Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:20-21).

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



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11 Corinthians 5:17-21 Psalms 103:19-22 **ELDER LIGHTFOOT SOLOMON MICHAUX**

General of the International Forces of Right Against Wrong THIS PLACE IS NOT MAN'S ETERNAL HOME; HE WON'T HAVE LONG TO STAY HERE. IT TAKES PRAYER AND RIGHT LIVING TO GET TO THE KINGDOM TO COME. THE DEVIL HAS ATTACKED PRAYER, THE LIFELINE BETWEEN GOD AND MAN. MAN, THROUGH IGNORANCE OF GOD, HAS BECOME ALIENATED FROM GOD. YOU BECOME A NEW CREATURE WHEN YOU ARE RECONCILED TO GOD. By the authority of the Constitution of Heaven

and as an Ambassador of the Kingdom of Heaven, I condemn the decision of the Supreme Court against prayer. "I WILL THEREFORE THAT MEN PRAY EVERY WHERE"

(1st Timothy 2:8).

"Good morning. Is everybody happy? This is Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux, the "HAPPY AM I" preacher. Do you know my precious ones, that the world is loaded? The people are loaded to their capacity. When I say 'loaded' I mean that they have problems on top of problems. The world is not lost, but it is really confused. That is true because MAN has forgotten God and thereby, he has abused his privilege to unload but there is still an opportunity as long as there is breath and he MUST unload if he wants to understand.

There is another land and surely there must be for God has arranged and set forth a plan for man and if he will study the plan, he'll understand that there's a land that is fairer than day. There's no death in that land and I am going there. It was planned by God that man be happy in this land but man, having become alienated from God, is lost in the wilderness of sin - disobedience - and disobedience brings condemnation to the one who disobeys. There is no happiness under a load of condemnation, so unload and make arrangements to go to the land where you'll be glad.

Yes, you'll be glad to get to that land. Have you ever seen a child as he is watching the billboard while walking down the street with its mother? On the billboard he sees the advertisement of the circus which is coming to town. His mother tells him that if he will be a good boy, she will take him to the circus. He is happy because he sees the pictures of the wonderful animals and the things that the circus will present for the enjoyment of the people. His mother says, "be a good boy and I'll take you to the circus." The little boy will just leap for joy while looking at the billboard and he'll tell his other playmates, "Mother is going to take me to the circus when it comes." May I tell you that Jesus is coming back to the earth to get the RIGHTEOUS and take them to the big show which will take place in the land of the "Sweet By and By." When they get there, everything will be theirs to enjoy.

Won't that be a wonderful time when all the Saints of God will be joined together and become one? Those whom God gave Christ while He was on earth have been searching for jewels to shine in the Kingdom to come. Jesus, in His prayer to His Father said, "Those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition." (Judas was the son of perdition.) And Jesus said as He prayed to His Father, "And all mine are thine, and thine are mine." When people become one with the other whatever one possesses becomes the possession of the other for him to enjoy. So, it will be in the Kingdom to come when God's will shall be done as it is done in Heaven now and as we are trying to have it done in earth. But we're lost because we've lost our birthright but, on them at Jesus' feet. that day, when He comes to gather His jewels to shine in the kingdom to come, every one of those who have obeyed Him shall be one and as one. "They shall be mine."

Do you understand God's great plan when He says that those who will be gathered together will be brothers no matter what their age or from which generation they came? Someone will say, "Who is that over there?" Another will say, "He is mine." Then he'll be asked, "Your what?" The answer will be, "my brother." At another time someone will say, "Who are Sister Mary and Martha?' The answer will be, "They are my sisters." We'll all be one when the will of God is done.

Don't worry my precious ones. My hope is built on nothing less than the promises of Jesus says to depart from evil is Christ and His righteousness and His power to perform. So, I'm on my way to heaven to meet the King of kings. It's wonderful! What a story! What a story! You know "where there is no vision, the people perish," says God's Word. Therefore, God, in His wise plan, WHO understands the heart of man reveals to him and makes him cast down every imagination that exalts itself above the Word of God. So the Word of God tells the story my precious ones, of the day that we shall meet the King. And when we meet

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The secret of your strength lies in your obedience to God.

You can know how much you love God only through the things you suffer to please God.

You can't talk to God while doing everything else. Neither can God talk to you unless you give Him your undivided attention.

It is not what you think; it is what God says.

The tongue is a little but terrible weapon.

Whatever you use your tongue for, let it be to magnify the Lord.

If you tell your troubles to your neighbors, they will tell everybody; so tell them to God—He will tell nobody.

Our trouble is that we try to bear our burdens instead of laying

You will never know truth until you know God.

Understanding is not acquired in colleges or universities, but it comes from God who understanding.

There is no victory except in the Lord.

In the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, walk as a

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PRAYER AND THE SUPREME COURT

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Him, what a time that will be. If you want to meet Him you've got to get right or get back. Which one of the 'gets' do you wish to do? If you aren't right, get right and if you're right, stay right! There isn't going to be any jealousy, envy, or strife there.

If you want to meet the King mister, you've got to steal away and pray. You haven't got long to stay here my precious ones. There's an allotted time for you so you might as well get it in your mind that if you're going to see the King, you must get rid of all malice, envy, and strife and again I say, "you've got to get right or get back – that's a fact." Pray that the evil day may not destroy your hope to meet the King for it will take prayer and right living to get you there.

The devil now has attacked the lifeline of man; the lifeline between God and man is prayer. The devil has twisted the minds of our great Supreme Court Justices to the extent that they, in an effort to keep separate church and state, have missed the aim by giving the decision that it is unconstitutional for prayers to be uttered in the public schools which were framed by an official group known as the Regents, who have the authority to respond to cases which come up in some of the public schools. PRAYER is not an institution of the mind of man to the Almighty God. When man lifts his face to the hills and begins to call on Almighty God, that petition is instituted by the Holy Ghost through man. Man doesn't know how to pray and honor anyone as being supreme of himself but the Holy Ghost gives the answer! There is no hope in man for man for "Vain is the help of man," says God's Word. To cut out prayer from the midst of children or youth or even to reflect upon the legality of it blights the minds of the children. So, my precious ones, **prayer** is the lifeline between God and man and everyone should have the privilege to pray anywhere and everywhere as long as it is honoring Almighty God!

So, this morning, I say to you, join us as we come into your home. Bring your child to your knee and let us say together, the Lord's Prayer! (A little child and the congregation join the Elder in reciting the Lord's Prayer.) The Kingdom and the glory belong to God now and forever. May God bless you. One day the power of His Kingdom shall come and His will shall be done in earth and on that day, I want to see the King for myself.

I come to you each Sunday morning with inspiration of things pertaining to the Kingdom to come. Strange as it may seem, believe it or not but so few people have learned that this place is not their home and yet, they're leaving it and are going somewhere to stay forever. We have been made to know this by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was sent into the world that men might have a hope beyond the grave, for "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable," says God's Word. The animal or the dumb brute has life as well as you and his instinct alone makes him know how to seek food that he might live. He's not a builder or constructor of anything that will be helpful for his fellow animals. But man is a creature created in the image and likeness of God with intelligence and a



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux, founder, Church of God

knowledge of life that is above the instinct of the animal. The animal knows that it has life and if you try to take its life, it will fight back but it is not conscious of the source of its life. An animal doesn't know that its life comes from a Supreme Being, the Creator, as man knows. Man realizes that life is of God and he has by his own searching, found out that there is more to life than to eat and drink.

Life is joy, peace, and happiness in obedience to God. Jesus Christ came into the world to reconcile man to God. Man had become alienated from God through ignorance. While here, Jesus brought many to the knowledge of the truth of a country "whose builder and maker is God." He then went back to Heaven but He left behind Him here, those men to represent that country, the Kingdom of Heaven to which He had gone. Those whom Jesus had taught and left here were Ambassadors of the Kingdom of Heaven. An ambassador is a representative of a foreign country, who resides in another country and serves his country as an agent to try to bring about reconciliations between the inhabitants of both countries.

So, this morning, I, as an Ambassador of the Kingdom of Heaven, will use for my text the Scripture found in 2nd Corinthians, the 5th Chapter, and the 17th Verse. Here it gives my position according to the Constitution of Heaven; it reads thus: "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." Any man in Christ is a new creature! Christ came to reconcile man to God that he might one day enter the Kingdom governed by God. So, to do that you'll have to become a new creature. Read! "Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." All the old things must pass away. You'll live in a new atmosphere and all hate, malice and strife will have passed away because you will have been made a new creature. Because vou became reconciled to God vou became an heir to a Kingdom to come where men don't war or fight against each other; they love each other under the direction of an Almighty God. Read! (18) "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." It

tells you that all things are of God who has reconciled us to Himself by His Son, Jesus Christ. He has given those who have been made new creatures the ministry of reconciliation. That means this, --Since Jesus has gone back to the kingdom from which God sent Him, God has given the ministry of reconciliation to those who have become new creatures in His stead. They seek to reconcile men to God as Jesus did.

I am this morning trying to reconcile men and women to the Kingdom of Heaven. I represent another country; my language is not of this world; it is concerning the Kingdom to come and the place where God and His angels dwell. So, reading further in the 19th Verse, it says: "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." To wit that like as God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself and not imputing their sins unto them, He has committed unto those who accepted Him as Ambassadors of the Kingdom of Heaven, the ministry of reconciliation. Read! (20) "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ..." Now we. who have been reconciled have become Ambassadors (representatives of a foreign government), telling you to become reconciled with that kingdom where you'll have to spend eternity. "As though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." He wants you to know that it is as though God is beseeching you by us and we, the ambassadors pray in Christ's stead that you be reconciled not to men but to God! Listen! (21) "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Jesus who knew no sin has been made to be sin for us that we, through Him, might be made the righteousness of God.

As an Ambassador of the Kingdom of Heaven, I stand here this morning condemning everything that will attempt to separate man from the Government of Heaven, or the Kingdom of Heaven. And I boldly, this morning as an Ambassador of the King of Heaven, condemn the Supreme Court for its decision against the offering of prayer in government supported schools, which is contrary to the Constitution of Heaven, the Highest Tribunal of all the earth! The Constitution of Heaven is found written in the Holy Scriptures, the law of God. It was dictated by the Creator of man, who, for man, has created all things!

The Constitution of Heaven found in Psalms, the 103d Chapter, beginning with the 19th Verse, reads as follows, "The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all." Listen! God has prepared His throne in the heavens and His kingdom is above all other kingdoms. (20) "Bless the Lord, ye his angels," The angels are spirit beings who inhabit the Kingdom of Heaven where the seat of God's government is. They are made ministering spirits to the heirs of salvation, those of you who become reconciled to God. God commands the angels to praise Him as He says, "Bless the Lord, ye his angels that excel in

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.
- Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.
- Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.
- 6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a

- concordance is recommended.

 Quote where the passage is found.

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 Version of the Holy Bible.
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3. II Kings	19	31	12		
4. I Kings	1	42	29		
5. Ezra	9	12	34		
6. St. Luke	1	19	31		
7. Genesis	22	2	16		
8. Psalm	20	2	2		
9. Isaiah	61	1	29		
10. Nehemiah	2	8	47		
11. Exodus	7	16	11		
12. St. Mark	14	61	11		
13. Exodus	3	1	31		
14. Song of Solomon	3	11	3		
15. St. Luke	2	25	8		
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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end" (Hebrews 3:6).

Responses to the Bible Word Puzzle

The Happy News staff would like to thank you for your continued support and prayers. May God continue to bless you.

Stand In Faith

Stand in faith

Even when you can't see your way

Stand in faith

Even when you feel like you can't face another

day

Stand in faith

Even when the tears want to flow from your eyes

Stand in faith

Knowing that our God will always provide

Stand in faith

Even when you feel that all hope is gone

Stand in faith

Knowing that He is always there for you to lean

on

Stand in faith

Even when you feel like giving up

Stand in faith

Because He is there ... saying, "Just look up"

Stand in faith

Even in those times you feel so all alone

Stand in faith

Hold on and be strong, for He is still on the

throne

Stand in faith

Even when it's hard to believe

Stand in faith

Knowing that He can change your situation,

suddenly

Stand in faith

Even in those times you feel it's hard to pray

Stand in faith

And believe that He has already made the way Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the

evidence of things not seen

So stand in faith

Because you already have the victory!

--Evangelist Johnnye V. Chandler



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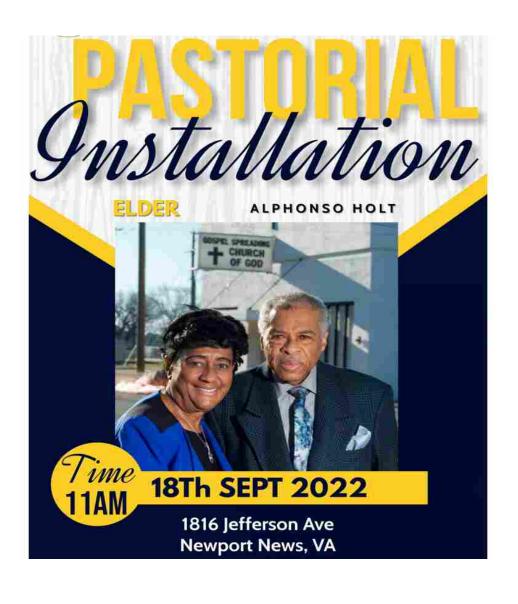
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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

ADOPTION OF A HOLY NATURE

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7).

If you don't know why we have the troubles we are having in the earth today, I'll tell you. It is because of the failure of the Church to let her light shine, which is the Light of the World.

I was listening to an address by a man who was telling how the atheists and communists and other godless societies are destroying the Church.

Now the Church is a body of professing believers in the teaching of Jesus Christ, and because we have so far departed from His teachings, we have not been able to get the people to know the Lord and understand the teachings which we preach and do not practice.

If you want to make a man angry, you tell him to do what you are not doing yourself. The first thing he will ask you is why don't you do it? If you continue to try to force him to do that which you don't do, he will resent it.

The world has resented the Church because the world can only know God through the Church; and the Church has become blinded by the gods of this world and can't reflect God to the world. The world has no knowledge because the beginning of knowledge is the fear of God. They have got to the place where they despise wisdom and hate understanding.

The world is led by foolishness which carries many men and women down to destruction. If you don't believe what I am saying, go down to Broadway, New York and you will find the white lights blazing and every imaginable form of show being put over by the devil. They have no foundation, however. You see men stand up on the stage and play their part and show you how to love. But when you follow them home, they live like cats and dogs. They are often divorcees and married the second or third time The very actor who touches your heart by his acting, and teaching you the lesson of love, will be found to be the very one who doesn't even know the first lesson in love. It is all a show.

The world itself has become a show. The Church is a show. The whole congregation has no more understanding about God than a hog has about ice cream. Why a hog doesn't want ice cream – he wants slop!

The love of God was expressed in Jesus Christ Who came not to the high but to the low, that that type of people or class or Church member might not feel He was a high brow. God Almighty, the Father of Christ, suffered Him to be born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, which put His birth under the humblest circumstances to further secure the salvation of the lowly.

The Church Has Lost Its Power

It is true, my precious ones, that those who have the Spirit of Jesus Christ in their hearts are anxious that those who are the lowest be picked up and lifted to the life they live. If you don't have a spirit to lift the fallen up on the plain with you that they might enjoy the same atmosphere and might be taken from the pit and placed upon the rock at your side to talk with you and walk with you, then you have failed to show the love of God.

That is what the Church has



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

lost – the love of God. The Church wants to pull its skirts up when it passes a poor fallen girl. The Church wants to condemn the bootlegger while it drinks up his liquor. The Church has lost its power because men have hated knowledge and despised wisdom.

The Bible Is the Saint's Guide

I want to make it plain to the Church. God doesn't want any preacher to show you hell and make you fear Him; for the Word of the Lord tells us in II Timothy 3:16 which reads like this: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Now "all scripture" means the whole Bible; that is what I preach. It is not given by will of men, but by the will of God. God inspired men through the thought of righteousness. If you don't know, my friend, everything you do, you get the inspiration from somewhere to do it. Every line in this Book here was given by inspiration of God. God moved men to write.

It is profitable to be taught as doctrine, but when men go contrary to it, it is to be used to reprove them. If there are any who make mistakes, this Book is that which God gave to correct them. Read the 17th verse of the same chapter: "That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." That you, who desire to be of God, may be thoroughly furnished, not halfway, but thoroughly, the Scripture is given.

A Saint's Love Is Void of Fear

God doesn't want us to fear Him because of the terror that may be brought before us. But He wants us to have that fear like a child has for parents. Terror, which is extreme fear that causes you to tremble, is not the will of God. He doesn't want your preacher to tell you that hell is your home, and that God is going to make firewood out of you. That is terror and if you tremble at the name of God through terror, you will never know the love of God. The Jews in Germany have been terrorized by Hitler, whom they have learned to fear. But that kind of fear is not the kind God wants you to have for Him; but rather, fear like a child has. Fear because you know His love and be concerned about the way you act that you might not displease Him.

Read I John 4:18 as follows: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

There is no fear in love. What God wants you to do is have perfect love. Know Him and understand Him as a Father who chastens and corrects us when we go wrong. When we are being chastened it is not to the end that we might become so terrorized with fear that we will not say, "Father, you are correct, you are right. Forgive me! If You forgive me and heal me, I will go in peace and sin no more." He corrects you that you might have life.

Correction Is Needful and Shows Paternal Love

Now this book is given that you might be thoroughly furnished unto every good work. Read Hebrews 12:7 as follows: "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

Now read the 9th verse of the same chapter as follows: "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us; and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"

A child whose father doesn't correct him has no respect for that father. But when he corrects him, he will give him reverence and when he grows up and understands as he should, he will have more love for that father.

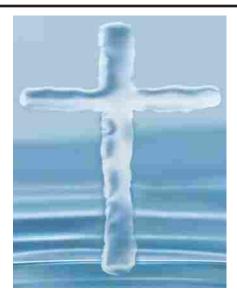
You can't go according to God's word without being blessed. If you follow the words given by Jesus Christ, you will be a blessed people. But when you fail to hear them, you cannot be blessed. Our parents corrected us that they might not have their name reproached by us. But God corrects us that we might be partakers of His Holiness.

If you just endure chastisement and don't like to be the fool that has no heart for wisdom, which is displayed by the work of God, you can be blessed. But when you find yourself in the position that things are not breaking right, look back over your life and see what you have been doing. Pull yourself up and ask God to forgive you. For God is chastening you that you might be a partaker of His Holiness, that you might be called one of His

Don't Intercept Chastisement Meant for Another

Some of you sitting here, go through many things because of the fact that you are walking contrary to the will of God. Now you can't take sides with the fellow who is wrong without getting a part of his whipping. If you have a no-count daughter or son and you run around and stand between them and their chastisement, you are going to get a part of it. When they get in trouble, let them turn to God. You can't help them for they will go back and do the same thing again unless God turns their hearts

Jesus Christ the Son of God came down into the world and took the part of the sinner, and because He did, God allowed Him to be treated as a sinner. When Christ was hanging on the cross, He cried, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" As He chose to take the





"Making Effective Ripples"

Theme: Acts 17:6.... This shows the impact the early church made; They made ripples that affected the entire world.

We are challenged with three options:

- 1. Follow today's culture
- 2. Follow religious traditions
- 3. Lift up the name of Jesus, understanding his promise in St. John 12:32, and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me.

If you are not making ripples, then you are not doing what God requires of you. Let us show by our actions that there is a God who sits high and looks low, and he is concerned about the children of men (St. Luke 10:2) yes, the harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Don't wait for someone to go into the vineyard, you go; you make ripples so some may be affected by the ripples you made and be saved. (Romans 2:11).

Remember, God is no respecter of person, and neither should we be. This grace was poured out upon all men and is available to all. Let's go and make ripples for Jesus. Amen.

Elder Waverly Charity Baltimore, MD Church of God



Ye Have Compassed This Mountain Long Enough.

Deuteronomy 2:1-3: "Then we turned, and took journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days. And the LORD spake unto me, saying, Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward".

God is telling the church to stop looking to the east, west and down. Saints, let us look

"... unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith ..." Hebrews 12:2a. Saints, let us no longer wonder around like we have no hope. Jesus told us that He will send us another comforter. "... when the Spirit of truth is come, he shall guide you into all truth: ..." St. John 16:13.

We can't act like the world and claim Jesus as Lord and Savior. We must be the salt of the earth. Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted" St. Matthew 5:13a?

Since people need to know what the Lord has done, let us speak boldly about what He has done for us. The world is hurting, and we must be that light. Let us no longer be a thermometer, but the thermostat controlling the temperature. Let go and make the ripple effect.

Elder Vernell Hardy, Assistant Pastor Church of God, Baltimore, MD



Ripple Effect

We, as genuine believers, Saints of God are being moved by the Holy Spirit to make ripples into the world of Satan. Let's make no mistake about it, it's Satan's world, so don't get attached to it. Jesus said in St. John 14:30 - "...for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." Jesus made it very clear to His disciples that Satan had no claim on Him, nothing in common with Him and had no power over Him. We have been given the same power via the Holy Spirit and should be able to make the same declaration as we boldly witness for Christ.

I John 4:17 - "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world."

Our willingness to let the Holy Spirit work within us will have a rippling effect on Satan's territory. We will find ourselves automatically, naturally doing what Jesus did while He was in the world.

Acts 5:32 - "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." Notice He didn't say believe, but obey. Now if you truly believe with your whole heart, you will obey. When you receive the Spirit of Christ, you start on a life of obedience. With practice, you become a bold witness. Acts 4:3 1 — "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Pastor James Woods, Sr. Hampton, Virginia Church of God



It's Time to Make Ripples

A ripple is caused when an object is dropped into a body of water, and from there, in concentric circles, come ripples. In eternity past, God, knowing ahead of time the plight of His creation, planned their salvation. Of all the religions in the world, none compares to the relationship brought about by faith in the living Christ, Who the Scriptures speak of as "... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (I Peter 1:19-20; Revelation 13:8).

In eternity past, The Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ, was dropped into the sea of humanity. Those caught up in this ripple were the likes of Noah, who built an ark representing Christ; Abraham, through whom God said all the nations of the earth would be blessed, speaking of Christ. Then David, through whom two of his sons, Nathan and Solomon, began the lineage through whom Mary and Joseph would come. Jesus, born of the virgin Mary through the Holy Spirit, was the sinless, spotless Savior sent to bear the sins of the world on the cross. From there, the apostles were caught up in this great ripple, continuing down until the pastor or other individual ministering the Word of salvation through Christ met you. And now you are caught up in this same ripple from eternity past and given the mandate to tell everyone you can, everywhere you can, by every means you can about the love of God in Christ Jesus.

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Now is the time... "To Make Ripples" (Continued from Page 6)

Solemn Assembly in Retrospect

Making Ripples

Acts 17:6 draws our attention to an accusation placed upon Jason and certain early Christians that is vastly different from the indictment against them. The church is now marked by assimilation, maliciousness, inconsistency, and acquiescence.

Acts Chapter 16 challenges us to get busy making ripples – shallow ruffling on the surface of water that have a lasting impact. We must start with a renewal of heart (See Acts 16:1-5) demonstrated through Paul's circumcision of Timothy. We must be willing to remove anything from our lives that would be a hinderance to life and our ministry and to change our hearts away from the world's system toward the will of God (See Romans 12:1-2). A high regard for the Spirit (See Acts 16:6-10), which calls us into ministry (See Acts 13:1), keeps us from sin (See Galatians 5:16-23), and empowers us (See Acts 1:8-10) is also essential. Is the voice of the Holy Spirit distinct from your own? Check that! Here He speaks to Paul and his co-laborers and changes their course.\

Thirdly, we must relay the gospel (See Acts 16:11-15). Carrying the gospel is not about bashing, berating, and belittling. It is relational! The apostles taught Lydia and the women the gospel of Christ. Relaying the gospel is not only about the method, but the message. Paul's "sermon time" was not focused on behaviors, but on Christ crucified (See I Corinthians 2:1-6).

Remember to resist the devil (See Acts 16:16-21) because he is seeking to upset our work. Paul's rebuke of the fortuneteller is a stark reminder that when Satan attacks, we do not entertain him, we simply resist him, and he will flee (See James 4:7b).

Finally, this chapter calls on the church to restore fervent prayer (See Acts 16). Jesus said we ought always to pray (See St. Luke 18:1). In a Philippian jail, Paul and Silas prayed with such fervor that an earthquake was stirred, shackles were broken, and gates were opened.

Effective PRAYER comforts the afflicted, satisfies the weary, heals the sin-sick, reveals God's glory, and displays God's power. So let us heed the Word of God and follow Paul and Company's example of making ripples – living so that the world around us is never the same, because we were there.

Elder Quentin Jones, Jr Church of God at Huntington

The Drop that Changed Everything

There is only one man Who created the greatest ripple effect that changed the course of this world. He is the Lord Jesus Christ (See Acts 4:11-12). He was the stone the builders rejected and has become the chief cornerstone Which gave hope and life abundantly to all who believe in Him. The scripture tells us, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" Acts 4:12.

Ripples always start small. For a ripple to happen, a rock must drop into the water at a point called the locus point (the set of all points that share a property). Then concentric circles ripple out from the locus point and get larger as they spread. Christ, the Rock was dropped at the locus point by His death and resurrection. This action started the small ripples, which represented the church. It began small with twelve men called disciples, and progressed, "... and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in *Jerusalem*, and in all *Judaea*, and in *Samaria*, and unto the *uttermost part of the earth*." Acts 1:8b.

The Drop That has changed everything, which *all* men, women, children, Jew, Greek, whoever believe on Him, have been given abundant life and access to the Kingdom of heaven from the kingdom of darkness (See Romans 10:9-13). May we, the people of God keep the ripple going, by being witnesses and letting our light shine!

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Jesus Shut It Down

Now is the time TO MAKE RIPPLES. Sometimes we must make ripples in the church. Paul and Silas caused ripples within the church of Thessalonica. They upset some folk, Jews, who did not believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ and were "... **moved with envy**" Acts 17:5a. They gathered a mob and searched for Paul and Silas, who had hidden themselves in Jason's home. After they were unable to find Paul and Silas, they dragged Jason through the city streets, "... **crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also**" (Acts 17:1-6);

According to Psalm 104:10-22, God designed the world to provide and be fruitful. He said His creation "... was good" Genesis 1:10b. When Adam sinned through disobedience, sin entered into the world.

Therefore, because of sin, the judgment of God was placed on the universe. "The world was turned upside down" (Isaiah 24:1). These non-believing Jews' lives were turned upside down.

Jesus encountered the non production of fruit when He entered the temple. Just as He received no fruit from the barren fig tree, which had all the outward appearance that it should have had fruit, Jesus was hoping for the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22 and 23.

His Father's house which was to be a house of worship and prayer, had become ... a den of thieves St. Mark 11:17b. Jesus shut it down. He stopped all the temple activity. (St. Mark 11:12-21).

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UPRIGHT LIVING IN AN UPSIDEDOWN WORLD

Acts 17 tells what happened after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. His followers TURNED the WORLD UPSIDE DOWN. Today, everything has been turned upside down. Society says sin should be acceptable with our having no right to offer correction.

Imagine what it could be like if everyone professing to be a Christian LIVED THE LIFE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS? It would be said of us that changes in communities would be attributed to these who turned the world upside down.

ACTS 17:6: "THESE THAT HAVE TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN HAVE COME HITHER ALSO." How can we turn our world upside down for the advancement of the Gospel? They turned the world upside down. They had confidence in Jesus and desired to introduce Him to others.

Living Upright in an Upside-Down World requires having a POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE. In the early church there was daily Prayer. PRAYER IS NOT AN ESCAPE FROM RESPONSIBILITY, RATHER OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S ABILITY.

They turned the world upside down through POWER. The early church did not rely on PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS, EXCELLENT SPEECH, or HUMAN WISDOM. Paul and Silas did not come with ELOQUENT language.

The Holy Spirit must CONVINCE, CONVERT the sinner. Paul was the proclaimer, the Holy Spirit, persuader. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can Live Right. We can, through the power of the Holy Spirit, turn our world upside down. Preach, Teach, Share Your Faith and Pray until change comes.

Elder Marshall J. Green, Assistant Bishop Church of God, Baltimore, MD



Gospel News and Views

Calling All Youth

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

(Isaiah 54:13,14)



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MEMORY VERSES

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (Colossians 3:9-10).

God requires us to be honest at all times. As it is written in Proverbs 6: 16-19:

These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto

A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

All of the above are offensive to God; however, it should be noted that lying comprises two of the above items that He hates. We ought to be careful to avoid any and everything that offends Him.

He also requires us to "speak the truth in love," a command that is found in Ephesians 4:15. The "love" referred to in this verse is agape love, a self-sacrificial love that works for the benefit of the loved one. We should speak truth in order to build up or encourage others. However, we should never, never, lie.

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

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers (Ephesians 4:29).

Young People Tell Why One Should Never Lie

Do not lie because nobody will believe you anymore!

By Bella, Age 7

Laurel



Chloe, Age 13 Upper Marlboro

You should always tell the truth because lying leads to big trouble.

By Tshai, Age 12 Baltimore



You should always tell the truth because it is a bad thing and God wants you to tell the truth.

N'Dea, Age 9 **Baltimore**



If you lie a lot, you are going to get to a point when nobody will believe you. So, try your best to never lie.

By Elijah, Age 12 Laurel



Before You Speak

Ask the following:

T Is it True? H Is it Honest? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? K Is it Kind?

And see Philippians 4:8

Deciphering Texting Codes

<u>Code</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
ADR	What's your address?
AYOR	At your own risk
IRL	In Real Life
ISO	In Search Of
ILY	I Love You
J/K	Just Kidding
LOL	Laughing Out Loud
MOS/POS	Mom/Parent Over Shoulder
NP	No Problem
PAP	Post a picture
SMH	Shaking my head or I don't believe it!
TBH	Truth be Told
WUF	Where [are] You From?
WYD	What [are] You Doing?
WYA	Where You At?

O Be Careful, Little Eyes

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O be careful little eyes what you see
O be careful little eyes what you see
There's a Father up above
And He's looking down in love
So, be careful little eyes what you see.

O be careful little mouth what you say
O be careful little mouth what you say
There's a Father up above
And He's looking down in love
So, be careful little mouth what you say.

"Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling, truth speaking, truth living, and truth loving." James E. Faust



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ANSWERS TO AUGUST HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who became King of Jerusalem at eight years of age and how long did he reign?

(Josiah. He reigned for 31 years - II Chronicles 34:1).

- At the age of sixteen, what happened to the King?
 (He had a spiritual awakening that turned his heart toward God II Chronicles 34:2).
- 3. What did the King do four years later?

 (The King ordered a purging of Judah and Jerusalem, which led to a spiritual cleansing of the land II Chronicles 34: 3-7).
- 4. Who was the high priest overseeing the cleaning of the temple?(Hilkiah II Chronicles 34:9).
- 5. What did the high priest discover?(He found a copy of the book of the law of the LORD that had
- been given to Moses II Chronicles 34:14).
- 6. To whom did he relate his discovery and what did he do?
 - (The discovery of the book was related to the scribe, Shaphan, and he read it before the king II Chronicles 34:18).
- 7. What was the King's response to the reading of the book?

(The King rent (tore)his robe and issued an order (II Chronicles 34:19). The tearing of his robe was a sign of the King's deep mourning and great grief over what he had heard.

ANSWERS TO AUGUST FILL IN THE BLANKS

- 1. Praise ye the LORD. I will **praise** the LORD with my whole **heart**, in the assembly of the **upright**, and in the **congregation** (**Psalm 111:1**).
- 2. His work is **honourable** and **glorious**: and his righteousness **endureth** for ever **(Psalm 111:3)**.
- 3. He hath made his wonderful <u>works</u> to be <u>remembered</u>: the LORD is <u>gracious</u> and full of <u>compassion</u> (Psalm 111:4).
- 4. The <u>works</u> of his hands are <u>verity</u> and <u>judgment</u>; all his <u>commandments</u> are sure (Psalm 111:7).
- 5. They <u>stand fast</u> for ever and ever, and are done in <u>truth</u> and <u>uprightness</u> (Psalm 111:8).
- 6. He sent <u>redemption</u> unto his people: he hath commanded his <u>covenant</u> for ever: <u>holy</u> and <u>reverend</u> is his name (Psalm 111:9).
- 7. The <u>fear</u> of the LORD is the beginning of <u>wisdom</u>: a good <u>understanding</u> have all they that do his <u>commandments</u>: his <u>praise</u> endureth for ever (Psalm 111:10).

SEPTEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- 1. What did King Josiah do after hearing the message of the recovered book?
- 2. What message came back to him?
- 3. Why did God extend His mercy to the King in spite of His wrath?
- 4. What did the King do as a way of leading the people of Judah back to a right relationship with God?
- 5. How did the people respond?
- 6. What happened in the land?
- 7. How long were they true to God?

SEPTEMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

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Sunday School Lessons for the Month of September

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Elder Tommy Smith. He serves as the Assistant Pastor of the Church of God, Hampton, VA.



LESSON 36 – September 4, 2022 SUBJECT: Obedience in Leadership

GOLDEN TEXT: "Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt" (Exodus 3:10).

PRINTED TEXT: Exodus 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

- 2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.
- 3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.
- 4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.
- 5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.
- 6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.
- 7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;
- 8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
- 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.
- 10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.
- 11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?
- 12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson, Moses was called by God to lead His people from the bondage of the Egyptians. God allowed Moses to be raised by Pharaoh's daughter as her son. He also became the shepherd over his father-in-law's flock (See Exodus 2:9-10; 3:1). God placed him in these positions in preparation to lead the people of God out of the bondage of the Egyptians.

Moses once desired to save his people. He tried by his power and failed (See Exodus 2:11-14). As a result, this incident caused him to run away. Throughout Scriptures, when God calls someone to lead His people, He does not demand that they possess skills or the ability to lead; instead, the only qualification for service and leadership is obedience. Moses' excuses were not acceptable because God provided all he needed to be an effective leader (See Exodus 4).

To be an effective Leader, one must learn followership, obedience, and trust the Lord to be with him. The Lord said to Moses, ... Certainly I will be with thee;" (Exodus 3:12a)

LESSON 37 – September 11, 2022 SUBJECT: Obedient to Remember

GOLDEN TEXT: "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever" (Exodus 12:14).

PRINTED TEXT: Exodus 12:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying,

2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

- 3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:
- 4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.
- 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:
- 6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.
- 7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.
- 8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.
- 9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.
- 10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.
- 11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover.
- 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.
- 13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.
- 14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The people of Israel cried for 435 years to be delivered from the bondage of the Egyptians (See Exodus. 2:23-25). God heard them and sent the deliverer Moses to lead them out (See Exodus. 3:10). God commanded that this day be observed as a memorial "...throughout your generations" (See Exodus. 12:14). Three things to remember about this command: affliction, Who delivered them, and perpetuity.

First, the affliction. They were to remember the old life they left behind and the new life that was before them. Secondly, they were to remember that it was God Who delivered them. That is why it is called the "the LORD's Passover" (See Exodus 12:11,27). Thirdly, it was to be continually remembered throughout all generations (See Exodus 12:26,27).

Let us not forget God's "so great salvation," His work of redemption by His grace and power. Reverently observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. For after all, "... Christ our passover is crucified for us:" (I Corinthians 5:7b). Therefore, let us keep the feast.

LESSON 38 – September 18, 2022 SUBJECT: Promise of Obedience

GOLDEN TEXT: "And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do" (Exodus 24:3).

PRINTED TEXT: Exodus 19:1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

- 2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.
- 3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;
- 4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.
- 5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These
- are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. 24:3 And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words
- which the LORD hath said will we do.

 4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the
- morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

 5. And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings.
- 5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.
- 6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.
- 7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.
- 8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning

all these words.

LESSON DISCUSSION

"Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments" (Exodus 24:3a): and without reservation, the people unanimously consented to be obedient (See Exodus 24:3b). Their willingness to be obedient is because they witnessed God's awesome power throughout their journey and His presence at Mt. Sinai.

Israel's promise to obey was commendable, but they did not understand the weakness of their flesh. As their journey became more intense. Many of them complained against Moses and Aaron (See Numbers 14:2). How quickly they forgot their promise to obey. The Israelites had good intentions, but they lacked the power needed to obey.

Like the Israelites, we have good intentions to obey, but the law cannot change hearts. We need the indwelling of the Holy Spirit Who enables us to be obedient (See Ezekiel 36:26-27).

LESSON 39 – September 25, 2022 **SUBJECT**: Obedience and Respect

GOLDEN TEXT: "And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount" (Exodus 19:17).

PRINTED TEXT: Exodus 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the

whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

23 And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.

24 And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.

25 So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The arrival of the people of God to Mount Sinai, marked the fulfillment of the promise made to Moses (See Exodus 3:12). The law was about to be given revealing God's holiness and the holiness He expects from His people (See Exodus 19:24). They were to come to the mountain with obedience and respect.

God displayed His awesome power to show that His holiness and presence are not to be taken lightly (See Exodus 19:16-19). Referring to this incident, Hebrews 12:28-29 reminds us, "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."

Obedience and reverence are the only proper responses to the goodness of the Lord. The people of God were made a peculiar treasure above all people through their obedience and respect for the Lord (See Exodus 19:5). Likewise, we too, are made a royal priesthood (See I Peter 2:9).

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strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word." The angels are created super human beings and they do as He commands them; they listen to the word that He commands them to fulfil. (21) "Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure." God commands that all His hosts praise Him. All creatures of God's creation of every nation represent the hosts of the King of Heaven. He says, you are my ministers, my servants, you do what I command you. (22) "Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul." God says, "Bless me, praise me and all of my works in all places where I rule! Just bless me and praise me!"

Prayer is a solemn address to the Supreme Being – that is the essence of prayer. The beginning of the outlawed prayer by the Supreme Court is as follows, (I quote) "Almighty God we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee," It was directed to Almighty God, not to a man, woman, or an idol. Those words begin the prayer that was suggested by the State Board of Regents of the public schools of New York. They said it was a nice thing to teach the children that God is the Almighty Supreme Being. May I tell you that the Holy Ghost instituted that prayer and not the mind of man! The Scriptures say that "No man can say that Jesus is the Christ except by the Holy Ghost." Of the address to the Supreme Being, the Supreme Court decrees that it is unlawful for those words to be uttered by our school children in government supported schools. I condemn it. As an Ambassador of Heaven and as a Representative of Heaven in earth telling men to be reconciled to God, I condemn this decision by the authority invested in me as an Ambassador of the Kingdom of Heaven. I condemn the decision this morning, and I, before the bar of public opinion bring the Supreme Court's decision that you may judge for yourself whether or not your child or mine or whoever's child it may be, should be stopped from saying in any place on God's green earth, "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee." Condemn it! There is a higher court than the Supreme Court – the Court of Heaven! The Constitution of the Court of Heaven declares that "men should always pray and in every place." I condemn the Supreme Court of the United States of America for making the decision against the Tribunal Court of the Kingdom of Heaven before the Bar of Public Opinion. I am bringing them this morning before the Bar of Public Opinion.

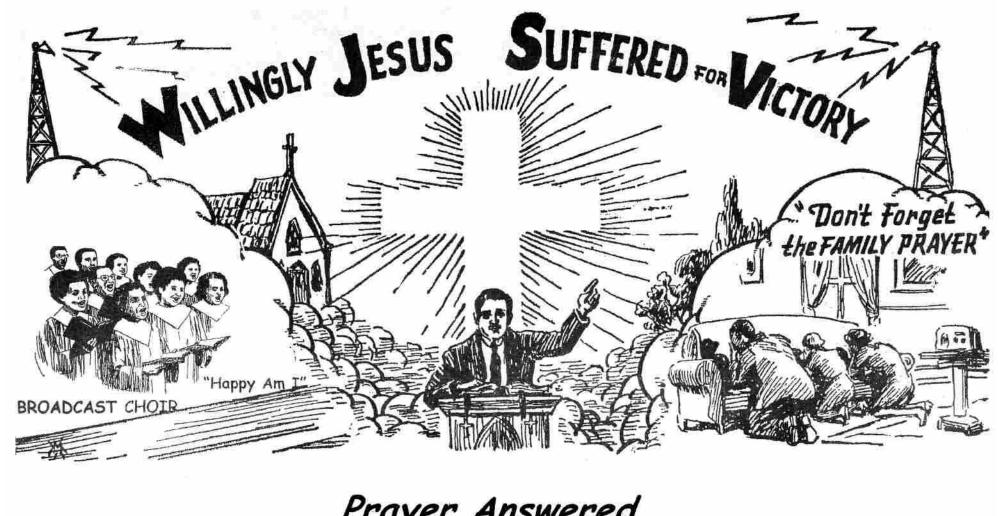
The Regents' prayer was dictated by the Holy Ghost as I have said, and not by the mind of man. God's Word declares that "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (understood). You'll find that in Romans 8:26. The second part of the prayer after stating that "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon thee," is "we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our Country." And the Supreme Court decrees that this cannot be said by school children in government supported schools because of the Regents suggesting that it be used. This part of the prayer is a special request to the Almighty God to "bless us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

To forbid the prayer to be uttered in public by the school children in government supported schools in the USA is to concur with Khrushchev; he says the same thing – no honoring of Almighty God as the Supreme Being on government owned property. The government owns all the property in Russia. They're pushing God in a corner.

Think of the great problem today! When you say that "on government owned property no privilege can be given to exercise reverence for God," are we any better than Russia? The great problem today is Juvenile Delinquency and the only hope to get God in the mind of the child is to teach him to reverence God every day, not only on Sunday. Many of them never go to Sunday School or church. They're not to just reverence God only one day a week, as most people do. The decision made by the Supreme Court will put a blight on the minds of the children in regard to honoring God. If He is not to be honored where the children are much of the time, which is in the school, where will they honor Him?

The Word of God, the Bible (the Book that contains the Constitution of Heaven) gives God's orders to govern man and it says, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere." That's what it reads. Again, I will have it read to you: Psalm 103:19-22. It says: "The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all! Bless the Lord, ye his angels that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul." God's seat of government is in the heavens and from there, He rules over all. Bless God!—even the Angels must praise Him. His hosts and the ministers that do His pleasure are to bless Him. Bless Him and praise Him in all His works in all places of His dominion. It says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul."

God, who breathes the breath of life into the nostrils of man commands this in the 148th Psalm. Read! "Praise ye the Lord, praise ye the Lord from the heavens: His angels: Praise ye him, all his hosts, praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord: For He commanded, and they were created. He hath also established them for ever and ever: He hath made a decree which shall not pass. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps; fire, and hail; snow and vapors; stormy winds fulfilling his word: Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars; beasts and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl: kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:" He said, princes and all judges! I say, "Supreme Court, praise God! I condemn you." Amen.



Prayer Answered

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

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part of the transgressors, God had to let Him endure that which He had said would have to come upon man because of his transgression. God said, "when I chastise you, it proves you." But He said to Jesus Christ, "For a small moment I forsook You, but with everlasting kindness, I will gather you, on the third day that I might prove that though you go through the valley of the shadow of death, you shall be a partaker of My Holiness."

You who are talking about you can't live above sin! You have got to obey instructions to be a partaker of His Holiness. He is trying to make you a partaker of His Holiness that you won't disgrace His Name.

God wants you who profess to be Christians and talk about you can't help from sinning, to know that if you can stand to be corrected you can become perfect. Just say: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. I am going to set the example. I am going to be perfect. How? By taking the instructions of God. Say: I am going to separate myself and see why I am being chastened and see if there is any false way in me.

Must Partake Of His Holiness To See God

Now read further in the same chapter, Hebrews 12:13-14, as follows: "And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Very often you read that church members go down to the courthouse to fight it out. God wants you to be a partaker of His Holiness. But you must first follow peace with all men. There is no such thing as being holy without having peace with your brother or sister. If you don't have holiness, you can't look God in the face.

Now my precious ones, don't listen to preachers telling you that you can't live above sin. You take this Book. It is profitable for doctrine and gives instructions that you may be a perfect child of God. You can be thoroughly furnished with the Word of God. You don't have to ask anybody.

I am sent by God to tell you to take this Book and obey its instructions so that you will be perfect.

You talk about the suffering you must endure to be good! As a matter of fact, you must suffer to do evil. When you suffer to do evil, you don't have peace, but if you suffer to do good, you do have peace.

May God bless each one of you.

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