

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

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A CALL TO PERFECTION HOW TO BE PERFECT

This sermon will connect very nicely with my previous sermon entitled, "God Heareth Not Sinners Pray." The text is found in St. Luke 1:73, 74 and 75, which reads as follows: **"The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."** Notice carefully that the Scripture says: **"In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."**

The context is found in Genesis 17:1, which reads: **"AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect."** Did you notice that God presented Himself as THE ALMIGHTY GOD? That expression was used in His command to Abram; it is also used in His command to you and me. Before God gives any one a command to do anything, He has already decided to help that individual carry out the command, if he is willing to obey. God commands those whom He called to serve Him to be perfect, and if you don't believe in perfection, you should stop trying to be a Christian. You must believe that you can be perfect, for when you do, God will count it to you as righteousness. It is not your prayer that God counts --- it is your belief.

Many people think that they are serving God when they pray. You are mistaken my precious ones. There is no need for you to ask God to serve you while you are in sin, that is, when you are not willing to become a righteous being and serve Him. No matter who you are, what you are or where you come from, Mr. Sinner, God is not against you. He wants to help you if you are willing to be helped. Sin will deceive and cause you to believe that God will hear and answer your prayers, even when you won't obey Him. The moment Abram believed that he could be perfect, and did what God had commanded him to do, God counted it unto him as righteousness. God makes that same promise to you and to me. He says that if you believe that you can be perfect, you will do what He commands you to do; and because of that belief, He will help you carry out His command. The Bible says that **"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"** (Romans 10:10).

Now the 4th Verse of Romans 4 reads: **"Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt."** The promises God made to us are expressions of His favor and grace. If it were possible for us to do something for God in order to get the things that He has promised, then our rewards would be considered as debt paid to us. But you must remember, my precious ones, that Jesus didn't owe us anything when He died on the cross of Calvary. God redeemed us when we were lost; by the death of His Son on the cross, even by His grace, for thereby were we brought into the favor of God.

Man is justified by his faith or belief in God. In the 5th Verse we find these words: **"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."** The moment that you say you believe that you can live above sin, and are willing to start to do so, God justifies you. No matter how vile a sinner you have been, He counts your faith in Him righteousness. This is true because God knows how to teach you. A teacher never has to worry about the child who believes in her, to the extent that he will do as she directs, because he believes that his teacher will only tell him what is right. That child has confidence in his teacher and obeys her. The teacher knows that such a child will reach the standard of perfection which is required for graduation. Likewise, God will count your faith in Him righteousness.

God will not charge you with any mistake that you make, if you confess your belief in Him, that He can make you perfect. The Lord knows that whenever He makes you to know that you have done something wrong, you will correct it. When you correct it, and don't make the same mistake again, you have reached perfection in that thing. He wants you to make a few mistakes so that you can see His power to perfect you in righteousness. Mistakes are not sins. A mistake is your aiming to do right but missing your goal. When your mistakes are corrected, you won't miss your goal.

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A CALL TO PERFECTION HOW TO BE PERFECT

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Many people think that there is something that they must do to live right, but God will count you a righteous man or woman because you believe in His power to keep you doing right. The evidence of your belief in God is that you will obey Him. To obey God is to cease from sin. You may ask, "How can I cease from sin? You may ask, "How can I cease from sinning?" If you can will to do evil, you can will to do good. If you can go out with another man you can stay home with your husband. If you can take a drink, you can leave it alone. If you can lie, you can tell the truth. It may seem to you that something is pressing you to do the wrong thing when you want to do the right, but that is the time to call on God for help. Stop at once and ask God to deliver you from the temptation because He has promised that He would do so.

After a man or a woman has started out to live a life above sin, he is confronted with some of the same temptations that he had before he was saved. It is at that time that God stands ready to help you not to enter into the temptation, if you will only stop right there and ask Him. He knows that you won't want to sin, so He tells you just what to do. If you obey Him, by asking for His help, He will surely deliver you. Thus, you have made your escape. Each escape or victory will help you to win another. You will find that as you go along through the years, your job of living a life above sin will grow easier day by day. God will help you to live this life by filling you with His Holy Spirit.

Many people want to do the right thing, but they have been fooled by seeing so many members of churches and hearing preachers who continue to fight against God, by telling them that they cannot live above sin. Anyone who tells you that is an enemy of God. I don't understand why people have never been able to conceive the idea that to sin, means to disobey God. There were churches in the earth at the time of the flood; there were churches in Sodom and Gomorrah, too, but God destroyed the Old World and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of sin. The people had become so sinful that they were running after the flesh just as they are doing today.

Many homes are broken up now on account of the lust of the flesh. Unless God is magnified in the home, that home is on the downward road. When God is out of your mind, you will try to satisfy the flesh. The first thing a man will think about is, where he can find a woman, and a woman vice versa. I am here to tell you that another woman or man will not satisfy you. Solomon had a thousand women, and found that out. His advice to the world is found in Ecclesiastes 12:13. It says: "**Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**" Now Solomon was a king who had everything that his heart



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could wish, and yet he was not satisfied. When a man who had one thousand wives can tell me that there is nothing to it, I can surely believe what he has to say about it. Truly, my precious ones, nothing satisfies but God.

Abram was an ungodly man when God spoke to him and said, "...**walk before me, and be thou perfect**" (Genesis 17:1b). He had become the father of a son by the name of Ishmael. Ishmael's mother was the maid in Abraham's household and her name was Hagar. God told Abraham to put Hagar and her child out of his house as soon as He gave him the command to be perfect. Of course, the question arose as to who would take care of the child, but God promised Abraham that He would make arrangements for the child. Abraham and Sarah were to blame for the birth of Ishmael, therefore, God suffered Ishmael to make trouble for the seed of Abraham. Remember my precious ones, you are going to reap all that you have sown, whether it is good or evil. You cannot reap anything that you have not sown. Even though you may be living a righteous life now, you will not escape your reaping portion, but God will not let any more come upon you than you are able to bear. Remember, you will have to suffer, but God will take you through.

Abraham believed God and obeyed His command. He put Hagar and Ishmael out of his house and left the land of Ur. He and Sarah, his wife, went to Canaan as God had directed. He didn't stop to pray; he obeyed God. Abraham had to separate from his kindred. You too, must separate spiritually from your relatives, if they are not living right. You can live in the same house, but you are not to let them be your companions. That is to say, your joy must be in the Lord and not in the worldly pleasures which they seek. You can be a dutiful wife to your husband, who may not be saved, but you must not go to cabarets, dances or drink liquor with him if you profess to be serving God. You must be a light for him, if you want to help him to be saved.

Abraham knew that his parents were not worshipers of God, for they worshiped idols. He couldn't understand how God could be divided up into so many different things. For instance, out of one part of a tree they carved an idol god, of another part they made tables, chairs, stools, etc., and the remaining portion was used for fire wood. Therefore, Abraham was willing to forsake his kindred that he might obey the God of Heaven.

You could be surprised to know the number of people who are in the various churches, who don't believe that they can live above sin. They are not worshiping God, they are worshiping their church, and it has become an idol to them. Whenever you put anything above God, you make that thing an idol. It is much better for you to sit at home and study your Bible and not go to any church, than to sit with the mockers. To sit with them will make you look upon the things of God too lightly. If everyone is in the dark, no one will have a light to go by; therefore, you must come out from among the unbelievers. Be like Abraham! --- When God spoke, he obeyed.

The only thing that you have to do to get out of sin is to obey God. The Bible is the only true rule and God teaches you by His Spirit, the way to use the rule. God wants you to measure yourself by the rule and not try to measure the other fellow. The Bible tells you to love your enemy as you love yourself! If you won't do anything to hurt yourself, then don't do anything to hurt the other fellow. The Bible also tells you that if someone should smite you on one cheek, you are to turn the other cheek to him. But the ordinary man will say, "if he hits me, I will hit him back." The Lord knows that if you have to turn your cheek to get another slap, you won't start the trouble which probably caused you to get the first slap. The word of the Lord is for you, it is not against you. So don't go against God, for He is your salvation.

My precious ones, may I say to you in all sincerity, that the thing that you need to know and understand is the plan of God. This is a serious time in which we are living. The Motion Picture Producers have made a picture entitled, "The Beginning Of The End." Man realizes that the time in which we are living is the beginning of the end. The motion picture is a documentary picture on the Atomic Bomb. The Atomic Age is here, and man is realizing that he is on the verge of the end of time. They see the handwriting on the wall, for we are now living in the evening of the last day. Men have learned many secret ways of destroying each other in a very short time. The purpose of the U. N. Organization is to get the different nations to gather together to agree not to hurt one another. They want to settle their differences without war, but unless God is in their hearts, there will be no peace.

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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".
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28. Daniel	12	1	31	_____
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Forgiveness – Part 2

Previously, I ended the message Forgiveness – Part 1 by stating that forgiveness is not forgetting. I will continue this month with the next point of what forgiveness is not. Forgiveness is not condoning what the offender did, or letting that person off the hook. If someone wrongs you, you can't condone what they've done or make any excuse for it. It's not right for someone to assault you verbally or physically. It's not right for someone to borrow money from you and not pay it back. It's not right for someone to assassinate your character.

Deborah Smith Pegues points out that no offense is alright. She said, "But when we forgive, [we look at the offense], [judge] it as wrong, and leave the resolution to God."

There are times when an offender just won't get things right, even after you have confronted them. Once, I went to someone about an offense who wouldn't even admit that they did anything wrong. Sometime after my confrontation, this person ended up unwittingly at my house for dinner at a particular function, which was a surprise to us both! He rode that day with a few other brothers who usually attended this annual dinner at my home, and he had no knowledge as to where he was going. My children, along with many of my guests that day, knew about this very public incident that had taken place between us. I had a choice to make: was I going to take revenge, and tell him to go wait in the car until dinner was over, or was I going to model what Christ did? I chose the latter, and even had my children take part in order to break their animosity toward him. I had my son bring a chair and seat him at the table, and my daughter served him whatever he wanted. Even with all of that, this person died without making things right with me. I thank God my heart was clear!

Again, Lewis B. Smedes said, "To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you." Had I not made a conscious choice to leave the matter to God's judgment, I would still be a prisoner today.

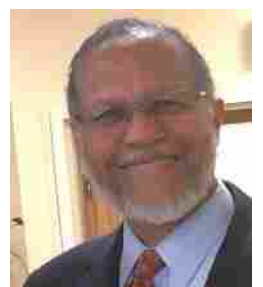
I pause here to add another note. There are grievances I have had for a number of years because I cannot understand how God's Spirit will not allow me to get away with the slightest infraction, but it is evident that nothing is happening in the other person. My heart grieves for that person who is like Saul, justifying their behavior and rejecting the clear will of God.

Just as God took His anointing away from Saul, He still does it today. If a person is saved, God will not take away their salvation, but He will not have fellowship with that person because He cannot. They will be ineffective in their spiritual life, regardless of their position in the church.

I grieve because I know that one day they will face the Lord Jesus Christ in judgment, and though they appear rich here, it will be different for them in eternity. Many blessings they could have in glory will never be received because they failed to maintain the proper relationship with God and others, and because they fail to, and even refuse to repent for their sins.

We can sin so egregiously before the Lord, as David did, and though we are saved, the sword will never depart from our house. I refuse, by the grace of God, to allow sin to grow and take root within me. I refuse not to clear things up with my brothers and my sisters because it is my desire to please God and obey everything He says to the letter. If the Holy Spirit brings to my attention any hurt I've caused another, I seek to get the matter cleared up between us as quickly as possible. I don't want there to be one, single, solitary thing between me and anybody on this planet, saint or sinner, because I want the Lord to hear me when I pray (see Psalm 66:18). I want His anointing on me even when I walk down the street so that others can see His glory shining through me. I want to live in my house with the wonderful gift of grace God gave to me over 43 years ago in a manner that brings glory to Him, always remembering that she is not just my wife, she is God's daughter. And just as I would be upset if my son-in-law was mistreating my daughter, or my son was mistreating my daughter-in-law, neither do I want God upset with me for mistreating His daughter. I'm preparing for that day when I will stand before my Savior alone, and there I will have to give Him an account for the thoughts, words, and deeds done in this, His temple, and all I want to see is His smile of approval and hear Him say "Well done!" And I know He won't smile, and neither will He say "Well done" if I have not done well!!!

With the help of the Lord, in Forgiveness, Part 3 I will discuss "Forgiveness is not necessarily the restoration of a relationship", "What forgiveness is", "Forgiveness has to be a conscious decision on our part", "Forgiveness is leaving vengeance to God, and "Forgiveness is remembering how much God has forgiven me in Christ, and "Should forgiveness be offered if there is no repentance."



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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

There Is A Balm In Gilead

I am glad to come before you lovely people this afternoon. I am glad to be here to hold up the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ. So few people know what it really means to serve God. So, I am going to talk to you briefly from Jeremiah 8:22 which reads as follows: **"Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?"**

We are facing a great crisis and we want to know whether or not we are really serving God. I am here to give a short talk to this group of nurses who sit before me, who are giving their time and talent to serve families and homes.

Now you don't serve God when you go to church. You serve God when you serve others. But people have turned their hearts so far from God until they think when they go to church and pray a long prayer, that they have done what God has required of them.

But may God help me this evening to let you see just whom you are serving. Now there are gifts that come to us without repentance. Many people today have talents in some field. But there is one gift that comes from God and that is the gift of healing. We who have been put in personal touch with God have witnessed this amazing talent.

The directing hand of God is miraculously shown in the conversion of John B. Gough when at fourteen he entered New York alone, with his father and mother still in England. He was discouraged, but found comfort in the text, "Trust in Jehovah and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness."

Later he joined the church, but evil companions soon drew him away. He began to drink and became in a short while a homeless wanderer out of work and almost in rags. A confirmed drunkard at eighteen, he saw the necessity of a change. Once more he attended church, but after a few weeks the appetite for strong drink came upon him again. For seven more years he was a drunkard, and went to the depths of sin. But one day a stranger approached him and asked him to sign a total abstinence pledge. Because of this touch, he signed the pledge. The following day he told his employer of his action, who, instead of encouraging him, said he had no confidence in him. Broken-hearted, he turned to his work and was about to give up the fight, when a stranger came to him and said, greeting him warmly: "I was very glad to see you sign the pledge. I have only a minute or two to spare but I thought I would just call in and tell you to keep up a brave heart. God bless you."

In seven more weeks, he had failed again, but another time he tried, after learning that lesson, "...**let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall**" (I Corinthians 10:12). Thereafter his strength was in God. He became the great temperance orator and spent his life on the platform speaking to others against drink.

Dear ones, do you know we are servants in the earth to do the bidding of God! We are all rendering some kind of



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service. But what we want to know is, are we rendering an acceptable service? It will be too bad if we give our service and in the end reap no reward. For we are not laboring here for what we see in sight. If so, we would be discouraged by those who have no wisdom.

We are working for that reward we cannot see. If many people could see the reward, then there would be many willing to go into the vineyard and serve. But that would not be an acceptable service, for they would be working for what they could get.

Paul said, "... **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him**" (I Corinthians 2:9). I love to make it plain to people just what it means to serve God. When we serve our fellow men, we are serving God. Serving God is serving in homes and taking care of the sick and needy.

In an Arizona desert there is a well fifty miles from any other source of water. Within fifteen or twenty miles of it many bones lie scattered all around - bones of men and their horses that might have reached the water had it been possible to know where to find it on that featureless plain.

As close as five miles stands two wagons, each with skeletons of its party huddled around it and at the very gateway of the enclosure a prospector was found one morning lost and dead. Finally an owner erected a lighthouse. He planted a tall cottonwood pole and hung a lantern upon it which was always kept lighted. Suffice it to say, that no longer are bones of dead men found near the well. The Epworth Herald says, "We shiver to think that former owners could have been willing to rescue perishing fellow men by so plain a means. But are you and I doing worse than that? Are we leaving our fellows in a more dreadful danger, neglecting to hold out to them the light of salvation?"

God doesn't need our services

up there in heaven. He has countless millions of angels to serve Him. I want to admonish you nurses to look unto God for encouragement. For you will find many people who do not know how to appreciate service. You will meet with many ingrates who don't know the value of service. If you should meet with such people, remember you are not working for a reward down here. You are working for your reward beyond this vale of tears.

And so I want to again admonish you nurses to be of good cheer, for you are serving God. Don't allow folks who have no appreciation cause you to lose your reward. Don't forget the context: **"Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why, then, is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?"** Jeremiah 8:22b.

I want to say to you precious people this afternoon, whenever Jesus passed by, people in the vicinity were blessed. I am reminded of blind Bartimaeus on the Jericho Road, who sat waiting for Jesus to pass by. He was an example of the healing power of God. Now we are going to call up a few more witnesses to that power.

Turn to Exodus 15:26 and you will read: **"And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee."**

I just want you to see Who it is that has the power of healing. We are only instruments in God's hands. A doctor may sometimes think he has healed you, but he is only the instrument which God uses to heal you.

When Jesus passed by, the blind received their sight, the lame walked, the deaf and dumb were made to hear and talk. It must have been a wonderful time when He passed by. Read Exodus 23:25: **"And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."** Read II Chronicles 30:20 as follows: **"And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people."** Now read Psalm 30:2 as follows: **"O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me."** Also read Psalm 91:2-3 as follows: **"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence."** Blind Bartimaeus sat by the highway begging. He could not work because he could not see, and in those days there were no people or organizations to train the blind to work and get along as well as people with their sight. Also there were no doctors who had skills that God could work with to help people from going blind.

As Jesus drew near, someone informed the blind man of His approach.

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GOSPEL SPREADING CHURCH OF GOD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

With school closed and children needing wholesome activity, the Lord has provided a wonderful opportunity for children to engage in spiritually oriented fun activities - **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**. The **Baltimore, MD Church of God VBS** children and youth were occupied August 7-11, 9:30 to 12:30 2023 with the theme **“Jesus, the first action hero”**.

Breakfast and lunch were served each day to nineteen children, ten educational assistants, two teachers, four kitchen staffers, four action crew teenagers for the younger children.

The lessons centered around Biblical Scripture stories:

Day one, action word: **LOVE**: (Adam and Eve) Because of sin, God sent a savior, Jesus.

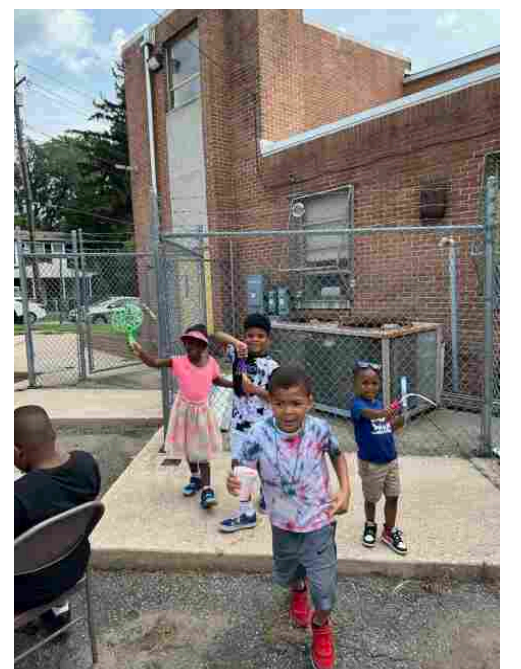
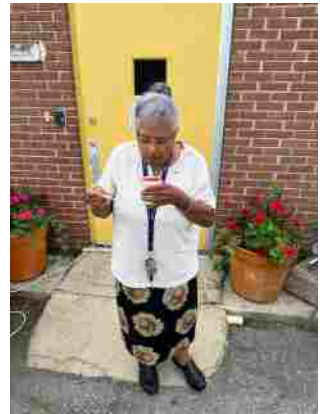
Day two, action word: **BELIEVE**: Abraham believed God’s promises for him and Sarah.

Day three, action word: **TRUST**: Mary trusted in her cousin Elizabeth, gave birth and became the mother of Jesus. Mary was told that her son Jesus would rule a kingdom that would never end. She trusted.

Day four, action word: **SAVE**...Jesus saves anyone who places his faith in His sacrifice on the cross alone as the payment for our sins. Mary Magdalene was saved from her sin.

Day five, action word **WITNESS**: When Saul was changed to Paul. He became a witness. Also, Paul’s story is found in a book of the New Testament called Acts. **“It’s all in the Bible.”**

By Sister Marcia McNeil



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Calling All Youth

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

(Isaiah 54:13,14)



Ravonne, Age 6

By Malayah, Age 12 Washington, D.C.



I want to meet my Granny because my name is Imani Miriam and her name is Miriam. I just love her and I never saw her before!

By Imani Miriam, Age 6 Baltimore



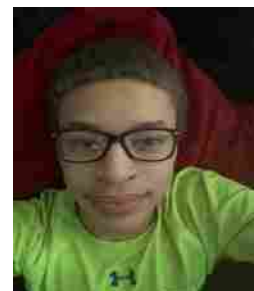
After I meet Jesus, I would like to meet my PopPop, James Ross, Sr., and great-grandma, Joyce Taylor. My family has told me so many things about them, so I would like to talk, get to know, and hug them both.

By Bella, Age 9 Laurel



I would like to meet my great granddad. I want to know what type of person that he was. Also, if I have any deceased siblings, I would like to meet them, as well. Although I do not know the causes of their deaths, I would be curious to see them because they would be a part of my family.

By Makari, Age 15 Washington, D.C.



I want to meet my mom. I also want to meet the sister who I never had a chance to meet before.

By Jayden, Age 13 Williamsburg



I want to meet my Grandmother, Miriam Macey. I want to know about her life and to hang out with her. I also want to meet [the Biblical] Queen Esther because she was really brave to speak with the King. I would like to hear her story from her point of view.

By Tsehai, Age 13 Baltimore



I want to see God. I also want to meet George Washington and the people who helped black people.

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

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MEMORY VERSE

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Timothy 4:12).

Since our young people are returning to school, we offer the following prayer for our children, their teachers, and their administrators:

Lord, Thank You for our children. Psalm 127:3a reminds us that children are an heritage from You. You also tell us to have faith like a child (See St. Matthew 18: 3b). We trust that You will protect our children's innocence and preserve the spark in their eyes from the darkness of the world. Please allow them to grow and have a fair opportunity to learn. May they be kind on the playground and quiet in the hallways. Protect our children from gossip and bullying. Please grant our teachers an abundance of wisdom and love for our children. Please grant them the strength and stamina to continue in the work that you have called them to do. Protect the children, the teachers, and the administrators from all hurt, harm, and danger. In the name of Your Son, Jesus. 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

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

CHILDREN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

"When you get to heaven, what two people would you like to meet after meeting Jesus? Why?"

I would like to meet some angles because I want to know who has been protecting me. I also want to see my mom and brothers because they are the family I live with and basically spent my life with. I will be glad that they all made it to heaven!

By Reese, Age 10
Hampton



When I get to heaven, I want to meet Judas. I want to ask him why he did the heinous things that he did to betray Jesus. I would love to know his thought process during those actions. I would also like to meet David. He was the underdog and smaller than Goliath, but David still overcame Goliath in battle. Those are the two people who I would like to meet after I meet Jesus.

By Joshua, Age 13
Midlothian



I want to see my Grammy.

By Ravonne, Age 6
Hampton

I want to meet Mary and Joseph. I want to see what they actually look like. I want to ask them about their lives after having the baby Jesus.

By Navayah, Age 8
Essex



It would be cool to see my dad again! I would say: "Hi Dad! Long time no see!" I would also be happy to see my Granddaddy Karl Jones, who was the pianist for the Newport News and Hampton Churches of God. I want to greet my granddaddy with his favorite Oreo cookies! I know that he would snatch them out of my hands and ask an angel to get him some milk so that he could enjoy the cookies and milk together! He'd probably say "Got milk?"

By Keneris, Age 14
Hampton



After meeting Jesus, I would like to meet Noah and Joshua. I chose them for the following reasons: 1) My brother and I were named for them. 2.) Joshua trusted that God was in control. 3.) Noah built a huge ark to save all the animals like God told him to do. For those 3 reasons, I want to meet Noah and Joshua.

By Noah, Age 11
Midlothian



I would love to meet Kobe Bryant in heaven. He was a great basketball player and shooting guard for the Los Angeles Lakers. I also want to meet my dad, John Young. He was a great fisherman and quite a jokester!

By Christian, Age 13
Hampton



ANSWERS TO AUGUST HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. How many lepers cried out to Jesus?
(Ten - **St. Luke 17:11-12**).
2. What did they call out?
(**"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us"** - **St. Luke 17:13b**).
3. What did Jesus tell them to do?
(He told them to go and show themselves to the priests - **St. Luke 17:14a**).
4. What happened when they obeyed Him?
(They were healed of their leprosy - **St. Luke 17:14b**).
5. What did one leper do? From what country was he?
(He returned to thank Jesus. Samaria - **St. Luke 17:15-16**).
6. What did Jesus ask?
(**"Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?"** - **St. Luke 17:17**).
7. What did Jesus say to the returned stranger?
(**Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole** - **St. Luke 17:18-19**).

ANSWERS TO AUGUST FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. And the LORD shall **guide** thee continually, and **satisfy** thy soul in drought, and make **fat** thy bones: and thou shalt be like a **watered** garden, and like a spring of **water**, whose **waters** fail not (**Isaiah 58:11**).
2. I will **instruct** thee and **teach** thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will **guide** thee with mine **eye** (**Psalms 32:8**).
3. To give **light** to them that sit in **darkness** and in the **shadow** of **death**, to **guide** our **feet** into the way of peace (**St. Luke 1:79**).
4. The **meek** will he **guide** in judgment: and the **meek** will he **teach** his way (**Psalms 25:9**).
5. Hear thou, my son, and be **wise**, and **guide** thine **heart** in the way (**Proverbs 23:19**).
6. For this **God** is our **God** for ever and ever: he will be our **guide** even unto **death** (**Psalms 48:14**).
7. Thou shalt **guide** me with thy **counsel**, and afterward receive me to **glory** (**Psalms 73:24**).

SEPTEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

1. When was Darius appointed to rule over Babylon?

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 35 – September 3, 2023 SUBJECT: Be Strong and Courageous

GOLDEN TEXT: “Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses” (Joshua 11:23a).

PRINTED TEXT: Joshuah 1: Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ minister, saying,

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

11:16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

17 Even from the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baalgad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.

18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle.

21 And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Moses is gone and the promise is yet to be fulfilled; therefore, he prays for a leader who will succeed him after he dies. The Holy Spirit chose Joshua (Numbers 27:16-23), who was given inner endowment to be the successor to Moses. Though he is appointed, a change of leadership carries many challenges.

To encourage Joshua for the task of leading God’s people, God repeated four times in Chapter 1, “**Be strong and of a good courage: ...**” (Joshua 1:6) **Only be thou strong and very courageous,** (Joshua 1:7) **Be strong and of a good courage:** (Joshua 1:9) **... only be strong and of a good courage.** (Joshua 1:18b)

He was with him just as He was with Moses (See Joshua . 1:5). Joshua might have been fearful and worried about whether or not he could complete the task; nevertheless, God assured him victory in every battle, if he would only put his trust in God. Joshua trusted God and as a result, “**Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses.**” (Joshua 11:23). Likewise, if we only trust and obey in Jesus we will have a victorious life (See II Corinthians 2:14).

LESSON 36 – September 10, 2023 SUBJECT: Rehab and the Spies

GOLDEN TEXT: “And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us” (Joshua 2:24).

PRINTED TEXT: Joshuah 2:3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine

house: for they be come to search out all the country.

4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were:

5 And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.

6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;

9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not.

23 So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that befell them:

24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In lesson one, God promised Joshua land wherever he went, and no one would be able to stand against him (See Joshua 1:3-5). The events with Rahab and the spies show God fulfilling His promise and Rahab’s faith.

The king’s action highlights fulfillment of the promise and command given to Joshua (See Joshua 1:3-5). It was learned that spies were in the city. This discovery caused such panic and fear in the king that he ordered a search party to go to Rahab’s house, where the men were last seen and arrest them (See Joshua 2:3). Rahab’s risking her life by helping the men and confessing her belief in their God, was a sure indication that God had already given the land to Joshua (See Joshua 2:9).

Rahab’s faith was not simply talk, but action. She heard, believed, and acted (See Joshua 2:9). What a wonderful example of faith with works (See James 2:26). When we claim we have faith in Christ, our works should show it, unless we believe in vain (See James 2:26). Likewise, the two spies also believed, for they said, “... **Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land**” (Joshua 2:24). May our faith in Christ not only be in word, but also in our actions. (See James 2:17-20).

LESSON 37 – September 17, 2023 SUBJECT: The Fall of Jericho

GOLDEN TEXT: “And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days” (St. Luke 18:14:).

PRINTED TEXT: Joshuah 6:2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams’ horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

17 And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the

camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Joshua and Israel are faced with their biggest challenge, conquering a well-fortified city. This test was no accident but was purposely set up by God to demonstrate His faithfulness and power.

Jericho was the gateway to get to the Promised Land. The city was completely locked down to keep Israel out (See Joshua 6:1) and the walls were solid to prevent an attack. But they obeyed God's plans and put their trust in His promise and faithfulness. If we are going to conquer the "Jericho" in our lives, we must meticulously follow God's Word and plan for us.

What brought the walls down was not marching around the city for seven days nor the shouting, but merely obedience to God's plan. It was the power of God that brought the walls of Jericho down.

Our humanistic abilities will be defeated without God. The fallen walls of Jericho demonstrate His faithfulness and power. Whatever situation we face in our lives, we have the victory in Jesus. **"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."** (I Corinthians 15:57).

LESSON 38 – September 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Ehud Frees Israel

GOLDEN TEXT: "But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab" (Judges 3:15).

PRINTED TEXT: Judges 3:15 But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.

16 But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.

17 And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present.

19 But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.

20 And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat.

21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly:

22 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out.

23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber.

25 And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened them: and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.

29 And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson, Israel had stubbornly returned to their evil ways after forty years of peace. God had given them victory over their enemies, as He promised Moses and Joshua (See Joshua 11:23). Three lessons to be learned from this story: Sin will bring God's chastisement, God is merciful, and success should keep us humble.

The scripture says that as soon as Othniel died, Israel sinned against God (See Judges. 3:12-13). As a result, God used a pagan king named Eglon, a Moabite, to punish Israel and bring them to repentance. Likewise, when we sin God will chastise us to correct our behavior (See Hebrews 12:6-7).

God could have destroyed Israel as He did their forefathers in the wilderness when they sinned. Instead, He showed compassion and raised up Ehud to deliver them. This action illustrates God's mercy and grace when He sent Christ to redeem us from our sins (See St. John 3:16).

Lastly, Israel allowed success to turn their hearts from obeying God which caused them eight years of pain. It is so easy to feel proud of all our accomplishments without giving God glory. There is danger in pride (See Proverbs 16:18). Remember, we are nothing without God; therefore, may we humble ourselves in the eyes of the Lord (See Romans 8:32).

A CALL TO PERFECTION HOW TO BE PERFECT

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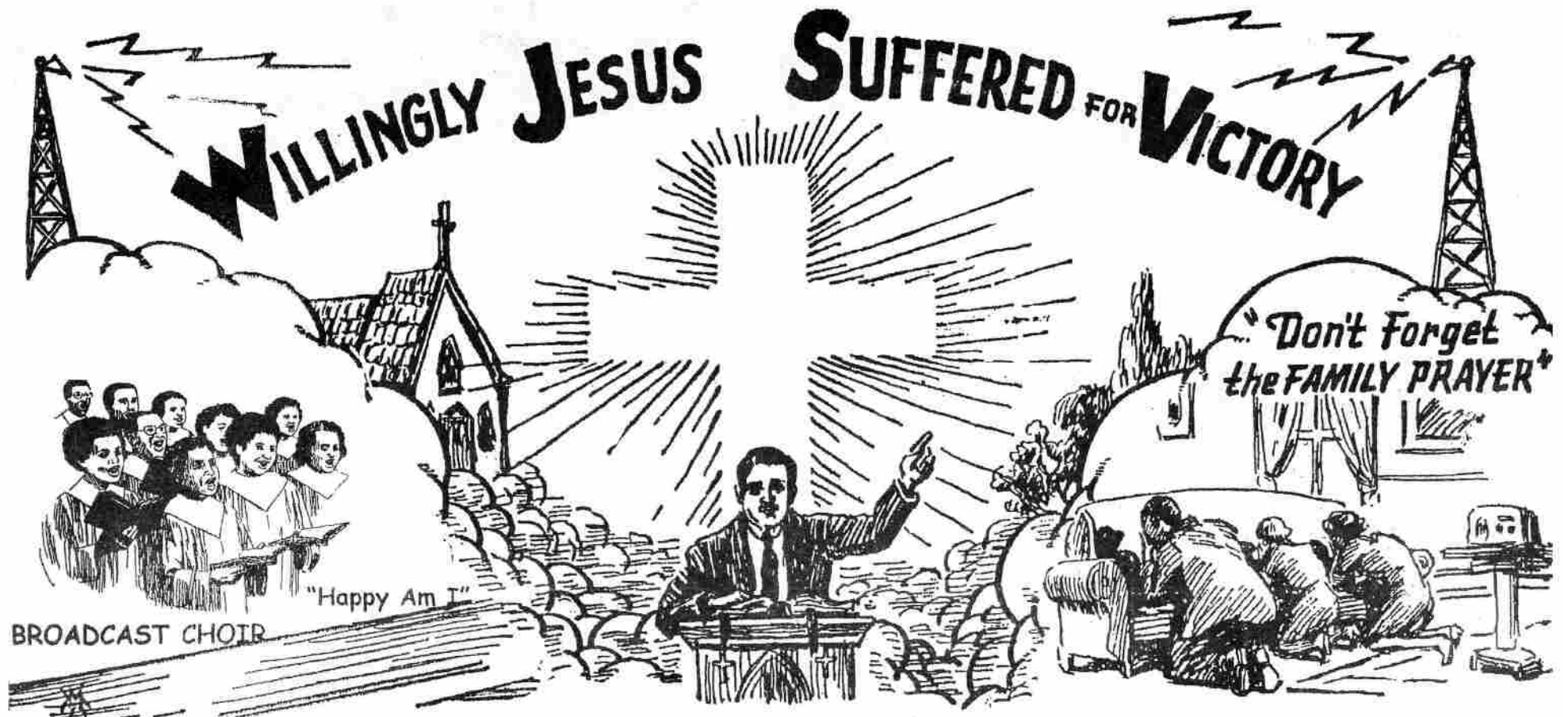
I am very glad that God is giving us a chance to get right before the end of time. You have never heard talk of so many disastrous things happening in so many different places, as you hear of today. God is doing everything He can to attract our attention to Him.

Who is going to help you when you come down to die? If you can't pray, someone will have to pray for you. We have been tied down in sin so long that it seems hard to get loose. I often speak of the parable of the chicken that has been tied overnight. When the string on his legs is removed, he won't try to get up and move, he will lie right back down and hold his feet close together. He thinks that he is still tied, therefore, he won't move. I'm trying to cut you loose from sin. Why don't you move and be free?

My brother and my sister, the Lord says that you don't have to pray to get free from sin. The first thing that you must do is to believe that you can live above sin and then you must confess it. After confessing it, you start out to prove that it can be done. God has told you to call on Him if you should need any help to live this life. God doesn't want any woman who has started out to live right to give down and be a concubine of some man because of the fact that her husband has left her, and her children might be in need. God tells her to ask of Him for the help she needs, especially since she has accepted Him. He will make all grace abound and will open up the way for her to get help. He will send someone along to help you, who will lift you up instead of carrying you down. He says this to you in Psalm 37:3, read: **"Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."** Now if you don't believe the Bible, there is no need for me to preach to you. In another Scripture, He tells you that **"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread"** (Psalm 37:25). So I am sure He is able to take care of everything concerning a child of God.

Don't forget, my precious ones --- I want to remind you that though you come to God, you will have temptations, but God will deliver you if you will pray to Him. In I Corinthians 10:13 we read: **"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."** Everyone has the same temptations that you have, but God has promised to deliver you. After He delivers you, He wants you to praise Him, for that is all that we can do for Him.

Remember my brother and sister, that God told Abraham to walk before Him and be perfect and He is telling you and me to do the same thing today. He is giving you all the signs of the times to make you know that the end is near, so don't let the end find you guilty of the sin of unbelief. Don't let your prayers be in vain because you have failed to obey the commandments of God. Don't set at naught the counsel of God, but instead turn at His reproof and receive the blessing which He has in store for you. Remember His command! **"WALK BEFORE ME, AND BE THOU PERFECT"** (Genesis 17:1b). May God bless you. Amen.



Prayer Answered

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

There Is A Balm In Gilead

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It is certain that Bartimaeus had heard of the work Jesus was doing in Judaea, but never thought Jesus would come his way. And he surely could not go to Jesus, because of his affliction. Now that Jesus was approaching him, Bartimaeus did not intend to let this moment pass without making his appeal to the Lord. So, he cried out, "**... Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.**" (St. Luke 18:38).

Many that stood by tried to discourage Bartimaeus from crying out, but he only called louder: "**Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.**" (St. Luke 18:39). There will always be people nearby who will try to keep you from getting in touch with Jesus. They are working for the devil, because it is really the devil who doesn't want you to get to Jesus. The devil knows that Jesus has balm to heal the sin-sick souls of men. But if everyone who needs Jesus would be persistent like Bartimaeus, "**... the health of the daughter of Zion...**" would be recovered. (See Jeremiah 8:21)

Jesus heard the plaintive call of this man and stopped nearby. He told His servants to bring the blind man to Him. When he reached Jesus, he heard His tender and compassionate voice say: ... "**What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?**" And he said, "**Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.**" (St. Luke 18:41-43).

I had all this read to let you know Who it is that has the power to heal. "**Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why, then, is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?**" (Jeremiah 8:22).

There is no case too hard for Jesus. Read St. Matthew 8:2-3 as follows: "**And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will, be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.**"

I thank God that there is a balm in Gilead. There is a physician, Jesus, who can heal all our diseases. He is the great Physician. "**The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you**" (II Chronicles 15:2b).

May God bless you all.

CALLING ALL YOUTH

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2. What position did Darius give to Daniel and why?
3. Who became angry because of this appointment?
4. What did they do?
5. Did knowing this cause Daniel to disobey God or stop praying to Him?
6. What happened when Daniel was cast into the lions' den?
7. How did the king feel toward God after God had cared for Daniel?

SEPTEMBER FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. For the _____ shall be filled with the _____ of the _____ of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
2. And one cried unto another, and said, _____, _____, _____, is the LORD of hosts: the whole _____ is full of his _____.
3. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy _____ in all the _____! who hast set thy _____ above the _____.
4. Whether therefore ye _____, or _____, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the _____ of God.
5. For the LORD God is a _____ and _____: the LORD will give _____ and _____: no good thing will he withhold from them that.
6. And the _____ was made _____, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his _____, the _____ as of the only, begotten of the Father,) full of _____ and _____.
7. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive _____ and _____ and _____: for thou hast _____ all things, and for thy _____ they are and were.