fall out and cry when she dies because you have helped to kill her.

It was our sin that caused Jesus to be crucified. If you are sorry for His death, forsake your sins, and your disobedience. No one is sorry for what he is doing or has done unless he stops. To disobey is to sin, and to sin is not to love God, for that is disobedience. If you love God, you will obey Him.

So, I want you to take this with you if you're living right. If your hands are clean and your heart is pure, don't ever charge God foolishly. Don't say, the Lord suffered this when I've done the best. I might as well do as the wicked. The devil is wicked, he tries to make you think the wicked are happy. But the wicked aren't happy. There are only one man and one woman in this world who are happy, and those are the ones who don't have any condemnation. You don't have condemnation when you ask, "why do I suffer?" because when you do wrong you know why. And when you've done right, commit the keeping of God all things pertaining to your life and wait until your change comes. All your appointed days, you wait until your change comes and you'll find that one day, one moment in glory will pay for it all.

So, we say to you this morning, don't charge God foolishly but always search yourself when anything comes and see whether you're to blame. Always try to find if I'm the cause. If you're the cause, beg pardon, and don't do it again because you'll find that you'll reap just what you sow and the principal of reaping is getting more in the harvest than you sowed in the spring. You can't take it without help and you've got to go to God to get help.

The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

- 1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find "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

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- 8. Mail answer to: Happy News Publishing Co., 2030 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. If you do not wish to cut the paper, you may submit your answer on plain paper.
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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah Behold your God" (Isaiah 40:9)!



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THE FALL 2022 - SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

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

From Friday, October 7th through Sunday, October 16, 2022, Gospel Spreading Church engages in a Solemn Assembly. COVID-19 guidelines suggest radical change in corporate worship. Modern technology such as webinars and smart phones replace regular church gatherings. Gospel Spreading Church members presently engage in the worship experience while sheltering in place.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

MESSAGES FOR TODAY

We have always all through the ages had great and noble men that had accomplished great and wonderful things. And how we love to think of them, read of them, and speak of them. Edison was one, George Washington another, Christopher Columbus, and many others.

But of all the great men who ever accomplished anything, I am going to speak of the greatest one of all which is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of mankind. As you know we were all lost through the transgression of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Through that we were all born in sin and shaped in iniquity: "For God so loved the world, as saith in St. John 3:16, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I am so glad to say tonight that I have been put in personal touch with Him and have also accepted Him as my own personal Savior; hence, I've found that the Word of God is true.

When I was first made ready to understand that this is the Word of God and that it is true, it was about 27 years ago when I met a real man of God and heard him preach the Bible, and also he put in my hand to read the 6th Chapter of Romans, beginning at the ninth verse, which is as follows: "Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." And so on.

When I read that, I was deeply interested and sought to know for myself if it could be possible that I could live without sin. I believed that the Bible was true. Also, you will notice St. Matthew the 11th Chapter beginning at the first verse and reading to the fifth inclusive: "And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities. Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples. And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we



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

look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

This John that we speak of now was the forerunner of Christ, as you Bible students know. He was "The voice of him crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3). He also said, "He it is, who is coming after me, is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose" (St. John 1:27). ...but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost" (See St. John 1:33b)

And also, I noticed the beautiful conversation that our Lord and Savior had with Nicodemus saying: "...Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." This will be found in St. John third Chapter beginning at the third verse. And you'll also notice the fifth verse which reads as follows: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Of course, Nicodemus could not understand how these things could be and he marveled and asked how could these things be. Would he have to enter the second time and be born of his mother? Jesus answered him and said: He that "...which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

I read these epistles, heard them preached and governed myself according as they were taught, and I found that my sins were all taken away. The Spirit of God came into my life, praise God. Hence, I found that the Bible is true. And not only that, but I've also watched these prophecies from that day unto today and found that they do unfold themselves and are really fulfilled in due time.

Well, you may say, as many seem to be saying, that man wrote the Bible. You may try to do away with it if you want to, by taking it out of our schools and homes; but you will find if you don't teach it to your sons and daughters, our country and homes will not be safe to live in. Your own sons will take their mothers' lives. Hence, you can only cut Him out of your own life, for He will never be done away with or cut out. You simply cut out your part of the wonderful blessings that He has in store for you, and your part out of the Book of Life. For many, many have done as David said in Psalm 119:11: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Hence, you will never be able to do away with the Bible. I thank you and may God bless you!

Be True to Your Call

If you have been called from the byways of sin
Up to the highway of life;
Be glad of your calling and struggle to win
Others to God and the right.

If you have been called from the songs of the world

To sing the sweet praises of God; Then sing with a will to touch and convict

Poor sinners as downward they plod.

If you have been called to help others today,

Who are heart-sick and weary and sad;

Then go with a heart full of love and good cheer

And help make them happy and glad.

If you have been called to tell the truth

Of Jesus who came here to save; Then give them straight facts and help to win

Their souls from sin and the grave.

So, whatever your calling in this life may be,

Whether it's great or small; Never neglect it or turn it aside, But be faithful and true to your call.

Rita Robinson Smith

Gospel Spreading Church and Baptizing

Baptism is a sacred sacrament of Christianity. Throughout its more than one-hundred-year history, Gospel Spreading Church has baptized born-again believers. In the 1930's baptizing was held in Washington, DC's Potomac River. Baptizing candidates travelled from the church of God located at 2030 Georgia Avenue to the WHARF in Southwest Washington, DC. They embarked on a large boat which took them to the Georgetown section of Washington, DC. They boarded a barge from which Elder Michaux baptized converts.

Mr. Clark Griffith, owner of the ballpark which was located directly across the street from the Washington DC Church of God, regularly observed the long line of candidates journeying to the Georgetown baptizing site. He invited Elder Michaux to consider using Griffith Stadium, rather than the Potomac River as a possible site for the Annual Baptizing event.

Elder Michaux gladly accepted the offer. The only expenses to the Church of God were for lighting, opening, and closing of the venue. Mr. Griffith was, himself, present at several of the Griffith Stadium services. That location served the Gospel Spreading Church from 1935 until 1960.

Locations for Gospel Spreading Church baptizing sites have varied widely and included The Washington, D.C. National Guard Armory, The Carter Baron Amphitheater, The Show Place Arena, The Uline Ice Arena, The Palladium, later renamed Higher Dimensions Christian Center at the Palladium, Morgan State University, Banneker Recreation Center, Ferguson Center for the Arts, Christopher Newport University. This year's baptizing event took place on September 17, 2022, on the Chesapeake Bay in Hampton, Virginia, and featured preaching, altar call for salvation, witnessing, testifying and gospel music.

Baptizing candidates were blue garments. Members of the clergy (Baptizers) were robed in white. Candidate assistants and the ministry outreach team were attired in gold and purple. Pastor Jeffrey Turner brought forth the Preached Word. Erik Taylor, professional violinist, praised God through stringed instrument and dance. Deacon David Sturdivant provided keyboard accompaniment for Gregory Blackmon and Dunamis, as well as for the Gospel Spreading National Praise Team. Baptizers were Assistant Pastor Tommy Smith, Elder Quentin Jones, Assistant Bishop Jamie Green, and Elder Anthony Becks.

The origins of baptism might be found in the book of Leviticus where the priests were commanded to perform a symbolic cleansing in water before and after performing their priestly duties. (See Leviticus 16:4). Although this act was not specifically called "baptism", it does, however, allude to the importance of ceremonial cleansing.

Baptism has a significant role in the life of the Believer. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, whose ministry foreshadowed cleansing of sin through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel Spreading Church believes individuals should receive Christ as Savior and Lord and be baptized as Jesus commanded: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost" (St. Matthew 28:19).



Site of the Gospel Spreading Baptizing in the Chesapeake Bay Buckroe Beach and Park.



Team of Baptizers pray together prior to the service.



Sister Tanya Smith and the Gospel Spreading Church Praise Team – Lord, You Are Good; Halleluiah, You're Worthy; The Name of Jesus Lifted High.



Sister Pam White - Testimony



Elder Anthony Becks, Pastor Jamie Green, Elder Tommy Smith, and Elder Quentin Jones. - Baptizers



Elder Jason Woods, Saxophonist – The Hawkins Family arrangement of "Thank You".



Deacon Charles Cooke - Testimony



Eric Taylor violinist - **Total Praise**, **Glory to Glory**



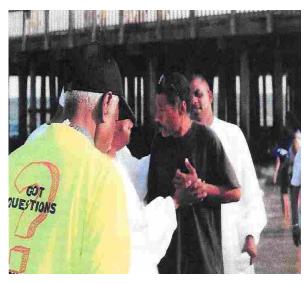
Minister Gregory Blackmon and Friends Let the Praise Begin, Everlasting God, Life Uplifted Prayce, Never Lost



Pastor Jeffrey Turner - Sermon - God Saves from the Uttermost to the Guttermost.



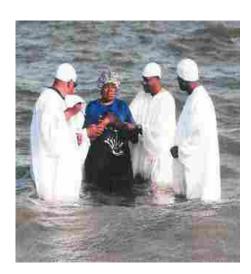
Altar Prayer



Pastor James Wood and Elder Quentin Jones pray for Brother Steve



Deacon Erik Smith leads candidates to baptizing site. Sister Deborah Patterson, Deaconess Juanita Woods and Deaconess Louise Cleveland serve as candidate assistants.



Sister Barbara Kelly Stubbs is baptized by Elder Anthony Becks, Pastor Jamie Green, Elder Tommy Smith and Elder Quentin Jones



Deacon Charles Cooke is baptized by Elder Anthony Becks, Pastor Jamie Green, Elder Tommy Smith, and Elder Quentin Jones.



Brother Anthony Richeson is baptized by Elder Anthony Becks, Pastor Jamie Green, Elder Tommy Smith,

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)



Navayah, Age 7

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MEMORY VERSES

"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep" (St. John 10:14-15).

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He knows each of us by name. If we believe and trust Him, we are His sheep. He honors that relationship by elevating it to heights beyond our imagination. He compares that relationship to His own intimate relationship with the Father.

John the Baptist introduced Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God when John said "...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (see St. John1:29b). St. John 3:16 provides the following summary of God's love by recording the following: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Our Good Shepherd was also willingly laid down because of His deep love for His sheep, His Church, His Body, His Bride. Christ knows His sheep. He knows their situations. He is concerned about them and continually intercedes for them. He accepts them. He loves them with an everlasting love. Perhaps a sheep's response is eloquently provided in Galatians 2:20 by the Apostle Paul who wrote: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd, indeed. 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

"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name (Psalm 103:1)."

Young people tell the meaning of their names and how they know that God loves them

My mother named me **Markari**. It means *Blessed*. That means that I have the favor of God in everything that I do right.

I know that Jesus loves me because He gave His life for me. I know that

He knows my name because I stand for the things that He stands for.

By Makari Age 14 Washington, D.C.



Taylor means *eternal beauty*. I know that God loves me because He gave me a great family and wonderful friends!

By Taylor Age 13 Silver Spring



My name—Malayah—means *free*. I can do anything that I want to do, but I choose to do good things. I choose to help others.

I know that God loves me and my family. I know that He knows my name because He knows everything!

By Malayah Age 11 Washington, D.C.



Robert-Anthony means bright frame and priceless one.

I know that God loves me because He gives me food, a mom and dad, and a great family. Also, He keeps me safe.

By Robert-Anthony Age 10 Silver Spring



Noah means *rest or peace*. I believe God gave me that name because He loves me, and He knew I would need to work on my anger issues so that I can have more peace. God knows my name because I pray to Him. I ask Him to help me with my anger and to help me to not be so afraid of bugs. I also thank Him for the things I have.

By Noah Age 10 Chesterfield



Joshua means, *God is deliverance*, or *The Lord is my salvation*. God knows my name because I pray to Him every day and I praise Him every single day. I have a relationship with God because He is my Lord and Savior...that's how He knows my name.

By Joshua Age 12 Chesterfield



My mom said that my name, **Navayah**, is the pronunciation of *heaven* spelled backwards. My mom also said that angels visited and talked with her before I was born. She told me that God knows me by name and that my name is in heaven. I know that God treats me good. He is good to all people.

By Navayah Age 7 Belcamp

My name, **Phillip,** stems from the name *Philippos*. It has several meanings. The first one means *warlike* and/or *lover of horses*. The second one comes from the Bible that identifies Phillip as one of Jesus' twelve disciples. Finally, Phillip, is the name of a future Morgan State University (MSU) alum!

By Phillip (future MSU Alum) Age 18 Upper Marlboro



- 1. You might see me in the sky, by a waterfall it's lower. Some say that I was first seen after a flood by Noah. What am I?
- 2. What is the best possible way to study the Bible?
- 3. It kept him steady and others away. It kept them safe and showed the way. Once thrown down upon the ground, it came alive with a hissing sound. It hit the rock as it was told. And that was when the water flowed What is it?
- 4. I may seem like a strange mix but I'm there for all to see. With parents, shepherds and kings, some animals, and a baby. What am I?
- 5. Who was awarded as the fastest runner in the race?
- 6. What do they call pastors residing in Germany?

God Knows My Everything By Deborah Ann Belka August 25, 2015

God Knows my everything, All there is about me... There's nothing I can hide All of me He can see.

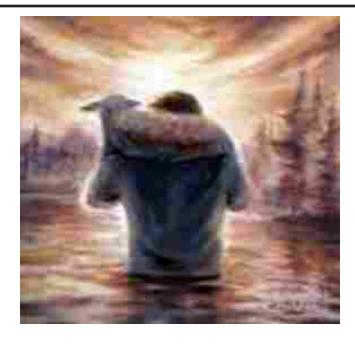
He knows my ways, My ups and downs He knows my smiles My glares and frowns.

He knows my heart, It's every break He knows my soul How for him I ache.

He knows my goings, My whereabouts He knows my doings My qualms and doubts.

He knows the number, Of my hairs and years He knows the reason Behind all my fears.

God knows my everything, From Him I will not run or hide For I just want Him to know... How much with Him I long to abide!



Answers:

- 1. A rainbow
- 2. You Luke into it.
- 3. Moses' staff

34:24).

- 4. Nativity scene
- 5. Adam, because he was first in the human race.
- 6. German shepherds

ANSWERS TO SEPTEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- 1. What did King Josiah do after hearing the message of the recovered book?
 - (The King issued a command to five of his trusted servants to find Huldah the prophetess II Chronicles 34:20-22).
- What message came back to him?
 (Through the prophetess the Lord said He was going to bring calamity on the land and all its inhabitants II Chronicles
- 3. Why did God extend His mercy to the King in spite of His wrath? (God's mercy was extended to the King because of his heartfelt repentance (II Chronicles 34:26-27).
- 4. What did the King do as a way of leading the people of Judah back to a right relationship with God?(He made a covenant to follow the demands of God's Word II Chronicles 34:29, 31).
- 5. How did the people respond?

 (The people stood in honor of God as evidence of their own desires to follow the same covenant II Chronicles 34:32).
- 6. What happened in the land?.

 (Every object related to false worship and idolatry was destroyed II Chronicles 34:33a).
- 7. How long were they true to God?

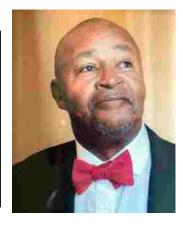
 (The people did not cease in following the God of their fathers during all the days of King Josiah II Chronicles 34:33b).

ANSWERS TO SEPTEMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

- 1. I will <u>sing</u> of the <u>mercies</u> of the LORD for ever: with my <u>mouth</u> will I make known thy <u>faithfulness</u> to all <u>generations</u> (Psalm 89:1).
- 2. For with the <u>heart</u> man believeth unto <u>righteousness</u>; and with the <u>mouth</u> confession is made unto <u>salvation</u> (Romans 10:10).
- 3. Set a <u>watch</u>, O LORD, before my <u>mouth</u>; _____ the <u>door</u> of my <u>lips</u> (Psalm 141:3).
- 4. Whoso keepeth his **mouth** and his **tongue** keepeth his **soul** from **troubles** (**Proverbs 21:23**).
- 5. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever (Psalm 145:21).

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of October

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Elder Waverly Charity. He serves as an Associate Minister of the Church of God, Baltimore, MD.



LESSON 40 – October 2, 2022 SUBJECT: Obedience in Worshipping God Alone

GOLDEN TEXT: "I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:2-3).

PRINTED TEXT: Exodus 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying,

- 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
- 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me:
- 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
- 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
- 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson, we find the command of God to the children of Israel which served as a guideline for the people to follow in their effort to please the Living God, Jehovah. Thankfully, we have a better Covenant with God through His only begotten son, Jesus Christ. He fulfilled all the law. We do not have to make a God of the law or commands which had not the power to save, but only to convict of sin. The law showed the need of a Savior, Jesus Christ the Righteous. He died on the cross to pay for our sins. He was raised for our justification. The law was unable to save or give us eternal life.

We don't observe the law expecting it to save us. That was not God's intention. The Holy Spirit leads and guides in the way and manner of life that pleases our God Jehovah. We obey God because we are saved, not because we are trying to be saved.

LESSON 41 – October 9, 2022 SUBJECT: Obedience in Building the Tabernacle

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he. And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up" (Exodus 40:16-17).

PRINTED TEXT: Exodus 40:16 Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.

18 And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and

set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.

- 19 And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses.
- 20 And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark:
- 21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses.
- 29 And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering; as the LORD commanded Moses.
- 30 And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal.
- 34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
- 35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
- 36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:
- 37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.
- 38 For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson we read about the instructions God gave Moses regarding how to set up of the Holy Tabernacle. This task was not to be taken lightly, but attention to detail was important. Obedience to God was non-negotiable and was to be carried out according to God's instructions, not according to how Moses felt it should be constructed. God doesn't do things any type of way. If we want to be in His perfect will, obedience is necessary. We must be submitted and committed to doing things His way. As the scripture says, For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD Isaiah 55:8.

When things are done according to His plan, He makes His presence known in the tabernacle made by man's hands as well as in tabernacles made in the hearts of men and women who are obedient to the call of the Holy Spirit on their lives. Obedience is key in tabernacle building.

LESSON 42 – October 16, 2022 SUBJECT: Obedience on the Day of Atonement

GOLDEN TEXT: "And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness" (Leviticus 16:16).

PRINTED TEXT: Leviticus 16:11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself:

- 12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail:
- 13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:
- 14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.
- 15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:
- 16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.
- 17 And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation

when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

18 And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. 19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Israel held observances to their god and our God Jehovah. The most important of these was The Day of Atonement- the day when Israel made atonement for all the sin that had been committed that year. The High Priest was responsible for this awesome task. It had to be performed correctly; otherwise, it might cost him his life. The amazing thing was that he was alone in this task. The sacrifice had to be as God directed. Even so, this was only a temporary fix. God would one day require a more perfect and lasting sacrifice in the person of God's only begotten son, Jesus Christ Who offered up Himself once and for all. Those who accept His sacrifice will be forgiven their sins and receive everlasting life. God's sacrifice was a more perfect one.

LESSON 43 – October 23, 2022 SUBJECT: Obedience in Offerings

GOLDEN TEXT: "Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD" (Leviticus 22:31).

PRINTED TEXT: Leviticus 22:17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, Whatsoever he be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his freewill offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt offering;

- 19 Ye shall offer at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats.
- 20 But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you.
- 21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD to accomplish his vow, or a freewill offering in beeves or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.
- 22 Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD.
- 23 Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.
- 24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make any offering thereof in your land. 25 Neither from a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, and blemishes be in them: they shall not be accepted for you.
- 31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.
- 32 Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the LORD which hallow you,
- 33 That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Leviticus is a book about acceptable worship of a Holy God. Here we find God giving direct and detailed instructions regarding what will be acceptable unto Himself. In addition, the priest himself must meet certain qualifications. He must see that he himself is acceptable to God. He must be sure that he is clean before he appears before the

Lord God Almighty.

We must all conform to God's standards and present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Him (See Romans 12:1). Our God gave us His best. We ought to give our best. God used this method to sanctify Israel. On the other hand, He used the sacrifice of His dear Son Jesus Christ to sanctify us, thereby taking away our sins and making us acceptable unto Himself.

LESSON 44 – October 30, 2022 SUBJECT: Obedience in Feasts

GOLDEN TEXT: "Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God" (Leviticus 23:42-43).

PRINTED TEXT: Leviticus 23:33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saving,

- 34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.
- 35 On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.
- 36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.
- 37 These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:
- 38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.
- 39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.
- 40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.
- 41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.
- 42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:
- 43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

LESSON DISCUSSION

There were certain feasts and celebrations of days which God instituted to remind the Israelites of His great love and care for them. Having them to dwell in booths taught them humility. By being obedient to observe these times, they were recalling God's faithfulness to protect and deliver even under the direct circumstances.

It was a time for rejoicing in God's faithfulness. It was also a time of giving thanks to God through sacrifice. Today, we don't sacrifice bulls and sheep. We offer up a sacrifice of praise from our lips.

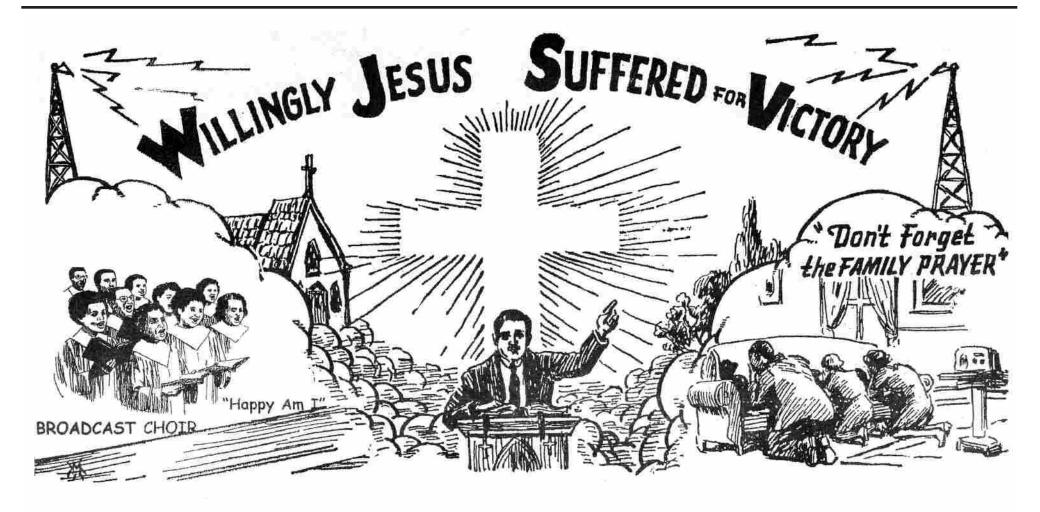
The continued celebration of these feasts insured that future generations would remember the God of their salvation and the blessings wrought by His hands. Obedience to the feasts reminded future generations that God is the One Who makes the blessings possible.

PRAISE THE LORD

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Before you can get help from Him, He'll say go and be reconciled with your brother or else I can't help you.

So may God bless you and may the words which I have spoken guide you. May you never forget that while you have breath in your nostrils, it is to praise Him---to praise Him in sickness, in health, in sorrow, in joy. Praise Him! "Let everything that hath breath, PRAISE THE LORD".



Prayer Answered

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

1.

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CALLI NG ALL YOUTH (Continued from Page 9)

- 6. The <u>law</u> of thy <u>mouth</u> is better unto me than thousands of <u>gold</u> and <u>silver</u> (Psalm 119:72).
- 7. How <u>sweet</u> are thy <u>words</u> unto my <u>taste</u>! yea, <u>sweeter</u> than <u>honey</u> to my <u>mouth</u> (Psalm 119:103)!

OCTOBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- 1. What seacoast city was the headquarters for the Roman occupation of Judea?
- 2. Was Cornelius a centurion?
- 3. What is known about the character of Cornelius?
- 4. At what time did the angel appear to Cornelius?
- 5. How did Cornelius respond to the angel?
- 6. What was the angel's response to Cornelius?
- 7. Did Cornelius obey?

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