

# *the* bread of life devotional

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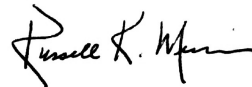
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Dear Faithful Reader,

God is good all the time; all the time God is good! Psalm 145:8-9 say, ***“The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.”*** We serve an amazing God! He is so good to us each and every day.

It is easy to get caught in the fast pace of life and not take time to dwell on the goodness of God. I challenge you to take time this month to meditate on our Savior and His attributes. Take your mind off your problems and focus on God’s goodness. The problems that seem so insurmountable will fail to compare to the capabilities of our great God!

In Christ,



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# Tuesday

June 1

To God Be The Glory

***“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” Galatians 6:14***

When it comes to self glory, the Apostle Paul condemns it with the strongest language possible, “God Forbid.” Why was Paul so adamantly against self-glory? He understood that any glory squandered upon ourselves is glory that has been robbed from God. God is the Creator, Sustainer, Supplier and Fulfiller of the entire universe. He has designed all things, and He controls all of our natural surroundings. His resume is quite impressive in comparison to your greatest achievements, especially when you consider that all of our accomplishments came from resources borrowed from Him.

How do we rob God from the glory that is due to Him? One way is to compare ourselves with other people instead of comparing ourselves with Christ. Another way we rob God from glory is to rest in our past accomplishments when we could be continuing to bring Him glory through serving Him today and tomorrow.

How can we avoid this self glory trap? Glory in the cross alone. We must filter all of our success through the cross of Christ to keep them in perspective. God forbid that I should glory save in the cross. Paul also reminds us that he crucified himself to the world. People who are hanging on crosses are no longer concerned with receiving recognition. Christ is worthy of all glory and our lives find their greatest worth

Morning: **2 Chronicles 4-6**

Evening: **John 12:20-50**

when we live them out to bring Him all the glory we possibly can. ~DLW

## Scripture Fill-In

Philippians 4:6-7 “Be \_\_\_\_\_ for nothing; but in \_\_\_\_\_ thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

## Bible Quiz

**Matching:** Match the location with the event that took place there.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Shiloh (Joshua 18:1-2)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Gilgal (Joshua 4:19)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Jerusalem (1 Kings 8:1)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Shechem (Genesis 12:6-8)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Bethel (Genesis 28:10-19)
- A. Temple of Solomon was built.
  - B. Jacob had a dream of a stairway to heaven.
  - C. It was the first permanent place for the sacred tent.
  - D. God parted the Jordan River. Twelve stones were placed as a memorial.
  - E. The place where God promised Abraham that He would give the land to his descendants.

# Wednesday

June 2

Remember God's Word

*“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour.” 2 Peter 3:1-2*

According to 2 Peter 3, Peter's second epistle is a nootropic. “A what,” no doubt you are asking. A nootropic: *drugs, supplements, nutraceuticals, and functional foods that are purported to improve mental functions such as cognition, memory, intelligence, motivation, attention, and concentration.* (Wikipedia) Like iron, ginkgo, antioxidants, vitamins B1 and B12, the second epistle written by Peter was written to “stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.”

Peter reminds us that we must remember the Word of God. In verse two, he writes that we must be mindful of two things. 1. “The words which were spoken before by the holy prophets.” (aka: the Old Testament) and 2. “the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord” (aka: the New Testament).

Why do we need to “remember God's Word”? It is important to remember God's Word because, according to verses three and four, false teachers are going to come and scoff at the truth. The way that we can recognize their erroneous teaching is by being knowledgeable of the truth found in the Word of God.

So, what does one do to “remember God's Word”? 1. Read it: how is your personal, daily quiet time with God? 2. Memorize it: when was the last time you committed to memory a

Morning: **2 Chronicles 7-9**  
Evening: **John 13:1-17**

passage of Scripture? 3. Listen to it: have you listened to someone preaching or teaching the Word of God lately? 4. Apply it: when was the last time your behavior changed because of the Word of God. How will you remember God's Word? ~PO

## Scripture Fill-In

Philippians 4:6-7 “Be \_\_\_\_\_ for nothing; but in \_\_\_\_\_ thing by \_\_\_\_\_ and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

## Bible Quiz

**Fill In:** Fill in the blanks that complete the statement.

1. Esau was the father of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Genesis 36:9
2. \_\_\_\_\_ dreamed of the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowing before him?  
Genesis 37:5, 9
3. God said, “When I see the \_\_\_\_\_, I will pass over you.” Exodus 12:13
4. On the first day of the seventh month, Israel celebrated the Feast of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Leviticus 23:24

## Quote of the Day

“The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.” ~George Mueller

# Thursday

June 3

How to Handle Difficult People

**“As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.” Luke 6:31**

Have you ever been around someone that, to put it simply, gets on your nerves? Most assuredly, we all have found ourselves angry and in a bad mood as result of an occurrence with the “someone.” At that point, we are the person who is sin.

Unfortunately, there will always be a “someone.” We are all born with a sin nature, capable of lying, gossiping, degrading, and hurting others. Since we have to deal with sinful mankind on a daily basis, we need to know how to handle the “someone.”

First, pray for the “someone.” Luke 6:28 says, **“Pray for them which despitefully use you.”** Personally, I have prayed that God would give me love for the “someone.” It has been amazing to see how God has changed my own heart.

Secondly, if you are dealing with an angry person, walk away peacefully from the conflict. Proverbs 22:24 says, **“With a furious man thou shalt not go.”** Disagreements are not settled by yelling and fuming. So until both parties can discuss differences in a peaceful manner, do not continue fight.

Third, respond in love. As hard as it might be, when the “someone” pushes your buttons, do not look for a way to make them mad also, but stop and ask the Lord to help you respond in love. **“Love ye your enemies.”** (Lk.6:35)

Finally, as our verse for today says, treat the “someone” the way you would want to be treated. It is difficult getting along with people of various personalities. Apply these Biblical

Morning: **2 Chronicles 10-12**  
Evening: **John 13:18-38**

principles, and also, make sure that you are not the “someone” in someone else’s life. ~MFV

## Scripture Fill-In

Philippians 4:6-7 “Be \_\_\_\_\_ for nothing; but in \_\_\_\_\_ thing by \_\_\_\_\_ and supplication with \_\_\_\_\_ let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

## Bible Quiz

**True or False:** Put a *T* in the blank if the answer is true and an *F* in the blank if the answer is false. The following statements are about *The Sea* in the temple. Refer to 1 Kings 7:23-26.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. It was made of silver.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. It was 45 feet around.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The priests washed themselves in The Sea.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. It rested on 12 bronze sheep.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. It was 5 feet deep.

## Quote of the Day

“The inspiration and authority of the Bible is the bedrock upon which our faith is built. Without it, we are doomed to uncertainty, doubt, and a hopeless groping in the darkness of human speculation.” ~Sam Storms

# Friday

June 4

The Law of Sowing and Reaping

***“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” Galatians 6:7-9***

A loving family should also be a teaching family. Those that are taught the Word of God should continue to teach in all good things. Galatians 6:7-9 gives a principle that can be applied to good teaching as well as many other areas of life: ***“Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”***

If you sow good teachings, you will reap well informed individuals. If you sow study time, you will reap learning. If you sow to the flesh, you will reap corruption. If you sow to the spirit, you will reap life everlasting.

As the family of God, our responsibilities are many, but so are our rewards. Let us continue to minister restoration, to bare one another’s burdens, and to teach good things, especially to them who are of the household of faith. ~OV

## Scripture Fill-In

Philippians 4:6-7 “Be \_\_\_\_\_ for nothing; but in \_\_\_\_\_ thing by \_\_\_\_\_ and supplication with \_\_\_\_\_ let your re-

Morning: **2 Chronicles 13-16**  
Evening: **John 14**

quests be made \_\_\_\_\_ unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

## Bible Quiz

**Multiple Choice:** Circle the correct answer. Answers found in Exodus 25:10-22 and 1 Kings 8:1-13.

1. The Ark of the Covenant was made of what type of wood?  
A. Cedar      B. Oak  
C. Acacia      D. Dogwood
2. What was stored inside the Ark of the Covenant?  
A. Ten Commandments  
B. Bold  
C. Nothing  
D. The priest’s sacred clothing
3. On what place of the Ark of the covenant did God say that His presence would rest?  
A. The Mercy Seat  
B. The handles  
C. Inside the chest  
D. None of the above

## Quote of the Day

“A Christian’s freedom from anxiety is not due to some guaranteed freedom from trouble, but to the folly of worry...and especially to the confidence that God is our Father, that even permitted suffering is within the orbit of His care.”  
~John Stott

# Saturday

June 5

From Stress to Rest

***“He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.” Psalm 23:2–3a***

During stressful times it can be difficult to see the light at then end of the tunnel. In fact, it can be hard to believe that the tunnel ever ends. Undue stress taxes our physical bodies as well as our spirit and emotions. During times of extreme stress, I find myself day-dreaming about being at a cabin deep in the mountains with no people around.

Psalm 23 answers the desire for stillness and absence of stress. Even when we are faced with opposition, God can give us rest in the midst of the difficulty. But, we must go to Him for it. Periodically, we need to pull away from the fast lane of life and allow God to refresh and renew our spirit. We need green pastures and cool waters for our soul. If we are under the impression that serving God faithfully means busyness and stress all the time, then we have sadly misinterpreted what God expects of us. He knows our limits and that is profoundly comforting. He is our restorer, helper and healer. Answer the call to cease from striving. ***Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ~AJD***

Morning: **2 Chronicles 17-19**  
Evening: **John 15**

## Scripture Fill-In

Philippians 4:6-7 “Be \_\_\_\_\_ for nothing; but in \_\_\_\_\_ thing by \_\_\_\_\_ and supplication with \_\_\_\_\_ let your requests be made \_\_\_\_\_ unto God. And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

## Bible Quiz

**True or False:** Put a *T* in the blank if the answer is true or an *F* in the blank if the answer is false. The following statements are about The Tables for Sacred Bread in the temple. Refer to Leviticus 24:5-9, 1 Kings 7:48, and 2 Chronicles 4:8, 19.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The tables were made of solid gold
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Ten loaves of bread were placed on the tables.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The bread was eaten only by the priests after they had been presented to God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The loaves were put out on the last day of the week.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Fresh bread was put on the tables every week.

## Quote of the Day

“A wrong sum can be put right, but only by going back till you find the error and working it afresh from that point, never by simply going on.” ~C.S. Lewis

# Why Revival?

By Jeff Farnham

***“Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?” Psalm 85:6***

Why should God’s people attend Spirit-prompted, prayer-bathed, specially-planned meetings of their local church? For what reasons ought the children of faith in Christ be concerned with revival?

## **That They May Rejoice**

The chosen text pleads in the negative (“Wilt thou not . . . ?”) for revival for one purpose: that the people of the Lord may rejoice in Him. Perhaps the greatest need of any church congregation is to have its faith in the goodness of God restored. The events of life and circumstances of daily existence play upon the minds of even the best believers, causing them to doubt God’s goodness, to entertain thoughts contrary to Scripture’s clear definition of who God is and what He is like. Consequently, those believers tend to stop rejoicing and start murmuring and grouching. The Psalmist pled with God in this verse that God might revive His people so that they would return to rejoicing in Him.

## **That They May Rebuild**

Nehemiah 4:2 is a question asked in ridicule by Sanballat, Nehemiah’s arch-enemy and the vessel of Satan to dismay the great builder. He asked, ***“What do these feeble Jews? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?”***

The temple needed repairs from time to time due to natural wear and tear. During the reigns of Jehoshaphat (2 Ki. 12) and Josiah (2 Ki.

22), special offerings were received to finance the necessary maintenance of the glorious edifice built previously by Solomon.

The New Testament believer is the temple of the living God (2 Cor. 6:16), and just as the stone building needed periodic rebuilding, so does the spiritual building. Believers need to rebuild from time to time. All the rubbish of the world and the flesh needs to be swept out. The erosion of some of the stones requires replacement. God’s people need rebuilding.

## **That They May Restore**

When David wrote, ***“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me,”*** he did not reference any specific agony. Instead, he addressed trouble generically, giving a grand promise that any believer who walks in trouble – and what believer escapes it? – can fully expect revival in its restorative sense.

King David experience the restorative facet of revival on a number of occasions, prompting him at one point to write, ***“He restoreth my soul.”*** (Ps. 23:3) When David battled on him to Saul, God ministered the restoration of revival to David. When Jonathan and David had to separate due to Saul’s intense jealousy, God gave David revival restoration. Again, the man after God’s own heart experienced this at the death of his beloved friend Jonathan at the Battle of Mount Gilboa.

## **That They May Rebound**

When Isaiah the prophet spoke of revival, he reported that God dwells ***“in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite ones.”*** (Is. 57:15) God literally inhabits the

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# Sunday

June 6

Occupy Until I Come

***A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. Luke 19:12-13***

As you read the story in our text, Jesus tells us about a certain nobleman who went to receive a kingdom. He gave ten servants a pound each, and told them to, ***“Occupy till I come.”*** In other words, make a difference with what has been entrusted to you.

As we hear the nobleman’s command, we can notice several things. The command was given to different men. They had differing abilities and opportunities. Just like all of us. They had to keep the command for the same duration of time, ***“Till I come.”*** That is true of all of us. We are called to work and pray until Jesus comes.

Another thing that we notice as we read the story is that the servants faced challenges. Just like us. They faced people who did not want to obey (vs. 14). They faced different tasks as they waited for the nobleman to return.

They also had different results. Some overcame daily challenges and were successful, and others were afraid to face the challenges so they made excuses.

They also had different rewards. One day Jesus Christ will return, and we will all have to give an account of our lives. If He were to come today, would He find you making a difference for the kingdom, or would He find you making excuses? ~DLW

Morning: ***2 Chronicles 20-22***

Evening: ***John 16:1-15***

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:1-2 “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”

## Bible Quiz

**Matching:** Match the women with their descriptions.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Lois and Eunice
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Daughters of Zelophehad
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Shiphrah and Puah
- A. Midwives who helped deliver Israelite babies. (Ex. 1:15-22)
- B. Challenged the laws regarding Inheritance. (Num. 27:1:11)
- C. Grand mother and mother of Timothy. (2 Tim. 1:5)

## Quote of the Day

“If Jesus knew that Scripture contained human error yet never made this fact known to His followers, misleading them rather by His insistent positive attitude toward it, He can hardly qualify as a great moral teacher and the incarnate God of truth.” ~Henry Virkler

# Monday

June 7

Trials Build Character

***“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice.” Philippians 4:4***

My first three seasons as a varsity boys’ basketball coach were very successful. We won many games and advanced deep into the tournament each year. I remember having a very good attitude during those years. The next four years, however, were not quite what I expected. My attitude deteriorated as I faced losing teams, losing jobs, moving my family, and being rejected by friends.

Joseph, too, had a promising start. But after being sold into slavery by his family and thrown into prison on a false accusation, Joseph could have wallowed in self-pity and depression. But over and again, however, we read that, as things got worse for Joseph, his true character showed through, and he thrived. He was entrusted with leadership and administration by some very responsible people in Egypt. In spite of his circumstances, he was a blessing to those around him and everybody could see that God was with him.

I have often told my players that adversity reveals character. Joseph faced more than his share of adversity during which the character he demonstrated brought him favor with both God and man. His influence grew during the tough times, and God ultimately used him to save the entire Jewish people from the effects of a severe famine. ~AP

Morning: **2 Chronicles 23-25**  
Evening: **John 16:16-33**

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:1-2 “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, \_\_\_\_\_, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”

## Bible Quiz

**Multiple Choice:** Circle the correct answer.

1. “The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_, I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1  
A. God            B. Strength  
C. Shepherd    D. Provider
2. “Yea, though I walk through the valley of \_\_\_\_\_, I will fear not evil: for thou art With me; they rod and thy staff they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4  
A. Treachery and torment  
B. The shadow of death  
C. Sins and suffering  
D. Evil
3. “Surely \_\_\_\_\_ shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.” Psa. 23:6  
A. Honour and majesty  
B. Thy righteousness  
C. Goodness and mercy  
D. Thy grace

## Quote of the Day

“Taking it easy is often the prelude to backsliding. Comfort precedes collapse.”

~Vance Havner

# Tuesday

June 8

Commands Complete and Blessings Gained

Read Deuteronomy 11:13-15.

In this passage, Moses gave warnings and exhortations to the nation of Israel. He told them of God requirements for them to obey the commands God had given them. In doing so, Moses explained that they would enjoy the blessing of God upon their land. Their crops would do well with an abundance of rain and their cattle would be full as the grass of the fields are plentiful. Israel could only expect this blessing if they were willing to do as God instructed them. On countless occasions, they rejected God's plan, and the result was famine, warfare, and pestilence.

We fall under the same commands. God has laid out His prescription for the successful Christian life in His Word. All we need to do is follow. If we do, we can expect God's blessings in our lives.

Conversely, if we choose to disobey God's law and guiding hand of His grace, we cannot expect His blessing. Many Christians fall into this category. They refuse to do what God has called them to do. Yet, they cannot understand why they continue to have spiritual and physical failure.

God is under no obligation to bless us or even protect us if we refuse to listen to Him. This does not mean He does not love us. It means He will never reward our rebellion. So we need only to listen and obey knowing that he will provide blessing. ~DJJ

Morning: *2 Chronicles 26-28*  
Evening: *John 17*

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:1-2 "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, \_\_\_\_\_, the hour is come; \_\_\_\_\_ thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him."

## Bible Quiz

**True or False:** Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. When hail fell on the Egyptians, the one place it did not fall was Goshen. Ex. 9:26
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A strong east wind stopped the plague of locust in Egypt. Ex. 10:19
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The LORD descended upon Mt. Sinai in fire. Ex. 19:18
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. According to the law in Leviticus 5:7, two turtledoves or pigeons could be brought in place of a lamb for a sin offering.

## Quote of the Day

"If you do not understand a book by a departed writer you are unable to ask him his meaning, but the Spirit, who inspired Holy Scripture, lives forever, and He delights to open the Word to those who seek His instruction."

~C.H. Spurgeon

# Wednesday

June 9

The Love of God

*“We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” 1 John 4:19-20*

The key word in this passage of Scripture is “perfect,” and it carries the idea of maturity and completeness. The Christian life should be a daily experience of growing in the love of God.

How can you know if your love for the Father is growing?

1. **Confidence:** There is no need to fear the past, present, or the future, because *“perfect love casteth out fear.”* (1 John 4:8)
2. **Honesty:** Spiritual honesty will bring peace and power to the person practicing it.
3. **Joyful obedience:** Recognize that we are serving a loving Father.
4. **Victory:** Faith brings victory and is a result of maturing love.

The more we know Him, the better we love Him. The better we love Him, the more we become like Him. ~OV

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:1-2 “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, \_\_\_\_\_, the hour is come; \_\_\_\_\_ thy Son, that thy Son also may \_\_\_\_\_

Morning: *2 Chronicles 29-31*

Evening: *John 18:1-23*

thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”

## Bible Quiz

**Multiple Choice:** Circle the correct answer. All answers can be found in Deut.5:1-21.

1. “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain....” is which of the Ten Commandments?  
A. Second      B. Third  
C. Fifth        D. Fourth
2. “Honour thy father and thy mother....” is which of the Ten Commandments?  
A. First        B. Eight  
C. Fourth      D. Fifth
3. “Thou shalt not kill.” is which of the Ten Commandments?  
A. Fifth        B. Second  
C. Sixth        D. Nineth
4. “Neither shalt thou steal.” is which of the Ten Commandments?  
A. Eight        B. Tenth  
C. Fifth        D. Fourth

## Quote of the Day

“To meditate on the Scriptures is to think about them, turning them over in our minds, and applying them to our life’s situations... The objective of our meditation is application – obedience to the Scriptures.” ~Jerry Bridges

# Thursday

June 10

Tale A Bath

*“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” 2 Corinthians 7:1*

How many times do you take a shower a week? Every day? If you skip a day, you can feel the grime on your skin before your next washing. Some take showers more than once a day. Here is my point: it does not take long to get dirty, and daily cleansing is necessary.

This same principle is applicable spiritually. We dirty our souls on a daily basis, and if we let that grime sit there too long, we begin to stink. Daily cleansing is necessary, time with the Lord every day where our sins are confessed openly and honestly.

When my cousin was young, she stuffed little pieces of toilet paper up her nose and forgot about her actions. Days later, her family members began noticing a very foul odor. They took her to the doctor where he extracted little stinky wads of paper from her nostrils. My cousin took numerous baths. However, there was one part of her body that was not clean, and it made her whole body stink.

So what stinks about you? Maybe you are arrogant. Maybe you think you know how things should be done. Well dear friend, that attitude reeks of sinfulness. Maybe you are money hungry, or maybe what you watch on the television is disgusting in the eyes of a holy God. Whatever the sin, you need to take a bath! Don't wash just the easy areas. Get behind the ears and find the grime that has been reeking to all those around you. **“Wash me thoroughly**

Morning: **2 Chronicles 32, 33**  
Evening: **John 18:24-40**

*from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.” Psalm 51:2 ~MFV*

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:1-2 “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, \_\_\_\_\_, the hour is come; \_\_\_\_\_ thy Son, that thy Son also may \_\_\_\_\_ thee: As thou hast given him \_\_\_\_\_ over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”

## Bible Quiz

**Fill In:** Fill in the blanks that complete the statement.

1. “The spirit indeed is willing, but the \_\_\_\_\_ is weak.” Matthew 26:41
2. “For God sent not his Son into the world to \_\_\_\_\_ the world; but that the world \_\_\_\_\_ might be saved.” John 3:17
3. “A \_\_\_\_\_ answer turneth away \_\_\_\_\_ but grievous words stir up \_\_\_\_\_.” Proverbs 15:1
4. “come unto me, all ye that \_\_\_\_\_ and are heavy laden, and I will give you \_\_\_\_\_.” Matthew 11:28

## Quote of the Day

“One of the hardest jobs for a parent is making a child realize that “no” is a complete sentence.” ~Author Unknown

# Friday

June 11

Be Still

*“And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”*

*Mark 4:39*

As Christ was asleep in the storm, the disciples faith appeared weak. When our wicked hearts are like the troubled sea, when our passions are untamed, let us hear Christ, saying, “Be silent.” When there are fightings without, and fears within, again Christ says, “Peace, be still.” Then, there is a great calm at once, though there may be cause for some fear. Faith and fear take their turns while we are in this world.

In the Bible, the words “fear not” are used 365 times, one for every day of the year. Faith is mentioned 234 times in the Bible. God says, *“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”* (Joshua 1:9)

In all that we do in life, we cannot afford to miss our daily Bible reading, devotional time, and prayer. Our very life depends on keeping God’s Word hidden in our hearts. Psalm 119:11 says, *“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”*

I challenge you to hide His Word in your hearts! ~KAT

Morning: *2 Chronicles 34-36*

Evening: *John 19:1-22*

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:1-2 “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, \_\_\_\_\_, the hour is come; \_\_\_\_\_ thy Son, that thy Son also may \_\_\_\_\_ thee: As thou hast given him \_\_\_\_\_ over all flesh, that he should give \_\_\_\_\_ life to as many as thou hast given him.”

## Bible Quiz

**Short Answer:** Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. From what mountain was Moses allowed to see the Promised Land? Deut. 34:1-4  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Who buried Moses? Deut. 34:5-6  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. According to Deut. 1:8, what did the LORD God tell the children of Israel to do to the land He swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Moses told the children of Israel that the LORD God would \_\_\_\_\_ for them as He had done in Egypt. Deut. 1:30

## Quote of the Day

“Christ is the key which unlocks the golden doors into the temple of Divine truth.”

~A.W. Pink

# Saturday

June 12

God Should Be Our Treasure

***“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:21***

What is the treasure of your life? After March Madness, hopefully your treasure was not in a perfect NCAA tournament bracket. But if, for example, our relationship with Jesus Christ is truly of utmost importance, then our time, energies, and day-to-day lifestyles should reflect that. Does it?

In Philippians, Paul communicates that what he once considered “gain” (when he was a Pharisee) he now considers “loss.” Just before those verses above, Paul stated in verses 5-6 that he had a great family heritage, social status, Biblical knowledge, and even led a moral lifestyle. But when he came into a relationship with Christ, he realized that apart from the Lord, all of it was “loss.”

One thing we must understand is that all of these things that Paul had were good things. It is not wrong to be in a great family, to have a job that pays well, to be intelligent, or even to desire these things. But Paul is saying that these things—and even things like March Madness fever—are worthless (even dangerous) if they take our focus away from knowing Christ more and more. Yes, even if it was only for a four-week period of great college basketball.

~AP

Morning: *Ezra 1, 2*  
Evening: *John 19:23-42*

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:1-2 “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, \_\_\_\_\_, the hour is come; \_\_\_\_\_ thy Son, that thy Son also may \_\_\_\_\_ thee: As thou hast given him \_\_\_\_\_ over all flesh, that he should give \_\_\_\_\_ life to as many as thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ him.”

## Bible Quiz

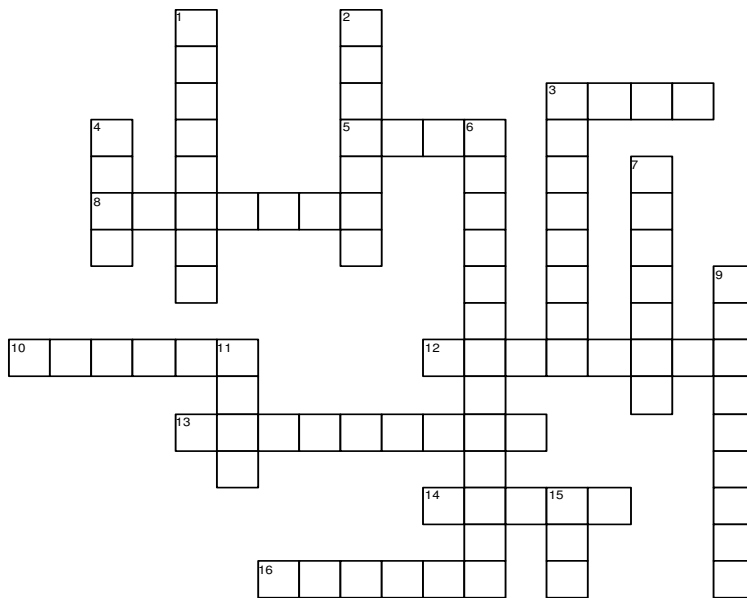
**True or False:** Put a *T* in the blank if the answer is true and an *F* in the blank if the answer is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. King Ahaz was the father of King Hezekiah. (2 Chron. 28:27)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. King Hezekiah was 20 years when he began his reign. (2 Chron 29:1)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. At the command of King Hezekiah, the temple was cleansed and worship in the temple restored. (2 Chron. 29)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. King Hezekiah became deathly ill and prayed unto God for healing. God promised him fifteen more years of life. (2 Kings 2:1-11)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. King Hezekiah reigned 30 years in Jerusalem. (2 Chron. 29:1)

## Quote of the Day

“Unaccompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Bible is inactive, inoperative; a mere dead letter!” ~Octavius Winslow

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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## ACROSS

- 3 He restoreth my \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I will \_\_\_\_\_ no evil.
- 8 I will dwell in the house of the LORD \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the \_\_\_\_\_ of death.
- 12 Surely \_\_\_\_\_ and mercy shall follow me.
- 13 Thou \_\_\_\_\_ my head with oil.
- 14 Surely goodness and \_\_\_\_\_ shall follow me.
- 16 He leadeth me beside still \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN

- 1 He Maketh me to lie down in green \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Thy rod and thy staff \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 3 The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 He leadeth me in the paths of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 He \_\_\_\_\_ my soul.
- 11 I shall not \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 My \_\_\_\_\_ runneth over.

**"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the**

# Sunday

June 13

Remember God's Judgments

***“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away...Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.” 2 Peter 3:10-11***

Have you ever allowed the past to affect your future? Perhaps it was a tragic event that has forever changed how you view the world. Maybe the death of a loved one has radically altered what you do or how you live. Most people would have to admit that today they are a product of their experiences of the past. What has happened to them, what they have experienced, what they have seen, heard, and handled has become, in some way, the definition of who they are.

The Apostle Peter, however, takes a very different approach and emphatically suggests his approach as being superior to the typical approach to behaviour. Where as many would say that their past has changed their present or future; Peter emphasises that our future should change our present.

In verse 10, he, rather bluntly, reminds us that the “Day of the Lord” is coming. There will be no stopping it. No, Peter was not walking the sidewalks of New York with a sandwich board saying, “The End is Near.” He did, however, remind his readers that this world is temporary and will pass away. In verse 11, he shows us how this future event should impact our present. ***“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.”*** This world will be judged by God.

Morning: *Ezra 3-5*

Evening: *John 20*

All the things you thought so important will be dissolved. So, how are you living? When you remember the future judgment of God, it must affect your present. Remember God's judgments. ~PO

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:3-5 “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

## Bible Quiz

**Short Answer:** Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. When Jesus was crucified, with what was His side pierced? John 19:34  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. In what was Jesus wrapped before he was buried? Mark 15:46  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the name of the man who requested Jesus' body for burial? Matt.27:57-58 \_\_\_\_\_

## Quote of the Day

“Living God's way means putting away your self-centeredness and committing yourself to follow God's Word in spite of any feelings to the contrary.”

~Biblical Counselling Foundation

# Monday

June 14

My Light, My Salvation, My Strength

***“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1***

What a great verse! The psalm writer expresses his dependence on the Lord in three areas of His life. His faith in the Lord allowed him to have peace in his life. If we will acknowledge God in these three areas of our lives, we can have peace also.

First, the author recognized God as his light. I believe this speaks of God’s direction. His Word is a light and a lamp to give us direction as we make our way through this life. We can have peace regarding the direction of our life if we make our decisions in light of God’s Word.

The second thing the writer said was that the Lord was his salvation. God is not only our source of direction, but He is our source of provision. He gave His only Son on the cross to pay for our sins and to provide a way for us to get to Heaven. If He was willing to pay so great a price to save us, does it not seem reasonable that He would want to meet all our needs?

Finally, the Lord is recognized as his strength. In other words, God is our protection. As long as we are in His will and serving in His purpose, He will make sure we are safe.

Notice the rhetorical question on closing. Whom shall I fear? If God is the source of our

Morning: *Ezra 6-8*

Evening: *John 21*

direction, provision, and protection, we have nothing or no one to fear. ~DLW

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:3-5 “And this is life \_\_\_\_\_, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

## Bible Quiz

**Multiple Choice:** Circle the correct answer.

1. Who ignored Lot’s warning to flee from Sodom? Genesis 19:14  
A. His daughters    B. His wife  
C. His sons-in-law    D. The angels
2. Who showed Hagar the well of water in the wilderness? Genesis 21:19  
A. An angel    B. God  
C. Abraham    D. Sarah
3. Where did God help Barak defeat Sisera? (Judges 4:12-17)  
A. Mt. Ararat    B. Mt Carmel  
C. Mt. Nebo    D. Mt. Tabor

## Quote of the Day

“The Bible was the only book Jesus every quoted, and then never as a basis for discussion but to decide the point at issue.”

~Leon Morris

# Tuesday

June 15

Due Reward

***“Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.” Psalm 37:7***

It is easy to compare your current situation to the lives of those around you, especially if you are in a tight financial situation and others seem to be prospering with no regard to the Higher Power. Have you ever wondered why some seem to suffer so much while others slide along through life without a care in the world? Most assuredly, all of us have at one point or another questioned the wealth and prosperity of those who seemingly want nothing to do with their Creator.

Not that these thoughts are justified by any means, but God knew that as sinful creatures we would be prone to compare. So He says in our verse for today, “Fret not.” Do not worry about the wicked that seem to prosper. In the end, they will get their due reward.

Instead of fretting, we must rest. Rest in the wisdom of the perfect Judge, God Almighty. Instead of comparing, wait patiently for the Lord to settle the score.

When we compare our situation to the lives of others, we take our eyes off of God and focus them on the temporal. In turn, we fret and get disheartened. When we put our eyes on Christ, the things of this world fail to compare to His Glory. So, keep your eyes and mind on Christ. Rest and wait. He is and always will be just. ~MFV

Morning: *Ezra 9, 10*

Evening: *Acts 1*

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:3-5 “And this is life \_\_\_\_\_, that they might \_\_\_\_\_ thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

## Bible Quiz

**True or False:** Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false. Answers can be found in Romans.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. V. 1:16
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The just shall not live by faith. V. 1:17
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. There is no respect of persons with God. V. 2:11
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. V. 3:23
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through our selfless works. V. 6:23

## Quote of the Day

“Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.” ~Henry Ward Beecher

# Wednesday

June 16

The Works Of The Flesh vs.  
The Fruit Of The Spirit

***“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23***

Let’s review the fruits of the spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:11-14), our lives will “take on” the characteristics of Christ. God has graciously given to us the qualities needed for a successful Christian life, including those doing evangelistic work, or living with unsaved mates or parents. Only by God’s love are we capable of ministering to so many different kinds of people. Only by God’s joy can we express the enthusiasm necessary to generate a spirit of revival when others are spiritually depleted. Only by God’s peace are we able to really overcome true circumstance of everyday life. Without the manifestations of the fruit daily, our lives become unbearable. Look at your life today...what do you really see? Spiritual growth, happiness...God desires to provide to His children today.

Before you set this devotional down, go before God in earnest prayer for the fruit to continue to grow in your life. ~OV

Morning: *Nehemiah 1-3*  
Evening: *Acts 2:1-13*

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:3-5 “And this is life \_\_\_\_\_, that they might \_\_\_\_\_ thee the only \_\_\_\_\_ God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

## Bible Quiz

**Fill In:** Fill in the blanks that complete the statement.

1. “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his \_\_\_\_\_; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33
2. “\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” Matthew 24:35
3. “He that is without sin among you, let him \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ at her.” John 8:7
4. “Man shall not live by \_\_\_\_\_ alone, but every \_\_\_\_\_ that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4

## Quote of the Day

“The great antidote to anxiety is to come to God in prayer. We are to pray about *everything*. Nothing is too big for Him to handle, and nothing is too small to escape His attention.” ~Jerry Bridges

# Thursday

June 17

Do What Is Right In God's Eyes

*“Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.” Deuteronomy 12:8*

Moses spoke to the people and gave them commands from the Lord. He began by telling them that they are to destroy all the places of worship to false gods in the land that they are to possess. In doing so, they would protect themselves from falling into idol worship and in turn the judgment of God.

Then, he turned a little more pointedly toward the individuals and their specific lifestyles. He said no longer are you to do “whatsoever is right in his own eyes.” If they did what they believed was right, they would slowly slip away from following the prescribed law of the Lord and begin to substitute their own feelings about right and wrong. Moses understood the danger of such thinking. He knew that if this was left unchecked it would only be a matter of time before Israel would be consumed by grievous sin. They needed to follow God's commands not their feelings.

Oh how I wish we had more men like Moses today! He was not concerned about hurting someone's feelings. He clearly stated that what each person believes is right cannot be the standard of correctness. God alone is the standard barrier. He sets the rules.

What God says is right and wrong is truth. Hitler, Stalin, and Hussein all did what they “believed” was right. They looked to themselves for the moral standard and not God. History will remember them as vial, evil, murderous dictators. Moses was warning the people to

Morning: *Nehemiah 4-6*

Evening: *Acts 2:14-47*

avoid such a pitfall. Do what God says is right and not what you think. ~DJD

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:3-5 “And this is life \_\_\_\_\_, that they might \_\_\_\_\_ thee the only \_\_\_\_\_ God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have \_\_\_\_\_ thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

## Bible Quiz

**Multiple Choice:** Circle the correct answer.

1. God told Moses to make a mixture of frankincense to burn as incense in the tabernacle and to use it only for worshipping Him. What was the punishment if someone used the mixture for other purposes? (Exodus 30:34-38)
  - A. Death
  - B. Isolation
  - C. Would no longer belong to God's people.
  - D. Would suffer a lifetime of strenuous labor.
2. The Altar of Burnt Offerings in the temple had which of the following dimensions? (2 Chronicles 4:1)
  - A. 30 ft. long, 30 ft. wide, 15 ft. high
  - B. 15 ft. long, 15 ft. wide, 10 ft. high
  - C. 30 ft. long, 15 ft. wide, 10 ft. high
  - D. 40 ft. long, 20 ft. wide, 15 ft. high

# Friday

June 18

New Beginnings

***“It is of the LORD’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23***

It has been said that you are in one of three places in your life: going into a trial, in the middle of a trial, or coming out of a trial. But, in every one of those places, the mercies of the Lord are new EVERY morning.

Sometimes, as Christians, we focus too much on God’s judgment and not enough on His mercy. This has been the case in my life. I am always anticipating the next trial or struggle. This mindset robs us of the God’s mercies that are new every day.

Instead of looking for the next bomb to fall in our lives, we should be looking for the next blessing. God gives us many each and every day. Someone said to me recently, “When I was young, I used to be so excited about Santa Claus. I couldn’t wait to see what I would get for Christmas. The person went on to say, “I think that is how we should view our Christian lives. We should always be anticipating the next blessing God is going to give us.” What a wonderful way to view our ever-loving Savior!

Each day is a new beginning, filled with God’s mercies and blessings. As you start each day, anticipate the moving of God upon your life, and be ready for the adventure! ~MFV

Morning: *Nehemiah 7, 8*  
Evening: *Acts 3*

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:3-5 “And this is life \_\_\_\_\_, that they might \_\_\_\_\_ thee the only \_\_\_\_\_ God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have \_\_\_\_\_ thee on the earth: I have \_\_\_\_\_ the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

## Bible Quiz

**True or False:** Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false. Answers can be found in the Book of Philipians.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Paul was confident, “That He which had begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” V. 1;6
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. For Paul to live is Christ, and to die would be a loss. V. 1:21
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. “For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.” V. 1:29

## Quote of the Day

“Worry is a thin stream of fear that trickles through the mind, which, if encouraged, will cut a channel so wide that all other thoughts will be drained out.” ~Author Unknown

# Saturday

June 19

## Refuge in God's Hands

*"In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God." Psalm 62:7*

Webster's dictionary gives this definition of refuge as: "A shelter or protection from danger or distress." With the wickedness of today's world we must trust and lean on what Christ has done for us at Calvary. Jesus Christ provided us with a way of escape, a way to be with Him always in Heaven. In all life's trials and tribulations, we have refuge in God's mighty hands. John 10:28 says, *"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."* What a great verse to give all Christians comfort and hope!

Psalm 62:7 also makes reference to God's glory. Glory is defined as magnificent splendor. At salvation we are guaranteed a home in Heaven, a magnificent place. John 14:2-3 states, *"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* John, the revelator, tells us that Heaven will be a place of great joy, no more tears or sadness, no more pain or death.

Then Psalm 62:7 talks about God being *the rock of my strength*. When I think about a rock, I think of protection, a firm resolute immovable foundation. The more we invest in God's Word, the more we become strengthened by His Word. Psalm 18:30 says, *"As for*

Morning: *Nehemiah 9-11*  
Evening: *Acts 4:1-22*

God, his way *is perfect*: the word of the LORD *is tried*: he *is a buckler* to all those that trust in him." This is one verse of many that tells us that we can trust in the Lord. His ways have been tried since the foundation of the world was laid. ~KAT

### Scripture Fill-In

John 17:3-5 "And this is life \_\_\_\_\_, that they might \_\_\_\_\_ thee the only \_\_\_\_\_ God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have \_\_\_\_\_ thee on the earth: I have \_\_\_\_\_ the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee \_\_\_\_\_ the world was."

### Bible Quiz

**Multiple Choice:** Circle the correct answer.

1. God said Joshua was to meditate on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Joshua 1:8  
A. Moses' Life  
B. The Promised  
C. God  
D. The Book of the Law
2. Who saw the commander of the army of the Lord? Joshua 5:13-14  
A. Joshua      B. Caleb  
C. All Israel      D. The two spies

### Quote of the Day

"God often comforts us, not by changing the circumstances of our lives, but by changing our attitude toward them." ~S.H.B. Masterman

# Why Revival? *(Continued from page 7)*

By Jeff Farnham

exalted heavenly place so that He may enable his people who have found themselves in low and humble places to rebound.

Sometimes it is sin that brings the saint to humble contrition; other times it may be private pain, inner grief, or spiritual battle. God, seeing the cast down ones, then reaches down from His high and holy place and lifts up those who have humbled themselves under His mighty hand. In so doing,

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## **That They May Regroup**

Believers today are scattered from their churches by secular employment demands, scattered from their moorings by anti-Christian teaching and philosophy, and scattered from peace and tranquility of God by the attractions of the flesh. God's church needs the regrouping of revival! God's body upon earth needs to be regrouped and glued back together and revived!

## **That They May Not Resign**

*"O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."* (Hab. 3:2) Habakkuk had just been

told such news as made his ears tingle, such news that he could hardly believe (Hab. 1:5) God had revealed to him that Babylon, a nation much more evil and wicked than even his own degenerated Judah, would be given sanction to invade and destroy Judah.

To shorten a long explanation, Habakkuk halted in his complaint, listened to God's reasoning, and sang a psalm of sublime faith in the third chapter. That paean of trust commenced with the prayer for God to remember mercy in His reviving work, lest God's people succumb to the wrath. Times of judgment, be they the years prior to the flood in Noah's day, the years of chastening in the wilderness, the years of drought in Elijah's early ministry, or any other period of God's displeasure are extremely discouraging and difficult for God's believing remnant. Watching as they must their beloved land and people endure needless pain, they pine in their own sorrows.

In these days when the church age draws ever closer to its close, we who know, love, and serve Christ can easily be bogged down by the agony of sorrow for all the judgment we see. We are not in the Great Tribulation, but we see pain on every hand as the seedlings of God's wrath grow up around us to one day become the giant redwoods of His wrath in the seven years of Jacob's trouble.

May God help us all, as individuals as well as local bodies of the saints, to seek revival so we may rejoice, rebuild, restore, rebound, regroup, and not resign! Let's go after every soul we can find until the end. Let's have revival!♦

# Sunday

June 20

Serve God Today

***Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*** Matthew 6:34

In the context of this passage, Jesus is giving instruction regarding worry. He says several interesting things. In verse 27, we are taught that worrying can not change our circumstances. This passage also teaches us that we need not concern ourselves with daily food because our Heavenly Father feeds the birds. Nor should we fret about clothing because God gave beautiful adornment to the flowers in the fields. We are far more valuable to our Heavenly Father than flowers or fowl.

In verse 33, we are instructed to seek first the Kingdom of God and to let God take care of the details. Worrying about tomorrow will not change a thing. It will simply drain us of the energy that we need for today. So instead of handing over a victory to the devil by occupying our minds with regrets of past failures and concerns about future "what if's," let's use today's energy to seek first the Kingdom of God.

What can you do to impact the Kingdom? You can pray! You can renew your mind with the Word! You can meditate on character of your Creator! You can find someone to help in the name of Jesus! You can share the Gospel with a lost soul. You can be a light that shines for the Kingdom!

Only you have the power to control your thoughts. Will you be overcome with anxiety or will you serve God today? ~DLW

Morning: *Nehemiah 12, 13*

Evening: *Acts 4:23-37*

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:8-10 "For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them."

## Bible Quiz

**True or False:** Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. David said, "I waited patiently for the LORD, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry." Psalm 40:1
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. David said, "He brought me up also out of a good place, and out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a big stone, and established my goings." Psalm 40:2
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. David said, "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God." Psalm 40:3

## Quote of the Day

"Anger itself is not sinful; every emotion is from God and is good when biblically appropriate. But, "Do not let the sun go down on your anger," Paul says (Eph. 4:26).

~Jay E. Adams

# Monday

June 21

Morning Comes

***“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” Isaiah 53:3***

In the midst of pain, it is easy to forget that Jesus, although fully God, was also fully human. He felt pain, not only physical, but also deep emotional pain. If you are in pain, Jesus is not indifferent or unfeeling. He can identify. If you are in the grips of grief you are not alone in your sorrow, Jesus knew sorrow.

Hebrew 4:15 says, ***“For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”*** How comforting to know he empathizes with us.

God gave you the ability to feel pain for a reason. You were created with tear ducts and pain receptors. Pain can be cleansing and revealing. It reminds you of what is important and reorders your priorities. Pain informs the future. Although the reason for pain is sometimes a mystery, it helps you realize that you desperately need God in your life. C. S. Lewis said, “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

When your sorrow or pain seems too heavy to bear, remember you have a burden-bearer. Long nights of grief do not last forever. ***“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”*** (Ps. 30:5b) Jesus is your morning. He knows that you are human, and He knows the inevitable pain of humanness. ~AJD

Morning: *Esther 1-3*  
Evening: *Acts 5:1-16*

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:8-10 “For I have given unto them the \_\_\_\_\_ which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.”

## Bible Quiz

**Short Answer:** Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. A curse was pronounced on the man who might rebuild \_\_\_\_\_.  
Joshua 6:26
2. The tribes were angry because they thought The 2-1/2 tribes were \_\_\_\_\_.  
Joshua 22:15-16
3. What did the Reubenites, Gadites, and half-tribe of Manasseh built an \_\_\_\_\_ that infuriated the other tribes?  
Joshua 22:10-12
4. How did Rahab deal with the two spies Joshua sent to spy out the land? Joshua 2:6  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Quote of the Day

“As sure as God puts His children in the furnace of affliction, He will be with them in it.”  
~C.H. Spurgeon

# Tuesday

June 22

## False Prophets

Read Deuteronomy 13:1-5.

False prophets have been a problem throughout recorded time, whether they were making unfulfilled prophetic statements or simply leading the people astray. In either case, God had a clear method for dealing with them. They were to be destroyed. There was no flowery discussion of their perceived understanding of Scripture, a lengthy appeals process, or a cry for clemency. They were to be put to death. To some this may seem cruel and even ungodly. In reality this was not cruel or even ungodly. These “prophets” were attempting to subvert the Word of God to His people. In doing so, they called damnation upon themselves. No one forced them to speak lies. They willingly chose to do so.

In response, God called for their execution because they committed blasphemy by attributing something to God that He did not say. If they were truly a prophet sent from God, their prophecies would always come true. Also, if they spoke on behalf of God, they would never incline His people to do anything that violates His nature. That is what Moses warns the Israelites about in this passage.

Any “prophet” of God that calls His people to violate His law is not of God. Knowing this we need to turn away from them. Living under grace, we no longer seek out the destruction of these charlatans. Instead we are to give them over to God and avoid their teaching. We should also warn others of their falsehood and speak against the lies they are touting.

Ultimately, as believers, we have a respon-

Morning: *Esther 4-6*  
Evening: *Acts 5:17-42*

sibility to seek and know the truth so when a lie is presented we are able to recognize, avoid, and defeat it with the Word of God. ~DJD

### Scripture Fill-In

John 17:8-10 “For I have given unto them the \_\_\_\_\_ which thou \_\_\_\_\_ me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.”

### Bible Quiz

**True or False:** Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Joshua sent people to Ai to fight the people and take the land. Joshua 7:2
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Achan said, “Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done.” Joshua 7:20

### Quote of the Day

“Extraordinary afflictions are not always the punishment of extraordinary sins, but sometimes the trial of extraordinary graces. Sanctified afflictions are spiritual promotions.”  
~Matthew Henry

# Wednesday

June 23

Remember God's Patience

***“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:8-9***

In 2 Peter 3:4, Peter reminds us that the “scoffers” of the things of Christ will question the amount of time which has been allowed to pass without the return of Christ. This will cause them, and others, to doubt the truth of the Word of God. Peter answers this scoff in verses eight and nine.

He asks his readers not to be ignorant of how God relates to time. While you and I (and the scoffers of verse four) are bound by the confines of time, Peter reminds us that God stands independent of time. If a day passes for us, it might as well have been a thousand years for God and vice-versa. In verse nine, Peter gives us a reason why God has waited so long to return. He is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” God is patient with the unsaved (even the scoffing) crowd. He has “postponed” the return of Jesus so more people can come to know Him as Saviour. We need to remember God's patience. He is not “slack.” He has not forgotten to return. He is lovingly “longsuffering to us-ward.”

Do not question His methods. Do not question His timing. Do not be ignorant of His ways. He is God: remember His patience. ~PO

Morning: *Esther 7-10*

Evening: *Acts 6*

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:8-10 “For I have given unto them the \_\_\_\_\_ which thou \_\_\_\_\_ me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst \_\_\_\_\_ me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.”

## Bible Quiz

**Multiple Choice:** Circle the correct answer.

1. “To every thing there is a \_\_\_\_\_, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1  
A. Reason      B. Season  
C. Day          D. Place under the sun
2. “He hath made every thing \_\_\_\_\_ in his time.” Ecclesiastes 3:11  
A. Holy          B. Worthwhile  
C. Good          D. Beautiful
3. “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name \_\_\_\_\_.” Isaiah 7:14  
A. Immanuel    B. Son of God  
C. Messiah      D. Jesus

## Quote of the Day

“An avoidable absence from church is an infallible evidence of spiritual decay.”

~Frances Ridley Havergal

# Thursday

June 24

The Watchmen

***“For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.” Jeremiah 31:6***

Watchmen are people who guard (watch over) and protect others or things of value. Jeremiah gives illustration for prophets and ministers, that they should be vigilant in watching for the coming of the Lord which is required by God. In Matthew 24:42 the Lord tells us to be ready, ***“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.”*** As born again believers we are to be good and faithful watchmen, always looking for the return of Jesus Christ.

Now, what about the unsaved? Our job as Christians is to not only watch for His return but tell others of His return. In order to explain about His return, we must then explain salvation. It is imperative that we watch for those opportunities to share the Gospel. If we do not tell them, who will? We are commanded as it says in Matthew 28:19, ***“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”*** Mark 16:15 says, ***“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”*** Luke 24:47 says, ***“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”***

Are you Ready! This is our Jerusalem! Get out there to tell the world about Jesus Christ!

~KAT

Morning: ***Job 1-3***  
Evening: ***Acts 7:1-19***

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:8-10 “For I have given unto them the \_\_\_\_\_ which thou \_\_\_\_\_ me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst \_\_\_\_\_ me. I \_\_\_\_\_ for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.”

## Bible Quiz

**Fill In:** Fill in the blank with the name of the fruit or food item that completes the statement.

1. “A word fitly spoken is like \_\_\_\_\_ of gold in pictures of silver.” Prov. 25:11
2. “Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather \_\_\_\_\_ of thorns, or figs of thistles. Matt. 7:16
3. “And they made upon the hems of the robe \_\_\_\_\_ of blue, And purple, and scarlet, and twined linen.” Ex. 39:24
4. “And Isaiah said, Take a lump of \_\_\_\_\_. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.” 2 Kings 20:7

## Quote of the Day

“The Bible alone is the only authority that can bind the conscience of a person absolutely because it is the only authority that carries with it the intrinsic authority of God Himself.”

~R.C. Sproul

# Friday

June 25

## Security

*“For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.” Psalm 37:28*

When I was in high school, my family and I lived in an area that was surrounded by crime. Just down the road was a public park where it was not uncommon to hear of murders or rapes taking place within its perimeters. However, when we moved into our home, there was an alarm system already installed and working. Every time I would punch the code of numbers, there was a sense of safety, protection, and security, knowing that if someone chose to break into the home a very loud alarm would alert the neighbors.

Everyone wants to feel secure and safe. In our verse for today, the Lord gives His children security for the future. Here are three promises presented in this verse:

1. The wicked will be judged.
2. God’s children will not be forsaken.
3. Believers will be preserved forever.

These promises give security. God knows that we have fears and worries. In His goodness, He has assured us of our future. If we have accepted His gift of salvation, we will not be forsaken and will be preserved forever. What security! ~MFV

Morning: *Job 4-6*  
Evening: *Acts 7:20-43*

### Scripture Fill-In

John 17:8-10 “For I have given unto them the \_\_\_\_\_ which thou \_\_\_\_\_ me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst \_\_\_\_\_ me. I \_\_\_\_\_ for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.”

### Bible Quiz

**Who’s Who:** In the blank provided, pick the disciple that fits the description—Simon Peter, John, Thomas, Matthew, or Philip.

1. This disciple was also called Didymus. (Jn.20:24) \_\_\_\_\_
2. This fisherman from Bethsaida said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Mt. 4:18; Mt. 16:16) \_\_\_\_\_
3. This disciple led Nathanael to Jesus. (Jn. 1:43-51) \_\_\_\_\_
4. This man was a tax collector by profession. ((Mt. 9:9-15) \_\_\_\_\_

### Quote of the Day

“If you find yourself loving any pleasure more than your prayers, any book better than the Bible, any house better than the house of the Lord, any table better than the Lord’s table, any persons better than Christ, or any indulgence better than the hope of heaven – be alarmed.”  
~Thomas Guthrie

# Saturday

June 26

God's Armor

***“Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”  
Ephesians 6:11***

I love to watch wrestling. No, not the “slam dunk, throw-em-across-the-ring brawls” you see on television, but the true competition that takes place on mats across the country during the bleak winter months. Two contestants walk across the mat and with a steely eyed stare get ready to engage in a battle of strength and will. After three two-minute periods of power, strength, and speed, one winner emerges with his or her hand raised by the referee. Often, the loser is defeated by a more qualified opponent, but once in awhile, a superior wrestler simply underestimates an opponent and that person's abilities.

In the book of Ephesians, Paul says that we do not battle a physical enemy, but one that is powerful and of the dark world. These spiritual combatants want nothing more than to destroy us and they will do anything and everything they can to bring on that destruction. How often in our everyday struggles do we underestimate the power of the dark grapplers that ensnare us? How many times do we under-train for the onslaught that comes at us by the dark forces, and thus, succumb to their arrows of drugs, alcohol, and other sins?

When we understand the power and strength of our enemy, we start to understand the necessity of spiritual training. To gain true spiritual strength we must train daily, and train as if our lives depend on it! ~AP

Morning: **Job 7-9**  
Evening: **Acts 7:44-60**

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:8-10 “For I have given unto them the \_\_\_\_\_ which thou \_\_\_\_\_ me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst \_\_\_\_\_ me. I \_\_\_\_\_ for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ me; for they are \_\_\_\_\_. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.”

## Bible Quiz

**True or False:** Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The LORD said to unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand.” Joshua 8:18
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Joshua built an altar unto the LORD of Israel in Ai. Joshua 8:30
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Joshua said, “Choose you this day whom ye will serve;... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 14:15

## Quote of the Day

“The authority of Scripture is greater than the comprehension of the whole of man's reason.”  
~Martin Luther

# Hannah

By Celeste Wemp

Read 1 Samuel 1, 2:1, 21

After the days of the judges "every man did that which was right in the sight of his own eyes". There was a man named Elkanah, a Levite, of the priestly tribe of Kohath. Although a godly man, he followed the common custom of polygamy and had two wives. One was Hannah who was his most beloved wife. The other was Peninnah who had borne him several children. Hannah, though the favored wife, was barren. It is possible that since she had not been able to bear children, she persuaded her husband to take another wife like Sarah did Abraham. Peninnah caused all manner of friction in the home and chided Hannah because she had no child.

For a Jewish woman her greatest desire was to become the mother of a son who might possibly be the Messiah. Hannah was a sincere, god-fearing woman who went to the temple to pray and to beg God to give her a son. She promised to give him back to the Lord if he granted her desire. She was so sorrowful and though she was praying, she was doing it in silence and the priest thought she was drunk. Hannah protested her innocence and declared she had never taken strong drink and then poured out her heart to Eli, the priest.

Eli told her to "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of Him." She returned home content for she believed. She was now joyous and buoyant not depressed and sorrowful. God granted her request and a son was born to her whom she named Samuel which means "asked of God".

Her psalm of thanksgiving makes her out as a poetess and prophetess of no mean order. With her desire fulfilled she burst into song and pours out her gratitude to God for His goodness. Her Magnificat became the basis of the one that the virgin Mary offered to the same covenant keeping God. There was no change in her condition, but there was in her heart. She had not experienced the fulfillment of her desire, but she believed God and broke into a song of praise that was very similar to the one that Mary sang later when told that she would be the mother of the Messiah. There is quite a resemblance between them. The spiritual lyric of Hannah is equal to any of the Psalms and is eloquent with the divine attributes of power, holiness, knowledge, majesty and grace. Hannah prayed and promised, and when her prayer was answered she quietly redeemed her promise and presented him back to the Lord. He was raised after being weaned by Eli in the temple and was visited once a year by his other. As a reward God gave her five more children. Her son, Samuel, became a priest and a man of prayer and intercession all his days.♦

## The Spirit's Light

The Spirit breathes upon the Word,  
And brings the truth to sight;  
Precepts and promises afford  
A sanctifying light.

A glory gilds the sacred page  
Majestic like the sun;  
It gives a light to every age—  
It gives, but borrows none.

~William Cowper

# Sunday

June 27

Salvation Comes First By Repentance

***“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ.” Acts 2:37-38***

They were pricked in their hearts for two very good reasons. First, the Holy Spirit was at work convicting them of their need for a Savior. Second, Peter obediently preached the truth—that Jesus was the Lord and that they needed to repent.

Notice Peter did not preach a message that said today would be their best day ever. He did not give a sermon on how to be a successful businessman. Being a better family was not even addressed. Peter preached Jesus and repentance.

He preached Jesus because He was, is, and will always remain the ONLY way to get to Heaven. He preached repentance because his listeners were sinners that needed to be saved. Peter did not take a lot of time to tell them how special they were or evaluate how good of a person they were trying to be. He preached repentance. He said they needed to change not become better. Their response shows their heart attitude. They did not ask for qualifiers to Peter’s statements. They simply said what must we do. Then, they did it.

Anyone who claims to be preaching the Gospel and does not tell people that salvation requires repentance and faith in Christ and nothing else is a liar, based on the Bible’s requirements for salvation. For a person to be

Morning: **Job 10-12**  
Evening: **Acts 8:1-25**

saved, they need to do just as these did in this passage. They must confess their sin, turn from their sin, and turn to Christ. If they have a real desire to be saved this will not be a problem. ~DJD

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:11-12 “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”

## Bible Quiz

**Multiple Choice:** Circle the correct answer.

1. Which of the following names of God was not used in Isaiah 9:6?  
A. Wonderful Counselor  
B. God of Israel  
C. Mighty God  
D. Everlasting Father
2. What name means “God with us,” and is Mentioned in Isaiah 7:14?  
A. El Shaddai B. El Elyon  
C. Immanuel D. Yahweh Elohim

## Quote of the Day

“Authority resides in God’s inspired Word (the Bible) interpreted by God’s Spirit operating through Spirit-taught human agents.”

~M.F. Unger

# Monday

June 28

Old Testament Salvation

***“For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.” Romans 4:2-3***

Since Jesus Christ did not come until the New Testament, how did the Biblical figures of the Old Testament gain salvation? Abraham never saw the Messiah, and in fact, the Messiah would not appear until hundreds of years after Abraham’s death.

In Romans 4:2-3, we see that Abraham was not saved by his works, but by belief in God. He believed in the promise God had given to send a Redeemer. This promise was first given in the Garden of Eden. God said to Adam and Eve, ***“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”*** (Gen. 3:15) The ‘seed’ is this verse is referring to Christ. He suffered at the crucifixion for the sins of mankind, and He will bruise Satan’s head and cast him into the lake of fire for all eternity. (Rev. 20:10)

Abraham believed that God would send a Savior, and his belief was counted unto him for righteousness. In other words, his belief in the promise of God was the means to which he gained salvation. God does the saving; we must believe and repent. ~MFV

Morning: **Job 13-15**  
Evening: **Acts 8:26-40**

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:11-12 “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the \_\_\_\_\_, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”

## Bible Quiz

**Multiple Choice:** Circle the correct answer.

1. Which of Naomi’s daughters-in-law stayed in Moab? Ruth 1:14-15  
A. Ruth            B. Abigail  
C. Orpah           D. Esther
2. Who said, “Where you go I will go I will go”? Ruth 1:16  
A. Orpah           B. Ruth  
C. Naomi           D. Boaz
3. Who was Ruth’s first husband? Ruth 4:10  
A. Mahlon        B. Elimelech  
C. Kilion           D. Boaz

## Quote of the Day

“The Bible is a supernatural book and can be understood only by supernatural aid.”  
~A.W. Tozer

# Tuesday

June 29

My Brother's Keeper

*“And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?” Genesis 4:9*

**Our Attitude.** It is an expression of actions and sentiments of the person represented. Our attitude reflects who we are in our hearts. In the verse above, Cain is clearly being hypocritical and sarcastic in trying to hide the fact that he murdered his brother Abel. Ezekiel 33:7 implies that yes we are our brother's keeper. *“So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.”*

**Our Responsibility.** The Bible has many examples to show us that we must take responsibility to help, strengthen, and edify our brothers and sisters in Christ. Do we know how other believers are doing? Do we even care? How many of us make excuses so we do not have to be responsible? Our indifference hurts our relationships with other believers. We must be careful to watch over the welfare of our fellow Christians. Galatians 6:2 says that we are to bear one another's burdens. In John 13:34 Jesus gives the commandment to love one another as He has loved us. John 15:13 says, *“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”*

So dear friends, we have an awesome responsibility to love and watch over our fellow believers. ~KAT

Morning: *Job 16-18*  
Evening: *Acts 9:1-22*

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:11-12 “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the \_\_\_\_\_, and I \_\_\_\_\_ to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”

## Bible Quiz

**True or False:** Put a T in the blank if the statement is true and an F in the blank if the statement is false. Answers can be found in Acts 6-7.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. God gave Stephen the ability to perform miracles.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. False witnesses were recruited to lie about Stephen.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Stephen was brought before the council, and his face looked like an angel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. When brought before the council, Stephen gave a speech about the rapture of the church.

## Quote of the Day

“The more afflictions you have been under, the more assistance you have had for this life of holiness.” ~John Flavel

# Wednesday

June 30

Remember God's Warning

*“Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.” 2 Peter 3:17*

In the late 1920's and early 1930's, Chicago was terrorized by gangs. One gang boss, Al Capone, was known for bootlegging, tax evasion and (although he was “on vacation”) was implicated in the infamous Valentine's Day Massacre of 1929. When President Hoover turned his focus to bringing down Capone, Elliot Ness led eleven other law enforcement officials in this endeavour. Capone was known for bribing officers of the law in order to achieve his desires. Because Elliot Ness' group of men would not be “bought,” they became known as the “Untouchables.” In the eyes of the public, they were incorruptible.

Many times, Christians can think that they are untouchable. “My daddy was a Baptist. His daddy was a Baptist and his daddy...I have a heritage of being good. Satan's tactics will not work on me.” “I am a good church member. I sing in the choir. I will not sell out Jesus Christ for anything.” ...and just when we think we are safe: the rooster crows.

Peter ends his second epistle with a warning. “Ye therefore, beloved...beware, lest ye also...fall from your own steadfastness.” In other words, “You, fifth generation Baptist.” “You, Mr. Holier-than-thou church member.” “You, Mrs. I-have-the-right-last-name.” Beware that even you can fall. You are not “untouchable.” If you do not heed the warnings of the Word of God, you may find yourself

Morning: *Job 19, 20*  
Evening: *Acts 9:23-43*

“being led away with the error of the wicked” and fallen from your holier-than-thou perch.

Do not ruin your life. Do not ruin your testimony. Remember God's warnings! ~PO

## Scripture Fill-In

John 17:11-12 “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the \_\_\_\_\_, and I \_\_\_\_\_ to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”

## Bible Quiz

**True or False:** Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” Psalm 119:89
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Psalm 119:11
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. “In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.” Psalm 120:1

## Quote of the Day

“The furnace of affliction is a good place for you, Christian; it benefits you; it helps you to become more like Christ, and it is fitting you for heaven.” ~C.H. Spurgeon

# Answers

Cross-Word Puzzle

Word Search

Bible Quizzes Answers

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June 9 Pg 11 1B, 2D, 3C, 4A  
 June 10 Pg 12 1Flesh, 2Condemn, through him, 3soft, wrath, anger, 4labour, rest  
 June 11 Pg 13 1Nebo, 2the Lord, 3possess it, 4fight  
 June 12 Pg 14 1T, 2F, 3T, 4T, 5F  
 June 13 Pg 16 1Spear, 2Linen clothes, 3 Joseph of Arimathaea  
 June 14 Pg 17 1C, 2A, 3D  
 June 15 Pg 18 1T, 2F, 3T, 4T, 5F  
 June 16 Pg 19 1Righteousness, 2Heaven and Earth, 3First cast a stone, 4Bread, word  
 June 17 Pg 20 1C, 2A  
 June 18 Pg 21 1T, 2F, 3T  
 June 19 Pg 22 1D, 2A  
 June 20 Pg 24 1T, 2F, 3T  
 June 21 Pg 25 1Jericho, 2Rebelling against God, 3An altar, 4Hid them  
 June 22 Pg 26 1F, 2T  
 June 23 Pg 27 1B, 2D, 3A  
 June 24 Pg 28 1Apple, 2Grapes, 3Pomegranates, 4, Figs  
 June 25 Pg 29 1Thomas, 2Simon Peter, 3Philip, 4Matthew  
 June 26 Pg 30 1T, 2F, 3T  
 June 27 Pg 32 1B, 2C  
 June 28 Pg 33 1C, 2B, 3A  
 June 29 Pg 34 1T, 2T, 3T, 4F  
 June 30 Pg 35 1T, 2T, 3T

**While You Live**

It's easy to talk of the money you'd spend  
 If you had a few dollars ahead;  
 But it's better to give a bit while you live—  
 Than a million—after you're dead!  
 ~Grenville Kleiser