

the bread of life devotional

“And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not

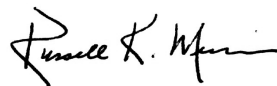
May 1, 2010

Dear Fellow Believers:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I would like to encourage you with a Scripture verse. John 20:29 says, “***Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.***” Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, would not believe in Jesus’ resurrection unless he saw with his own eyes the risen Christ, felt the nail prints, and touched Jesus’ side. In this verse, Jesus says that those who have not seen but yet believed are blessed. Jesus is talking about you and me! Those who have believed without seeing are blessed in the Lord’s eyes.

Oh, how I long to see Jesus! What a day it will be to behold Him face to face! Until then, though, we must keep the faith. “***But without faith it is impossible to please him.***” (Hebrews 11:6) Dear Christian, continue to stand strong in the faith, knowing that you are blessed in the eyes of your Savior!

In Christ,



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Saturday

May 1

The Crown of Rejoicing

“For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?”

1 Thessalonians 2:19

Two great motives for serving God are found in this verse. The first is the fact that Christ is coming. It may be today; it may be tonight; it may be tomorrow, but He is coming! The second reason to be a faithful servant, and especially a soul winner, is so that we will not have to face Christ empty handed.

The Apostle Paul had something more to look forward to than just the coming of Christ. He could look forward to presenting those that he had won to Christ along with those whom he had disciplined. He labored not for money, fame or for a promotion, but for souls to give back to the Savior Who had given all for Him. He had the hope of seeing those whom he had won to Christ with Christ. He had the joy of knowing that others would miss eternal damnation and enjoy eternal salvation because of his efforts. He had a crown of rejoicing awaiting him in Heaven.

The question that begs to be asked is who is going to be in Heaven because of your missionary endeavors? Will someone greet you on the other side of the grave thanking you for sharing your testimony, passing out a tract, teaching a Sunday School class, or supporting a missionary. If you have no one to meet you in Glory, get busy. For what is the Christian life without a hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? And remember, the rewards of witnessing are well worth the risk. ~DLW

Morning: 1 Kings 1, 2
Evening: Luke 22:54-71

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 8:26 “Likewise the Spirit also _____ our infirmities: for we _____ not what we _____ pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself _____ intercession for us with _____ which cannot be _____.”

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. Saul was the first king of Israel
1 Samuel 10:1
- _____ 2. Paul and Barnabus were the first foreign missionaries. Acts 13
- _____ 3. Seth was the first man to be exiled from his homeland. Genesis 4:8-15
- _____ 4. The first judge of Israel was Deborah. Judges 3:9
- _____ 5. Simon Peter was the first disciple chosen by Jesus. John 1:42
- _____ 6. The serpent told the first lie. Genesis 3:4

Quote of the Day

“To gain self-control, give God control.”
~Author Unknown

Sunday

May 2

God—The Miracle Worker

“Is the LORD’S hand waxed short?”
Numbers 11:23

Moses has just endured the complaints of the Israelites for meat. During their wanderings through the desert, God provided manna for the people, enough for each day and double for the Sabbath. Yet, Israel was unsatisfied. In their minds, this manna, free to them, was not as good as the varied diet they enjoyed in Egypt. How quickly they forgot that in Egypt they had onions, but they were slaves.

Having heard their complaint, Moses went before the Lord with his heart discouraged. He told the Lord of the murmuring of the people, and God heard him and said that He would supply the meat. Moses, as he was prone to do, questioned. How could there possibly be enough meat for all the people of this great company? To this God simply said, “Do think my hand is too short to do this thing?”

Moses had known the providence of God to save his own life; he saw the miracles of Egypt; he even saw the Red Sea part and daily food provisions given, but he still questioned God. Oh, how many times have we, just like Moses, seen God work in many mighty ways only to question Him later!

God says, “Are my arms not long enough to meet the need, no matter how big?” The answer to Moses and to us is the same. Yes, He can. In fact, God had already met their need, and now in this passage He was going to meet their want. We should likewise remember there is nothing God is unable to do. ~DJD

Morning: 1 Kings 3-5
Evening: Luke 23:1-26

Scripture Fill-In

Psalm 139:17-18 “How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Who said, “Ye shall not surely die?”
Genesis 3:4
A. God B. Adam
C. Eve D. The Serpent
2. God said Adam would return to _____.
Genesis 3:19
A. Eve B. Eden
C. Dust D. God
3. Whose offering did God accept?
Genesis 4:4
A. Abel B. Both A and B
C. Cain D. Neither A nor B

Quote of the Day

“Temptation often comes wrapped in the form of something beautiful, something that appeals to our senses and desires. It is often necessary to think twice before we recognize that a beautiful object or goal (at times) is really sin in disguise.” ~Henry Virkler

Monday

May 3

Make His Deeds Known

“And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel’s sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them. And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.” Exodus 18:8-9

Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, came for a visit. Moses certainly had a lot to tell him. God had shown His power through miracle after miracle, the deliverance from the Egyptians, the parting of the Red Sea, the water coming forth from a rock, and manna raining down from Heaven. Moses sang the Lord’s praises as he told his wife’s father the blessings given by the Lord.

After hearing this news, Jethro rejoiced (vs. 9), blessed the LORD (vs. 10), believed (vs. 11), and sacrificed (vs. 12). Through Moses’ eyewitness account of God’s faithfulness and deliverance, his father-in-law was able to believe in Jehovah God. Jethro blessed the LORD and sacrificed to Him.

What if Moses had complained about all their problems and not given God the glory for the triumphs? Do you think Jethro would have walked away with faith in God? In Psalm 105:1-2, we are commanded to, **“Make known his deeds among the people. . . Talk ye of all his wondrous works.”** Moses told Jethro of God’s great deeds and wondrous works.

What prayer has God answered for you recently? What Scripture verses have encouraged your heart during your time with the Lord?

Morning: 1 Kings 6, 7
Evening: Luke 23:27-38

What has God done for you? Make known His deeds and great works in your life! ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

Psalm 139:17-18 “How _____ also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.”

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the Biblical character to his/her description.

- _____ 1. Terah (Gen. 11:27)
- _____ 2. Witch of Endor (2 Sam. 28:7, 21-25)
- _____ 3. Absalom (2 Sam. 18:18)
- _____ 4. Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 4:4)
- _____ 5. Mara (Ruth 1:19-21)

- A. Father of Abram/Abraham
- B. Built monument of himself
- C. Crippled
- D. Last to have dinner with King Saul
- E. Name means bitter

Quote of the Day

“The focus of Satan’s efforts is always the same: to deceive us into believing that the passing pleasures of sin are more satisfying than obedience.” ~Sam Storms

Tuesday

May 4

Listen for God's Voice

“My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me.” John 10:27

The crowd is screaming. It's a big game: a rivalry, a championship, or just a great contest with a frenzied crowd cheering at the top of their lungs. The gym is filled with so much noise from the crowd, the band, and the PA announcer. The coach, who has almost lost his voice, yells out to his players to make an adjustment, and the players respond. But how does the player even hear his coach amid the chaos and the intense noise in his surroundings? He spends time with the coach in the weight room, at practice, and maybe even in the classroom. Thus, he hears the voice of his coach day after day and recognizes his voice in the intensity of the game.

Jesus says to us in John 10:27: ***“My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me.”*** Do you hear God's voice during intense situations in life? Do you hear Him coaching you in the big decisions you make? If you are not hearing God in the midst of life's big games or through the noise of the crowd, ask yourself: Am I spending time listening to God in the quiet times? Do I do that each day so that I can recognize His voice when He does call to me? ~AP

Morning: 1 Kings 8, 9
Evening: Luke 23:39-56

Scripture Fill-In

Psalms 139:17-18 “How _____ also are thy _____ unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.”

Bible Quiz

Who's Who: Pick the correct character in the word bank that completes each statement.

1. _____ went into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion.
2. _____ tore his clothes in grief over Saul's death.
3. _____ pretended to be one of Absalom's counselors.

Word Bank

David (2 Sam. 1:11-12)
Hushai the Archite (2 Sam. 15:32-37)
Benaiah (2 Sam. 23:20)

Quote of the Day

“Your children should love the Lord, work hard, and experience the joy of trusting God. More important than leaving your children an inheritance is leaving them a spiritual heritage. If you left your children money they didn't need, and if they were thinking correctly, wouldn't they give it to God anyway? Then why not give it to God yourself, since He entrusted it to you?” ~Randy Alcorn

Wednesday

May 5

Biblical Expectations

“And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.” 1 Timothy 6:8

Does this verse mean we should sell all our stuff and exist with only absolutely necessary food and clothing? No, the point is our attitude toward our earthly possessions. If we are reduced to a state of having only clothing and food, we should seek contentment in it, realizing our joy is not dependent on things. This verse lowers expectations to a reasonable level. We can expect to have food and raiment. Anything else is above and beyond. That is difficult to comprehend for most of us who live in America. We have been born with the American dream dangled before us as a standard achievement in life. Our expectations have risen to unrealistic levels, and it is difficult to step back, especially when those around us are constantly getting more and more stuff.

Dr. Richard Swenson put it well: "Expectations have steadily climbed over the past century to the point of an almost unreachable entitlement. And, second, our expectations are determined by the Joneses next door, not by any broader, historical, global, or eternal standard." Paul decided that his level of contentment would not be determined by externals. He said in Philippians 4:11b, ***“For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.”*** Let us consider our expectations today and bring them down to the bar the Scripture sets. If you are blessed with possessions, your gratefulness will bloom as you realize you deserve none of them. ~AJD

Morning: 1 Kings 10, 11
Evening: Luke 24:1-35

Scripture Fill-In

Psalm 139:17-18 “How _____ also are thy _____ unto me, O God! How _____ is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.”

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the title of each Biblical Book with its meaning.

_____ 1. Genesis

_____ 2. Exodus

_____ 3. Leviticus

_____ 4. Numbers

_____ 5. Deuteronomy

- A. The priest' manual
- B. Beginning
- C. Going out or departure
- D. Copy of law or second law
- E. Counting

Quote of the Day

“God...is our “audience” in worship. It is His approval that we are to seek.” ~Ron Owens

Thursday

May 6

More Sure than the Voice of God

“And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy...knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.” 2 Peter 1:18-20

How well do you trust your ears? Have you ever been in an argument with someone over what you thought you heard?

“You said...” “No, I did not. I said...” “Dude, I heard you say...” “I never said that!” What we hear, or think we hear, can be a funny thing. Perhaps this is why the Apostle Peter wrote what he did in this passage.

Here is the setting. Peter, James, and John were given the privilege of being with Jesus on the mount during His transfiguration. They were eyewitnesses to His majesty. After Peter, with good intentions but quite ignorantly, makes the statement that they should build three tabernacles: one for Moses, one for Elijah and one for Jesus; the voice of God the Father boomed from the heavens to set Jesus apart from the others. “This [Jesus] is my beloved Son...hear Him.”

Peter, knowing what it might sound like to make the claim that God audibly spoke to him, appeals to a different source of credibility. He says, in essence, “If you don’t want to believe that God spoke to me and gave me a message, know this: the Bible is even a stronger evidence that God has spoken.”

Can you trust the Bible? Ask yourself this question: Would you trust God if He spoke directly to you? The precious Word of God, in

Morning: 1 Kings 12, 13
Evening: Luke 24:36-53

written form, is “more sure” than the very voice of God. Read the Word, and in reading know that you can trust every word. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

Psalm 139:17-18 “How _____ also are thy _____ unto me, O God! How _____ is the sum of them! If I should _____ them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. The curtain of the tabernacle which divided the holy place and the most holy was decorated with what? (Exodus 26:31)
A. Doves B. Archangels
C. Cherubim D. Sheep
2. What did the temple leaders do with the money that was originally given to Judas Iscariot for betraying Jesus? (Matt. 27:3-8)
A. Hid it
B. Gave it away
C. Bought a field
D. None of the above

Quote of the Day

“Some temptations can best be overcome by fleeing (2 Timothy 2:22).” ~Jerry Bridges

Friday

May 7

Beware of the “Old Man”

“Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.” 1 John 3:6

Chapters one and two of 1 John deal with fellowship, while chapters 3-5 deal with Sonship. The key verse of chapter three is verse ten. We are warned of counterfeit Christians—“children of the devil.”

When I was a new Christian, verse six presented a problem for me. In addition, it appears to contradict 1 John 1:8-10, which says that Christian **do** sin.

It seems that we have a problem with verse six and nine, but we really do not. Here is a better way of looking at it. “No one who abides in Him **practices** sin.” (vs. 6) “No one who is born of God **practices** sin.....he cannot practice sin because he is born of God” (vs. 9) To practice sin means to sin repeatedly as a way of life. It does not mean to sin occasionally.

Dr. Warren Wiersbe said, “A true believer does not live in habitual sin. He may commit sin (an occasional wrong act), but he will not practice sin (make a settled habit of it.) ~OV

Morning: 1 Kings 14, 15
Evening: John 1:1-28

Scripture Fill-In

Psalm 139:17-18 “How _____ also are thy _____ unto me, O God! How _____ is the sum of them! If I should _____ them, they are more in number than the _____: when I awake, I am still with thee.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. What is commanded three times in Psalm 134?
A. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary.
B. Bless the Lord.
C. Repent and live.
D. Avenge not.
2. According to Psalm 133, what is good and pleasant?
A. Dew in the morning
B. Sweet-smelling ointment
C. The mountains of Zion
D. Brethren dwelling in unity
3. How many times is the word *praise(s)* used in Psalm 135:1-5?
A. 2 B. 3
C. 4 D. 5

Quote of the Day

“If you find a professing Christian indifferent to his Bible, you may be sure that the very dust upon its cover will rise up in judgment against him.” ~C.H. Spurgeon

Saturday

May 8

Be Careful What You Pray

“For ye have wept in the ears of the LORD . . . Therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat . . . until it come out at your nostrils.” Numbers 11: 18-20

The children of Israel had been delivered from the slavery of Egypt and were now in the wilderness. God had supplied their need for daily food in a supernatural way. They, just like us, were prone to forget God’s blessing and began to complain about the heavenly manna. Instead of a prayerful petition, the Israelites murmured and said they would prefer being slaves to eating manna. What he had given, as a sustaining supply until the promised land, was now viewed with contempt.

Now, they grumbled for Moses to get them meat. Rather than a hopeful look to the future of abundant food over Jordan, they preferred to dwell on the prison food of their slavery. They wanted the fish from the Nile and the onions from the garden. God heard their complaint and answered.

In answer to their cries, God promised that they would not eat a little meat, but that they would eat it until it was coming out of their noses. This very thing that they “needed” would soon become what they would loathe.

The culmination of their plea was quail and the plague that came along with it. They got what they wanted but more than they bargained for. Sometimes, we want what we want, not realizing what our request may cost. Children sometimes want the largest serving of ice cream not understanding the stomach ache that

Morning: 1 Kings 16:18

Evening: John 1:29-51

will follow. Instead of complaining, we should bring our request before the Lord and with a sincere heart say, “If it be your will Lord.”

~DJJ

Scripture Fill-In

Psalm 139:17-18 “How _____ also are thy _____ unto me, O God! How _____ is the sum of them! If I should _____ them, they are more in number than the _____: when I awake, I am still _____ thee.”

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 drought that Elijah predicted as a punishment for idolatry lasted for two years. (1Ki. 17:1)
- _____ 2. The only land that remained untouched by the seventh plague of hail was Goshen. (Ex. 9:26)
- _____ 3. Pharaoh dreamed that there was going to be a drought and famine in his land. (Gen. 41)

Quote of the Day

“Did you find out what God wanted you to do in life, and did you get it done?”

~Anonymous

O God Our Help

By Jeff Farnham

Psalm 46:1-10

“Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God,” wrote King David in Psalm 3:2. This cynical, pessimistic view of God yields infidelity, agnosticism, atheism, and a host of other spiritually unhealthy philosophies and lifestyles.

Others say that God helps everyone equally, but God counters that with *“Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evildoers.”* (Job 8:20) God is in the arena, fighting with the righteous, helping as needed (though not always as wanted); but He is not there with the wicked.

Still others want to repeat the popular maxim “God helps those who help themselves.” It should be noted that this is not a Bible verse. Furthermore, it is significant that this little adage has inconsistencies. God does not help a man save himself. Salvation is all of God. On the other hand, if a believer assays to do what he can and should do, God will step in to help that believer do what he cannot do.

Thank the Lord that for all the wrong ideas about the help of God, there are those dear saints who joyously testify to the regular, moment-by-moment help of Almighty God! Praise the Lord for the unashamed reports of the people of God as to the adequacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ. In 2 Corinthians, Paul progressively revealed this concept. *“Who is sufficient for these things? Not that we are sufficient of ourselves . . . but our sufficiency is of God. My grace is sufficient for thee.”* (2:16; 3:5; 12:9)

God: An Ever-Present Help (vs. 1)

In the first verse of this glorious psalm, David attests that God is a very present help. Note that

this is in the present tense. God is eternally a help in the present experience of any of His children. Psalm 146:5 repeats, *“Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help.”* Again, Isaiah 41:10 says, *“Fear thou not; for I am with thee . . . I am thy God.”* Again, Paul tells the believer, *“Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day.”* (Acts 26:22) All these verses and more could be cited to demonstrate the present tense help of God. He is an ever-present help.

God: An Ever-Lifting Help (vs. 2-4)

In the next three verses of this war psalm, David speaks of great cataclysmic events out of which he was assured of being lifted. He was confident of being delivered from the roaring waters of the sea into a calm river of gladness. He again wrote, *“But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up.”* (Ps. 41:10) Jesus said in Matthew 23:12 that he who would humble himself would be exalted. Peter the apostle gave his grand statement: *“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.”* (1 Pt. 5:6)

When Hannah was celebrating the life of her miracle son Samuel, she said, *“The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.”* (1 Sam. 2:7) Job wrote, *“I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: which doeth great things . . . to set up on high those that be low.”* (Job 5:8-11) No wonder James wrote, *“Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted.”* (James 1:9)

All this is true and possible because God is an ever-lifting help to those who trust in him.

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Sunday

May 9

All Things For Him

“For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.” Romans 11:36

Our God is worthy of all glory, for without Him there is nothing.

All things are of Him. He is the designer of all that is in the universe. It was all His plan.

All things are through Him. It was His power that formed matter, and it is His power that keeps the universe going.

All things are to Him. Hebrews 1:11-12 tells us that one day He will fold up the universe as if it were a garment.

All that is created is about Him. All of His creation obey His every command, except for angels and mankind. These two elements of His handiwork are different in that they have free wills. They can choose obedience or rebellion. They can live for God’s glory or their own. For now, they have a choice.

Today, as a created being with a free will, you have a choice, a choice to serve your Creator and Savior or to serve yourself. Today, you have a choice, but one day, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Him as Lord of all. ~DLW

Morning: 1 Kings 19, 20
Evening: John 2

Scripture Fill-In

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the title of each Biblical book with its meaning.

- _____ 1. Psalms
 - _____ 2. Proverbs
 - _____ 3. Ecclesiastes
 - _____ 4. Lamentations
- A. Sad songs or poems
 - B. Wise sayings
 - C. Songs
 - D. Teachings

Quote of the Day

“We must not count temptation a strange thing. The disciple is not greater than his master, nor the servant than his lord. If Satan came to Christ, he will also come to Christians.”

~J.C. Ryle

Monday

May 10

Wise Words of a Father-in-law

***“So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.”
Exodus 18:24***

Moses’ father-in-law, Jethro, had come for a visit. During the first part of Exodus 18, Moses shared with him all the wondrous miracles and works the Lord was showing the Israelites. Jethro was encouraged by the news, blessed the Lord, believed, and sacrificed to Jehovah God.

Then, in the latter part of the chapter, Jethro observed how Moses was ruling the Israelites. It was apparent to Jethro that Moses had quite a big undertaking. From morning to night Moses judged matters and situations among the Israelites. Jethro said to Moses in verse 18, ***“Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.”*** So, Jethro suggested that Moses appoint God-fearing men to judge the smaller matters (vs. 21).

Now, Moses could have handled the situation in a couple of ways. He could have been full of pride and not listened to the wise instruction of his father-in-law. Indeed, Moses was the head honcho of thousands and thousands of people. Did he really need to take advice from Jethro? But, Moses chose to humble himself and accept the advice from the aged man.

There are a couple of lessons that we can learn from this story. First, there are certain

Morning: 1 Kings 21, 22

Evening: John 3:1-21

times when delegation is necessary. Secondly, we should never be too proud to listen to sound advice. Moses realized his limitations and listened to wise counsel. ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, and let us _____ together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: In the spaces provided, answer each of the following questions.

1. Who had his armor-bearer kill him so he would avoid the disgrace of being killed by a woman? (Jdg. 9:53-54) _____
2. Which priests kept the sacrificial meat for themselves? (1 Sam. 2:12-17,34)

3. For what offense did God kill some of the men of Beth Shemesh? (1 Sam. 6:19)

4. Which king of Israel stripped off his robes and lay that way for a whole day and night? (1 Sam. 19:23-24)

5. Running from Saul, David took refuge in Gath. How did David behave when brought before the king? (1 Sam. 21:10-15) _____

Tuesday

May 11

Crossroads

“Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children.” Genesis 32:11

Jake was at a crossroads in his sport. He didn't know what to do. Should he continue to strive every day and work hard only to sit the bench? Was it worth it? He was at a point in his career where he needed to make a decision. Does this sound familiar? Many athletes face similar situations in their careers, and they wrestle with what to do.

In the Old Testament, Jacob faced a similar decision. His brother Esau was coming to meet him, and Jacob did not know whether to flee or to face his foe. (If you don't know the story, Jacob and Esau had a strained relationship due to an unfortunate falling out in their younger days.) Jacob sent his family across the stream and was left alone to ponder his past. At that point, he was confronted by a man who wrestled with him, not for a moment, but until the next morning. At the end of the confrontation, the man touched Jacob's hip and put it out of its socket. The two then had a conversation. Jacob knew he was not wrestling with an ordinary man, but with God Himself. Of course, God could have crushed Jacob, but He did not. Instead, He blessed Jacob and changed his name and course in history.

Jake wrestled with his decision all night, as well, but in the end, he decided to face his challenge and continue being the best role player he

Morning: 2 Kings 1-3
Evening: John 3:22-36

could be. He rarely played, but he made everyone around him better. ~AP

Scripture Fill-In

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, and let us _____ together, saith the _____: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. During the flood, water stayed on the earth for how many days? (Gen. 7:17-24)
A. 30 B. 40
C. 100 D. 150
2. During the flood, the waters rose so high the highest mountains were under how many cubits (1 cubit=1.5 feet)? (Gen. 7:19)
A. 10 B. 20
C. 15 D. 30

Quote of the Day

“Tolerance is not a spiritual gift; it is the distinguishing mark of postmodernism; and sadly, it has permeated the very fiber of Christianity. Why is it that those who have no Biblical convictions or theology to govern and direct their actions are tolerated and the standard or truth of God's Word rightly divided and applied is dismissed as extreme opinion or legalism?”
~John Stott

Wednesday

May 12

Compassion First

“But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plentiful in mercy and truth.” Psalm 86:15

Many years ago my family faced a crisis that turned our world upside down. Each of us reeled with immense pain and shock. The day after we received the shattering news, a well-meaning member of our church came to our house, rebuked, us and pointed out what we should have done differently. Although he was probably right, his timing was terrible. Looking back on this situation has made me determined to act with prayerful compassion when dealing with people in crisis.

If someone has just been in a car accident caused by texting and is sitting stunned behind the wheel with blood running from a head wound, the right action is not to drive up and start instructing him about the dangers of texting while driving and how this could have been prevented by following common sense rules. The right action would be to help, binding their wounds and stanching the flow of blood, preventing further shock and getting the person to a hospital. Later, after you have poured out love, compassion, and practical help, the person will be much more ready and willing to listen to admonitions about the dangers of texting while driving.

I have been guilty of dispensing truth without compassion, but I pray that in the future God will always help me deliver the truth *with* love. Having been on the receiving end, I know that love makes truth much more palpable.

~AJD

Morning: 2 Kings 4, 5
Evening: John 4:1-30

Scripture Fill-In

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, and let us _____ together, saith the _____: though your sins be as _____, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the brief description with the author of a book in the Bible.

- ____ 1. Prophet and priest
 - ____ 2. Sheep farmer
 - ____ 3. Jewish official
 - ____ 4. A member of Paul’s first mission team
 - ____ 5. Member of Colossian church
- A. Ezekiel
 - B. Daniel
 - C. Mark
 - D. Amos
 - E. Philemon

Quote of the Day

“Worship is not confined to the expression of praise through singing, or even praise and prayer, but rather it is the offering of ourselves to God in daily obedience (Romans 12:1), and that only then is our more public worship acceptable to God.

~Derek Prime and Alistair Begg

Thursday

May 13

The Mole

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you...and many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.” 2 Peter 2:1-2

A little over nine years ago, the ABC network premiered a new “reality” show called “The Mole.” According to Wikipedia, “The series is a reality competition in which the contestants work as a group to add money to a pot that only one of them will eventually win. Among the contestants is one person who has been designated “the Mole” by the producers and is tasked with sabotaging the group’s money-making efforts. At the end of each episode, the contestant who knows the least about who the mole is, as decided by the results of a quiz, is eliminated from the game.” The premise of the game is to figure out who the “Mole” is so you can stop him from sabotaging the pot.

The Apostle Peter warned us of a similar plot that had unfolded in the churches of the past and is unfolding in our time as well. Hidden among the true followers of Jesus Christ are “Moles.” They have been planted by the devil and their goal is to sabotage the Church. If they can just get some solid, Bible believing church members to think a little bit differently, they can cause great damage to the cause of Christ. In fact, Peter reminds us that because of their actions, “The way of truth is evil spoken of.”

It is not our job, however, to try to figure out who these people are so we can remove them. Our job is to come to know Jesus Christ

Morning: 2 Kings 6-8
Evening: John 4:31-54

so well that when a false teaching surfaces we will not fall for it. Peter just reminded us that we have the “very word of God.” Read it, study it, learn it, so you will recognize error. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, and let us _____ together, saith the _____: though your sins be as _____, they shall be as white as _____; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. What angels shouted so loud in Isaiah 6:4 that they made the temple shake?
 - A. Cherubim
 - B. Seraphim
 - C. Archangels
 - D. None of the above
2. In Daniel 8:16, what angel did Daniel see in a vision?
 - A. Michael
 - B. Gabriel
 - C. A guardian angel
 - D. None of the above
3. When Jesus returns, the voice of what angel will be heard? (1 Thess. 4:16)
 - A. The archangel
 - B. A Cherub
 - C. A Seraph
 - D. All of the above

Friday

May 14

How to Recognize the Antichrist

“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.” 1 John 2:18

Many people say, “It makes no difference what you believe, just as long as you are sincere.” Unfortunately, many believe that way today. However, it **does** make a difference what a man believes.

“Last time” in verse eighteen refers to the church age in which we live now. “Antichrist” describes three things:

1. A spirit in the world who opposes or denies Christ.
2. The false teachers who embody this spirit.
3. A person who will head up the final world rebellion against Christ.

The counterfeit Christians of 1 John 2 did not remain in the fellowship. One evidence of the true Christian life is a desire to be with the people of God. The counterfeit Christian will often follow this pattern:

1. He departs from the fellowship. (1John 2:18-19)
2. He denies the faith. (1 John 2:20-25, 4:1-6)
3. He tries to deceive the faithful. (1 John 2:26-29)

Dr. Warren Wiersbe said, “A person who professes to be a Christian, but who does not live in obedience, love, and truth, is either deceived or a deceiver.” ~OV

Morning: 2 Kings 9-11
Evening: John 5:1-24

Scripture Fill-In

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, and let us _____ together, saith the _____: though your sins be as _____, they shall be as white as _____; though they be red like _____, they shall be as wool.”

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. Thaddaeus, also called Judas, said to Jesus, “Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?” (Jn. 14:22)
- _____ 2. Philip, one of the twelve disciples, was from Capernaum? (Jn. 1:44)
- _____ 3. Simon and Andrew were both fishermen before they became Jesus’ disciples. (Matt. 4:18)
- _____ 4. Peter told his brother Andrew, “We have found the Messiah.” (Jn. 1:40-41)

Quote of the Day

“Unless we read the Word of God, we cannot be instructed by the Spirit, and unless we are instructed by the Spirit, we cannot become godly and effective servants. To put it another way, loving the Word, learning from the Word, and living out the Word are interlocked in God’s plan for our spiritual growth.”

~David L. McKenna

Saturday

May 15

Don't Forget the Blood!

“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission of sin.” Hebrews 9:22

Today's Christian world is consumed by sharing the "Love of Jesus," and this is not wrong. But, it is a halfway explanation of salvation. Yes, Jesus loves sinners, but He is also holy and just. His justice requires a payment for sin. God the Father displayed both His love and His justice to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He loved them enough to go looking for them when they were fallen away. More importantly, though, he made a way for their sin to be covered when he killed the animals to cover their nakedness.

It is easier and certainly more politically correct only to speak of the love of God. Love does not make people uncomfortable. Facing the reality of their sin does. Real love requires honesty. That is what we have in the blood of Christ.

God has this type of love for us. He searches for us saying, "You have sinned and that sin means you will be separated from me in death." He has sent His innocent Son to the cross, shedding His blood to remove sin from our account. The animals of Genesis merely covered sin, but the perfect blood of Christ removes it.

Yes, the blood can make people uncomfortable. Yes, it is not politically correct to call people sinners. That does not change the fact that it is only Christ's blood that can remove sin. We should always speak of the blood and

Morning: 2 Kings 12-14

Evening: John 5:25-47

remember it is only when the Father sees the blood of the Son that we are free from the penalty of our sin. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us _____ together, saith the _____: though your sins be as _____, they shall be as white as _____; though they be red like _____, they shall be as _____."

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

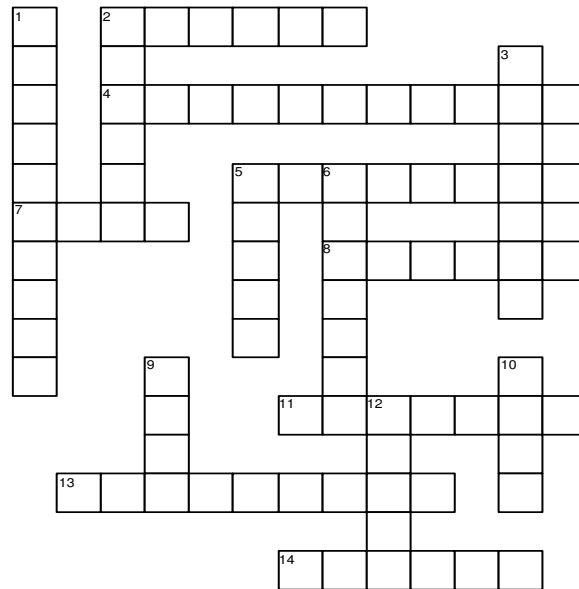
- Which of the following references does not refer to God using hail to judge people?
 - Isaiah 28:2, 17
 - Haggai 2:17
 - Revelation 8:7
 - Psalm 148:8
- When Korah rebelled against God, what natural disaster was used to kill him? (Num. 16:30-33)
 - An earthquake
 - A flood
 - A hurricane
 - A whirlwind

Quote of the Day

"Worldliness is what any particular culture does to make sin look normal and righteousness look strange." ~Author Unknown

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Gospel of Luke



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- 2 Jesus said we cannot serve God and _____.
Luke 16:13
- 4 Jesus _____ set his face toward Jerusalem.
Luke 9:51
- 5 Jesus was _____ by His cousin, John.
Luke 3:21-22
- 7 This gospel gives an intimate view of her.
Luke 1:26-56
- 8 Jesus _____ Jairus' daughter. Luke 8:41, 55
- 11 Jesus _____ the fever that Peter's mother-in-law had. Luke 4:39
- 13 Luke's profession. Col. 4:14
- 14 _____ baskets of fragments were picked up after the feeding of the 5,000. Luke 9:17

DOWN

- 1 Jesus was formally named at the time of His _____. Luke 2:21
- 2 Simon Peter called Jesus by this title.
Luke 5:5
- 3 Jesus' countenance was _____ on the mountain. Luke 9:29
- 5 Luke 2:1-20 details the story of this about Christ.
- 6 A _____ was told about being blind.
Luke 6:39
- 9 The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to _____. Luke 11:1
- 10 Jesus sent His disciples to _____ the sick.
Luke 9:2
- 12 This happened to Peter's net after he obeyed Jesus. Luke 5:6

“And He spake a parable unto them to this end,

Sunday

May 16

We Faint Not

“Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not.”

2 Corinthians 4:1

This is the first of four times that the phrase “faint not” is used in the New Testament. Here it tells us why we must not faint. We must stand because we have a ministry.

Every saved individual has an opportunity, as well as a responsibility, to be a minister. In verse 18 of the next chapter, we are told that we have the ministry of reconciliation. We have the task of helping people become rightly related to Christ. We also have the ministry of sanctification where we help people grow after salvation.

How do we keep from fainting in our responsibilities? 2 Corinthians 4:16 tells us the answer is renewal. We must be spiritually disciplined toward the Word and prayer to maintain our spiritual strength.

The next place this phrase is used is in connection with the promise of reaping. Galatians 6:9 encourages us that reaping is inevitable if we faint not. Paul experienced seemingly insurmountable obstacles, but he pressed on, planted churches, established churches, and touched countless lives with the Gospel.

The example of reaping is found in the final use of this statement in Ephesians 3:13. Paul said, “Ye faint not.” Paul shifted from we to ye. He was speaking not of himself but to his converts, encouraging them not to faint. ~DLW

Morning: 2 Kings 15-17

Evening: John 6:1-21

Scripture Fill-In

Luke 12:28 “If then God so clothe the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?”

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. Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed by an earthquake. Genesis 19:24
- _____ 2. Achan took a Babylonian robe, silver, and gold from Jericho. Joshua 7:20-21
- _____ 3. Achan and his family were banished from Israel. Joshua 7:24-25
- _____ 4. For his help in scouting out Canaan, Joshua gave the city of Hebron to Caleb. Joshua 14:13

Quote of the Day

“The foundation of worship in the heart is not *emotional* (“I feel full of worship” or “The atmosphere is so worshipful”). Actually, it is *theological*. Worship is not something we “work up,” it is something that “comes down” to us, from the character of God.”

~Sinclair Ferguson

Monday

May 17

Stirred Hearts

“Whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass . . . And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD’s offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.” Exodus 35:5, 21

I was visiting a church around Easter time and noticed an announcement in the bulletin. The church was asking for people to donate plastic Easter eggs and candy for their Community Easter Egg Hunt, an outreach for the neighborhood. I thought this was a great idea for evangelizing the area. After the service, I went out into the vestibule. On the far right corner, there was a table piled high with plastic eggs and goodies. How awesome! The church saw a need and responded with an abundant amount of resources.

After Moses met with God on Mt. Sinai, he told the Israelites that God wanted them to build a tabernacle. In order to do so, the children of Israel would have to give to the cause. Moses said in verse five, whoever has a “willing heart” should bring an offering to the Lord. The result of his call for gifts for the tabernacle is found in verse twenty-one. The people came *“whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing.”*

The Israelites who gave to the tabernacle saw and heard the need. Their hearts were

Morning: 2 Kings 18, 19
Evening: John 6:22-44

stirred, and then they acted. What has God stirred your heart to do? Are you doing it?
~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

Luke 12:28 “If then _____ so clothe the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. After Saul’s death, his armor was placed in what temple? (1 Sam. 31:8-10)
 - A. Temple of Baal
 - B. Temple of Jehovah
 - C. Temple of Ashtaroth
 - D. None of the above
2. Where were Saul’s bones buried? (1 Sam. 31:11-13)
 - A. Under a tree at Jabesh
 - B. In an unknown tomb
 - C. Beneath a statue in Gath
 - D. None of the above

Quote of the Day

“Take control of my words today,
May they tell of Your great love;
And may the story of Your grace
Turn some heart to You above.”
~Sees

Tuesday

May 18

The Game of Life

*“And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”
Hebrews 6:11-12*

A coach looks at his players' strengths and weaknesses and decides who will play and how long they will be in the game. He or she often will take players out of the game to rest or to give someone else playing time.

When I played softball in college, our short-stop had a very positive, contagious personality. When she was out of the game, you could tell the difference on the field. The game of life is no different. When a loved one leaves the playing field, they are dearly missed. For those who believe in Christ as Savior, this is a welcome call home. The rest of the “team” will miss them dearly, but they can find peace in knowing that the Creator, our Coach, has a plan.

God puts each of us in the game of life at just the right time: His time. God will also pull us out of the game at just the right time: His time. Some of us will get more playing time than others, but we each have choices to make. How will we play while we are in the game? Are we focused on our purpose? Are we enjoying the game? Are we giving glory to God and lifting others up along the way? ~AP

Morning: 2 Kings 20-22
Evening: John 6:45-71

Scripture Fill-In

Luke 12:28 “If then _____ so _____ the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?”

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the fact or characteristic to the category of books in the Bible.

- _____ 1. First 5 books of the Bible
- _____ 2. 13 of them were written by Paul
- _____ 3. Isaiah through Malachi
- _____ 4. Means “good news”
- _____ 5. Esther is part of this section.
- _____ 6. Psalms and Proverbs fall in this category.
 - A. Law
 - B. History
 - C. Wisdom and Poetry
 - D. Prophecy
 - E. Gospels
 - F. Letters

Quote of the Day

“Christianity begins where all the religions of the world end, at death, and it starts with resurrection.” ~Author Unknown

Wednesday

May 19

Stay Awake

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

1 Peter 5:8

One of our favorite childhood activities during the summer was floating the creek that flowed through the outskirts of town. We put our black rubber tubes in the icy water, eased down with a sharp intake of breath and were quickly swept downstream by the current. The term floating is misleading if it evokes images of languid relaxation. Paddling strategically was necessary lest your tube meet a terrible fate with a tree branch, rock, or swampy area.

Just as constant corrections were needed to get down the creek, constant corrections are needed in our lives also. There are currents pulling at us from many directions. The words of the song “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” express well our tendency to veer off course: “Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love.” Realizing the existence of the hang-ups and dangers is half the battle. Our enemy wants us to believe we can float along, eyes closed, letting the current take us where it will.

Vigilant comes from the Latin word that means “keeping awake.” Sometimes instead of roaring, our adversary softly sings us to sleep.
~AJD

Morning: 2 Kings 23-25

Evening: John 7:1-31

Scripture Fill-In

Luke 12:28 “If then _____ so _____ the _____, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?”

Bible Quiz

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

1. In what city did Joshua set up the tabernacle or (Tent of Meeting)? Joshua 18:1

2. Where did Joshua give his farewell address? Joshua 24:1

3. Judah did not drive out the inhabitants of the plains because they had _____
_____. Judges 1:19
4. Who told the Israelites that the inhabitants of the land would be thorns in their sides? Judges 2:1-3

Quote of the Day

“The Scriptures teach that the happiness or blessedness of believers in a future life will be greater or less in proportion to the service of Christ in this life. Those who love little, do little; and those who do little, enjoy less.”

~Charles Hodge

Thursday

May 20

Visible and Invisible

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.”

Colossians 1:16

This verse reminds me that there are powers that are beyond my comprehension. About ten years ago, I had an encounter with something I did not understand. It was evil. One night I went upstairs to go to bed. I sensed something right at my back, close enough to make me aware that I was not alone.

When thinking about how real the powers of darkness are, it made me quite afraid and pensive. So in the presence of darkness, I chose to look toward the Light, the Light of Jesus Christ. John chapter 1 tells us that John came to bare witness of that Light, the True Light which came from God. Revelation 22:5 states, *“And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.”* This light makes me look toward my heavenly home.

No matter what we encounter on this earth, invisible or visible, we are in God’s hands. The almighty Creator has it all under control. Fear not the evil of this world! ~KAT

Morning: 1 Chronicles 1, 2
Evening: John 7:32-53

Scripture Fill-In

Luke 12:28 “If then _____ so _____ the _____, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is _____ into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Which of the following is **not** one of the twelve tribes of Israel? (Genesis 49)
A. Levi B. Zebulun
C. Jacob D. Naphtali
2. Which of the following disciples was **not** present when Jarius’ daughter was raised from the dead? (Mark 5:21-43)
A. Peter B. James
C. John D. Matthew
3. What disciple said, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” (John 1:46)
A. Simon B. Andrew
C. Nathanael D. Thomas

Quote of the Day

“For many churches, designing worship has become most closely associated with that which will best suit the attendees or best attract the hesitant church-goer, rather than that which is most pleasing to God. ~Bill Izard

Friday

May 21

Stages of Christian Growth

“Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.” 1 John 2:7

The subject in verse seven is beginning the Christian life. John has been talking about commandments in general and now narrows it down to one single commandment, love one another. Jesus illustrates love by the life that He lived. What is true of Christ ought to be true of each believer. Jesus commands in John 15:12, *“This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.”*

Dr. Warren Wiersbe states, “It is easy to talk about Christian love, but much more difficult to practice it. It is impossible to be in fellowship with the Father and be out of fellowship with another Christian at the same time.” Wiersbe goes on to say, “This is one reason why God established the local church, the fellowship of believers. You can’t be a Christian alone—a person cannot live a complete and developing Christian life unless he is in fellowship with God’s people.” The Christian must realize his life has two relationships: the vertical (Godward) and the horizontal (manward).

What happens to a believer who does not love the brethren? 1 John 2:9 says that he lives in darkness, though he probably thinks he is living in the light. The second result of a believer’s not loving the brethren is that he becomes a cause of stumbling (vs. 10). Finally, it hinders his spiritual progress (vs. 11).

Morning: 1 Chronicles 3-5

Evening: John 8:1-20

The Bible is emphatic about believers loving and fellowshiping with the brethren. Are you forsaking God’s will for your life by not being in church and fellowshiping with the brethren? If so, get your heart right, and get yourself to church. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

Luke 12:28 “If then _____ so _____ the _____, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is _____ into the oven; how much _____ will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Who accompanied Barak in the fight against Sisera? Judges 4:8-9
A. Joshua B. Deborah
C. Gideon D. Samson
2. Which of Naomi’s daughters-in-law stayed in Moab? Ruth 1:14-15
A. Elimelech
B. Kilion
C. Mahlon
D. All the above

Quote of the Day

“There is no point in praying for victory over temptation if we are not willing to make a commitment to say no to it.” ~Jerry Bridges

Saturday

May 22

At Calvary

“When they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him.”

Luke 23:33

“At Calvary” is certainly one of my most favorite hymns. The memory of its melody ringing in the rafters of my father’s first church still brings a smile to my face. The simplicity of its text is such that both child and adult can understand the message of Christ’s redemption.

The song begins as a sinner looks back upon a life lived in sin, never realizing the tender forgiveness of Christ who willingly gave His life for him. Under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, he is confronted with the darkness of his sin and in repentance turns to his Savior. Finally, with a soul that cannot help but sing, he surrenders all to the One Who loves him so much. Only now is the vast divide that once separated him from his Redeemer understood. And in awe, he once again sings in worship to Christ who died “At Calvary.”

Mercy Great – His sacrifice took away our debt.

Grace was Free – We do not deserve it. Salvation cost God His Son, but it was free to us.

Pardon Multiplied – God’s forgiveness extends forever to His children as we repent.

Burden lifted and Liberty gained – Out of bondage we can serve Him in our freedom. ~DJD

Morning: 1 Chronicles 6:7

Evening: John 8:21-36

Scripture Fill-In

Luke 12:28 “If then _____ so _____ the _____, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is _____ into the oven; how much _____ will he _____ you, O ye of little faith?”

Bible Quiz

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

1. Abimelech killed all his brothers except _____ Judges 9:5
2. _____ rebelled against Abimelech’s rule in Judges 9:28-29.
3. _____ said, “Let me die with the Philistines?” Judges 16:30
4. The tribe of _____ stole the idols of Micah the priest. Judges 18:16-20
5. The men of _____ killed a Levite’s concubine. Judges 19:14-28

Quote of the Day

“There is one fundamental reason why the living God wants His people to assemble in worship: that is, to ascribe to Him the worth and value that are His, individually and as a body, and to present their bodies as living sacrifices. Worshiping God is not a means to an end; it is an end in itself!” ~Ron Owens

O God Our Help

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God: An Ever-Victorious Help (vs. 5-6, 8-9)

Whether heathen kingdoms, desolations of earth, the spear, or the chariot, God was victorious over them. When Asa cried unto God in 2 Chronicles 14:11, he admitted that it was nothing for God to help the strong or the weak. Then he prayed, ***“Help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.”*** Hezekiah, in another generation, trusted in the same God and had the same confidence when he said, ***“With us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles.”*** (2 Chron. 32:8) Again, Elisha told his servant in 2 Kings 6:16, ***“Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.”*** No wonder we read that ***“we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”*** (Romans 8:37)

God: An Ever-Caring Help (vs. 10)

In the stillness, Moses saw the Red Sea open, and in a similar stillness, David was assured that his God really was God, and that He cared. Precious little stillness can be found in this hurry-hurry, scurry-scurry, bury-bury world; but when one can carve some stillness out of the din, he finds a caring God awaiting his fellowship and communion. No wonder David testified on another occasion when his soul was cast down within him, ***“I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.”*** (Ps. 42:5) Again, David could assuredly say that if he cast his burden upon the Lord, the Lord, would sustain and steady him. (Ps. 55:22) When the disciples asked the Lord, ***“Carest thou not that we perish?”*** (Mk. 4:38), the Lord’s rebuke was not so much for their lack of faith in His power, but in His care and concern for them.

God: A Never-Failing Help (v. 7, 11)

When the name LORD of hosts is employed, the reference is to God’s being the captain of the warrior hosts of Heaven’s armies. It is just this that the psalmist was communicating to his readers, that God never fails because His armies never fail. The God Who commands all of the spiritual battle resources of Heaven is with us as a refuge. Such a concept requires a Selah, that is a determined meditation.

Never has God failed His people, nor is He failing them now, nor will He ever fail them. Moses told the new generation coming out of the wilderness just prior to their crossing into Canaan that ***“thy God is a merciful God; he will not forsake thee,”*** (Deut. 4:31), and in his last counsels to them, he said, ***“the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”*** (Deut. 31:6) Similar words were spoken to Joshua (Joshua 1:5). David said in Psalm 27:9, ***“Thou has been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.”*** No wonder he could assure Solomon as he prepared to take over the kingdom, ***“The LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”*** (1 Chron. 28:20)

Dear Reader, God will help you. The word ‘help’ in one form or another appears nearly one hundred sixty times in Scripture, and while these are not all references to God’s helping His people, many of them are. God is the God who helps His people. When one of God’s people is in trouble of his making, even then God will help that one to take responsibility to clean up his own mess and come out of that trouble. Most certainly, then, when one of the children of God finds himself in trouble not of his own doing, God is all the more intent upon delivering His own. God is a very present help in trouble.♦

Sunday

May 23

Written by Man?

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

2 Peter 1:20-21

“The Bible was written by man and cannot be trusted.” This is an argument that many skeptics use when trying to dismiss the Bible as the authority for faith and practice. God knew that there would be skeptics and to silence their arguments long before they would make them, He had the Apostle Peter pen the following passage: ***“No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.”*** Anyone who claims that he is the one who wrote Scripture of his own authority is not talking about true Scripture. If the writing that you are talking about is of “private interpretation,” it is not the Word of God.

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man.” No true Scripture was ever written because some moral human being decided that he had a word of wisdom to share with others. The world is full of books that are the opinions of man. Scripture is not one of those books.

“Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” So, how was the Bible written? You can not deny that man put pen (or quill) to paper (or parchment) and wrote the words. The Bible does not deny that at all. The difference in those words and the words of any other book is the fact that the Holy Ghost gave the writers the words to write.

Morning: 1 Chronicles 8-10

Evening: John 8:37-59

The Bible is the Word of God written by human authors not the opinion of man written by man. God simply used man to write His words. We have the very Word of God in written form: Read it! ~PO

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. What did Hannah ask of the Lord?
I Sam. 1:11
 - A. To punish Peninnah
 - B. To give her money
 - C. To have a son
 - D. To bless Elkanah
2. Who captured the ark of the covenant during a battle in 1 Samuel 4:10-11?
 - A. Israelites
 - B. Philistines
 - C. Moabites
 - D. Edomites

Quote of the Day

“I know well that when Christ is nearest, Satan also is busiest.” ~Robert Murray McCheyne

Monday

May 24

The Rock

“O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.” Psalm 95:1

The psalmist opens Psalm 95 by imploring us to sing to the LORD and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. The title given to God, “Rock of Our Salvation,” is used numerous times in the psalms.

In Luke 6:48, our Lord told a parable about a man that built his house on rock: *“He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.”* Because the house had a foundation built upon rock, it stood when the elements of the world came upon it.

God, our Rock, is the foundation on which we should build our lives. Because He sent His Son Jesus, our foundation is sure. *“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 3:11*

Have you built your life on God, the Rock? If so, have you shared with anyone lately how their future can be sure and solid? Are you trusting in God daily to meet your spiritual, emotional, and physical needs?

God, the Rock, is certain. His Word is truth. We live in a world where people cannot be trusted and truth is irrelevant. Thankfully, as

Morning: 1 Chronicles 11-13
Evening: John 9:1-23

Christians, we can rely on God and His Word, the only sure foundation. ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

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Bible Quiz

Label: Each of the following information describe different types of angels. Read each statement and label *S* for Seraphim, *C* for Cherubim, and *A* for Archangels.

- _____ 1. Ezekiel describes these angels in chapters one and ten.
- _____ 2. Michael is the only one mentioned in the Bible. (Jude 9)
- _____ 3. These kept Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden. (Gen. 3:24)
- _____ 4. It has hooves like a calf. (Ez. 1:7)
- _____ 5. It has six wings. (Is. 6:2)

Quote of the Day

“The world asks, “What does a man own?” Christ asks, “How does he use it?”

~Andrew Murray

Tuesday

May 25

Surrender—Giving Up

*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service.”
Romans 12:1*

Just give up. There is incredible power in giving up. In fact, it should become a daily practice for all of us. If more athletes and coaches would give up, the sports world would be better off.

Ok, maybe you don't agree with me so far. You probably think I'm crazy. But I'm not talking about giving up as in quitting. I'm talking about giving up our rights and control and surrendering them to the Lord. You see, God hates the “quitting-giving-up,” but He loves the “surrender-giving-up.” What does God truly want most from us? He wants us to give up our lives for the sake of His Kingdom. Our whole life, we are taught to hold on tight to what we have earned, to protect and defend what is ours and not let people take advantage of us.

Oswald Chambers states it with painful clarity: “Every time I insist upon my rights, I hurt the Son of God. The disciple realizes that it is his Lord's honor that is at stake in his life, not his own honor.” This truth is simple, but hard. God's honor or self-honor? Jesus gave us the perfect example of laying down His life on the cross, and we should lay down our lives as living sacrifices, not just for Jesus but also for others. We might freely lay down our lives for

Morning: 1 Chronicle 14-16

Evening: John 9:24-41

our Savior, but we often kick and scream when we have to give up for other people. ~AP

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

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. What phrase is used in every verse of Psalm 136?
 - A. Give thanks to the Lord.
 - B. His mercy endureth forever.
 - C. He doeth great wonders.
 - D. He is good.
2. According to Psalm 139:17-18, what are more in number than the sand?
 - A. Hairs on a head
 - B. Wicked people
 - C. God's thoughts toward His children
 - D. God's mercies

Quote of the Day

“Christ died not in order to make God love us, but because He did love His people. Calvary is the supreme demonstration of Divine love. Whenever you are tempted to doubt the love of God, Christian reader, go back to Calvary.”
~A.W. Pink

Wednesday

May 26

Finding Fault

“Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults.” Psalm 19:12

I easily find fault with other people, usually without consciously trying. The closer I am to them, the more faults I am able to perceive. I wish I had the ability to view myself with this keen sin-o-meter. Instead, I often justify my faults and sins, or fail to see them at all.

If we find ourselves critically evaluating everyone and every situation, then we should pause to let God reveal to us our own sin. Next, humbly ask for cleansing. Some of us may not have had a spiritual shower for a while and may be starting to smell. Body odor shares a characteristic with sin; usually the stinky party is the last to notice or acknowledge it. Thankfully, forgiveness comes not through working off our debt or trying harder, but the Bible assures us in 1 John 1:9, **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** Focusing on the forgiveness we have through Christ enables us to overcome despite our blindness to our own sin. It also makes us merciful towards others. ~AJD

Morning: 1 Chronicle 17-19
Evening: John 10:1-21

Scripture Fill-In

Galatians 2:16 “Knowing that a man is not _____ by the _____ of the law, but by the _____ 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

Matching: Match the biblical event with its Scriptural reference.

- _____ 1. Parting of the Red Seal
 - _____ 2. Lord’s Prayer
 - _____ 3. Saul becomes Paul
 - _____ 4. David and Goliath
 - _____ 5. Water into wine
- A. Acts 9
 - B. 1 Samuel 17
 - C. John 2
 - D. Exodus 14
 - E. Matthew 6

Quote of the Day

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

~Reinhold Niebuhr

Thursday

May 27

Peace Offerings

“And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD.” Leviticus 7:11

The book of Leviticus lists three main types of Old Testament peace offering sacrifices:

1. **Thanks offering** –It was given in times of prosperity and success.
2. **Free will offering** –It was given in hopes of God’s continued blessings.
3. **Offering for vows** –It was given to secure a certain blessing and to prevail upon God to bestow it.

These sacrifices were public or private, depending on the request being made unto God. Just think how difficult it must have been to have to sacrifice animals for sin atonement. Old testament times were tough. The Law’s almost too hard to obey.

In the New Testament, our perfect and unblemished offering came, the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Jesus has torn the veil of the Old Testament and given us the greatest offering of all, His blood shed at Calvary. He is the risen Saviour of the world. Praise God that He made an atonement for our sins, an offering we can easily accept!

The time is now. Will you make Jesus Christ your personal Saviour? ~KAT

Morning: 1 Chronicles 20-22
Evening: John 10:22-42

Scripture Fill-In

Galatians 2:16 “Knowing that a man is not _____ by the _____ of the law, but by the _____ of Jesus Christ, even we have _____ 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. How many years did Eli judge Israel?
1 Samuel 4:18
A. 20 B. 40
C. 30 D. 50
2. The Israelites put away their idols and worshipped in what city? 1 Samuel 7:4-6
A. Jerusalem B. Shiloh
C. Mizpeh D. Hebron
3. Who said of Israel, “They have rejected me as their king?” 1 Samuel 8:7
A. Samuel B. God
C. Saul D. David

Quote of the Day

“Worship is not an external activity precipitated by the right environment. To worship in spirit is to draw near to God with an undivided heart. We must come in full agreement without hiding anything or disregarding His will.”
~Erwin Lutzer

Friday

May 28

Battle of the Old and New Nature

“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” Romans 6:6

Test yourselves this month to see if you are in the faith. It is important to realize a Christian has two natures: an **Old** and a **New** nature.

Old Nature

“Our old man”
(Romans 6:6)

“The flesh”
(Galatians 5:24)

“Corruptible seed”
(1 Peter 1:23)

New Nature

“The new man”
(Colossians 3:10)

“The Spirit”
(Galatians 5:17)

“God’s seed”
(1 John 3:9)

The old nature will lead to sin, while the new nature will lead to a holy life. Here is the test:

1. Do I have a Divine nature in me, or am I merely pretending to be a Christian?
2. Do I cultivate this Divine nature by daily Bible reading and prayer?
3. Has any unconfessed sin defiled my inner man? Am I willing to forsake it?
4. Do I allow my old nature to control my thoughts and desires or does the Divine nature rule me?
5. When temptation comes, do I “play with it” or do I flee from it? Do I immediately yield to the divine nature within me?

May God help us to know the truth. ~OV

Morning: 1 Chronicles 23-25

Evening: John 11:1-17

Scripture Fill-In

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

Bible Quiz

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

1. _____ went to Egypt to escape a famine. Genesis 12:10
2. After Abram and Lot separated, Lot went toward _____ . Genesis 13:12
3. _____ was the son of Abram and Hagar. Genesis 16:15
4. His name means “father of many nations?” _____ Gen. 17:5
5. God gave Abraham the land of _____ Genesis 17:8

Quote of the Day

“Missionary zeal does not grow out of intellectual beliefs, nor out of theological arguments, but out of love.” ~Roland Allen

Saturday

May 29

Deliver Me

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.”

2 Peter 2:9

“I was expected to go to a company dinner with the ‘big-wigs’ of the company. It was in a bar. When they all started drinking, they noticed that I was not and started to put pressure on me...DELIVER ME, LORD from alcohol.”

“I was out with my girlfriends having a good time shopping and having lunch. The conversation turned to the adulterous relationship a co-worker of ours is having with the boss. It was such an interesting story, but...DELIVER ME, LORD from gossip.”

“Everyone else in the house was asleep. I decided to check my email one last time before turning in. I clicked on a link in one of my emails and got a pop up add in the middle of reading. It is taking everything in me not to click on this link...DELIVER ME, LORD from pornography.”

Have you ever been in a situation like these? Maybe not the exact situation, but one in which you needed deliverance? The Apostle Peter reminds us that ***“the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations.”*** The next time you are in a difficult situation, the temptations of the world, the flesh, or the devil are raining down hard on you, claim the promise of 2 Peter 2:9 and ask the Lord for deliverance.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians that there is not temptation that God allows us to face without a way to escape. It might mean that you walk out of a company

Morning: 1 Chronicles 26, 27

Evening: John 11:18-46

dinner, stop the shopping trip with your friends, or set up parameters of not being on-line when no one else is awake; but the Lord will provide the way to escape. You must accept His deliverance. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

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

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 prayed at evening, morning, and noon. Psalm 55:17
- _____ 2. David prayed upon his knees three times a day. Daniel 6:10
- _____ 3. Paul and Silas prayed and sang at Midnight in the prison. Acts 16:25

Quote of the Day

“If Satan’s arsenal of weapons were restricted to a single one, it would be discouragement.”

~C. S. Lewis

Sunday

May 30

The Unsearchable Riches of Christ

“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.” Ephesians 3:8

How is your checking account? Are you afraid to look for fear of finding how bad it is? Maybe your financial state does not look so well right now. Don't be discouraged. If you are saved, you have the riches of Christ. Christ has all the resources we could ever need. They are offered to us as a benefit of our salvation. Some of the riches of Christ that are mentioned in the Scriptures are:

The riches of His grace (Eph.2:7)

The riches of His mercy (Eph.2:4)

The riches of His wisdom (Rom.11:33)

The riches of His goodness (Rom.2:4)

Because His riches are unsearchable, we will never be able to exhaust them.

Satan wants us to become discouraged with the circumstances of this world, hoping that we will become defeated and quit. Don't let him win that battle. Focus on your riches in Christ now and the inheritance that is reserved for you in Heaven. Rely on the resources that Christ has provided for you and ***“be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”*** You will find that all Christ has is all you will ever need. ~DLW

Morning: 1 Chronicles 28, 29
Evening: John 11:47-57

Scripture Fill-In

Philippians 4:6-7 “Be careful for nothing; but in every 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

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

1. Abraham said, _____ himself will provide the _____ for the burnt offering. Genesis 22:8
2. Esau sold his _____ for a meal of bread, pottage of lentils. Genesis 25:34
3. God spoke to Jacob at a place called _____. Genesis 28:10-22
4. Jacob wrestled with God at _____. Genesis 32:24-32
5. Esau's tribe was known as the _____. Genesis 36:9

Quote of the Day

Your weakness is no excuse: “He giveth power to the faint” Isaiah 40:29. ~Author Unknown

Monday

May 31

Gossip Hurts

“The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.” Proverbs 26:22

The word *talebearer* is defined as a person who officiously tells tales or fictitious stories. Proverbs 26:22 tells us that the talebearer inflicts wounds or hurtful injury on the person to or about whom they are speaking .

The Apostle Paul speaks of the tongue as a vile member. Ephesians 4:31 instructs evil speaking to be put away. James 3:5-8 speaks of the tongue being compared to a fire. 1 Peter 3:10 speaks of lips that speak guile. An unbridled tongue can cause quite a bit of strife. We, as believers, are to use our tongues to edify the brethren.

The book of Psalms also reminds us to keep from evil and to keep our lips from speaking guile (using deceitful words). Our mouths should be righteous and speak of wisdom. It has been said that one unwise or hurtful comment requires ten wise and edifying comments to repair the hurtful words spoken.

Christians, let us be careful in all that we say and do. Let us be in a mode of always uplifting and edifying our brothers and sisters in Christ. Do remember that Christ sees and hears all! ~KAT

Morning: 2 Chronicles 28, 29
Evening: John 12:1-19

Scripture Fill-In

Philippians 4:6-7 “Be _____ for nothing; but in every 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

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

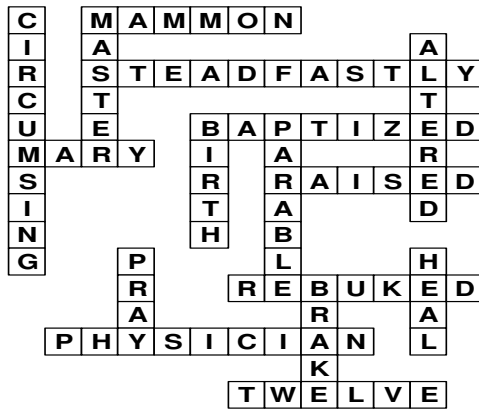
1. Where did God tell Moses to throw a piece of wood into the water to purify it? (Exodus 15:22-25)
 - A. The Shur Desert
 - B. The Paran Desert
 - C. The Zin Desert
 - D. En-Gedi
2. Where did an angry Moses strike the rock from which water flowed and was told he would not enter the promised land? (Num. 20:1-11)
 - A. The Shur Desert
 - B. The Paran Desert
 - C. The Zin Desert
 - D. En-Gedi

Quote of the Day

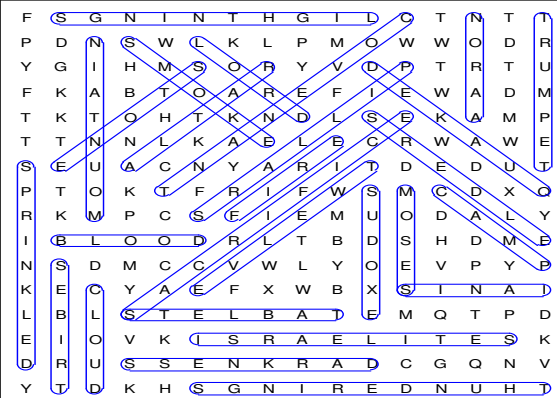
“The modern movement of worship is designed to break down barriers between man and God, to remove the veil, as it were, from the fearsome holiness of God, which might cause us to tremble. It is designed to make us feel comfortable.” ~R.C. Sproul

Answers

Cross-Word Puzzle - The Gospel of Luke



Word Search - Events on Mt. Sinai



Bible Quizzes Answers

- May 1 Pg 2 1T, 2T, 3F, 4F, 5T, 6T
- May 2 Pg 3 1D, 2C, 3A
- May 3 Pg 4 1A, 2D, 3B, 4C, 5E
- May 4 Pg 5 1Benaiah, 2David, 3Hushai the Archite
- May 5 Pg 6 1B, 2C, 3A, 4E, 5D
- May 6 Pg 7 1C, 2C
- May 7 Pg 8 1B, 2D, 3D
- May 8 Pg 9 1F, 2T, 3F

Bible Quizzes Answers Continued...

- May 9 Pg 11 1C, 2B, 3D, 4A
- May 10 Pg 12 1Abimelech, 2The sons of Samuel, 3Looking into the ark, 4Saul, 5Mad and crazy
- May 11 Pg 13 1D, 2C
- May 12 Pg 14 1A, 2D, 3B, 4C, 5E
- May 13 Pg 15 1B, 2B, 3A
- May 14 Pg 16 1T, 2F, 3T, 4F
- May 15 Pg 17 1D, 2A
- May 16 Pg 19 1F, 2T, 3F, 4T
- May 17 Pg 20 1C, 2A
- May 18 Pg 21 1A, 2F, 3D, 4E, 5B, 6C
- May 19 Pg 22 1Shiloh, 2Shechem, 3Iron Chariots, 4An angel
- May 20 Pg 23 1C, 2D, 3C
- May 21 Pg 24 1B, 2D
- May 22 Pg 25 1Jotham, 2Gaal, 3Samson, 4Dan, 5Gibeah
- May 23 Pg 27 1C, 2B
- May 24 Pg 28 1C, 2A, 3C, 4C, 5S
- May 25 Pg 29 1B, 2C
- May 26 Pg 30 1D, 2E, 3A, 4B, 5C
- May 27 Pg 31 1B, 2C, 3B
- May 28 Pg 32 1Abram, 2Sodom, 3Ishmael, 4Abraham, 5Canaan
- May 29 Pg 33 1T, 2F, 3T
- May 30 Pg 34 1God, lamb, 2Birthright, 3Bethel, Peniel, 5Edomites
- May 31 Pg 35 1A, 2C

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inspiration of God, and is profit-
able
for doctrine, for reproof, for**