

Bread of Life

Devotional Guide

Luke 4:4 "And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

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Fellow Believers,

"Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth." (Psalm 86:15) We serve an amazing God! He extends his grace, mercy, and forgiveness to the most wicked of sinners, and then, through His act of unbelievable love on the cross, He has made a way to wash every sinner whiter than snow!

Friends, this is the God that we are privileged to serve. We have the opportunity to live every day in close fellowship with our Savior. I challenge you this month not to just go through the motions of Christianity and daily devotions, but to look at your Savior with new eyes. He is amazing!

In Christ,
Pastor Russ Merrin

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 THE WORD FOR TODAY

“Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day.” Deuteronomy 8:11

It is always good to remember where we have come from spiritually. God sounds a warning in this verse—don’t forget the Lord thy God.

We don’t forget God intentionally, but when things are good, we tend to get busy and become spiritually negligent. If we are not careful, when our stomachs are full, our houses are nice, our finances have multiplied, we can become lifted up and forget God.

Once in the Promised Land, the Israelites forgot that God had brought them out of Egypt from the house of slavery.

We attend church, grow in the Lord, and live peaceful lives. We learn to tithe, and God blesses financially. We learn to discipline our lifestyle, and good health follows. And then, beware, lest we forget God.

We forget Who did the teaching (Holy Spirit) and Who did the blessing. We become puffed up, and it often is a long way down. Usually, the fall is farther than we had imagined possible.

Beware, there is more to Christianity than being saved. Continue in the things God has taught you, and don’t forget where you were before He placed your feet upon the Rock.

~RKM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Colossians 3:16 “Let the word of Christ _____ in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

1. How many prophets of Baal did Elijah taunt on Mt. Carmel? 1 Kings 18:19
A. 24 B. 400
C. 40 D. 450
2. Which king had Queen Jezebel killed by ordering some eunuchs to throw her out the window? 2 Kings 9:31-33
A. Ahaziah B. Joram/Jehoram
C. Ahab D. Jehu
3. Whose body was trampled by horses in 2 Kings 9:33?
A. Deborah B. Esther
C. Athaliah D. Jezebel
4. What favor did Elisha ask of Elijah in 2 Kings 2:9?
A. For his sandals
B. A double portion of his spirit
C. To curse King Ahab
D. For his cloak and staff

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

In relation to witnessing, “The catch must never determine our commitment.”

~Pastor Les Hobbins



Morning: 2 Chronicles 4-6

Evening: John 12:20-50

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

“But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:19-20

Something had changed in the life of Peter. Just a few weeks before, he denied that he even knew the Lord when he was confronted by a damsel. Now he was standing before the rulers of Israel refusing to be silenced. What made such a drastic change in his life? Where did he get such courage?

There are many things that may have contributed to this amazing transformation. I am sure that seeing the resurrected Christ impacted him greatly. This confrontation and commission from Jesus in John 21 surely had an effect. The most important factor was the filling of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 1:8 Jesus said that the disciples would receive power and boldness to witness that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them.

The Scriptures command us to be filled with that same Spirit. We are no different from Peter. He at times did great things and sometimes displayed great faith. He also had many failures and disappointments. I believe if you could talk to Peter today he would tell you that he never made a bad decision or a mistake while he was following the Spirit’s leading. His failures all came while walking independent from the Spirit. We never know what a day may bring forth, so we should always seek the Spirit’s filling. ~DLW

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

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 BIBLE QUIZ:

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- ___ 1. Christ said we could serve God and mammon. Matthew 6:24
- ___ 2. Christ said to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Matthew 6:25-33
- ___ 3. We are told in Matthew 6:34 to worry about what tomorrow might bring.
- ___ 4. Christ said, “Beware of false Prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” Matt. 7:15
- ___ 5. The gate that leads to eternal life is straight and wide. Matt. 7:13-14

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“The world has yet to see what God can do when a man is totally surrendered to Him. By God’s grace, I intend to be that man.”
~Dwight L. Moody



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“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.” Acts 3:6

Certainly, as a poor fisherman, Peter’s words were true. He most likely did not have extra money to give away. He did, however, have the power of the Holy Spirit to heal this man. This lame man experienced the power of Christ to change lives. The fact that he could walk was great; the miracle that his life was forever changed because of Jesus Christ was greater.

Notice, it was the name of Jesus Christ that changed this man’s life. It was not Allah or Buddha, but Jesus. He alone has the power to heal the sick, to raise the dead, and to save the lost.

Wealth alone can do nothing to affect a life for eternity. We can give out of our abundance, but certainly, our response should be the same as Peter’s. Like Him, we should influence a life for eternity by being the hands of Christ. Sometimes that can take place by giving monetarily. In most cases, it happens when we share Christ through our personal testimony. Give Christ. Tell someone how He has changed your life, and show them how to rise up spiritually and walk.

A story is told of an early church father who found another church official counting money. The official said to the church father, “No longer can the church say silver and gold have I none.” The church father replied, “And neither can we say to the lame rise up and walk.” Oh how sad it is to have all the gold of

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the earth and be lacking the power of the Holy Spirit to change a life!

We need to give what we have. As believers, that should certainly be out of the abundance of the power of God upon our lives. We cannot give what we do not have. Be filled so that you can point others to Christ and see their lives changed forever. ~DJJ

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Knowledge. Fill in the blank(s) with the correct answer.

1. “In the beginning God created the _____ and the _____.”
Genesis 1:1
2. “And the LORD said, I have surely seen the _____ of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their _____ by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their _____.” Exodus 3:7

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“There are three steps in the downfall of any nation. There is religious apostasy, then moral awfulness, and finally political anarchy.” ~J. Vernon McGee



Morning: 2 Chronicles 10-12

Evening: John 13:18-38

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Is Work Spiritual?

“The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.” Proverbs 13:4

Someone has well said, “I believe in success; the harder I work, the more successful I get!” The secret to success is hard work. Whether you are building a church, starting a hot dog stand, making a good life for you and your family, or pursuing good grades in school, hard work is the key to success. No amount of talent can take its place. No gifts can substitute for it. Even if, perchance, one could obtain success without work, it would fail to satisfy. The Bible has much to say about work.

Notice our verse today says, “The **soul** of the diligent shall be made fat.” The one who is diligent will have a greater portion or will be wiser in his spiritual life. One of the great mistakes of our generation is dividing the secular from the sacred. As someone has said, “To the Christian, every day is a holy day, every bush is a burning bush, and every place is a sacred place.”

Being a Christian is not having a “good feeling,” having a good cry, or making a good speech. It is, however, obeying the commands of God and doing His work. One can learn all the lingo, attend all types of meetings, ride the spiritual merry-go-round, give a glowing testimony, and still not be the kind of Christian God expects. The greatest test of Christianity is OBEDIENCE. Jesus said in John 15:14, “*Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*” He also said in John 14:15, “*If ye*

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love me, keep my commandments.”

Yes, I believe work is necessary, and it is spiritual! ~OV

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Matching. Match the Bible character in column 1 with the answer in column 2.

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|---|----------------|
| _____ 1. High Priest
Ex. 28:1 | A. Abimelech |
| _____ 2. Shepherd
Gen. 4:2 | B. Aaron |
| _____ 3. King
Gen. 20:2 | C. Abishai |
| _____ 4. Son of Zeruah
1 Sam. 26:6 | D. Adonijah |
| _____ 5. Son of David
2 Sam. 3:2-4 | E. Aristarchus |
| _____ 6. Paul’s companion
Acts 19:29 | F. Abel |

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“God is not limited in his ability to open doors.” ~Henrietta C. Mears



Morning: 2 Chronicles 13-16

Evening: John 14

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Prioritize Your Life

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

If you have ever visited the emergency room of a large hospital, you soon learn the importance of prioritizing. They put you on a list and as a room is available, they call you. But, if you go in with a pinched nerve in your neck, you may be bumped for a heart attack patient or an ambulance arriving with several crash victims. Believe me, I know. I spent ten hours in such a hospital waiting to see a doctor. I wasn't a priority.

We need to arrange items in order of importance, do things that need to be done today, and complete the tasks that will take the most time to finish. For nearly 30 years, I have worked from a list of things to do. I make this up on a weekly and daily basis. So, each week I make a list of things that have to be done that week and maybe for the next week as well. Then, I break the list down for what needs to be done on Monday, and so forth. Finally, I break it down to even the time period of the day.

Some things clamor for our attention, and they don't arrive on a first-come, first-served basis. So then, we move them from the "Things to Do" list to the "Must Do" list. Don't forget that one of those things that is on the "Must Do" list is spending time with God and His Word each day (Matthew 6:33).

Sometimes we do what we don't want to do so we will be able to do what we want to do. If we do what we want to do and leave off what we don't want to do, it will lead to our demise.

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Let's take care of first things first!

~JWL from "Time Management"

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

1. Who became king at the age of 7?
2 Kings 11:21
A. Josiah B. Jotham
C. Jehoash D. Jehoshaphat
2. Who was King Jehoash's mother?
2 Kings 12:1
A. Zibiah B. Deborah
C. Esther D. Michal
3. What was the name of the priest and judge who raised Samuel from a child?
1 Samuel 2:11
A. Shamgar B. Abdon
C. Eli D. Nathan

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You might as well try to hear without ears or breathe without lungs, as to try to live a Christian life without the Spirit of God in your heart." ~D.L. Moody



 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

A New Song

***“And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.”
Psalm 40:3***

After I trusted Christ as my Savior many things changed in my life. One of the first things I noticed was that MTV did not seem the same any more. The message, imagery, and attitudes surrounding that music, that used to be entertaining, had become offensive to the Spirit of Christ dwelling within me. Soon the music I used to listen to began to be replaced with Christian music. My appetite had changed; God put a new song in my heart.

Only a new birth can give a new song. A new song comes from a changed heart. The result of a changed heart is a changed life. When we were born again, God put a new song on our lips. Our mouths should ring forth His honor, praise, and glory.

This verse also states that many shall see our song. The only song they can see is the song of our lives. Just as the songs of our lips bring the glory of God to their ears, so also do the actions of our lives bring the glory of God to their eyes.

According to this verse, those who see the new song of our changed lives will be drawn to the cross. They will put their trust in the Lord. Can others see the new song of your life and is it causing them to trust in the Lord? ~DLW

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 BIBLE QUIZ:

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- _____ 1. Christ said, “Everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 7:21
- _____ 2. A day with the Lord is as a thousand years. 2 Peter 3:8
- _____ 3. “The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword...” Hebrews 4:12
- _____ 4. Solomon had 700 wives.
1 Kings 11:1-3
- _____ 5. John the Baptist ate locusts as part of his diet. Mark 1:6

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.”

~Abraham Lincoln



Meditate on the Word

By Sumner Wemp

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Josh. 1:8). This was the advice for those entering the promised land. As we would say today it is for those entering into "life more abundantly." (John 10:10) Meditating on the Word of God is how to digest the spiritual food you have taken in and to internalize it. God promises that you will prosper if you meditate on and obey His Word. Psalm 1 declares you will be fruitful if you meditate on God's Word.

Meditate means "prolonged, concentrated thought." Think on every word, every phrase, and every clause in the verse, and the Holy Spirit will point out truths and treasures that will refresh and reward you. Learn to meditate on the Word of God, and it will open a floodgate of insights and inspiration that will astound you. After fifty-seven years of walking with God and studying the Bible, I now believe meditating on Scripture may be the most profitable exercise of my spiritual life. It is an exciting means of gaining spiritual insight and instruction from the Word of God. Just as prayer and fasting go together, so also memorization and meditation fit together as a hand in a glove. Practice it, perfect it, and profit by it as you think about a verse or passage you have read or recalled.

Moses went into the tabernacle. "All the people rose up and worshipped . . . and the Lord spake unto Moses face to face." (Ex. 33:10-11). Only Adam and Moses ever did this – Adam before the fall, and Moses after the fall. Moses prayed one phenomenal prayer when he prayed, "I beseech thee, show me thy glory." (Ex. 33:18)

Moses "was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water." (Ex 34:28). He prayed and fasted! Now comes the climax: "When Moses came down from Mt. Sinai. . . Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him." (Ex. 34:29-30) There is a radiance on the faces of those who really spend time in His presence. You know what I am talking about. Be one of these people. You will not know your face is shining, but others will. You will be so unique. You will be so different. You will be so inspirational. You will stand out from the "crowd."

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass (the Bible) the glory of the Lord, (this is what Moses prayed for) are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Cor. 3:18). Here is the formula. Here is the provision for what Moses received to a much lesser degree, of course. (See *Meditate* on page 32)

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“According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.” Ephesians 1:4-5

The screeching of voices mellows to a dull roar as the group of nine and ten year old boys form a row on the baseline of the basketball court. Josh and Adam were the first to make their free throws and will be the captains who get to choose teams. Josh speaks up, “I want Tim.” Adam quickly responds, “Jeff, you’re on my team.” Before too long each boy has his team of five, and anyone who did not get picked will have to sit out this game.

For any human being, not to be one who is chosen is hard, but for a nine or ten year old boy, it is almost the “worst” thing in the world. The feeling of rejection is a difficult pill to swallow. For those who have been chosen, however, what a feeling of acceptance! What a responsibility to respond!

The Apostle Paul reminded the believers in Ephesus that they had been chosen by God. As a matter of fact, before the world began, God wanted **every one** of us on His team. Jesus Christ was the captain and called your name to join His team. He chose you to be “holy and without blame.” The good pleasure of His will was to adopt you to be His child. What a thought! Jesus Christ chose you! Have you responded? Even though you have been chosen, you must accept His invitation to join His

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team. Will you accept? It is time to get in the game. ~PMO

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Genesis 17:7 “And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.”

 BIBLE QUIZ:

Bible Knowledge. Fill in the blank(s) with the correct answer.

1. “But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have _____ against the LORD: and be sure your sin will _____ you _____.” Numbers 32:23
2. “The God of my rock; in him will I _____: he is my _____, and the horn of my _____, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.” 2 Samuel 22:3
3. “We will _____ in thy salvation, and in the _____ of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy _____.” Psalms 20:5

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“If we rationalize our problems when He points them out, we will spend less and less time meditating because we won't want to face God in that area of our lives.”

~Charles Stanley



Morning: 2 Chronicles 23-25

Evening: John 16:16-33

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.” Proverbs 14:34

The Bible says when the righteous are in authority the people rejoice. The obvious opposite of this is that when wicked people are in authority the people will mourn.

One reason for the greatness of America is the spiritual foundation of our country. Many godly leaders were influential in the founding of America, thus providing us with righteous leadership. As an example, George Washington said, *“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without the Bible.”* Thomas Jefferson said, *“The Bible makes the best people in the world.”* Clearly, America had a strong Christian influence.

All the leaders in any nation are ordained of God. This doesn't mean that they are godly, but that God has allowed them to be leaders. God has often placed wicked men in high leadership positions in order to judge that nation or another nation deserving judgment.

Israel, under the leadership of the judges that God had selected, wasn't satisfied, and they cried out for a king. They desired to be like all other nations. Finally, God gave them a king, but it was a spiritual step down for them.

Nations that turn from God will quickly follow the path to destruction. They desire leadership that they are comfortable with but which is unrighteous. The result is a costly fall from the blessing of God.

Nations with righteous leaders have God's blessing. Nations that have wicked leaders will

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have people that mourn. It is a sad day in America when we elect those with little Christian character. ~RKM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Matching. Match the Bible character in column 1 with the answer in column 2.

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| ___ 1. Friend of David
1 Sam. 18:1 | A. Benjamin |
| ___ 2. Judge
Judges 4:6 | B. Baalapeor |
| ___ 3. Son of Rachel
Gen. 35:18 | C. Nehemiah |
| ___ 4. Moabite God
Num. 25:3 | D. Jonathan |
| ___ 5. Cupbearer
Neh. 1:11 | E. Abner |
| ___ 6. Saul's captain
1 Sam. 14:50 | F. Barak |

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“Prayer is the highest intelligence, the profoundest wisdom, the most vital, the most joyous, the most efficacious, the most powerful of all vocations.” ~Edward M. Bounds



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“But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.”
2 Timothy 3:10-11

In his last letter at the end of his ministry, the Apostle Paul encourages Timothy to examine his testimony. Paul could say with confidence, “Take a good look at my life.” He knew that people would find him doctrinally sound. He was not ashamed of the manner in which he had lived his life. His faith toward God and his love for both the lost and the saved were what they ought to be. He had confidence that his Christian life was worthy of being emulated. He also reminded Timothy to consider how that he was faithful even under persecution, and how that the Lord was faithful to him when he was being persecuted.

What if your life was to be examined today? What if someone came and said that they were going to conduct a spiritual life audit on you? Could you defend Bible doctrine? Is your purpose for living Jesus Christ? How is your love for others? We all have a testimony for Christ. Some of us have a better testimony than others. All of us should strive to be the best we can be for the “Timothys” in our lives.

Paul could confidently say, “Look at my life, for I have nothing to hide.” What about you? ~DLW

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

- Who built the temple of the LORD?
1 Kings 6:1
A. Ezra B. Ezekiel
C. Joash D. Solomon
- He brought a chariot and horses and hired 50 footmen to run ahead of him.
2 Samuel 15:1
A. Absalom B. Elijah
C. Ahab D. Cyrus
- Who led the people in rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem? Neh. 1:1, 2:17
A. Solomon B. Ezekiel
C. Nehemiah D. Joash
- Who attempted to comfort Job in his distress? Job 2:11-13
A. His wife B. His Friends
C. God D. No one

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“God doesn't seek for golden vessels, and does not ask for silver ones, but He must have clean ones.” ~Dwight L. Moody



Morning: 2 Chronicles 29-31

Evening: John 18:1-23

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“And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.” Acts 4:14

The Holy Spirit, through the hands of Peter, raised a lame man to walk. Peter explained that at the name of Jesus Christ this broken man was made whole. This miraculous healing filled those around with great curiosity.

Many came to see how this could be, wondering about what power made it possible. The temple authorities and Sadducees, however, came with another purpose in mind. They were neither excited about the moving of the Holy Spirit nor convicted by the truth of His power. Instead, they sought one thing—to silence these “Jesus followers.”

In verse three of Acts chapter four, the temple authorities laid hands on Peter and the others to silence them. The following morning they were in for quite a surprise. These “unlearned men” spoke with such boldness that the authorities were taken off guard. In fact, their only explanation was that these men had been with Jesus.

This very real power of Jesus’ teaching, the Holy Spirit, and the unquestionable testimony of the lame man left the officials speechless. They knew these “disciples” preached in Jesus’ name. They knew these men had not received any formal temple training. Certainly, they had witnessed the lame man at the gate Beautiful countless times, and now he was standing before them. What could they say in response to all this? Nothing.

People may try to argue that they do not believe in God, Jesus, or the Bible, but they are

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powerless against the testimony of a life that has been changed by Christ. The “educated” men of the temple found that to be true. We should each be prepared to share how Christ has changed our life. Our personal testimony, given under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, can be our most valuable witnessing tool. ~DJD

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

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 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- ___ 1. Christ is our Passover.
1 Corinthians 5:7
- ___ 2. Satan, the serpent, was in the garden of Eden. Genesis 3:1
- ___ 3. Satan is the son of perdition.
John 17:12
- ___ 4. Christians have power over Satan through the name of Jesus Christ.
Luke 10:17-20

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We can stand affliction better than we can prosperity, for in prosperity we forget God.”
~Dwight L. Moody



 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Thy Gentleness Hath Made Me Great

“Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation; and thy gentleness hath made me great.” 2 Samuel 22:36

These words were spoken by David. At first sight, this is a most remarkable claim for a professional soldier and warrior king to make. At this time in his life, David was an old man, and he was reviewing his career. He was recalling his past and considering his present position as king of Israel. He recalls his achievements and his greatness as king, giving credit to God for His gentleness.

No doubt, David was telling us that the only way by which he may be considered great lies in the extent to which he manifested his relationship and responsibilities as God’s anointed by the divine gift of gentleness. In other words, he traces his own greatness to the gentleness God showed to him which melted and mellowed him. Someone once said, “Meekness made David a monarch; kindness made him a king, and gentleness made him a great man.”

Dr. George Matthews was right when he said of gentleness, “It is the restraint of power.” Dr. L.B. Myers supported him when he wrote, “It is the prerogative of great strength to be gentle.”

In 2 Timothy 2:24, Paul said, “...*the servant of the Lord must...be gentle.*” ~OV

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Knowledge. Fill in the blank(s) with the correct answer.

1. “Him hath God _____ with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to _____ repentance to Israel, and _____ of sins.” Acts 5:31
2. “In whom we have _____ through his _____, the forgiveness of sins, according to the _____ of his grace.” Ephesians 1:7
3. “And _____ not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are _____ unto the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30
4. “But _____ in grace, and in the _____ of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be _____ both now and for ever. Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Faith ends where worry begins, and worry ends where faith begins.” ~George Mueller



Morning: 2 Chronicles 34-36

Evening: John 19:1-22

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Complete Fulfillment

“And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.” John 17:13

I am a chocoholic. In fact, I just finished a piece of chocolate cake with chocolate icing for my breakfast, topped off with a steaming cup of coffee. Right now at home, there are a few remaining pieces of a pound of *Godiva* chocolate and one last *Lindt* truffle left from a variety bag of milk, white, and dark chocolate truffles. When I am longing for chocolate, NOTHING can fill that void. I have heard it said that it is better to fulfill your craving for a particular food than to stifle the desire with something else. If you just eat what you are craving, you spare yourself needless other calories trying to fulfill the longing.

Deep within the heart of man there is a desire to be complete and fulfilled, and the Source of that contentment and fulfillment can be found ONLY in Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, mankind seeks other “things” to replace an intimate relationship with Christ. It is honestly sad to watch the lifestyles of Hollywood stars. They buy cars, houses, boats, beachfront properties, clothes, and more. When that is not enough, they dump their husbands or wives in search of the perfect live-in relationship which requires no form of commitment, all the time, searching for that “one thing” that will satisfy them. The same is true with Christians. Even though we know the Source of fulfillment is God alone, we fill our schedules with activities,

entertainment, and hobbies, while forsaking quality time with God.

Jesus Christ came to this world to give Himself as a sacrifice for mankind. In so doing, He provided a way for man to find complete fulfillment in God the Father. Nothing else is required. Our lives can be fulfilled by humbly coming to the Source of fulfillment. Nothing else will fill the void for a Christian or a non-Christian except for Jesus Christ.

~MFM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Genesis 17:7 “And I will _____ my _____ between me and thee and thy _____ after thee in their generations for an _____ covenant, to be a _____ unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- _____ 1. All Christians should put on the Gospel armor. Ephesians 6:11-17
- _____ 2. Having on the breastplate of righteousness is the most important part of a Christian’s gospel armor. Ephesians 6:16

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A faith that hasn't been tested can't be trusted.” ~Adrian Rogers



Morning: Ezra 1, 2

Evening: John 19:23-42

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

“The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.” Proverbs 16:1

I have known people whose dreams have long been shattered. They are mere memories of days past—days when they had dreamed about great careers in some field, big houses on the river, and retirement in their winter homes in Arizona or Florida. Perhaps, they recall Psalm 37:4 where God says, ***“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”*** But, this is a conditional promise. Verse five says, ***“Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.”*** Two words are key in this verse—commit and trust. If we have committed our way to the Lord and trusted in Him, our dreams will be fulfilled.

Now, if we have committed our way to the Lord, our dreams will probably change. We will have insight into God’s will for our lives, and we will see it come to be by His power. If we were able to accomplish things with just our talents, we would become prideful, thinking we had done it and not giving God the glory. God’s ways are not our ways, and our timing is not His timing. How much different would Peter’s response to Jesus have been in Luke 5 if it had been Peter’s idea to cast out the nets again, instead of our Lord’s idea? Peter would have thought it was his talent that enabled the great catch and not the power of the Lord.

“Proverbs 16:3 “Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.” ~JW

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Genesis 17:7 “And I will _____ my _____ between me and thee and thy _____ after thee in their generations for an _____ covenant, to be a _____ unto thee, and to thy _____ after thee.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

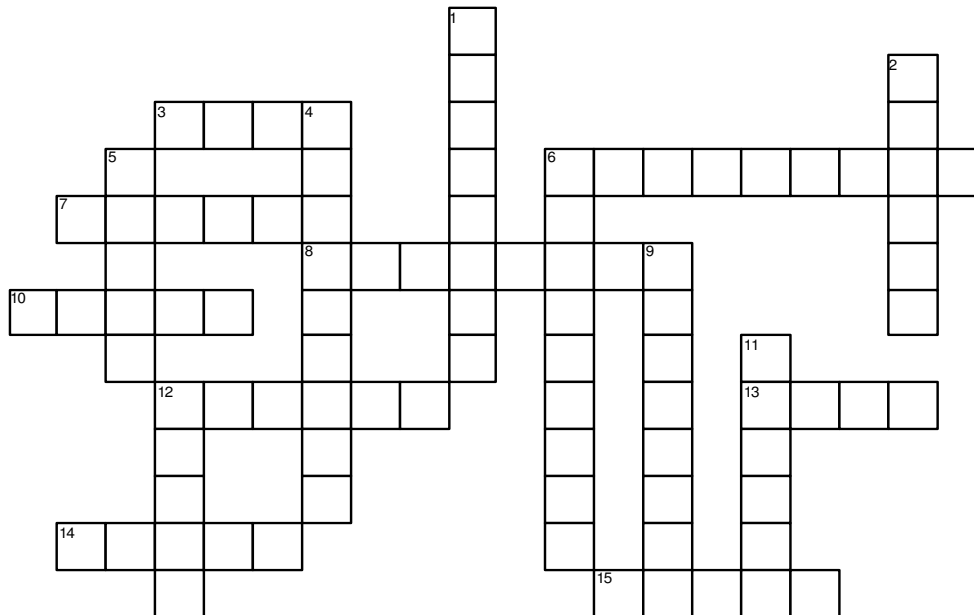
Matching. Match the Biblical character in column 1 with the answer in column 2.

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| _____ 1. Son of Bela
1 Chronicles 8:1-4 | A. Peninnah |
| _____ 2. Master of eunuchs
Daniel 1:3 | B. Azbuk |
| _____ 3. Son of Uzziah
Nehemiah 11:4 | C. Tamar |
| _____ 4. Father of Nehemiah
Nehemiah 3:16 | D. Athaiah |
| _____ 5. Daughter of David
2 Samuel 13:1 | E. Ahoah |
| _____ 6. Wife of Elkanah
1 Samuel 1:1-2 | F. Ashpenaz |

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“In one sense it is possible ‘to be so heavenly minded that we are of no earthly good; but in a much deeper sense, it is impossible to be of any real earthly good unless we are heavenly minded.” ~John McArthur

BIBLE TRIVIA CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- 3 Type of grain Jacob sent men to purchase in Egypt. Acts 7:12
- 6 Abraham purchased this from the sons of Emmor. Acts 7:16
- 7 These type of men carried Stephen to his burial. Acts 8:2
- 8 This person does not care for the sheep. John 10:13
- 10 This person climbs into the sheepfold. John 10:1
- 12 A man carries a sword in one of these. John 18:11
- 13 What is the light of men? John 1:4
- 14 Jesus instructed His disciples to do this. Mark 13:37
- 15 What disease did Aeneas have? Acts 9:33

DOWN

- 1 He comes into the sheepfold by the door. John 10:2
- 2 He opens the door of the sheepfold. John 10:3
- 4 Who said, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" John 1:46
- 5 Husband of Druscilla. Acts 24:24
- 6 Ointment used to anoint the feet of Jesus. John 12:3
- 9 Hebrew name for a place called pavement. John 19:13
- 11 The disciples went with Jesus to this mountain to pray. Mark 14:26
- 12 At what hour of the day did Jesus rest by the well in Samaria? John 4:6

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

“In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” Ephesians 1:7

In the world of bail bondsmen, a \$1 million to \$10 million bail is considered a large bail. In order to be set free from jail, the defendant must secure the funds necessary or secure the assistance of a bail bondsman by supplying 10% of the required money.

In 2003, real-estate developer, Robert Durst, was put on trial for murder. During his trial, the original bail for Mr. Durst to be released from prison was set at \$3 billion. Although he was later acquitted of the murder, Durst spent time in custody because the bail was so extreme that even the millionaire real-estate developer could not come up with the money. (www.cnn.com/2004/LAW/08/26/durst.ctv)

The price of escape from Hell is far more than \$3 billion. To escape Hell would cost the death of a perfect man who was willing to die for the sin of the world. Jesus Christ was that man. In Him, we have “redemption... according to the riches of His grace.” What you and I had no way of obtaining, Jesus Christ willingly offered because He had the resources to do so. Along with the redemption, we have been forgiven for our sin. When bail is posted for one who is on trial, he is still required to appear in court to be judged innocent or guilty. When Jesus Christ paid the redemption for your sin, His payment not only bought your freedom but also your innocence. He died in your place; no

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

longer will you stand trial. What a thought! You have been chosen, and you have been redeemed! ~PMO

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Romans 14:16-17 “Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

1. What was the name of Queen Esther’s cousin? Esther 2:7
A. Mahseiah B. Xerxes
C. Mordecai D. Haman
2. What was the name of Abraham’s father? Genesis 11:31
A. Serug B. Nahor
C. Terah D. Haran
3. Who was Hagar’s son? Genesis 16:16
A. Esau B. Jacob
C. Isaac D. Ishmael
4. Who did Moses marry in Midian? Exodus 2:21
A. Leah B. Rachael
C. Hadassah D. Zipporah

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"The Scriptures are given not to increase our knowledge, but to change our lives." ~Dwight L. Moody



Morning: Ezra 6-8

Evening: John 21

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

“Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.”

1 Corinthians 14:22

What was the purpose of speaking in tongues? Very clearly the answer is given—they were a sign to the unsaved Jew. In Isaiah 28:11, the prophet says, *“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.”*

A Jew that was well versed in the Bible knew from this verse that to hear a person speaking in tongues (supernatural ability to speak a foreign language with no prior training) was evidence that the Messiah was come. Therefore, when the Jews heard the apostles and others speaking in tongues, it was evidence to them that the Messiah had come.

To the believer, God gives instruction in the form of teaching and preaching through the Word of God. The prophet today is a forth teller (preaching or teaching the truth). I do not believe there are prophets today who can foretell the future. If so, he would be adding to the Bible. We know that will not happen because in Revelation 22 God says we are not to add to or take away from Scripture.

The modern day tongues movement is a false demonstration of the real tongue speaking gift of God. Now that the Bible is complete, tongues are no longer necessary to the unsaved. The real gift of tongues ceased with the deaths of the apostles. ~RKM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Romans 14:16-17 “Let not then your _____ be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Knowledge. Fill in the blank(s) with the correct answer.

1. “And now, brethren, I _____ you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to _____ you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are _____.” Acts 20:32
2. “Therefore being _____ by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have _____ by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in _____ of the glory of God.” Romans 5:1-2
3. “For sin shall not have _____ over you: for ye are not under the law, but _____ grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God _____.” Romans 6:14-15

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“An abundance of bread and an abundance of idleness leads a nation to destruction.”
~Anonymous



Morning: Ezra 9, 10

Evening: Acts 1

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

“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, Who has designed all things and controls all of our natural surroundings. God’s 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 of the glory that is due Him? One way is to compare ourselves with other people instead of comparing ourselves with Christ. You and I can always find someone who can make us look good. The problem with that is we will all stand accountable to God for our own potential. Another way we rob God of His glory is to rest in our past accomplishments when we could be continuing to bring Him glory through serving Him today.

How can we avoid the self glory trap? Glory in the cross alone. We must filter all of our success through the cross of Christ to keep it in perspective. 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

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

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

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Romans 14:16-17 “Let not then your _____ be evil spoken of: For the _____ of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- ___ 1. Jacob was born before Esau.
Genesis 25:23-26
- ___ 2. Israel was in Egypt 400 years.
Genesis 15:13
- ___ 3. Fathers should not provoke their children to anger. Colossians 3:21
- ___ 4. God turned back time for Hezekiah.
Isaiah 38:4-8
- ___ 5. Esau is the father of the Edomites.
Genesis 36:9
- ___ 6. Joshua was the son of Abner.
Joshua 24:29

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“An ounce of doing is worth a ton of knowing.” ~C. H. Spurgeon



 THE WORD FOR TODAY

“And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.” Acts 4:31

Do you want power? Ask for it. Notice how these Christians were filled. They had already been baptised. They received a filling as they yielded and asked for it. God wants to give us what we want as it aligns with His will.

The Christians present at this meeting understood the Holy Spirit that now lived within them was the fulfilment of the promise of their Messiah, Jesus. He had told them that this Comforter would come, and that His presence would be the beginning of great power upon their lives. Having experienced this power at Pentecost, they now longed for it all the more.

Before the resurrection, they had pleaded for position in Jesus’ kingdom. Now things had changed. Instead of their own prominence, they longed for the Holy Spirit’s power to bring glory to the Savior. They wanted to be filled so that they could be used. They wanted to be filled so they could be bold. They wanted to be filled so they could be part of God changing lives.

We have access to this same power today. We need only to ask for it. As we seek to be holy and desire to be filled, God will hear our request and answer from heaven. Once filled by the power of the Holy spirit, we will be able to see God work miracles in our lives. ~DJD

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Romans 14:16-17 “Let not then your _____ be evil spoken of: For the _____ of God is not _____ and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Matching. Match the Biblical place or person in column 1 with the answer in column 2.

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| _____ 1. Mountain
Genesis 8:4 | A. Wilderness |
| _____ 2. Paul & Silas were
put in this place.
Acts 16:23-25 | B. Melita |
| _____ 3. John the Baptist
preached here.
Mark 1:4 | C. Jordan |
| _____ 4. Jesus came from
Galilee to this river
for baptism. Matt. 3:13 | D. Prison |
| _____ 5. A large island
Acts 28:1 | E. Ararat |

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, "All right, then, have it your way." ~C. S. Lewis



Morning: Nehemiah 4-6

Evening: Acts 2:14-47

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

Jesus Was Faithful to the House of God

“And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.” Luke 4:16

Notice in Luke 4:16 the words, “...as His custom was ...” He was faithful in attending the synagogue. This means that he learned the Scripture and spent time with those who taught and studied the Word of God. One of the great secrets of the successful Christian life is being faithful to God’s house.

As Christians, we should make our attendance to services a priority. Regardless of what comes up, the Christian should be in the house of God on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night, if at all possible. How vital this is for Christian growth! The pastor prepares the message for our spiritual well being, just as a mother prepares meals for her family’s physical well being. It is so important that each member of the family receives nutritious meals in order to stay healthy.

Of course, Christians should be faithful to attend church services on a regular basis. They also should be faithful to defend their church. As Christians, we should be very aware and sensitive to our own comments about the church and what transpires within the church. We, as Christians, should not only defend our church, but we should be ready to give a reason for the hope we have in Christ.

God help us to be faithful to our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to our church. ~OV

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Romans 14:16-17 “Let not then your _____ be evil spoken of: For the _____ of God is not _____ and drink; but _____, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

1. When God gave the children of Israel manna, what did they say? Exodus 16:15
A. Give us meat.
B. It’s bread from Heaven.
C. What is it?
D. Our God helps!
2. Which two books of the Bible start out with the words, “In the beginning...”?
A. Matthew and Mark
B. Genesis and John
C. Genesis and Luke
D. Romans and Exodus
3. Who were the two spies who went into the Promised Land and came back with a good report? Numbers 14:6-9
A. Joshua and Caleb
B. Joshua and Moses
C. Aaron and Hur
D. Korah and Dathan

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built.” ~Abraham Lincoln

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

Live Like a Rich Man

“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.” John 14:2

Just imagine . . . You have just won a million dollars to dispose of in any way you deem profitable. Also, with your prize earnings, a mansion is being built specifically for you. You cannot see your future abode until the appointed time, but the promised outcome will be breathtaking. How would this unexpected news change your outlook on life? Would you tell people about your new found fortune? Would you be filled with joy and anxious anticipation?

This scenario, though it may seem far fetched is, in essence, an undersized example of what God has promised to believers. He says in John 14:1-3, *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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.”*

At this moment, Jesus Christ is preparing mansions for His children! This one thought has the ability to change our thinking. First, if we daily live in the excitement and expectancy of our future, we would more than likely be inclined to tell others about eternal life with Jesus Christ. Secondly, focusing on our future has the capability of replacing day to day sorrow and depression with peace and joy. Finally, relying on the promises of God’s eternal

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

kingdom should draw us into a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ Himself. The more we focus our thoughts on eternity with Him, the bigger the desire we will have to draw close to Him now.

So, you know your eternal destiny. Now, live accordingly! ~MFM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Romans 14:16-17 “Let not then your _____ be evil spoken of: For the _____ of God is not _____ and drink; but _____, and _____, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Knowledge. Fill in the blank(s) with the correct answer.

1. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye _____, unmoveable, always abounding in the _____ of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your _____ is not in vain in the Lord.”
1 Corinthians 15:58
2. “For if by one man’s offence _____ reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall _____ in life by one, Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:17

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“If God does not have your heart, He will not have your pocketbook.” ~Anonymous



Morning: Nehemiah 9-11

Evening: Acts 4:1-22

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

*“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.”
Ephesians 1:13*

“The Final Jeopardy category for today, Sigillography. Make your wagers. We will be back after a few words from our sponsors.” A few short commercials, a wide pan of the audience, the classic “Do-do-do-do, do-do-do” and you are ready for Final Jeopardy. Alex reads the final clue, “This is how a believer is held secure in his salvation.” Fortunately, you have just finished reading a short devotional printed by Monclova Road Baptist Church, and you know that Sigillography is the science and study of seals. You have read the verse at the beginning of the devotional from Ephesians 1:13, which told you that believers are “sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise.” You quickly scribble your answer. Two minutes later, with the audience applauding, you are the next Jeopardy champion. Look out Ken Jennings!

Think about what the Apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Ephesus. In a paraphrased edition, “When you got saved, you were assured of your salvation based on the promise of the Holy Spirit. You now belong to Him. He has placed His seal of ownership on you. You will never be out of His grasp.”

So, spend your time in the field of Sigillography if you must. No doubt you will encounter many interesting and important, historical seals. Be sure, however, that the seal of the

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

Holy Spirit is not just an historical reference on the pages of Scripture, but that it has been securely attached to your life. ~PMO

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Romans 14:16-17 “Let not then your _____ be evil spoken of: For the _____ of God is not _____ and drink; but _____, and _____, and _____ in the Holy Ghost.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Matching. Match the Biblical title in column 1 with the name in column 2.

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| _____ 1. Father of Joah
2 Kings 18:18 | A. Jehoiada |
| _____ 2. King of Ammonites
Jeremiah 40:14 | B. Benoni |
| _____ 3. Chief Priest
1 Chronicles 27:5 | C. Asaph |
| _____ 4. Benjamin’s other name
Genesis 35:18 | D. Baalis |

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“The Scriptures hold forth a perfect rule for the direction and government of all men. In all duties, Scriptures are going to govern them in all public offices.”

~Connecticut Puritans



Morning: Nehemiah 12, 13

Evening: Acts 4:23-37

A Godly Father

by Pastor Dan DeFriece
son of Pastor Delmos G. DeFriece

Father's Day is traditionally filled with great stories of fathers and their abilities to hunt, fish, golf, and bring home the bacon. Remembering stories of rainy camping trips, and dads dressed up in bonnets at a daughter's tea party are great ways to celebrate the strong yet tender men that have helped to shape the lives of their children.

I could tell you so many of these same stories. Times when my dad laid beside me when I was sick and rubbed my back until I faded off to sleep, or when he scooped me out of bed to rush me to the bathroom sick with the flu are precious memories. I remember times when we sat around a fire, and he shared with my siblings and I stories of his childhood. Memories of his compassion when my heart was broken and his firm hand guided me through the angst of a boy approaching manhood stir my heart. From wrestling matches to deep theological conversations that ended with the administration of the rod, each reminiscent thought brings a flood of nostalgia with both a smile and a tear.

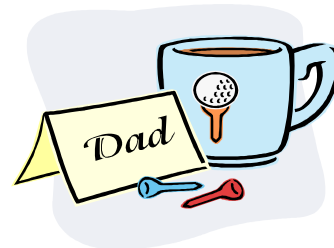
My father taught us to love Jesus and to love our mother. He taught us never to look down on someone, to lift up the fallen, to help out without being asked, and to love and respect the aged. He was content no matter how much or how little we had. He showed us the value of hard work and the stretching of a dollar. He demonstrated the importance of family

and taught us the value of a good hillbilly joke (he was from Bristol, VA.).

These stories and lessons could go on and on, but it was in the simplicity of a morning prayer that my father gave me one of my greatest gifts. Oftentimes, my father gathered his four children into a huddle before school, and he uttered a prayer something like this: "Dear Lord, these are our children, and we are sending them out today. Protect them; help them to do the right thing; help them to not embarrass their family, and help them to live for you Lord. We love you. Amen." Simple, yet profound enough to still move a thirty-six year old man to tears as I look back on it.

Being a good father is not about being perfect or giving your child all the things you never had. Being a good father is not even about swelling your child's self esteem until they reek of confidence. Being a good father is showing your child Christ in word and action, and then, giving them a place to grow into the person Jesus Christ would have them to be.

In 2 Corinthians 6:18, the Lord Almighty says that He will be a Father to us if we turn to His Son for salvation. If you want to be a good father, trust in Jesus, and do your best to model Him each and every day to your family.♦



 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15

Joshua had come to the end of his life. He was challenging the people who had been following him to make a commitment to serve God wholeheartedly. I think that he was making a plea for the next generation, so that they would remember how God had blessed them when so many other gods from the surrounding cultures were calling for their attention. Joshua also knew that there would be consequences if they chose to rebel against God.

What Joshua was trying to accomplish was not so different from what a father should be doing as the spiritual leader of a family. If you are going to lead your family in following Christ, you will have to do some things that are listed in this verse. First, you will have to make a decision. Joshua said, “Choose you this day whom ye will serve.” Is the Lord worth serving? If He is, serve Him. Your decision is personal; Joshua chose to stand regardless of what anyone else would do. Then, Joshua made a declaration. It was a declaration of leadership: “As for me and my house.” Joshua had decided that he was going to follow God, and that he was going to influence His family to do the same.

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

What about you, dad? Have you made your decision? Have you made your declaration? Who will your family serve? ~DLW

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Galatians 2:16 “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”

 BIBLE QUIZ:

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

1. Whose donkey spoke to him?
Numbers 22:28
A. Shekem B. Joshua
C. Balaam D. Eleazar
2. At approximately 9 feet 6 inches, who was probably the tallest man in the Bible? 1 Samuel 17:4
A. Lahmi B. King Og
C. Goliath D. Sippai
3. In Job 40:15-17 what large animal is mentioned?
A. Dragon B. Leviathan
C. Behemoth D. Stegosaurus
4. What was the name of the obese king of Moab? Judges 3:17
A. Eglon B. Balak
C. Meshah D. Aram

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

The Tee Box

“For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.” Romans 14:7

Many “would be golfers” has succumb to the pressure of an audience on the first tee. Your hands begin to sweat, heart races, eyes get blurred, and thoughts of choking are crowding out the need to concentrate. The tee box is center stage as your peers hush their voices knowing all too well they are next. Someone has jokingly made this remark, “It’s not a matter of life or death, it is a lot more important than that.”

Would to God we were that conscious of those who watch our performances as a Christian! **Hebrews 12:1** says, **“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.”** Here are two simple observations:

People are watching and that should affect us.

Those watching are affected by what they see.

Our verse for today says, **“For none of us liveth to himself.”** It has been said that one life can easily affect the lives of a million people. We are actors and actresses, and this world is our stage. What we do in life is being scrutinized by those with whom we work, play, and live. We have the opportunity to influence for good or the power to damage or destroy lives.

We are instructed to be prepared for every good work. **Matthew 5:16** says, **“Let your**

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” As the salt of the earth and the light of the world, we are to make a difference. **Jude 22** says, **“And of some have compassion, making a difference.”**

In contrast to a golfer who practices and practices to perform well, we who have a higher calling ought to practice what we believe so others might believe. Knowing that our life performance is being observed by a great cloud of witnesses, how diligent should we rehearse for the tee boxes of life! **“Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men.” (2 Corinthians 3:2)** ~JWL from *“Green Pastures & Still Waters”*

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

“Knowing that a man is not _____ by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.” **Galatians 2:16**

 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- ___ 1. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night for ever and ever. **Revelation 20:10**
- ___ 2. All Christians are in spiritual warfare. **Ephesians 6:11-12**



Morning: Esther 4-6

Evening: Acts 5:17-42

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

The God of the Bible

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.” Hebrews 13:8

Our pastor recently preached a sermon entitled, “Do You Believe in the God of the Bible?” Though the question is quite simple, some Christians, unfortunately, do not live like they believe. Scripture is filled with God’s promises, and yet, it is easy to live day by day as though we’ve forgotten that the God of the Bible NEVER breaks His promises. For instance, Proverbs 3:6 says, **“In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”** Do you live with the surety of this verse stamped on your heart? How many times do you worry and fret about decisions and choices, not knowing what to do, where to go, and what to say? Believe in the promises of God!

Scripture is saturated with the miracles of God. The God of the Bible is a miracle working, life-changing God. James 5:15a says, **“And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.”** God has the power to heal the sick. Do your prayers reflect that fact? Do you pray expecting miracles? Believe in the miraculous power of God!

Finally, the Bible contains so many verses about the forgiveness of God. 1 John 1:9 says, **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** God has the power to forgive mankind of ALL sin. Do you believe that with all your heart, or do you live under

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

the weighted canopy of guilt for past mistakes and sins? Believe in the forgiveness of your Savior!

You see, the God of the Bible does not break His promises, performs miracles, and forgives sin. Do you live in the reality of His goodness? Do you believe in the God of the Bible? ~MFM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

Galatians 2:16 “Knowing that a man is not _____ by the _____ of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Knowledge. Fill in the blank(s) with the correct answer.

1. “When therefore he was _____ from the dead, his disciples _____ that he had said this unto them; and they believed the _____, and the word which Jesus had said.” John 2:22
2. Jesus answered and said unto them, _____ this temple, and in _____ days I will _____ it up. John 2:19

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“That affair can never end well that begins with sin.” ~Matthew Henry



Morning: Esther 7-10

Evening: Acts 6



To Be Discrete

“As a jewel of gold in a swine’s snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.”
Proverbs 11:22

Solomon presents a graphic portrait of a woman who lacks the virtue of discretion. I am sure you have observed this before when seeing a woman beautiful in appearance until she begins to speak. Her beauty is diminished as she uses profanity or vulgarities. According to Webster, the word ‘discreet’ means “careful about what one says or does; prudent, especially keeping silent for preserving confidences when necessary.” We find the word often in Proverbs, and it is often linked with wisdom. Along with wisdom, understanding is implied (Mk. 12:34). The whole purpose of the book of Proverbs, as outlined in Proverbs 1:2-4, involves this important characteristic.

In Proverbs 2:11, we see the value of discretion: *“Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee.”* Earlier in the chapter, we discover the source of discretion: *“The Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.”* In chapter three, we are commanded to *“keep sound wisdom and discretion,”* and in chapter five, we are enjoined to pay attention to wisdom and understanding *“that thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.”*

In Proverbs 19:11, we see the practical results of discretion: *“The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.”* The evidence of a dis-

creet person is found in a long-suffering, forgiving spirit. Psalm 112:5 says, *“A good man showeth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.”*

How do we teach or learn discretion? The answer is found in Isaiah 28:26: *“For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.”* Scripture teaches that older women should teach younger women the importance of knowing the Word of God and applying it practically in every day experience. As we endeavor to set this example, we will become the epitome of the expression, “The soul of discretion.” May all of us exhibit this character trait! ~CW



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True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- ____ 1. Thomas was also call Didymus.
John 20:24
- ____ 2. Paul said he was the chief of sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15



 THE WORD FOR TODAY

The Purpose of the Gospel

“But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” John 20:31

In this verse, we find the purpose for the writing of the Gospels: “That ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son God.” However, it does not stop there. Notice, “That believing ye might have life through His name.” This should be the purpose of every Christian, every church, every preacher, every school, and every endeavor in which we involve ourselves for the Lord, so that we may prove and teach that Jesus is the Son of God.

The word “believe” means to roll upon, to cast oneself upon, and to rely upon. It means to trust completely. For example, when a person sits on a chair, boards an airplane, or gets into a car, he is trusting those things completely. He believes the chair will hold his weight or that the airplane or car will get him where he wants to go. For one to believe with his head that Jesus is the Christ is not what the word “believe” means. It means to believe to the extent that one completely trusts himself to the keeping of another. It is like depositing money in a bank or trusting a pilot to take us safely to an appointed destination.

The Word does not imply that we have to work to get to heaven. It implies that we must trust Christ completely to get to heaven. John apparently had this in mind, and we must be very careful to explain the deity of Christ and

 THE WORD FOR TODAY

the way of salvation to everyone when we have the opportunity. ~OV

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

1. Who in Judges 3:15 was left handed?
A. Saul B. Ehud
C. Samson D. Shamgar
2. Which judge killed 600 Philistines with an ox goad? Judges 3:31
A. Tola B. Samuel
C. Shamgar D. Samson
3. Which judge cut down the idols of his father Joash? Judges 6:24-27
A. Samson B. Tola
C. Eli D. Gideon

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Love is not one of the attributes of God, but the sum of them all.” ~Rev. J. M. Gibbon



Morning: Job 4-6

Evening: Acts 7:20-43

 THE WORD FOR TODAY: 

What Has God Asked Us to Pray?

“One of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray.” Luke 11:1

We gladly pray for Joe's toe like he asked us to pray. We pray for Jack's back like he asked us to pray. We pray for Jane's pains because she asked us to pray. Why on earth don't we pray for the things God specifically asked? The following is a list of specific requests that we are to bring before God:

1. “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.” (Psalm 122:6)
2. “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers.” (Matthew 9:38)
3. “When ye pray, say, . . . Hallowed be Thy name.” (Luke 11:2) Don't you want His name hallowed? He does.
4. "Thy kingdom come." (Luke 11:2) That is the only way to have world peace.
5. "Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth." (Luke 11:2) No president or king can make it happen.
6. "Give us day by day our daily bread." (Luke 11:3)
7. “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men . . . For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved.” (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

 THE WORD FOR TODAY: 

8. Pray for kings to be saved. (1 Tim. 2:1-4)
9. Pray for all in authority to be saved. (1 Tim. 2:2-4)

Praying what God asked us to pray for has transformed my prayer life. It is thrilling! I know I am praying in the will of God.

~CSW

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN: 

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 BIBLE QUIZ 

Matching. Match column 1 with the correct Bible character in column 2.

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| _____ 1. Last King of Persia | A. Dinah |
| | Nehemiah 12:22 |
| _____ 2. Daughter of Jacob | B. Haggith |
| | Genesis 30:19-21 |
| _____ 3. Mother of Adonijah | C. Darius |
| | 1 Kings 1:5 |

 QUOTE OF THE DAY: 

“In order to see the rainbow, you must first endure the rain.” ~Thomas Kincaid



Morning: Job 7-9

Evening: Acts 7:44-60

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

Walking by Faith

“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

Currently, I am doing a Bible study entitled, “Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark” by Jennifer Rothschild. She is a nationally known speaker, author, and musician. At the age of 15, she was considered legally blind and has continued to live in darkness with no hope of regaining her eyesight.

Everyday living for Mrs. Rothschild is an adventure in faith and reliance. She has to depend on others to survive. In comparison, our Christian life is a journey built on complete faith in Jesus Christ. Sometimes, we cannot see two feet in front of us. At times, we have no idea where the next twist or turn in the path will take us – that is where our faith must kick into gear! Walking by faith on God’s pathway is the only solution to living a victorious Christian life.

While doing this study, I read a familiar passage, Matthew 6:25-34, and saw the verses through different eyes. Recently, there was a situation in my life that consumed my thoughts, and I allowed worry to completely take over my spirit. While reading the words, “The morrow shall take thought for the things of itself,” I realized that all the worry was to no avail. The situation would be resolved in God’s timing. He sees the end. He knows the answer. Instead of walking by faith, I tried to run ahead in the dark, leaving my Guide behind.

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

Oh dear friend, worry can rob you of such joy and victory in the Christian life! When we trust in our Guide for the next step, we experience a peace that passes all understanding. Walk by faith, not by sight. ~MFM

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

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 BIBLE QUIZ

True or False. Label each statement with a “T” for true or an “F” for false.

- _____ 1. Paul the Apostle besought the Lord thrice to remove his thorn in the flesh. 2 Corinthians 12:8

- _____ 2. God told Paul that His grace was sufficient to see him through his infirmity. 2 Corinthians 12:9

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“No one who really wants to count for God can afford to play at Christianity.”

~H. A. Ironside



Morning: Job 10-12

Evening: Acts 8:1-25

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Right now I am as weak as water just thinking about the potential of this. If one million, of the 50 million "born again" Christians, had faces that "shone" like that, we, for sure, would make an impact on this world. "They looked unto Him, and were lightened." (Ps. 34:5). This is "the time of your visitation." (Lk. 19:44) Get in on it! There is a stirring within you. Maybe you feel like the two on the road to Emmaus who said, "Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?" (Lk. 24:32). Is your heart burning within you? Do you hunger for more? God put that hunger there (Phil 2:13). Don't miss it. Respond to God, and get in on it. Get alone with God until you radiate with the glory of God. My heart just cries out right now, "Oh God, help us to get alone with You and meditate on Your Word until our hearts burn within and our faces glow outwardly from within."♦

DAD

Author Unknown

***God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities.
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was
complete, and so, He called it...
Dad.***

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 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

*“Wherefore I...cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.”
Ephesians 1:15-16*

Have you ever come to the point in your prayer life where you just did not know how to pray for someone? You hear about a need on the mission field or a difficulty in the life of someone and what to pray for is fairly self-explanatory. But what about the times when you do not have a specific request from that individual? When this is true, we typically do not pray.

The Apostle Paul, however, by example, gives us a pattern to follow so we can pray for one another even if we do not have a specific need. Notice his pattern in Ephesians 1.

First of all, he gives thanks for the people at Ephesus (v.16) simply because they have faith in Jesus Christ. When praying for a fellow Christian, thank God that he is saved.

Secondly, he prays that God will give them the “spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.” (v.17) What Christian would not want that? Be sure to pray that your fellow believer will increase in his wisdom and knowledge of God.

Thirdly, Paul prays that they will be enlightened to the hope of God’s calling, the riches of His glory and the greatness of His power. (vv.18-19) Basically, he prays that they will experience God to the fullest extent.

So, for whom will you pray today? Offer a prayer of thanksgiving, a prayer for wisdom and knowledge and a prayer for a deeper enlightenment in experiencing God.

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

Now that you have something to pray about, pick a friend and start praying. ~PMO

 SCRIPTURE FILL-IN:

Psalm 103:17-18 “But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.”

 BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Knowledge. Fill in the blank(s) with the correct answer.

1. “And this is the condemnation, that _____ is come into the world, and men _____ darkness rather than light, because their _____ were evil.” John 3:19
2. “He that _____ on the Son hath everlasting _____: and he that believeth not the Son shall not _____ life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” John 3:36
3. “God is a _____: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in _____.” John 4:24

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.”

~Abraham Lincoln



 THE WORD FOR TODAY

“But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you.” Acts 3:14

There is much said today about people being politically correct as they speak both publicly and privately. We are told to avoid offending anyone for any reason. What has traditionally been referred to as correction is now being called unnecessary condemnation.

Thankfully, Peter lived in a different time and was more concerned about being correct before his God than before men. If he had lived today, this sermon would have been considered offensive. He boldly stood before this crowd and told them that they were responsible for the blood of Christ. He even said that they had been told about Christ, the Messiah, by the prophets and had ignored their words. What boldness!

He even takes a step further by telling them that they needed to repent of their sins and be converted. He told them the path of “religion” they had followed was leading nowhere. He was politically, socially, and “religiously” incorrect by the standards of those around him, but he knew that before God he was right.

We should be of the same mindset, a mindset that says, “I will stand on the truth of the Bible.” Being correct before God should be our primary focus. ~DJJ

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Multiple Choice. Circle the correct answer.

1. In what land did Job live? Job 1:1
A. Oz B. Id
C. Uz D. Ur
2. How many children did Job lose in a storm? Job 1:2, 18-19
A. 12 B. 10
C. 8 D. 6
3. What kind of illness struck Job? Job 2:7
A. Leprosy B. Blindness
C. Madness D. Boils
4. Who told Job in his troubles to “curse God and die?” Job 2:9
A. His wife B. His friends
C. Satan D. His servant

 QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The Church is the dwelling place of God in the Person of the Holy Ghost. Where the Church thrives, people are blessed and progress is evident. Where there is no Church, people feed their babies to crocodiles and roam naked in the jungles.”

~Oliver B. Greene



Morning: Job 16-18

Evening: Acts 9:1-22

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

 THE WORD FOR TODAY:

Waiting on the Lord's Return

“And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:4, 9

Just as a bride prepares for her bridegroom, there are certain things we should and should not do as we wait for our Blessed Hope. First, I would like to address the things we should **not** be doing. To begin with, we should not be setting the date for His return. Secondly, it is not the time to store away food, guns, gold, and silver. Thirdly, we cannot spend all of our time studying the Second Coming and debating the different views. Lastly, we should not get tired of waiting and fall asleep spiritually.

At the end of each Gospel account found in the Bible, we are told what to do while we wait. Matthew 28:19-20 says, *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”* Jesus' last recorded words should be one of our greatest concerns, and that is to WITNESS. We have to keep passing the message along that Jesus has the power to save us from the penalty of sin. All we have learned, we must share until He comes for us. Secondly, we find that the Lord wants to WORK through us as we wait for His return

(Mark 16:19-20). We should work harder, redeeming the time, for time is running out (John 9:4). Thirdly, we need to WORSHIP Him (Luke 24:50-53). It's true that you can worship God at home, and you should. But, we need to join together with other believers in our praise and worship of the Lord Jesus Christ (Heb. 10:25). Finally, we are to WATCH for his glorious appearing (Luke 12:36-37). We are to be ready all the time for the Lord's return. ~JWL from “No Problem Too Big”

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 BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Knowledge. Fill in the blank(s) with the correct answer.

“But whosoever _____ of the water that I shall give him shall _____ thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water _____ up into everlasting life.” John 4:14

 QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“The first duty of the Gospel preacher is to declare God's law and to show the nature of sin.” ~Martin Luther



Morning: Job 19, 20

Evening: Acts 9:23-43

