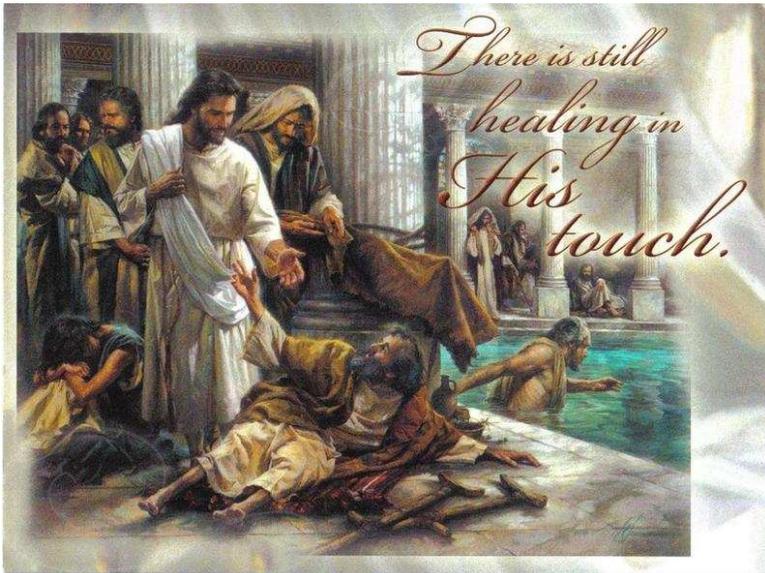


Everlasting Life



RUNNING THE RACE

Enduring to the End

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In the world of competitive sports, many very good and promising athletes will compete for a title and even dream of obtaining the prize. However, relatively few will pay the price of the intense physical training and years of preparation that must take place prior to the competition. Even of those who try, many fall out of the race somewhere along the way.

The New Testament draws a parallel from this metaphor, as to the endurance required of believers. (Mat 13:18-23) If we would partake of the Prize set before us, we must remember the words of Jesus: "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." (Mat 24:13; 10:22; Mark 13:13)

Endurance

In any contest, the important factor is not how many begin the competition but who finishes the race and completes the course, who wins the prize. Late in life, Paul declared, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness ..." (2 Thes 4:7, 8)

Scripture says we are to "run with patience (endurance, persistence) the race set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith ... For consider Him that endured ... lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." (Heb 12:1-3)

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore run, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." (1 Corin 9:24-27)

**Praise the Lord!!!
God Truly is Worthy of Praise!**

**Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
John 15:16 KJV**

First let me apologize to my brothers and fellow ministers of Everlasting Life Prison Outreach for not acknowledging you more in the newsletters.

As we at Everlasting Life Ministries appoint and ordain brothers and sisters through-out the country into the ministry of Jesus Christ. I personally must thank you, not only for your love to Jesus, but also for not giving up Christ fight to teach the good news of the kingdom of Jesus to the world, to lead the lost to righteous, and holiness to help those in need.

Everlasting Life is more than just a Christian newsletter. We help those brothers and sisters in the ministry to become ministers of Lord Jesus. I can't judge a bothers love for Jesus, If he says that He is serious and acts on it, I take it for that. If you desire to be a minister please write and start the journey of discipleship. The prisons in the world have brothers desiring to have the title of minister before name. These brother do the extra whatever It is to help and sustain a persons spirituality. Some start Christian classes, others teach classes, others provide cosmetic essentials during transfers, Others provide a smile and a hand shake, others prayer,

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From these scriptures we see various aspects must be considered regarding the race "set before us" -- the need for endurance; the focus of our vision; keeping the rules; self-discipline; and the desire and determination to win. If we lack in any of these areas, we will become vulnerable to defeat and failure.

Endurance, by the very sense of the term, implies the necessity of opposition. Jesus gave several promises "to him that overcometh" [1], but there must be obstacles, things to overcome, if we are to lay hold of the prize. Paul repeatedly exhorted believers to "*continue in the faith ... (for) we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.*" (Acts 14:21, 22) "*If we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, then we shall obtain the reward.*" (Heb3:5, 6, 14) Again, the choice is ours, and it is conditional: "If we ..."

The need for endurance in the Christian life is crucial. Whether we are aware or not, a continual warfare is taking place in the heavenlies. (2 Corin 10:3-5; Eph 6:12) Being a soldier is not enough to win the war. We must actively "fight a good fight!" (1 Tim 6:12) All the weaponry in the world will do us no good unless we actively resist the onslaughts and attacks of the enemy. (Eph 6:12)

When Jesus encouraged the church in Philadelphia to "hold fast what thou hast" (cp. Rev 3:11, "hold fast ... firm unto the end" [2]), he did not mean to simply remain at the same level of commitment and experience. We must not only maintain our present position but "go on" from there: continue.

Walking with God is an uphill climb. What Jesus Christ accomplished at Calvary must be worked in to our lives today. *We "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior."* (2 Pet 3:18) We are to ever be "*increasing in the knowledge of God ...*" (Colossians 1;10) Those "things that accompany salvation" are conditional, dependent upon our response: "*if ye continue in the faith ...*" (Col 1:23; cp. Acts 13:43; 14:22; Jn 8:31)

At times, all we feel we can do, in the words of Paul, is "hold on." When it would be easier to "take a break," we must "press on toward the mark." (Phil 3:14) When no strength lies within us to complete the course, we must draw upon an inner Strength to sustain us. When we would have the tendency to look behind, and be content with how far we have come (or discouraged with the length of the way), let us look to Jesus. He is able to keep us from falling. And when we do fall, we must learn to get up again, and begin anew: "*A righteous man falls seven times and rises again.*" (Prov24:16)

Jesus did not quit when the going got tough. In his place of greatest need, stretched out on that cruel cross, his confession was not "I am finished" but "It (his task here on earth) is finished!" Here was a declaration of victory, not a confession of defeat.

Desire

Even with all the preparation and accuracy of "perfection" in any sport, unless one has the desire to

compete and win, his training is useless. We can have all the know-how and go through the religious gymnastics of Christianity; but unless there is within us an unquenchable desire to "follow hard" after the Lord, to know him in his fullness, the final record will reveal our place as falling far short. Isaiah said, "*the willing and the obedient shall eat the good of the land.*" (Isa 1:19)

How far we will go in God is determined by the desire of our heart (Psalms 37:4) According to the words of Paul, God is at work in us "*both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*" (Phil 2:13)

Preparation

Many weeks, even years go into the training of a successful athlete. The actual competition or test of endurance, however, is often a matter of only a few minutes, even seconds. Jesus Christ was hidden away in the carpenter's shop till the age of 30, and even when he began his public ministry it only lasted for three years. Joseph served 14 years in a place he later was made to rule over. But those years were not wasted time. God was making him into the man he knew would be needed to fit the task. he could not enter into it unprepared.

Noah invested a great length of time building an ark that was to keep him and his family alive for several months. Moses didn't receive his call till 40 years of age.

God is at work in us now to prepare us for the days that lie ahead. We must not take lightly this time of preparation. God is patient, working for eternity, and his timetable is not like that of man. With him, "a thousand years are as one day." Centuries he waited before sending the promised Messiah, arranging events and preparing the hearts of this earth to receive that precious Seed.

Discipline

An important part of God's training program is becoming sure-footed. Before we can compete we must become "established," firmly rooted, "grounded and settled in the faith." (1 Thes 3:13; 2 Thes 2:17; Col 1:22, 23; 2:7) This period of preparation is necessary to strengthen our spiritual muscles, "by reason of use," through practice (or, exercise -- Heb 5:14).

In order to enter the race, or even qualify as a contestant, one must learn to cast aside anything detrimental to his program of training. Following Paul's exhortation of 1 Corin 9:24-27 is a chapter containing examples of certain pitfalls, things we must learn to "flee!" Some are blatant sin, others are simply "weights" -- but both, if allowed to continue, will deter our progress and eventually prevent us from coming through the line victoriously.

As Hebrews 12:1 says, we must "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run ... the race." Paul said not everything "lawful" (or, permissible) is "expedient" -- upbuilding or constructive to a life of faith and holiness in God. (1 Corin 6:12; 10:23)

These things we must learn to leave aside and go on.
The Lord wants to be able to present us to the Father
"holy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight: if
ye continue ..." (2 Corin 11:2; Eph 5:25-27; Col 1:22, 28;
Jude 24)

"Thou therefore endure hardness

*No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs
of this life...*

*and if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not
crowned, except he strive lawfully." (2 Tim 2:3-5)*

Obedience

To qualify for the finals, one must abide by the rules
of the competition. In God's kingdom, as well, certain
laws and guidelines must not be violated. Jesus spoke of
those who offered to work for him but did not complete
the instructions. Afterwards, they "*went their own
ways.*"

"Ye did run well," Paul said "*who did hinder you that
ye should not obey the truth?*" (Gal 5:7) "*I marvel that
ye are so soon removed ...*" (1:6) "*O foolish Galatians,
who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the
truth?*" (5:7)

Enduring to the End

Many focus on the initial speed of their progress, but
overlook one far greater factor of successful athletic
competition: consistency. We may start out in the front
lines, leading, but if our progress is not consistent -- if
we become entangled with the affairs of this life
(2 Tim 2:4; Gal 5:1) -- we will fall back as we weary
with the stress of the race.

Our lives in eternity are being affected now by the
many choices we make daily. "*Cast not away therefore
your confidence, which hath great recompence of
reward. For ye have need of patience (endurance), that,
after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the
promise.*" (Heb 10:35-36)

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Footnotes:

[1] Revelation 2:7, 10, 11, 17, 25-28; 3:5, 11, 12, 21;
21:7

[2] 1 Corinthians 16:13; Galatians 5:1; Ephesians 6:13;
Philippians 1:27; 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 3:8;
2 Thessalonians 2:15; Hebrews 3:5; 10:23;
Revelation 2:25; 3:11

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others food, others someone to talk with,
others knowledge of the one and only savior of
this world.

February 28, 2009 Brothers, Marcellus
Brown, and Michael Barrett have been
appointed to Everlasting Life Ministry
Council of Ministers as Elders.

At Everlasting Life Ministries every
minister has a place, a position, a say, a name.
I know both of these brothers personally and I
truly thank Lord Jesus for bringing them into
my life, to share the gospel and fellowship in
love, a love that only comes from knowing
Jesus.

Elder Marcellus I welcome you into
the Everlasting Life Family Whether your in
Texas or New Jersey we still serve the same
Lord of lords & King of kings. Please continue
to teach and help others to teach, that is your
calling. Lead the lost to their true home in
Jesus Christ.

Elder Mike all praise be to God,
continue to lead the brethren to true holiness in
Jesus Christ, let them know the prize is in
Jesus and not ourselves, continue the good
fight of faith Elder Mike that the lord shall
continue to bless you, God Is Truly Good!

Happy Birthday Evangelist Richie Seymour, a
Member of the Council of Ministers at
Everlasting Life Ministries. Thanks brother for
the time and articles you have written for the
ministry, thanks for the support you have
given the ministry and me. God Bless You!!!

Overseer William Henry/chs

P.S.

I'm waiting to hear from you future ministers
of Everlasting Life Ministries, Alex, Hector,
Andrew, Marc, Jaamal, Tara, Fanfan, Alvin,
Isaacs, William, Paul, Robert, Donovan,
Tommy, Ervin, Willie, Lawrence, Gerald. **Let
Go**, Step to the plate, Jesus is waiting for you!

With Love, If I Forgot to mention YOU, don't
be offended, step to the Plate.

The Father, The Son, The Holy Ghost!

Lessons on The Holy Spirit; 2 of 13
By Bruce Cameron: gobible.com

The Holy Spirit

Symbolized in Scripture

(LUKE 3, JOHN 7, ZECHARIAH 4, 2 CORINTHIANS 1)

Introduction: Guys, has anyone ever compared you to an elephant, a bull, a rooster or a chicken? Ladies, has anyone ever compared you to a flower, a tiger, a vision or a "tomboy?" We make such comparisons to help others get a better picture of the person we are discussing. God does this same kind of thing with the Holy Spirit. To help us better understand His nature, the Bible compares the Holy Spirit to several things which we will explore this week in our study. Let's plunge right into the Bible!

1. Dove

1. Read [Luke 3:21-22](#). We read here that the Holy Spirit can take the form of an animal. Why would the Holy Spirit appear as an animal?

1:a Why take the form of this particular bird?
1:b Read [Numbers 6:10-11](#). This chapter in Numbers describes what should be done if a person wants to especially dedicate himself to God for a period of time. This dedication is called a "Nazarite" vow. During the time of this vow you could not be in the presence of a dead body. If you were, the text we read described what should be done. Why do you think doves were sacrificed?

1:c What significance do you find in the fact that the Holy Spirit sometimes takes on the form of a sacrifice? (We think of Jesus as the Lamb of God - to remind us of His sacrifice for us. Another member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, takes on the form of another acceptable sacrifice. I think it helps show the Spirit's attitude towards us.)

2. Read [Matthew 10:16](#). Think back to the text we just read about Jesus' baptism. What connection can you see between Jesus and the Holy Spirit coming in the form of a dove?

(This symbolized the innocence of Jesus and the role of the Holy Spirit in helping to keep Him that way. Compare [John 3:14-15](#).)

2. Water

1. Read [John 7:37-39](#). What does water do and why is it a good illustration of the Holy Spirit? (My brother lives in a home he just had built in Rancho Mirage, California. When I was walking in this new development dirty sand would fly around in the undeveloped lots, but where homes were built (and the land watered) it looked like a garden. Water completely transforms this desert area.)

1:b Look at [John 7:38](#) again. What would it mean to have streams of living water flow from you? (You would help change those around you from dry, dusty Christians to vibrant, alive Christians.)

1:c Think about your local church. What could the Holy Spirit do to transform the people in your church? To transform you?

1:d Look again at [John 7:39](#). What does it mean that the Holy Spirit had not yet been given to the people because Jesus was not yet glorified? (Read [John 16:7-11](#). The Holy Spirit did not come in power on the people until Jesus returned to heaven.)

1:e Has the Holy Spirit been given to the people in your church?
Has your church felt the streams of living water?

3. Oil, Fire and Light

1. In Zechariah 4 we find God giving the prophet Zechariah a vision to encourage the people about rebuilding the temple destroyed by the Babylonians. Read [Zechariah 4:1-3](#). Describe this oil lamp seen in vision? (It has a bowl, an oil tank, at the top. This feeds by gravity down seven channels to seven wicks to give seven lights.)

1:a What is the purpose of the two trees on each side of this lamp? (Read [Zechariah 4:11-12](#). We learn that each of these olive trees has a golden pipe tapped into it. Each golden pipe feeds oil into the oil tank at the top of the lamp.)

1:b Do you have the picture of this lamp in your mind? What would you have to do to keep this lamp burning? (This is an "automatic" lamp. The tap in the trees supplies the oil and it could, theoretically, just keep burning. It seems like a wild and wonderful invention.)

2. Zechariah wants to know the point of this description of the lamp. Let's read [Zechariah 4:4-6](#). What is the power of this lamp? (The olive oil represents the Holy Spirit.)

2:a What does this illustration teach us about the power of the Holy Spirit? Who made the trees? (This shows us that the power of the Holy Spirit is unlimited. Since God made the trees, we can see that we do not need to supply the power of the Holy Spirit.)

2:b What is the end result of the power of the Holy Spirit in this analogy? (Continuous fire and light! The fire creates light which pushes back the darkness and allows us to see.)

2:c What do you understand the phrase, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," to mean? (Consider the context. The neighboring nations did not want the temple to be rebuilt. God says to Zechariah that it will be rebuilt not by the might of armies or the power of an individual, but rather it will be done by the power of the Holy Spirit.)

3. Friend, do you need to have your church spiritually built or rebuilt? Do you personally need more fire and light in your spiritual walk? If so, what is the first step? (Inviting the power of the Holy Spirit into your life and the life of the congregation.)

4. Deposit

1. Read [2 Corinthians 1:18-20](#). What do you think is meant by a "yes and no" person? (Someone who cannot be trusted. Someone who tells you what they will do and then does something different.)

1:a Why is God always a "Yes" God? (God keeps His promises and so do His followers.)

1:b What do you mean when you say, "amen?"

1:c What is the "amen" in verse 20?

(Paul writes that the "amen" is spoken through Jesus. When we say, "amen," we affirm what has just been done, right? Jesus affirmed the promises that God had given humans. Paul tells us that Jesus proves that God keeps His promises. That God is "yes and yes" when it comes to His dealings with humans.)

2. Read [2 Corinthians 1:21-22](#). How does the Holy Spirit further confirm the honesty of God? (Do you see the argument that Paul is constructing? He points out that Jesus fulfilled the promise of a coming Messiah. Now that Jesus has come, the Holy Spirit begins to confirm the promise of a coming heaven, a Second Coming of Jesus.)

2:a Let's bring this down to you. How does Paul say that you can know that you are going to heaven? (The Holy Spirit is God's "seal of ownership" on you. If the power of the Holy Spirit is evident in you, this is a sign that God will take you to heaven with Him.)

3. We have been learning that the analogies of the Holy Spirit to different things teaches us more about the nature of the Holy Spirit. What does the analogy of a "deposit" in [2 Corinthians 1:22](#) teach us about the nature of the Holy Spirit? (A deposit is a legal term. It guarantees performance. It demonstrates just a small percentage of what is to come. The Holy Spirit exemplifies a portion of God's power to come.)

3:a Tell me some of the things that the Bible records the Holy Spirit did in the early church? Explain how these activities are a small example of what God has promised in the future?

4. Friend, as we learn more about the nature, power and work of the Holy Spirit, it becomes clear that we cannot get anything done in the spiritual realm without Him. Will you invite the Holy Spirit to become your partner and your power in promoting God's will?

Next month: Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

**Comprehensive Bible Study
Used for Sunday Morning Bible School
And a Daily Bread for the Month of March
By David Cook**

March 1, 2009

A New Spirit

'God Will Be with You'

Ezekiel 11:14-17

'Your Hearts Will Be Changed'

Ezekiel 11:18-21

A Time to Speak, A Time to Remain Silent

When someone is experiencing emotional pain, one of the hardest things about encouraging them is to know what to say and when to say it. Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3:7 that there is "a time to be silent and a time to speak." Sometimes we need to speak up and share what is needed for the moment. But sometimes it's beneficial to be silent and simply grieve alongside the one who is hurting. Knowing when to speak is just as important as knowing what to say. If we want to truly encourage those who are suffering, we need to know when to do each one.

Key Verse: *And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: Ezekiel 11:19 KJV*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. Psalm 2:4-11; *A Begotten Son.*

Tues. John 10:11-18; *The Good Shepherd.*

Wed. Psalm 21:1-7; *Trusting in the Lord.*

Thurs. Psalm 45:1-7; *An Enduring Throne.*

Fri. Psalm 72:1-7; *A Righteous King.*

Sat. Psalm 110; *An Exalted King.*

Sun. Ezekiel 34:23-31; *you Are My Sheep.*

March 8, 2009

Daring to Be Different

Lesson Focus: We are to live as God's unique people.

'Prerequisites of a Unique People'

1 Peter 2:1-3

"Formation of a Unique People"

1 Peter 2:4-10

Choosing Your 'Different ness'

God asks us to adopt His values even though they're racially different from the world's. Perhaps during this session, situations came to mind when you did, or did not, exhibit God's upside-down values. Some of the latter situations may have occurred long ago and you can't change things, but you can prevent a similar thing from happening again.

Key Verse: But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 1 Peter 2:9a KJV

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. Romans 13:1-10; *Submit to God's Authorities.*

Tues. 1 Peter 3:17; *Show Gentleness, Kindness, and Respect for Your Spouse.*

Wed. 1 Peter 3:8-12; *Be Loving, Compassionate, and Humble.*

Thurs. 1 Peter 3:13-17; *Suffer for Doing Good, Not Evil.*

Fri. 1 Peter 3:18-22; *Jesus Separates Us from the Lost and Gives Us Life.*

Sat. 2 Timothy 2:1-10; *Be Strong in Christ Jesus.*

Sun. 2 Timothy 2:11-19; *Be Approved by God in All You Do.*

March 15, 2009

Godly Relationships

Lesson Focus: Live in submission to God and to each other.

'Purposeful Submission'

1 Peter 3:1-6

'Equalizing Respect'

1 Peter 3:7

'Compassionate Love'

1 Peter 3:8-9

Are You Ready to God First?

Our first act of submission is to God and His Word, which puts the rest in right perspective. We are not submitting to others because they are worthy of our submission, but because we are submitting to our Lord out of love.

Key Verse: *Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous. 1 Peter 3:8 KJV*

DAILY BIBLE READING

Mon. Luke 19:11-17; *Will the King's Servants Be Faithful and Productive?*

Tues. Luke 19:18-27; *To the Faithful, More Was Given.*

Wed. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; *There Are Different Spiritual Gifts.*

Thurs. 1 Corinthians 12:12-20; *The Body Has Many Parts.*

Fri. 1 Peter 4:1-6; *Do Not Live for Earthly Desires, but for God.*

Sat. 1 Peter 4:7-11; *Reach Out to Others with the Gifts God Gives You.*

Sun. 1 Peter 4:12-19; *If You Suffer for Being a Christian, Count It a Blessing.*

March 22, 2009

Choosing to Serve

Lesson Focus: Wisely and faithfully use the gifts God has given you.

'Pursuing The Will of God'

1 Peter 4: 1-6

'Loving One Another Deeply'

1 Peter 4:7-9

'Using Our Gifts Faithfully'

1 Peter 4:10-11

Keeping Our Gifts in the Game

To keep the gifts entrusted to us open and in circulation for the right reasons, We need to pay attention, to keep our focus on glorifying God and loving others. Working in our own pride sneak in are sure ways to shut down the wise and faithful service to which we have been called.

Key Verse: As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10 KJV

DAILY BIBLE READING

Mon. Psalm 8; *Humility Deepens Our Appreciation for God.*

Tues. Psalm 131; *Trust and Hope in the Lord, Not Yourself.*

Wed. Luke 14:7-14; *Jesus Teaches about Seeking Honor.*

Thurs. 1 Peter 5:1-5; *Be Eager to Serve Others Humbly.*

Fri. 1 Peter 5:6-13; *God's Caring for Us Means More than Human Praise.*

Sat. Romans 12:1-8; *Be a Living Sacrifice.*

Sun. Romans 12:9-21; *Treat Each Other with Love Goodness.*

March 29, 2009

Positively Humble

Lesson Focus: We should be humble and respectful of one another.

'Shepherding the Flock'

1 Peter 5: 1-4

'Submitting with Humility'

1 Peter 5: 5-7

'Resisting the Devil by God's Grace'

1 Peter 5:8-11

Committed to Each Other

Peter said to submit to each other out of love for Christ and to recognize each person's value. Those practicing humility and respect will do God's work with God's attitude.

Key Verse: Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 1 Peter 5:5b KJV

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. Proverbs 3:1-12; *Do Not Forget What You Have Been Taught.*

Tues. Proverbs 3:13-26; *Blessed Are Those Who Find Wisdom.*

Wed. Proverbs 3:27-35; *The Wise Inherit Honor.*

Thurs. 2 Peter 1:1-4; *God Gives Us What We Need for Life and Godliness.*

Fri. 2 Peter 1: 5-9; *Your Faith Should Result in Doing Good.*

Sat. 2 Peter 1: 10-15; *We Need Reminders to Practice Our Faith.*

Sun. 2 Peter 1: 16-21; *We Don't Follow Invented Stories.*

Move Up to the Next Faith Level

By Terrilyn H. (Internet)

"And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe" (John 4:46-48).

Understand this situation. This man was a nobleman. He was a ruler; he was important. When he said, "Come to my house," people didn't question it; they just asked, "What time?" I'm sure no one argued with him; no one refused.

The nobleman had heard of Jesus, the miracle worker, the One who never turned anyone down. So the nobleman came to Jesus and said, "Come down to my house; my son is at the point of death. Come and heal him."

Jesus turned to him and said, "If you don't see signs and wonders, you won't believe." Jesus had instantly located this man's faith level.

Think back to Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue in Mark 5, who came to Jesus and said, "Come to my house. My little daughter is at the point of death. But if You lay hands on her, she will live and be healed."

Jesus went with him, and the child was healed. Why did Jesus go with one father and not with the other? I don't know, but He got results in both cases. Both fathers needed miracles for their children, so Jesus just followed the Holy Ghost. The nobleman had faith to believe that if Jesus came to his house, his son would receive a miracle.

But Jesus wanted more than just to heal this father's son. He wanted to grab the man by his faith and yank him up to a higher level. He wanted to teach him a lesson in faith and show him the power of His Word so his life would be changed forever.

Jesus wants me well, but He also wants me to keep moving up to higher levels of faith. So I step out this day on His Word of healing and expect that Word to effect a healing and a cure in my physical body!

HIGH SCHOOL--1957 vs. 2007

Scenario 1:

Jack goes quail hunting before school and then pulls into the school parking lot with his shotgun in his truck's gun rack.

1957 -Vice Principal comes over, looks at Jack's shotgun, goes to his car and gets his shotgun to show Jack.

2007 -School goes into lock down, FBI called, Jack hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again.

Counselors called in for traumatized students and teachers.

Scenario 2:

Johnny and Mark get into a fist fight after school.

1957 -Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up buddies.

2007 -Police called and SWAT team arrives -- they arrest both Johnny and Mark. They are both charged with assault and both expelled even though Johnny started it.

Scenario 3:

Jeffrey will not be still in class, he disrupts other students.

1957 -Jeffrey sent to the Principal's office and given a good paddling by the Principal. He then returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.

2007 -Jeffrey is given huge doses of Ritalin. He becomes a zombie. He is then tested for ADD. The school gets extra money from the state because Jeffrey has a disability.

Scenario 4:

Billy breaks a window in his neighbor's car and his Dad gives him a whipping with his belt.

1957 -Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college and becomes a successful businessman.

2007 -Billy's dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy is removed to foster care and joins a gang. The state psychologist is told by Billy's sister that she remembers being abused herself and their dad goes to prison. Billy's mom has an affair with the psychologist.

Scenario 5:

Mark gets a headache and takes some aspirin to school.

1957 - Mark shares his aspirin with the Principal out on the smoking dock.

2007 - The police are called and Mark is expelled from school for drug violations. His car is then searched for drugs and weapons.

Scenario 6:

Pedro fails high school English.

1957 - Pedro goes to summer school, passes English and goes to college.

2007 - Pedro's cause is taken up by state. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that teaching English as a requirement for graduation is racist. ACLU files class action lawsuit against the state school system and Pedro's English teacher. English is then banned from core curriculum. Pedro is given his diploma anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he cannot speak English.

Scenario 7:

Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers from the Fourth of July, puts them in a model airplane paint bottle and blows up a red fire ant mound.

1957 - Ants die.

2007- ATF, Homeland Security and the FBI are all called. Johnny is charged with domestic terrorism. The FBI investigates his parents -- and all siblings are removed from their home and all computers are confiscated. Johnny's dad is placed on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

Scenario 8:

Johnny falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. Mary hugs him to comfort him.

1957 - In a short time, Johnny feels better and goes on playing.

2007 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in State Prison. Johnny undergoes 5 years of therapy.

This should hit every email inbox to show how stupid we have become in the past 50 years!!

Think about it!!

This is a quick and handy summary guide of the books of the Bible and order of their appearance.

Old Testament

Genesis: In this book of beginnings the stories are about creation, early relationships between God and people, and God's promise to bless Abraham and his descendants.

Exodus: The name Exodus means "departure" and this book tells how God led the Israelites out of a life of hardship and slavery in Egypt. God made a covenant with them and gave them the Law to order their lives.

Leviticus: This book is named for the priestly tribe of Levi and is made up of laws concerning rituals and ceremonies.

Numbers: The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years before entering Canaan, the Promised Land. The name of the book comes from two censuses taken during the journey.

Deuteronomy: Moses gave three farewell speeches shortly before he died. In them he reviewed the laws of God for the Israelites. This book gets its name - "second Law" - from this review.

Joshua: Joshua led the Israelite armies to victory over the Canaanites. The book ends with the division of the land among the tribes of Israel.

Judges: The Israelites often fell away from God and into the hands of oppressors. God sent "judges" to lead and deliver them.

Ruth: Love and dedication between Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, are the focus of this story.

1 Samuel: Samuel was the leader of Israel between the time of Judges and the time of Saul, the first King of Israel. When Saul's leadership failed, David was anointed by Samuel to be king.

2 Samuel: Under David's rule, the new nation was strong and unified. But after David committed adultery and murder, his family and nation suffered.

1 Kings: This book starts with stories about Solomon's reign over Israel. After the death of Solomon, the kingdom went to war with itself, north against south. The result was two nations, Israel in the north and Judah in the south.

2 Kings: Israel was conquered by Assyria in 721 B.C. Judah was defeated by Babylon in 586 B.C. These events were seen as judgment upon the people because they did not follow the laws of God.

1 Chronicles: This Book begins with genealogies from Adam to David and then recounts the incidents of David's reign.

2 Chronicles: This book covers the same period as 2 Kings but the emphasis is on Judah, the Southern kingdom, and its rulers.

Ezra: God's people returned to Jerusalem after being held captive in Babylon for several decades. One of the leaders was Ezra. This book contains his charge to the people to be true to the Law of God.

Nehemiah: After the Temple was rebuilt, the protective wall around Jerusalem was restored. Nehemiah brought this effort to completion. He also worked with Ezra to restore religious fervor among the people.

Esther: This book tells the story of the Jewish queen of Persia who exposed a plot to destroy her people and thus saved all the Jews in that country from destruction.

Job: The question, "Why do innocent people suffer?" is addressed in the story of Job.

Psalms: These 150 prayers and hymns were used by the Hebrew people to express their relationship with God. They cover the whole range of human emotions from joy to anger, from hope to despair.

Proverb: This is a book of wise sayings and ethical and common sense teachings on how to live a godly life.

Ecclesiastes: In a quest for happiness and the meaning of life, this writer, known as "the Philosopher," asks many questions that are still raised in today's society. Written by King Solomon

Song of Songs: This poem describes the joy and ecstasy of love. It has been understood both as a picture of God's love for Israel and of Christ's love for the Church.

Isaiah: The Prophet Isaiah brought the message of God's judgment of the nations, pointed to a future king like David, and promised a time of comfort and peace.

Jeremiah: Before Babylon destroyed Judah, Jeremiah foretold God's judgment. While his message was largely of destruction, he also pointed toward a new covenant with God.

Lamentations: As Jeremiah had warned, Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians. This book records five "laments" for the fallen city.

Ezekiel: Ezekiel's message was given to the Jews held captive in Babylon. He used stories and parables to speak about judgment, hope and restoration.

Daniel: Daniel remained faithful to God while facing many pressures as a captive in Babylon. This book includes Daniel's prophetic visions.

Hosea: Hosea used his commitment to his wife in the face of her unfaithfulness to illustrate the "adultery" Israel had committed against God, whose faithful love never ceased.

Joel: After a locust plague in Judah, Joel urged the people to repent.

Amos: During an era of prosperity, this Judean prophet preached judgment on the rich leaders of Israel. Amos urged them to consider the poor and oppressed rather than their own self-satisfaction.

Obadiah: Obadiah prophesied judgment on Edom, a neighboring country.

Jonah: Jonah did not want to preach to the Ninevites, an enemy people. When he finally brought God's message to them, they repented.

Micah: Micah's message to Judah was a prophecy of judgment as well as forgiveness and hope for restoration. Especially notable is his single verse summary of what God requires of us (6:8).

Nahum: Nahum announced that God would destroy the people of Nineveh because of their cruelty in war.

Habakkuk: Habakkuk's book features a dialogue between Habakkuk and God about suffering and justice.

Zephaniah: Zephaniah announced the day of the Lord, which would bring judgment on Judah and other surrounding nations. This coming day would be one of doom for many, but a humble and faithful remnant would survive to bless the whole world.

Haggai: After the people returned from exile, Haggai reminded them to give God their highest priority and to rebuild the Temple before working to their own homes.

Zechariah: Like Haggai, Zechariah urged the people to rebuild the Temple, assuring them of God's help and blessings. His visions pointed to a glorious future.

Malachi: After the exiles returned, they became complacent about their religious life. Malachi tried to stir them up by preaching about the day of the Lord.

New Testament

Matthew: This Gospel includes many Old Testament quotations,

thus appealing to a Jewish audience and presenting Jesus as the Messiah promised in the Hebrew Scriptures. Matthew told the story to Jesus from birth to resurrection and placed emphasis on his teaching.

Mark: Mark wrote short, action-packed Gospel. He emphasized Jesus' miracles and his life of suffering. His aim was to deepen the faith and commitment of the believers in the community to which he wrote.

Luke: In this Gospel, the availability of salvation for all people is emphasized. Luke proclaimed this message by showing Jesus' involvement with people who are poor, needy, and on the fringes of society.

John: John's Gospel stands apart from the others. John organized his message around seven signs that point to Jesus as the Son of God. His writing style is reflective and filled with striking images.

Acts: When Jesus left his disciples, the Holy Spirit came to abide with them. Written by Luke as the sequel to his Gospel, Acts records key events in the history of the work of the early Christian Church to spread the Gospel throughout the Mediterranean world.

Romans: In this important letter, Paul wrote to the Romans about life in the Spirit, which is given to believers in Christ through faith. The apostle tells them about God's great kindness and declares that because of Jesus Christ, God accepts us and sets us free from our sins.

1 Corinthians: This letter deals with the problems the church in Corinth was experiencing: dissension, immorality, public worship, and confusion about spiritual gifts.

2 Corinthians: In this letter, Paul wrote about his relationship with the church of Corinth and the effects of certain false apostles on his ministry.

Galatians: This letter addresses freedom from the law through Christ. Paul declares that it is by faith that all who believe are put right with God.

Ephesians: A central theme to this letter is that God's eternal purpose is to bring together from many nations and peoples the universal church of Jesus Christ.

Philippians: This letter emphasizes the joy found in and situation when a person believes in Christ. Paul wrote it while in prison.

Colossians: In this letter Paul tells the people of Colossae to make Christ the center of their faith and to put aside their superstitions.

1 Thessalonians: In this letter Paul gives advice to the people of Thessalonica concerning Christ's return.

2 Thessalonians: This letter discusses the same topics as the first. Paul teaches the people a way to be ready for the Lord.

1 Timothy: This letter served as a guide for Timothy, a young leader in the church. It contains advice about worship, ministry, and relationships within the church.

2 Timothy: This is Paul's last letter. In it he offers a final challenge to his co-workers.

Titus: Titus was ministering in Crete. In this letter, Paul gave him advice on how to help Christians follow Christ.

Philemon: In this letter, Philemon is urged to forgive his runaway slave, Onesimus, and accept him as a friend in Christ.

Hebrews: The letter to the Hebrews challenges new Christians to move beyond their traditional rituals and ceremonies and believe that Christ has fulfilled them all. Writer Anonymous

James: James advises putting beliefs into practice and offers practical ways for Christians to live out their faith.

1 Peter: This letter was written to comfort early Christians who were being persecuted for their faith.

2 Peter: In this letter Peter warned against false teachers and urged Christians to stay loyal to God.

1 John: This letter explains basic truths about the Christian life, with emphasis on the command to love one another.

2 John: This letter, addressed to "the elect lady and her children," warns against false teachers.

3 John: In contrast to 2 John, this letter states the need to welcome people who preach Christ.

Jude: Jude warns against the influence of evil ones outside the fellowship of believers.

Revelation: This book was written to encourage persecuted believers and affirm their faith that God will care for them. Using visions and symbols, the writer illustrates the triumph of good over evil and the creation of a new heaven and new earth.

Where Do You Find It In the Bible

Early Beginnings

Creation and Sin \ *Genesis 2:4-3:24*

The First Murder \ *Genesis 4:1-15*

Noah and the Flood \ *Genesis 6:1-9:17*

The Tower of Babel \ *Genesis 11:1-9*

The Call of Abraham \ *Genesis 12:1-9*

The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

and of Lot's Wife \ *Genesis 19:1-28*

Abraham's Offering of Isaac \ *Genesis 22:1-19*

The Story of Jacob \ *Genesis 25:19-35:29*

The Story of Joseph \ *Genesis 37-50*

Moses: In Egypt \ *Exodus 1-14*

Moses: Wilderness Wanderings \ *Exodus 15:22-*

20:26; 31:18-34:35; Numbers 20:1-21:25

The Ten Commandments \ *Exodus 20.1-17;*

Deuteronomy 5:1-21

Moses: Farewell and Death \ *Deuteronomy 31-34*

Balaam and Balak \ *Numbers 22-24*

War Stories

Rahab and Red Thread \ *Joshua 2*

Joshua, Military Strategist \ *Joshua 3: 6: 8:*

The Defeat of Sisera \ *Judges 4:4-24*

Gideon, the Conqueror \ *Judges 6:11-8:32*

The Parable of Jotham \ *Judges 9:7-21*

The Daughter of Jephthah \ *Judges 11:1-11, 29-40*

The Story of Samson \ *Judges 13:24-16:31*

National History

The Story of Ruth \ *Ruth 1-4*

The Story of Samuel \ *I Samuel 1-3; 7-10; 12; 15; 16*

Saul, the First King \ *I Samuel 8-11; 13; 15; 28; 31*

David, the Shepherd King \ *I Samuel 16-27; 29-*

30:25 ; II Samuel 9; 11; 12; 15:18; 18 ;

I Kings 1:1-31; 2:1-11

King Solomon \ *I Kings 2:12-11:43*

Elijah, Great Prophet \ *I Kings 17-19; 21; II Kings 1*

Elisha, His Successor \ *II Kings 2; 4-6; 13:14-21*

Jehu's Triumph Over Jezebel \ *II Kings 9*

Nehemiah, Heroic Builder \ *Nehemiah 1; 2; 4*

Esther, Queenly Heroine \ *Esther 1:9-7:10*

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego / *Daniel 3*
Belshazzar's Feast and the Handwriting on the Wall
| *Daniel 5*

Daniel in the Lion's Den | *Daniel 6*

John The Baptist

His Ministry \ *Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-20*

His Execution by Herod \ *Matthew 14:1-12;*

Mark 6:14-29

The Life of Jesus

The Birth of Jesus \ *Matthew 1:18-2:15/Luke 1:5-2:40*

The Young Jesus \ *Luke 2:41-52*

The Baptism of Jesus \ *Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-11;*

Luke 3:21, 22

The Temptation of Jesus \ *Matthew 4:1-11;*

Mark 1:12,13; Luke 4:1-13

The "Sermon on the Mount" \ *Matthew 5-7;*

Luke 6.20-49

Miracles of Jesus

The Healing of a Leper \ *Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45;*

Luke 5:12-16

The Centurion's Servant | *Matthew 8:5-13;*

Luke 7:1-10

The Healing of Peter's Wife's Mother \

Matthew 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31/ Luke 4:38-39

The Calming of the Tempest \ *Matthew 8:23-27;*

Mark 4.35-41; Luke 8.22-25

The Demoniacs of Gadara \ *Matthew 8:28-34;*

Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:6-39

The Man with the Palsy \ *Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12;*

Luke 5:17-26

The Daughter of Jairus and the Women with an Issue \

Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

The Two Blind Men \ *Matthew 9:27-31*

The Man with the Dumb Spirit \ *Matthew 9:32-34*

The Man with The Withered Hand \ *Matthew 12:9-14;*

Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11

The Demoniac \ *Matthew 12:22-37; Mark 3:20-30;*

Luke 11:14-23

The Feeding of the Five Thousand \ *Matthew 14:13-*

23; Mark 6:30-46; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15

The Daughter of the Women of Canaan \

Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand \

Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9

The Boy Possessed of a Devil \ *Matthew 17:14-21;*

Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43

Two Blind Men \ *Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52;*

Luke 18:35-43

The Fig Tree \ *Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14*

Another Demoniac \ *Mark 1:20-28; Luke 4:31-37*

The Deaf and Dumb Man \ *Mark 7:31-37*

The Draught of Fishes \ *Luke 5:1-11*

The Widow's Son \ *Luke 7:11-17*

The Woman Healed on the Sabbath \ *Luke 13:10-17*

The Man with the Dropsy \ *Luke 14:1-6*

The Ten Lepers Cleansed \ *Luke 17:11-19*

The Ear of Malchus \ *Luke 22:49-51*

The Water at Cana \ *John 2:1-11*

The Nobleman's Son \ *John 4:46-54*

The Infirm Man at Bethesda \ *John 5:1-9*

The Raising of Lazarus \ *John 11:1-46*

The Last Breakfast \ *John 21:1-14*

The Parables of Jesus

The Grain of Mustard Seed \ *Matthew 13:31, 32;*

Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18, 19

The Sower \ *Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20;*

Luke 8:1-15

The Seed Springs Up \ *Mark 4:26-29*

The Tares \ *Matthew 13:24-30, 36:43*

The Leaven \ *Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:20, 21*

The Found Treasure \ *Matthew 13:44*

The Precious Pearl \ *Matthew 13:45, 46*

The Net \ *Matthew 13:47-50*

The Unmerciful Servant \ *Matthew 18:23-35*

The Laborers in the Vineyard \ *Matthew 20:1-16*

The Two Sons \ *Matthew 21:28-32*

The Vineyard \ *Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-11;*

Luke 20:9-19

The Marriage Feast \ *Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:15-24*

The Ten Virgins \ *Matthew 25:1-13*

The Talents \ *Matthew 25:14-30*

The Sheep and the Goats \ *Matthew 25:31-46*

The Two Debtors \ *Luke 7:36-50*

The Good Samaritan \ *Luke 10:25-37*

The Rich Fool \ *Luke 12:16-21*

The Servants Who Waited \ *Luke 12:35-48*

The Barren Fig Tree \ *Luke 13:6-9*

The Lost Sheep \ *Luke 15:3-7*

The Lost Money \ *Luke 15:8-10*

The Prodigal Son \ *Luke 15:11-32*

The Dishonest Steward \ *Luke 16:1-13*

The Rich Man and Lazarus \ *Luke 16:19-31*

The Unjust Judge \ *Luke 18:1-18*

The Pharisee and the Publican \ *Luke 18:9-14*

The Pounds \ *Luke 19:11-27*

Jesus ' Death and Resurrection

Jesus ' Entry into Jerusalem \ *Matthew 21:1-11;*

Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; John 12.12-19

The Last Supper of Jesus \ *Matthew 26:17-35;*

Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:1-38

The Agony of Jesus in Gethsemane \ *Matthew 26:36-*

46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46

The Crucifixion of Jesus \ *Matthew 26:47-27:66;*

Mark 14:43-15:47; Luke 22:47-23:56;

John 18; 19

The Resurrection of Jesus \ *Matthew 28:1-10; Mark*

16; Luke 24:1-12; John 20

The Ascension of Jesus \ *Acts 1:1-12*

Other New Testament Stories

The Pentecost \ *Acts 2*

Stephen, the First Martyr \ *Acts 6:5-15; 7:54-60*
Philip and the Ethiopian \ *Acts 8:26-39*
Saul of Tarsus \ *Acts 9:1-32*
Peter and Cornelius \ *Acts 10*
Peter in Prison \ *Acts 12:1-19*
Paul in Prison \ *Acts 16:16-40*
The Riot at Ephesus \ *Acts 19:23-41*
Paul's Voyage to Rome \ *Acts 27; 28*

Poems and Songs of the Bible

Moses' Song of Deliverance \ *Exodus 15:1-19*
The Song of Deborah \ *Judges 5:1-31*
The Song of Hannah \ *I Samuel 2:1-10*
David's Lament \ *II Samuel 1:17-27*
David's Song of Victory \ *II Samuel 7:18-29*
David's Songs of Deliverance \ *II Samuel 22*
The Song of David \ *I Chronicles 16:7-36*
The Symphony of the Heavens \ *Psalms 8*
The Lord, My Shepherd and Host \ *Psalms 23*
The Entrance of the King \ *Psalms 24*
God's Beauty in the Morning \ *Psalms 27*
God's Care \ *Psalms 37*
An Anthem of Hope \ *Psalms 42*
Confidence in God's Present Help \ *Psalms 46*
The Protection of the Man Who Trusts \ *Psalms 91*
A Song for the Sabbath Day \ *Psalms 92*
The Floods of Chaos \ *Psalms 93*
God's Voice Today \ *Psalms 95*
Glory to God \ *Psalms 96*
A Dread and Fearsome King \ *Psalms 97*
The Wonderful Acclaim Of the World \ *Psalms 98*
A Challenge of Righteous Rule \ *Psalms 99*
Enter His Gates Singing \ *Psalms 100*
Thanksgiving to God \ *Psalms 103*
Creator, Provider, Sustainer \ *Psalms 104*
Vows of Thanksgiving \ *Psalms 107*
An Elegy to the Nation \ *Psalms 137*
Worthy of Great Praise \ *Psalms 145*
The God of Nature \ *Psalms 147*
All Nature Sings \ *Psalms 148*
A Paean of Praise \ *Psalms 150*
Solomon's Love Song \ *Song of Solomon 2:10-17*
The Magnificat of Mary \ *Luke 1:46-55*
The Benedictus \ *Luke 1:68-79*
The Nunc Dimittis \ *Luke 2:29-32*

Prayers of the Bible

Solomon's Personal Prayer \ *I Kings 3:5-10*
Solomon's Public Prayer \ *I Kings 8:22-61;*
II Chronicles 6.12-42
Hezekiah's Temple Prayer \ *II Kings 19:15-20;*
Isaiah 37:14-20
David's Prayer of Thanksgiving \ *I Chronicles 29:10-19*
A Morning Insight \ *Psalms 5*
The Searcher of Hearts \ *Psalms 7*
Practicing the Presence \ *Psalms 16*
Praise to Him \ *Psalms 22*

Hungry for God's Intimacy \ *Psalms 25*
Helped and Rejuvenated \ *Psalms 28*
In God's Hand \ *Psalms 31*
Wait for God \ *Psalms 42*
A Cry for Cleansing and Pardon \ *Psalms 51*
God Upholds My Soul \ *Psalms 54*
Cast Thy Burden \ *Psalms 55*
In Grave Peril \ *Psalms 57*
Shelter in God \ *Psalms 61*
Thirsty for God \ *Psalms 63*
An Appeal for Help \ *Psalms 64*
God's Blessings \ *Psalms 67*
Seeing God's Hand \ *Psalms 71*
Expecting a Gracious Sign \ *Psalms 86*
God, Our Eternal Home \ *Psalms 90*
A Cry Out of the Depths \ *Psalms 130*
Life Examined by God \ *Psalms 139*
Satisfied in the Morning \ *Psalms 143*
Happiness from God \ *Psalms 144*
Jeremiah's Prayer \ *Jeremiah 32:16-24*
Daniel's Prayer \ *Daniel 9:3-19*
Jonah's Prayer \ *Jonah 2:1-9*
The Lord's Prayer \ *Matthew 6:9-13*
Jesus' Prayer in Gethsemane \ *Matthew 26:36-44*
Prayers of the Pharisee And the Publican \

Luke 18:9-14

The Thief's Prayer \ *Luke 23:42*
Jesus' Prayer for His Disciples \ *John 17*
The Disciples' Prayer \ *Acts 4:24-31*
Paul's Prayer for Believers \ *Ephesians 3:14-21*
Paul's Thanks for Timothy \ *II Timothy 1:3-7*

Bible Benedictions and Blessings

"The Lord watch " (Mizpah) \ *Numbers 6:24-36*

"The Lord make his face to shine upon thee" (Aaronic) \ *Numbers 6:24-36*

"The Lord our God Be with us" (Solomon) \ *I Kings 8:57, 58*

"The words of my mouth" \ *Psalms 19:14*

"The God of patience" \ *Romans 15:5-6, 13, 33*

"Now to him that is of power" \ *Romans 16:25-27*

"Grace be unto you" \ *I Corinthians 1:3*

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ"

\ *II Corinthians 13:14*

"Peace be to the brethren" \ *Ephesians 6:23, 24*

"The Peace of God" \ *Philippians 4:7-9*

"May our God count you worthy"

\ *II Thessalonians 1:11, 12*

"Now the Lord of Peace" \ *II Thessalonians 3:16, 18*

"Grace, mercy and peace" \ *I Timothy 1:2*

"The God of peace" \ *Hebrews 13:20- 21*

"The God of all grace" \ *I Peter 5:10-11, 14*

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you"

\ *Jude 2, 24, 25*

"Unto Him that Loves us" \ *Revelation 1:4-6*

SteelBill

Let Go by Dewayne Woods

LEAD:

I couldn't seem to fall asleep
There was so much on my mind
Searching for that peace
But the peace I could not find
So then I kneeled down to pray
Praying help me please
But then he said you don't have to cry
Cause I'll supply all your needs

HOOK:

As soon as I stop worrying,
Worrying how the story ends
I let go and I let God
Let God have His way

That's when things start happening
When I stopped looking at back then
I let go and I let God
Let God Have his way

LEAD:

There's so much going on
Sometimes I can't find my way
And often times I struggle
Struggle from day to day
I have to realize that it's not my battle
Not my battle to fight
I have to know if I put it in your hands
Everything will be alright

HOOK:

As soon as I stop worrying,
Worrying how the story ends
I let go and I let God
Let God have His way

That's when things start happening
When I stopped looking at back then
I let go and I let God Have his way
Let God Have his way

LEAD:

Let go, let God
Let go, and let God
let go, let God
Oh let go and let God
Let go, and let God
My brother let go and let God
My sister you can't handle it,

Let God
Oh let go and Let God

CHOIR:

Let go and Let God
Let go and Let God
Let go and Let God
He's the only one with the answers just let
God
Let go and Let God
He can handle it all, yes He can
Let go and Let God
With tears in your eyes just let God
Let go and Let God
He feels your pain
Let go and Let God
And he know your heart
Let go and Let God
He knows your issues
Let go and Let God
He knows your struggles
Let go and Let God
So let go and Let God

ALL SING:

As soon as I stop worrying, soon as I stopped
worrying
Worrying how the story ends Then and only
then can I ,
I let go and I let God I can let go
Let God have His way I can let God, Let him
have his way
That's when, that's when
That's when things start happening everything
will turn around yes it will
When I stopped looking at back then when I
stopped looking at way back then, I can
I let go and I let God I can let go I can let God
Let God Have his way Oh, Soon as

As soon as I stop worrying, Oh~
Oh yeah~ That's when things start happening
My body was healed and my worries were cast
aside as soon as
Soon as I stopped worrying
When I threw up both of my hands and I gave
it over to him
That's when things
That's when things start happening
When I let go and I let God

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Winning and Losing

(JUDGES 13-14; 2 SAMUEL 11; 1 KINGS 18-19)

Introduction: There is nothing like a academic discussion of sin. No need to make the discussion of sin too personal, right? So far in our lessons this quarter we have discussed the general conflict between good and evil. Let's bring it closer to home this week. How is the conflict between good and evil going in your life? This week we look at how the battle influences the lives of individuals. Maybe you will see yourself in some of these stories. Let's jump in!

1. Samson

1. Read [Judges 13:1-3](#). How is life for Manoah? How about life for his wife? What is God doing here? (Something amazing is underway. In the midst of a lousy life (occupation by the enemy, sterility) God enters with a miracle.)

2. Read [Judges 13:4-5](#). What kind of day is this wife having now? (Imagine someone comes to your home, waves a magic wand and says, "Your troubles are over! Whatever is bothering you, I'll take care of it." That is essentially what is happening here. The biggest problems in life were no doubt enemy occupation and the shame (see [Luke 1:25](#); [Genesis 30:22-23](#)) of not being able to conceive. The angel says he has the solution for both problems.)

3. Read [Judges 13:6-8](#). What do you think of Manoah? Did God just toss the dice in deciding who should be the parents of this deliverer? (This is a great guy. He wants to be sure he does exactly what God wants him to do. If you read on you will see that God sends the angel to Manoah again, and Manoah responds in complete faith.)

4. Their son, the deliverer, is named Samson. We pick up our story at the time he is a young man. Read [Judges 14:1-4](#). All right parents, would you respond the same as Samson's parents?

4:a Young people, what do you think about this? Was Samson right? Does this prove that even if your parents cite the Bible ([Deuteronomy 7:3-4](#)) you could still be right because God has made a special exception for you?

4:b What do you say, parents, about verse 4? (A number of commentators seem to think that Samson was really doing God's will. However, I think Elwell's Evangelical Commentary on the Bible has it right. He says, "from the Lord" does not mean "God's positive, moral will." Rather, "God uses [Samson's] impiety to create an occasion against the Philistines." Parents do what is right when they follow the Bible.)

5. Chapters 14 and 15 of Judges go on to report that Samson's new Philistine wife betrays him, and then she gets killed (not by him). Samson is next found with a prostitute ([Judges 16:1](#)) and later with a woman named Delilah who also betrays him ([Judges 16:4-17](#)). Let's pick up the story by reading [Judges 16:18-21](#). Where did Samson go wrong?

1. Is the problem that he has huge muscles but a brain the size of a cashew?

2. Is the problem the women in his life?

3. Is the problem that he thinks he is too smart for evil to catch up with him? (You could argue for all three, but I think the real problem is that he wallows in temptation and evil. He does not flee from it, he hangs around it.)

[6. Judges 16:21](#) tells us that Samson is blinded, and given the task an animal would normally perform - moving the grind stone. I can see him constantly walking around in circles moving the grind stone. Compare what his parents had in mind for his life, with where he is now. Is that the way sin works in our life?

7. How did Samson die? (If you do not know the story, read [Judges 16:23-30](#).)

7:a [Judges 16:30](#) has a very interesting comment. It says Samson killed more Philistines when he died than when he lived. Was this God's plan for his life?

7:b I recently read the statement, "It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others." Was that Samson?

7:c Would you say that Samson was basically a good man or basically an evil man?

7:d Who should be more concerned about sin - basically good people or basically evil people? (The great disappointment of Samson's life was what he could have been. Those of us who want to follow God need to be vigilant not to make sinful choices -- they can ruin our life.)

2. Elijah

1. Tell me the story of Elijah on Mt. Carmel. (If you are not familiar with it, read it in [1 Kings 18:19-39](#).)

1:a Read [1 Kings 18:21](#). What is Elijah's goal in asking this question? (He wanted a commitment to the true God.)

1:b What does his question suggest about the lives of the people? (That they wanted to dabble in sin and in righteousness at the same time. They had a "Samson" view of sin.)

1:c Verse 21 ends with "But the people said nothing." What does that tell you? (That they refused to make a commitment.)

2. Read [1 Kings 18:38-39](#). Did the people make a commitment? Why? (Because they saw the power of God when Elijah was faithful. It was an awesome display of power.)

2:a What is your reaction to a God who is willing to go to such lengths to win the allegiance of the people?

3. Read [1 Kings 19:1-4](#). How do you explain Elijah's reaction to the words of Jezebel? How could he go from the mountain-top experience of single-handedly standing up to the prophets of Baal, to wanting to die because he was afraid?

(Evil continues to challenge even the most victorious saints.)

3:a What counsel would you have given to Elijah? (We can never look away from God no matter how successful our life has been in promoting the gospel. The fact that we trusted in God's power yesterday is no guarantee that we will today. Daily, we must turn to God for strength.)

3. David

1. Read [2 Samuel 11:1](#). What inconsistency do you see in verse 1? (It says it was the season "when kings go off to war," but King David did not.)

1:a Would you say that David was an excellent manager because he knew how to delegate responsibility?

1:b Would you say that David had a responsibility to personally lead his troops?

1:c Is this a management decision on which opinions can vary, or is this a matter of sin?

1:d Doesn't the fact that the troops won show that David made the right decision?

2. Read [2 Samuel 11:2-3](#). Do you see any problem with walking around at night and surveying your kingdom?

2:a Do you see any problem with bathing on your roof-top when most other people are sleeping? (I suppose that if your name is "Bath"sheba, regular bathing is required. Seriously, the name Bathsheba means "daughter of an oath.")

2:b Do you see any problem with David looking long enough to see this woman was "very beautiful?"

2:c Was it sin for David to "send someone to find out about her?"

3. Read [2 Samuel 11:4](#). Was it sin for David to send for Bathsheba? Was it sin for David to sleep with her? (While the Kings of Israel often had several wives, David had been alerted that she was already married.)

3:a What does this show us about the nature of the conflict between good and evil in our lives?

3:b If you look back over the series of steps that lead to David's adultery, where would you say that he crossed the line into sin?

3:c Where would you say he crossed the line into bad judgment? (Verse 1 strongly suggests that David crossed the line into bad judgment when he did not accompany his troops into battle.)

3:d Do you think anyone just falls into sin on an impulse? (Generally sin is a progressive matter. We walk into sin by taking steps that are not, in themselves, sinful. The question you should always ask yourself is not just "Is this sin?" but "In what direction am I walking?")

3:e Is David's sin a variation on the "Elijah problem?" (David had a glorious background of faith and triumph over evil. But past victories when walking with God do not guarantee you will not walk off the path today.)

4. Read [Psalms 51:10](#). What lesson has David learned about sin? (This gets back to my old theme that sin is an attitude. Actions are merely the result of sinful attitudes. If you want to fight the conflict between good and evil in your life, you need to ask God to cleanse your attitude: a pure heart and a steadfast spirit. This request for a pure heart should be a daily task.)

5. If you know the story of David, how important is this failure in his life? (King David was wounded for the rest of his life. Because he lost his moral authority in matters of sexual sins, when his son was involved in sexual sin he did not discipline him. This led to murder, the alienation of his son Absalom, and at one point the loss of David's kingdom. (2 Samuel 13-15) Many people lost their lives as a result of David taking the wrong steps towards sexual sin.)

5:a If you are reading this lesson over the Internet, it means you have access to the pornography available on the Internet. What is the natural result of viewing pornography - even "soft porn?"

1. Are you in the same relative position as David looking from his roof-top at Bathsheba bathing?

2. Have you any reason to believe that you are any more righteous than David - the man who was so devoted he took on Goliath? Have you any reason to believe that your life, the life of your wife, your children, and those nearest you, will not be permanently damaged because you were looking?

Friend, the lesson from Samson is that we should not hang around sin. The lesson from Elijah is that everyone, no matter how great a champion for God in the past, must daily turn to God for strength. The lesson from David, is that sin starts in little things that are not in themselves sin. This daily turning to God should be for a pure heart, a right attitude. Will you turn to God daily for Him to create in you a clean heart and a right spirit?

Next month: Faith Amid Turmoil

[Use What God Gave You](#) by Internet

"Whoever sows generously will also reap generously" ([2 Corinthians 9:6](#) NIV)

Ever notice how those who pour generously into the lives of others are constantly refilled, while those who worry about parting with it, end up losing it and not enjoying it? "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" ([2 Corinthians 9:6](#) NIV). Ask any farmer; your harvest only begins when you take your seed out of the barn and put it into the ground. That way God has something to work with. The Bible says: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest... will never cease" ([Genesis 8:22](#) NIV). Notice the sequence in this Scripture: first you plant your "seed", then you give it "time", then you reap your "harvest". Consistent sowing guarantees consistent reaping. Be in a position to sow seed consistently, and fulfill God's purpose in your life. You will hear God say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant". ([Matthew 25:21](#))

Birthdates and Events of: MARCH

- 1st BD: Apostle Joseph T. Robinson Sr.
- 2nd BD: Annette Nelms
- 3rd BD: Bro. Ducan Fanfan
- 6th BD: Evangelist Edith Downing
- 8th Daylight Saving Time Begins
Anniversary Deacons, Alice & Robert Dunbar
BD: Iha Colvin *
- Pastor's Anniversary Week At AhhP, Paterson
Nightly Guest Speakers
- 8th Overseer Genever Vinson, V.O.P.
Lakewood, NJ 5:30 pm
- 9th Bishop T. Joyner, Redeemed Church,
Brooklyn, NY 7:00 pm
- 10th Bishop James Robinson, Zion Tabernacle,
Paterson, NJ 7:00 pm
- 11th Pastor Gloria Myles, Victory United
Temple, Paterson, NJ 7:00 pm
- 12th Bishop Levy Gurley, House of Faith,
402 Summer St, Paterson, NJ
- 13th Bishop S. Simms, Faith Temple
Deliverence, Harlem, NY 7:00 pm
- 14th Anniversary Dinner, Open
- 11th BD: Jonnie Townsend Jr. *
- 12th BD: Stephanie Bugg
BD: Andrea Coley *
- 15th BD: Emony Johnson *
- 17th BD: Min. Richie Seymour #
- 20th Beginning of Spring
BD: Dominique Harris *
- 23rd Easter Sunday, Resurrection Day
- 24th BD: Dominick Perry
- 25th BD: Bro. Henry Pavy #
BD: Ambrial Smith *
- 27th BD: Dupree Johnson *
- 28th BD: Dea. Dorothy Bugg #
- 29th BD: Brandon Johnson *

APRIL

- 5th Palm Sunday
BD: Hassan (Romeo) Thomas #
- 9th Jewish Passover
- 10th Good Friday
- 12th Easter Sunday
BD: Elderess Minnie Charleston
BD: Felicia Mason
- 18th BD: Deaconess Alice Dunbar
BD: Deshonette Jackson *
- 19th BD: Jon Townson
- 21st BD: Daron Watkins
- 23rd BD: Shanta Jackson *

Birthdates and Events of: April

- 29th BD: Bro. Michael DeVore
- 30th BD: Bro. James Harley #

Daily Scripture Reading:
Read the Holy Bible in a Year.

March

- 1. ΔMt 8:14-34 ΔLev 1-2 ΔProv 19
- 2. ΔMt 9:1-17 ΔLev 3-4 ΔProv 20
- 3. ΔMt 9:18-38 ΔLev 5-6 ΔProv 21
- 4. ΔMt 10:1-25 ΔLev 7-8 ΔProv 22
- 5. ΔMt 10:26-42 ΔLev 9-10 ΔProv 23
- 6. ΔMt 11:1-19 ΔLev 11-12 ΔProv 24
- 7. ΔMt 11:20-30 ΔLev 13 ΔProv 25
- 8. ΔMt 12:1-21 ΔLev 14 ΔProv 26
- 9. ΔMt 12:22-50 ΔLev 15-16 ΔProv 27
- 10. ΔMt 13:1-23 ΔLev 17-18 ΔProv 28
- 11. ΔMt 13:24-58 ΔLev 19 ΔProv 29
- 12. ΔMt 14:1-21 ΔLev 20-21 ΔProv 30
- 13. ΔMt 14:22-36 ΔLev 22-23 ΔProv 31
- 14. ΔMt 15:1-20 ΔLev 24-25 Eccl 1:1-11
- 15. ΔMt 15:21-39 ΔLev 26-27 ΔEccl 1:12-2:26
- 16. ΔMt 16 ΔNum 1-2 ΔEccl 3:1-15
- 17. ΔMt 17 ΔNum 3-4 ΔEccl 3:16-4:16
- 18. ΔMt 18:1-20 ΔNum 5-6 ΔEccl 5
- 19. ΔMt 18:21-35 ΔNum 7-8 ΔEccl 6
- 20. ΔMt 19:1-15 ΔNum 9-10 ΔEccl 7
- 21. ΔMt 19:16-30 ΔNum 11-12 ΔEccl 8
- 22. ΔMt 20:1-16 ΔNum 13-14 ΔEccl 9:1-12
- 23. ΔMt 20:17-34 ΔNum 15-16 ΔEccl 9:13-10:20
- 24. ΔMt 21:1-27 ΔNum 17-18 ΔEccl 11:1-8
- 25. ΔMt 21:28-46 ΔNum 19-20 ΔEccl 11:9-12:14
- 26. ΔMt 22:1-22 ΔNum 21 ΔSong 1:1-2:7
- 27. ΔMt 22:23-46 ΔNum 22:1-40 ΔSong 2:8-3.5
- 28. ΔMt 23:1-12 ΔNum 22:41-23:26 ΔSong 3:6-5:1
- 29. ΔMt 23:13-39 ΔNum 23:27-24:25 ΔSong 5:2-6:3
- 30. ΔMt 24:1-31 ΔNum 25-27 ΔSong 6:4-8:4
- 31. ΔMt 24:32-51 ΔNum 28-29 ΔSong 8:5-14

April

- 1. ΔMt 25:1-3 ΔNum 30-31 ΔJob 1
- 2. ΔMt 25:31-46 ΔNum 32-34 ΔJob 2
- 3. ΔMt 26:1-25 ΔNum 35-36 ΔJob 3
- 4. ΔMt 26:26-46 ΔDeut 1-2 ΔJob 4
- 5. ΔMt 26:47-75 ΔDeut 3-4 ΔJob 5
- 6. ΔMt 27:1-31 ΔDeut 5-6 ΔJob 6
- 7. ΔMt 27:32-66 ΔDeut 7-8 ΔJob 7

Lesson 3 The Crucibles
By Min. Price

The Birdcage ([Exodus 14](#))

1. Taking the Wrong Turn?

1. You recall that God's people were in slavery in Egypt for hundreds of years. God, working through Moses and Aaron, forces the Egyptian Pharaoh to free God's people. Let's pick up the story by reading [Exodus 13:17-18](#). What did God's people expect? (They expected that they might have to fight before they reached the promised land. They were armed for battle.)

1:a What did God expect? (He expected that His people might change their mind if they faced armed resistance. Thus, God seemed to adopt the strategy of avoiding battles.)

2. Read [Exodus 13:20-22](#). What gave the people confidence they were going in the correct direction?

2:b Do you wish that God would be as clear in His leading in your life?

3. Read [Exodus 14:5-9](#). God's people were ready for battle. Were they prepared to battle a force of this size and military sophistication?

3:a Does it seem odd to you that God would say that He was leading them to avoid war, and then allow the Egyptians to catch up with His people as they tried to escape?

4. Read [Exodus 14:10-12](#). Was God right in His prediction of how the people would react?

4:a Put yourself in the place of God's people. They have been following God's directions. God knew they could not stand against the Egyptians. Why did God allow this frightening thing to happen? Why did God allow them to think they would die?

4:b Read [Exodus 14:13-14](#). Is this an answer to why God would allow this when He knew they were not up for the fight?

4:c Is this same answer applicable to us in our discouraging circumstances?

4:d Is this the entire answer to our question about why God would allow this - that the people needed to learn to trust God and let Him handle their battles? (Read [Exodus 14:1-4](#) and [Exodus 14:15-18](#). The main answer is that this difficult and frightening situation would give glory to God.)

4:e Consider this a moment: how many of your difficult and discouraging situations involve an attack on "your glory?" Not God's glory, but your glory?

4:f Are you comfortable with any resolution of a problem which brings glory to God?

4:g What if God's glory seems to come at the expense of you or your family?

5. Let's re-read [Exodus 14:13-14](#). If your primary goal in life is to bring glory to God, how would that affect your fear? How would it affect your discouragement? (Our attitude makes all the difference. If we know the goal of our life, and of every situation, is to bring glory to God, then we can feel comfortable with the outcome.

Especially, in this situation we see that God promises them protection without having to fight!)

5:a Is God's willingness to fight, while His people "stand firm" and watch, a situation that applies only here? Or, does it apply to all of our problems in life? (This is the great thing about "God's glory." If it is God's glory which is at stake, and not your glory, then God is going to undertake the battle to protect His glory. If you would quit worrying about your glory, and let God fight the battle for His glory, your "nerves" would be a lot better.

Your life would be more peaceful.)

2. The Spectators of Faith

1. Read [Exodus 14:19-20](#). What parallel do you see for the solution to your current problems? (If we want to know God, He will give light for daily living. If we are hostile to God, we stay in darkness. The result is "neither went near the other." You are way ahead of the bad guys.)

2. Read [Exodus 14:21-22](#). In my new home, the main freeway dips into a tunnel under a huge waterway. One moment you are looking at the surface of the water, the next you are below the surface of the water. This tunnel is often jammed with traffic. When I was talking to a local person about this, she suggested that motorists were nervous about making "the plunge" below the surface of the water. What kind of feelings would you have if you were looking at a towering wall of water on each side of you?

2:a I painted a picture of God's people as spectators to this fight. Is that a fair picture? (Only as to the fight. They are required to "move forward." They are required to exercise faith in God.)

2:b Is our faith experience like theirs - that if we don't move forward, we can look forward to being captured by "the bad guys?"

2:c Should that equation be part of every faith decision?

3. Read [Exodus 14:23-25](#). Who do the Egyptians credit for their problems?

3:a Should we pray that our enemies will be "confused" and have the "wheels fall off" their endeavors?

4. Read [Exodus 14:26-28](#). The Egyptians are now "believers" ([Exodus 14:25](#)). Why drown them? (Barnes' Notes points out that in every Egyptian monument Pharaoh is depicted as leading the army. He also points out that [Psalms 136:15](#)

says that Pharaoh died with his army. The total destruction of Pharaoh and the army meant that God's people would not be threatened by the power of Egypt in their journey to Canaan.)

4:a What does this suggest about the deliverance that God will ultimately bring to His people? (The wicked, even those who believe in God, will be totally and permanently destroyed.)

5. Read [Exodus 14:29-31](#). What made the difference between these verses and [Exodus 14:10-12](#)?

5:a What does this suggest is the reason for difficulties and discouraging times in your life? (When you see God's deliverance, it strengthens your faith and trust in Him!)

Friend, in every problem, every discouraging event, we have the opportunity to place our faith in God and let Him fight the battle for His glory. If the battle is for our glory, we have picked the wrong battle! When the goal of our life is to promote the glory of God, then a sense of peace and confidence comes into our life knowing that God is "on the point" in the battle. Our job is to simply follow Him.

Next Month: Seeing the Goldsmith's Face.

God Bless,

*Definition: Crucible (kroo se bel).
A severe, searching test.*

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