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**By David Royer**

This article was originally going to provide arguments against the various excuses and rationales for not paying tithes as presented on the internet. Also, many Christian church denominations say that paying a tithe is not necessary.

Then I realized that although this exercise would be good for my biblical studies, I would be “singing to the choir” with our Church members. Presenting Bible texts in support of tithing to unbelievers will just be met with additional counter arguments.

So, let me just share with you why I pay tithes (from a layman’s perspective) and trust that my conviction is understood and perhaps convincing.

### **My Logical Reasoning:**

1. To be a member of the Church of God (7<sup>th</sup> Day), I am obligated to follow its “articles of faith”. Doctrinal Point No. 18 says: “The paying of the tithe (a tenth of all increase) and offerings is a continued obligation.”
2. Once I decided to be a member of our Church, I realized that a non-profit organization needs a source of revenue to pay for its overhead, outreach activities, charity, salaries and operating expenses. Tithes and offerings are much like donations to your favorite charitable organization, with the exception that tithes were never ours to begin with.

3. We cannot all give the same amount because we all have different resources. The word “tithe” comes from an Old English root-word meaning “one tenth” or 10%. A percentage equalizes our giving. Well before monetary exchanges were created, animals and produce were offered as a tithe. For most of us today, our income is tithed.
4. A spiritual discipline is required. Once tithing is embraced as an on-going relationship with God, we have the opportunity to say, “thank you God” and regularly reaffirm God as the giver of all things, abilities and blessings. Tithing encourages me to focus on God as the source of strength, rather than my own achievements or financial assets. Finally, tithing leads to spiritual growth while drawing closer to him in worship.
5. Discipline within a financial budget is required. Since I believe that 10% of my earnings is not mine, I must be disciplined and learn to live on 90%. Truth be told, if we can’t live off 90% of our income, then we probably can’t live off 100% either.



An example of budgeting gone wrong:

A co-worker once told me, he knew that paying his tithes was important but at the end of each payday there was nothing left to give. He also said that upon asking his pastor (Southern Baptist), he was instructed to give what he could and that God only wants a cheerful giver.

This conversation was flawed. First, the word “give” used by the pastor and my friend should be “owed”. Second, a “cheerful giver” is used in relations to alms and offerings not tithes. (See: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8). My co-worker’s priorities were out of order. He pays \$1,200 per month rent for his condo and leases a new Jeep Commander for \$600 per month. He has put his wants ahead of his tithe obligation. He is already behind on his budget. By reducing either of these expenses, through driving a less expensive vehicle or renting an apartment, would free up his available funds for savings and tithes.

Once I decided that tithing was necessary from a logical and faith-based perspective, it was easy to set up a financial budget that prioritized returning the tithe that did not belong to me.

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**Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income.**  
Proverbs 3:9

## A Day of Small Things

*God is the Creator of miracles,  
Proven by things you can see;  
Just consider the world you live in,  
That was created for you and for me.  
By His great power the mountains  
Gave hope to another new day;  
Our existence depends on this mercy,  
And for this we should remember to pray.  
With a thought He can move that mountain,  
And cause mighty rivers to run dry;  
There is no other who can do this,  
And no other even needs to try.  
And yet in the midst of His labors,  
He has time for a million small things;  
A shower of rain in a farmer's dry land,  
Or an answer a small prayer brings.  
There is so much goodness we fail to see  
Taking place in a day of small things;  
The moon rising over the mountain,  
The sound of a lark when it sings.  
An ant is so small it can hardly be seen,  
It exists by God's loving care;  
A great Sequoia, the largest of trees  
Only proves that God loves to share.  
The tiniest plant on a mountain  
Was formed by His loving hand;  
Each blade of grass that we walk on,  
And in the desert, each grain of sand.  
God looks down on all the created,  
A universe filled with good things;  
And He smiles at the wonders His eyes behold,  
A day of very small things.*

--Betty Whetstone

*Zechariah 4:10:  
(Despise not the day of small things)*

# THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION: IS NO SAVIOR NECESSARY?

Bond Tennant

If the theory of evolution is true, then man needs no savior, for he is not a fallen creation but one evolving upward. This then means that Jesus did not come to save mankind from sin and death. This implies that the Christian religion is false! Today, many scholars who believe in the theory of evolution tell of their confidence in Jesus and His teachings. If man is progressing upwards, and human evolution is true, it would prove that even Jesus was a very unreliable teacher for He made it clear that He came into the world to save man from sin and death. Please read Matthew 1:21; John 1:29; 3:13-14; Mark 8:31; I Timothy 1:15.

Salvation from sin and death is provided through the redemptive work of Jesus. The Apostle Paul wrote, "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Corinthians 15:21-22). Therefore, the opportunity for man's resurrection and being restored to life is provided by Jesus through His sacrificial death. Paul further wrote of Jesus as having given Himself in death as a "ransom for all" (I Timothy 2:3-6).

The apostle also stated, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). These concepts were not invented by the Apostle Paul. Their source was Jesus, the great teacher. Jesus believed the writings of Moses. Using the great miracle of the manna falling from heaven as an illustration, He said, "...my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world" (John 6:32-33).

Only if He gave His humanity in death for the fallen and dying race could He be the "bread" of life, and Jesus

knew this. Hence, He explained, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (verse 51). Jesus gave His flesh in death on the cross. Thus, this provided redemption from death for Adam and his race.

This fulfilled many prophecies which are found in the Old Testament. They foretold the coming of the Messiah and Redeemer. The Prophet Isaiah wrote, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). If man is a creation of evolution, then Isaiah is entirely wrong in saying that we have all turned to our own way. This means that our ways are sinful and leading downward.

We have always been in the same way according to the theory of evolution, and we are climbing even higher all the time. There is no need for a Redeemer from sin in this theory. The Apostle John wrote, "...sin is the transgression of the law." However, if man is a creation of evolution, springing by chance from an unknown source, then there would be no Creator whose laws he should obey, and hence no sin as a violation of such divine laws. See I John 3:4.

The truth, that is set forth in the Bible, is that man is the direct creation of God. He was created perfect with the potential of eternal life, provided he remained obedient to the laws of his Creator. Man disobeyed God's law. Now the penalty of death is resting upon God's human creation. The good news is that redemption from death has been provided through Jesus.

The answer to the question in the title of this article is that a Savior is necessary!

# THOUGHTS ON MOTHER'S DAY

Bond Tennant

**Jesus took care of His mother:** “Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home” (John 19:25-27).

**Timothy had a God-fearing mother:** “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (II Timothy 1:1-7).

**Honoring our mother:** “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth” (Ephesians 6:1-3).

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." (Exodus 20:12).

“Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee” (Deuteronomy 5:16).

**Consequences for disobeying mother:** “Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the

people shall say, Amen” (Deuteronomy 27:16).

“Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness” (Proverbs 20:20).

“The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it” (Proverbs 30:17).

**Characteristics of a great mother:** “Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants’ ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates” (Proverbs 31:10-31).

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## **JESUS – THE PRINCE OF INNER PEACE**

**By Allson Richards**

*“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them”*

*(Psalm 119:165).*

The Bible tells us that there will be wars and rumors of wars, but when they say peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. Old men, young men, old women, young women, if we open our eyes to what is happening, we will not fail to see what is going on around us.

Seek Jesus, the Prince of Peace. He is able to protect us in times of trouble. He came into the world in human form. He is so wonderful (Isaiah 9:6). He suffered many trials and temptations. He died for us. Oh, what a price to pay! He shed his blood as a lamb without blemish and without spot (I Peter 1:19), but He loved us so much that He gave His life for us (John 3:16).

Many people today will lose their lives for causes that are not of great significance, but if such people will pick up a Bible and search it, they will know what to expect in this present world. How many people will give up their lives for things pertaining to the Lord? I can safely say a remnant. If we lose our life for the things of the Lord, we know that we will find it (Matthew 10:39).

When we seek Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we must pray honestly for His guidance in the right path. If we love Him, we will worship Him in spirit and in truth. As He obeyed His Father, we ought to obey Him in the same way.

He kept His Father’s commandments. We too should keep His commandments. “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (I John 5:3).

He said, “*believe on the Lord and thou shalt be saved*”. But we cannot stop there. Recently, I had a discussion with a young woman, and she pointed out to me that all we have to do is believe, and we shall be saved. Then what she in fact was saying is that everyone that believes that Jesus exists is saved. But as His followers we know that the devil also believes and trembles (James 2:19). Such teachings can only lead people to sink further into darkness. These interpretations are only issuing license to sin.

We know that except ye repent ye will all likewise perish (Luke 13:3). What about baptism? “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16). The Ethiopian eunuch believed and was baptized. Jesus who had no sin was baptized, which is such a fitting example for us.

People allow their pride to bar them from having that inner peace. Because of pride, they accept false teachings to suit their way of thinking instead of accepting the Bible’s way.

A crippled woman told me that she will not wash anyone’s feet. I pointed out to her that Jesus did it to His disciples, and we are commissioned to do likewise, showing that none is greater. But her pride could not allow her to see how good it is to be humble.

Pride comes before destruction. Take Satan for an example; his pride caused him to lose his place in heaven. “A man’s pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit” (Proverbs 29:23).

My friends, do not allow pride to keep you back from receiving that inner peace. Do you know that “...God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble”? (I Peter 5:5) “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him” (Hebrews 2:3).

Inner peace can only be found in Jesus Christ. The patriarchs of old had found it. How about you? It is not beyond you. Only seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you, including – the inner peace.

# BIBLE NUGGETS:

## UNSTOPPING THE WELLS

By Dr. Arthur Petrie

A well of truth the enemies of Christ and Christians have stopped up, and which must be unstopped, is the Well of the Truth of the Origin of Man and the Origin of Man's Sin. In a sense, these two truths make one well. The Bible doctrine of the Origin of Man is denied and disbelieved. Man is said to have evolved from a lower order of being to his present upright state, to his present intellectual state! That is the rubbish thrown into the Well of Scripture on Man's Origin. A few Scriptures will unstop that well. Genesis 1:26-28 should be sufficient, and it is sufficient for the Spirit-taught person. It states: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

Now notice and mark well the emphasis on the creative act of God in this next statement, in reference to man: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Three times the fact of creation is mentioned. Three is the number of emphasis. Then the Scripture tells us that God spoke directly "unto them." The Hebrew is very pointed and direct when it states: "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Man, male and female, each one, was created with a keen and perceptive intellect. Not only did God speak directly to them, but Adam "gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field," and "whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof."

The real fact is that the Fall of Man, consequent upon his disobedience, left Adam, man, devoid of the keen and perceptive intellect with which he was created. There was a physical loss and an intellectual loss to man. It is as the wise man said: "...God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions" (Ecclesiastes 7:29). Human sin originated with man seeking out "many inventions" through the cunning of Satan.

The doctrine of human sinfulness is denied by the natural

moralist. He says: "Where do I learn from Nature to repress any natural appetite or desire as in itself immoral? Nature says, gratify rather than repress" (A. J. Andrews). But Scripture throws out that rubbish, and calls that well by the right name. According to the story of the Fall in Genesis 3, man sinned deliberately; man sinned by choice; man sinned by surrendering his will. And all men were thereby "constituted sinners" (Romans 5:19). Again, the teaching of Romans 5:12 digs again this well and gives it the original name, known by the Fathers of the true Church: "...by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin..."

Naturalism denies the Bible origin and the Bible doctrine of sin. One of its professors says: "I cannot rid myself of the idea that after all it is perhaps the libertine who is right, and who practices the true philosophy of life" (Prof. Renan, quoted Christianity and Antichristianity, p. 297). That is some of the rubbish thrown into the well of the Bible doctrine of the Origin of Sin in Man. But here are Scriptures that throw out that profane rubbish: "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one" (Job 14:4). Here man is called an "unclean thing." Psalm 51:5 teaches that man is "in iniquity" from his birth: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." And John in I John 1:8, 10 teaches the true doctrine of sin in man! "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us . . . If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

Yes, indeed, the Bible teaches that man is a sinner: he sinned deliberately; he willed to sin. "Willfulness is the essence and soul of sin. Willfulness was its characteristic from the beginning. Willfulness was the sin of fallen angels, and it was the sin of Adam. Nor can the fullest development and maturity of sin exceed this doing according to one's own will." The Lord Jesus taught it. He said: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do" (John 8:44, A.S.V.).

--Adapted from Prophecy Monthly

## GOD'S UNLIMITED POWER

### SHOWN TO US BY THE RESURRECTION

All human effort inevitably comes up against an insurmountable wall of helplessness and defeat. Man can only go so far.

Medical science has done many wonderful things in combating disease, in extending the life span, in curing what were just a few years ago incurable illnesses, but medical science has not learned to conquer death completely. Men still die. In their private affairs, in the building of their businesses, men are able to go only so far. Then by reason of human personalities, because of lack of funds or knowledge or for other causes, they can go no further. They come to a place where there is nothing more they can do.

God knows no such limitations. All things are possible with Him. Paul, preaching at Antioch and telling of the death of our Lord, says, "...they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre" (Acts 13:29). Then in one dramatic sentence, found in the 30<sup>th</sup> verse of the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts, he declares: "But God raised him from the dead".

All man can do with his dead is bury them, but even a sealed tomb does not stop God. The closed door of a grave guarded by a detachment of Roman soldiers is no insurmountable obstacle with the Lord of Heaven, and as we read other places God will raise the dead, some to everlasting shame and others to everlasting life.

Happy is the man who trusts in a God like that, who, when all that human endeavor can do is admit defeat and when there seems nothing ahead but a burial for hopes and dreams and plans, can rest on Him who can unseal a tomb and give life to that within at the glorious resurrection.

He who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus is certainly able to do anything that needs to be done for us. He has not gone out of the miracle working business. Man can do nothing for the dead but give them a sepulcher, but God can give them life.

*--Reprinted*

## A MESSAGE FOR MOTHER

Someone asked a mother whose children had turned out very well the secret by which she had prepared them for usefulness and for the Christian Life. Without hesitation she said: "When in the morning I washed my children, I prayed that they might be cleansed by the Saviour's precious blood."

"When I put on their garments, I prayed that they might be arrayed in the garments of salvation. When I gave them food, I prayed that they might be fed with the bread of life."

"When I started them on the road to school, I prayed that their faith might be as the shining light, brighter and brighter to the perfect day. When I put them to sleep, I prayed that they might be enfolded in the Saviour's everlasting arms."

No wonder her children were early led to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. What a joy to that mother's heart when her children rise up and call her blessed.

Now that her secret is an open one, let me encourage other mothers to do the same.

## LOVE CAKE FOR MOTHER

1 can of obedience, several pounds of affection

1 pint of neatness

1 can of running errands

1 box powdered get up when I should

1 bottle of keep sunny all day long

1 can of pure thoughtfulness

Several touches of holiday, birthday and everyday surprises.

Mix well, bake in a hearty warm oven and serve to mother. Do this everyday. She ought to have it in big slices.



# "Why Do The Heathen Rage?"

By David DeLong

Psalm Chapter two is a perfect setting for conditions that are happening today, in our world. This short chapter reads: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."

Rage, according to Webster's Dictionary, is "a violent and uncontrolled anger: fury." This is what we are witnessing among some of the political parties in America. People who rage believe that they are the only ones who are always right in their beliefs and actions, and nobody dare be contrary to those beliefs and actions, or else!

These people are actually setting themselves up as God, who is the only one who is right in every belief and action. He is the only one who has the right not to compromise on His beliefs and actions. All of the rest of us fall short on being right, all the time, in our beliefs and actions. The kings and rulers who "take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us" are in effect saying that they are more righteous in their lives than

God or Jesus. But the Lord will "speak unto them in his wrath". The admonition to them, and others, is: "Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him" (verses 10-12).

The important thing is that God says: "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion" (verse 6). Jesus is the one who will be in charge. He is the one who will stop the raging in His coming kingdom. He is the one who will rule over all the heathen with a rod of iron. His kingdom will be one of peace. Satan will be locked up in the bottomless pit for one thousand years. Revelation 20:1-3 informs us: "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

We read about the Lord's coming kingdom in Isaiah 65:17-25: "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not

plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD."

Isaiah, chapter 2:2-5 gives us a little more information concerning the Lord's kingdom. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD."

In Isaiah 11:1-9 we learn: "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking

child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

## The Kingdom Of Christ

By David DeLong

The calf and the young lion  
In Christ's Kingdom yet to come;  
When the Law goes from Mount Zion,  
Will, then, freely live therefrom.

The wolf and lamb will do the same,  
The asp will never bite  
The child that plays his childish game  
Within the serpent's sight.

The cow and bear shall feed anon,  
Their young ones shall lie down;  
While straw, the lion feeds upon  
In Christ's Kingdom of renown.

The child shall live one hundred years,  
The sinner does the same;  
The child will live without life's fears,  
The sinner dies in shame.

The Old Jerusalem will house  
Prince David's royal throne;  
King Jesus will Himself espouse  
New Jerusalem as His own.

This holy, righteous city  
Twelve thousand furlongs square;  
The Lord will have great pity  
On the righteous who live there.

# Symbols Of Our Salvation

By David DeLong

For the followers of Jesus, the Lord has given us a number of symbols which can be used as types of our salvation. One of these symbols is the seventh day Sabbath. We first read about the Sabbath in Genesis 2, verses 1-3, on the seventh day of Creation week. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

There are a number of rests that the Sabbath typifies, thus showing our relationship to God. Of course, there is the physical rest that God has given to mankind to refresh his mind and body from the week's activities, and to draw him closer to the Lord. This is outlined in the fourth of the Ten Commandments as given in Exodus 20. Verses 8-11 reads: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

But, there is more concerning the Sabbath. In Exodus, chapter 31, we find that the Sabbath is a symbol of our sanctification by God. Not only was this for the children of Israel, but it is a sign of sanctification for all of God's Sabbath-keeping people. Verse 13 tells us: "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you."

Some have supposed that the Sabbath was a special sign just for the children of Israel. But, the Lord is not contrasting Israel's sanctification with the Christian's sanctification, He is contrasting Israel's sanctification with the heathen nations around them, which were not sanctified at all. The Sabbath is a sign of all of God's people being sanctified.

In Hebrews chapter 4 we see that the Sabbath was not only a symbol of physical rest, but of spiritual rest as well. Verses 1-2 reads: "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Another symbol of our salvation is the rainbow which the Lord presented to Noah as a sign that His creation would not any more be destroyed by a universal flood. In Genesis 9:11-13 we find: "And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."

The teaching of the clean and unclean meats is a symbol of God's separation of His people with those who are not His people. For instance, Jesus taught in Matthew 7:6: "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them

under their feet, and turn again and rend you." Here, we see that Jesus instructs His people not to cast their pearls before swine. The term "swine", in this passage, is not referring to animals, but rather people who act like swine. Therefore, being a sinner is compared to unclean animals.

Both unclean meats and unclean people are called abominable or an abomination. Referring to unclean fish, in Leviticus 11:10-12, the Lord says: "And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you: They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination. Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you." And in Revelation, chapter 21, verse 8, where the unsaved are thrown into the lake of fire, we read: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Being "abominable", therefore, is being unclean, or unsaved.

A rather obvious symbol of our salvation is that of baptism. Romans 6:3-5 instructs us: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:". Going into the waters of baptism, therefore, symbolizes our being buried in death, with Jesus. Likewise, our coming forth from the baptismal waters symbolizes our being raised to new life with Christ. And it also symbolizes our future resurrection to eternal life in Christ.

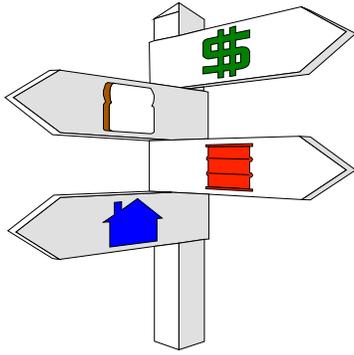
Partaking of the emblems of Christ's body and blood, the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine, at the Lord's Supper symbolizes our union that we have with Jesus. In Matthew 26:26-28 we read: "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of

sins."

Finally, I wish to express the thought that the fine "linen" clothes that the saints wear symbolizes the righteousness of Christ which is imputed to them through God's great mercy. In Revelation 19:7-8 we find this analogy: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

**"In Exodus, chapter 31, we find that the Sabbath is a symbol of our sanctification by God. Not only was this for the children of Israel, but it is a sign of sanctification for all of God's Sabbath-keeping people."**





## THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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### HARD TO EXPLAIN!

As I read the newspapers and watch television, I see much of the news pertaining to politics and worldly events, which are almost out of the realm of a sane mind. I know that there are many scoffers in the world today who deny that these are the last days, and they just want to go on with their own sinful ways. "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (II Peter 3:3-4).

### THE ELECTION

The election of November 2018 is over. The results were that the Republicans maintained control of the Senate, and the Democrats took control of the House of Representatives by gaining more than forty seats. The confusion is now more than ever. Nancy Pelosi is now the speaker of the House, and she says that there will be no more 'rubber stamp' in Congress for Trump.

The following is a portion of an article which appeared in [USATODAY](#) entitled Pelosi promises 'different world'.

**WASHINGTON** – Nancy Pelosi, who took the gavel as House speaker Thursday, told [USA TODAY](#) in an exclusive interview that Donald Trump can expect a "different world" from the first two years of his presidency when the GOP controlled both chambers of Congress.

The California Democrat plans to confront Trump on many fronts, from investigating the deaths of immigrant children in U.S. custody to demanding Trump's tax returns and protecting special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

Those clashes loom as Pelosi and her Democratic

colleagues remain locked in a budget and border security battle with Trump that has left parts of the federal government shut for two weeks.

The election of speaker was one of the first orders of business for the new Congress sworn in Thursday, when Democrats took control of the House for the first time in eight years.

Trump warned that investigations of him and his administration would lead to a "war-like posture" in Washington. The new speaker made clear she won't shrink from a fight.

"He was used to serving with a Republican Congress, House and Senate that was a rubber stamp to him. That won't be the case," Pelosi said in the interview just before the holidays. "Oversight of government by the Congress is our responsibility. That's the role we play."

**Comment** -Hardly any good measures were passed when the Republicans controlled both the Senate and House plus the presidency. The two good things that came at that time were the passing of a tax cut and reform of the criminal justice system.

Now that the Democrats control the House, confusion will still continue, perhaps even more so!

### THE WALL

President's Trump's fight for a wall at the Southern Border continues at this time. As you know, he promised to have a wall built as a campaign promise, and he said that Mexico would pay for it. Now we know that Mexico is not going to pay for it. He said the wall was to keep criminals and illegal immigrants from entering the country and stemming the flow of drugs from coming into the country.

There is a big debate over whether a wall is really necessary or possible. The lay of the land does not make this possible in some areas of the border. In a recent survey, more than 60 per-cent of US citizens were against the wall. Several officials at the border say that a wall will do little since there are other ways for illegals to enter the country and drugs to come over the border. However, President Trump says there is a crisis on the Southern border.

## **GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN**

At the time of this writing, there is a partial shutdown of government. It is now more than eighteen days since its beginning. The cause of it is the funding for the wall which was mentioned previously. President Trump wants 5.6 billion for border security, which I believe includes the wall, but he and Congress are at a stalemate.

The shutdown means that certain federal workers of some departments are furloughed with no work, and others like security guards are required to come to work without receiving pay. The contractors that work for certain departments of the government will also not be able to collect their pay checks. No one knows how long the shutdown will last. President Trump insists on the full 5.6 billion for the border, but Congress, especially those in the House, will not pass this amount. There have been several compromises introduced, separating money for border security from money dedicated for the wall. One of them passed both houses of Congress, but the president said that he would not sign anything that didn't include funds for the wall.

**Comment** - This shutdown is ridiculous! The president and Congress do not seem to be able to compromise at this time. This shutdown is causing anxiety for many. It is causing many to wonder how to pay their mortgage. Many have had to cut back on their grocery purchases and travel and many have had to change their lifestyle. While watching television, I saw many who gave an account of the hardships that they face, I saw an article in a newspaper that listed several ways in which the shutdown could hurt the economy. I hope that in not too long, the shutdown will be over and the wall decision will be made.

## **DISSATISFACTION**

I saw a survey that asked many, what do you think is the most important problem facing the country today. The majority answered that it was poor leadership in government. This is not surprising! Many leaders of today are not of good moral character.

## **MUELLER INVESTIGATION**

Mueller's investigation into the Trump administration's possible collusion with Russia continues. Some former aids to Trump have been convicted and sent to prison. According to a recent poll, most do not buy Trump's

denials of collusion.

## **ABOUT WAR**

We know that President Trump ordered the US forces out of Egypt. He said that ISIS was defeated and posed no more threat. However, he was counseled that it would be letting down our friends, the Kurds, who had been fighting alongside of American forces. It would also leave the country open to Russia, Iran and the Syrian president.

As of this time, our president has walked back the decision to withdraw all of the troops at this time after being persuaded by some of his advisors.

## **ABOUT POLITICANS**

### **THINK ABOUT THIS**

In order for a person to be a good representative in governing the people, no matter whether it be president, senator or a House member, he must know the duties and restrictions of the position to which he was elected. He must compromise at times and respect the thinking of others, although he cannot agree with them.

In order to know his responsibilities, he must know and understand The Constitution of the United States Of America. He must not treat his governmental office the same as his former regular job or career.

## **MINIMUM WAGE**

I read that starting New Year's Eve Day, 2019 many received a minimum wage bump. McDonald's has bumped some of their jobs up to \$15 an hour. An article in USA TODAY reads: "Besides New York, workers in up to 21 other states and the District of Columbia will receive higher minimum wages next year according to a National Employment Law Project report given exclusively to USA Today. About 17 million workers will benefit from the 2019 wage increases, the non-profit estimates."

## **PUERTO RICO'S ECONOMIC HURT**

Because of Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico's economy has suffered much. A newspaper article informs us that: "The latest report from Puerto Rico's planning board prints a grim picture, estimating the impact of Hurricane Maria on the island's economy at \$43 billion, \$1 billion more than the original assessment."

# BIBLE

## Study



# Questions and Answers

**Question:** How important is it for a child of God to think?

**Answer:** What does the Bible mean when it tells us to think? In one sense, it may mean to consider, as in making a decision, to think through the consequences that are likely to follow our choice, and choose accordingly. Why think? Because "to think" or "not to think" is a life-or-death matter. To the people he was sent to warn, Haggai repeatedly said, "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways" (Haggai 1:7). The NIV translation translates it as, "Give careful thought to your ways."

There is a children's rhyme which tells the fate of a mouse that got caught in a trap "because he didn't think." We may stumble in our walk with our Lord because we may not think!

Not thinking is not new. King Saul did not think the matter through when he disobeyed the command of the Lord and offered the sacrifice which Samuel the prophet was commissioned to do. See I Samuel 13:8-11.

Had Uzzah thought of the command, in the ancient law, not to touch any holy thing, he would not have disobeyed the command of God by touching the ark, however much it jostled. See II Samuel 6:1-7.

Had Moses thought, he probably would not have struck the rock at Meribah when he was told to speak to it.

See Numbers 20:8-12. Because of his transgression, he was not permitted to enter Canaan.

The Apostle Paul tells us to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (II Corinthians 10:5). In Philippians 4:8, Paul tells us of the attributes of the things on which we are to think: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

**Question:** Upon what theory is the expression "crack of doom" based?

**Answer:** The theory that in one twenty-four hour day the dissolution of nature will take place, including the destruction of the earth.

**Question:** You teach that Israel is blinded. Are you against the Jewish people?

**Answer:** Because we so often mention that Israel is blinded, many folks think that we are against the Jewish people.

This is far from the truth, for we are constantly praying for them and for the "Peace of Jerusalem."

There are many people today who are antisemitic and that go out of their way to be hateful to the Jewish people. Then there are some people that are simply afraid of the Hebrews.

“...I am afraid of the Jews...” (Jeremiah 38:19). These words of Zedekiah accurately express the attitude of many Christian people today. So many think of them in terms other than those of religion. They think of them commercially and detest them, socially and ostracize them, nationally and persecute them. The only real way is to think of them Scripturally. A little Bible study would prove a wholesome corrective to most people’s thinking about the Jews, for in the light of the Bible, they command our profound respect. Those who are informed know that they have made an unparalleled contribution to religion which has enriched humanity. That is their unique distinction among the peoples of the earth.

We learn from Scripture that Israel is going to have their blindness removed, and many of them will recognize Jesus Christ as their Messiah. It is thrilling to read the prophecies that await fulfillment regarding Israel. One thing seems perfectly clear and that is that the Jews are to play a very prominent part in the salvation of the world. As children of God, it is our responsibility to do our part in praying for the salvation of the Jews during the Millennium.

**Question:** Do you believe that the keeping of the seventh day Sabbath is the seal of the living God, and the seal of this dispensation?

**Answer:** We do not believe this!

**Question:** We know that the Apostle Paul was an able minister of the New Testament who preached the whole counsel of God and who kept back nothing that was profitable to the Church of God. Should he not have mentioned the seventh day Sabbath?

**Answer:** The law of which the Sabbath was and is an integral part, Paul says is holy, just and good: and that it is spiritual, and he delighted in it. See Romans 7:12-23. And instead of abolishing it, he established it (Romans 3:31). If Paul kept back nothing that was profitable, is it not singular that he did not inform his Sabbath-keeping brethren of the fact that it was not necessary for them to

keep the Sabbath? We presume that he thought that such knowledge was not profitable. Paul told them that there was no profit in circumcision. However, he places stress upon the commandments of God (I Corinthians 7:19). May you and I learn to love and to keep the commandments of God that we may enter in through the gates into the city.

**Question:** How may we maintain an appreciative attitude?

**Answer:** I Thessalonians 5:18 says, “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” We are surrounded by people who are haughty and unthankful. These attitudes can rub off on us. See II Timothy 1:1-3. Also, we may feel compelled to cram more and more activities into our already hectic lives. We could become so burdened by problems or engrossed in pursuing our own interests that we do not have time to appreciate what we already have or to express appreciation for what others do for us,

What can we do? We can make time to meditate on the good things we now enjoy. Yes, we may feel overwhelmed by problems. Consider the example of King David. At times he felt crushed, his heart numbed by trials. He prayed to God. Read his prayer in Psalm 143. Pay particular attention to verses 3-5. Despite his trials, David maintained an appreciative attitude and remained content.

We should think about what others have done to help us, and express appreciation for their efforts. Jesus set an example of this. In Mark 14:3-5, we read of a woman who had an alabaster box of very precious ointment. She broke the box open and poured the ointment on His head. There were some who asked why this waste of the ointment was. They said that it might have been sold and the money given to the poor. Jesus told them to let her alone and that she had done a good work on Him. Rather than focusing on what the woman did not do, Jesus expressed appreciation for what the woman did do!

Some appreciate the family, friends, or other blessings they have only after those are lost! We can avoid that sad outcome by reflecting on the good things we now enjoy.



## Kenya, Part II





## LESSON I

## SPIES SENT INTO THE PROMISED LAND

*Scripture Reading: Numbers 13:17-33.*

*Golden Text: Numbers 13:17 (first part).*

*"And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan,..."*

*NOTE: The Lord has led the children of Israel in their long journey to Canaan, and now they were at the very border of the land.*

1. At this time, what did God tell Moses to do? Numbers 13:1-2.
2. What did Moses ask these spies to do? Numbers 13:17-18.
3. Besides finding out about the strength of the people, what else were they to look for? Numbers 13:19-20.
4. How long were the spies gone? Numbers 13:25.
5. When the spies returned, what did they bring with them? Numbers 13:26-27.
6. What report did they give of the people there? Numbers 13:28.
7. Caleb was one of the spies and what did he say? Did the other spies agree with him? Numbers 13:30-32.

*NOTE: Joshua and Caleb were the only two spies who brought back a good report.*

8. What did the spies who brought evil reports call the people who were in Canaan? Numbers 13:33.

*NOTE: Out of the 12 spies who went into Canaan, 10 returned with an evil report. Two believed God and wanted to cross over the land. They knew He had been with them all the way and would still protect them.*

## LESSON II

## MURMURINGS OF THE PEOPLE

*Scripture Reading: Numbers 14:1-9.*

*Golden Text: Numbers 14:2 (first part).*

*"And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron..."*

*NOTE: In our last lesson, we found that 12 spies were sent out into the land of Canaan. When they returned, only 2 gave a good report and wanted to go over and take the land.*

1. What effect did the evil report of the 10 spies have on the people? Numbers 14:1.
2. Were they sorry they had left Egypt, and what did they decide to do? Numbers 14:2-4.
3. What did Moses and Aaron do? Numbers 14:5.
4. Joshua and Caleb were the two spies who brought a good report. What did they say to the people? Numbers 14:9.
5. What did the congregation want to do with their leaders? Numbers 14:10.

*NOTE: The people rebelled and refused to go forward. They would have stoned their leaders except for the appearance of the Lord.*

6. The Lord was very angry. What did He say He would do? Numbers 14:11-12.

7. Moses answered the Lord and what did he say? Numbers 14:13,16,19.



**LESSON III**

**TURNING BACK INTO THE WILDERNESS**

**Scripture Reading:** Numbers 14:20-45.

**Golden Text:** Numbers 14:25 (last part).

*"...To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea."*

**NOTE:** *In our last lesson, we learned that the Lord was very angry with the children of Israel, and Moses pleads for them.*

1. What does God promise, and what will He bring on the people? Numbers 14:20-23.
2. Caleb was one of the good spies. Was he to see the promised land? Numbers 14:24.
3. Where did the Lord tell the people to go? Numbers 14:25.

**NOTE:** *For their disobedience they were sent back into the wilderness.*

4. What did the Lord say would happen to all over 20 years old? Numbers 14:29-30.
5. What would happen to the children under 20? Numbers 14:31.
6. How long were they to wander in the wilderness? Numbers 14:34.
7. What did the people want to do when they saw they had sinned? Numbers 14:39-40.
8. What did Moses tell them about leaving? Numbers 14:41-43.
9. Did they go anyway? What was the result? Numbers 14:44-45.



**LESSON IV**

**THE REBELLION OF KORAH**

**Scripture Reading:** Numbers 16:1-22.

**Golden Text:** Numbers 16:19 (first part).

*"And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation...."*

**NOTE:** *In the last lesson, God turned the children of Israel back into the wilderness because of their sinfulness, lack of faith, and murmurings. Now Moses has a new trouble arise.*

1. Who rose up against Moses and how many men were with him? Numbers 16:1-2.
2. What was the complaint of Korah and others against Moses? Numbers 16:12-14.
3. Moses was angry and what did he do? Numbers 16:15.
4. Moses then spoke to Korah and what did he ask him to do? Numbers 16:16, 18-19.
5. What did the Lord tell Moses and Aaron to do? Numbers 16:20-21.
6. What did they ask of God? Numbers 16:22.



## WATCH YOUR VOICE

Would you be willing to do something very simple in order to make people glad to have you around? Watch your voice. Don't laugh. It sounds impossible, but it isn't. If you have a tape recorder at school or at home, just speak into it and play it back. You may see a picture of your voice.

Of course, your companions aren't going to care very much about how the picture of your voice looks. But they will care whether or not your tones are shrill and unpleasant. And the picture of your voice is affected by those qualities which make it pleasing to hear.

This has nothing to do with a career as a public speaker or as a concert singer. It is concerned with your everyday communication or speech with your friends, parents, teachers, and other members of your family. If you whine, they may fail to include you in the conversation. If you speak sharply, they may prefer to talk over your ideas with others.

Of course, your speaking voice may reflect your character. Unless something is wrong with the bones or muscles in your throat or with the construction of your ears, there is no reason why you cannot develop a pleasant voice which everyone will like to hear. You may do this by speaking softly, distinctly, and with changes in tone.

Many times one's character is judged by his voice. If you are interested in what you are saying, you are likely to use a pleasant voice. You know how your voice changes when you are angry. It doesn't sound very pleasant, does it? Some people are angry so much of their time that their voices almost always are gruff. People who are happy and want to help others enjoy life, generally have sweet

voices.

The kind of work you do may depend to some extent upon the quality of your voice. Could you imagine a successful nurse who had a loud voice? A streetcar conductor may have a mighty voice, but he may speak so indistinctly that the passengers are unable to understand what he says.

It certainly will be rewarding for you to "watch your voice."

## I CAN AND I CAN'T

by L.A. Reber

*I Can was a little chap,  
He was both brave and true;  
He made success with everything  
That he would try to do.*

*I Will is I Can's brother,  
And they always do agree;  
Everybody likes them,  
For they are nice chaps, you see.*

*I Can't lives in another house,  
He's as shiftless as can be;  
He never does a single thing  
That anyone can see.*

*I Won't is I Can't's brother,  
But people pass them by;  
For nobody ever likes them,*



**ACROSS**

- 1. Musical instrument of war for Joshua
- 4. Impulse
- 8. Exist
- 9. She played a timbrel (Exodus 15)
- 11. Quaker state (abbr.)
- 12. Yes - in Madrid
- 13. Sang hymns in jail (Acts 16)
- 15. Manuscripts (abbr.)
- 18. "Am become as tinkling \_\_\_" (I Corinthians 13)
- 21. Appearance, coming on the scene
- 22. Talking bird
- 24. Legendary fableteller
- 26. Economics (abbr.)
- 27. Coal and stell measure
- 29. Has more height than
- 30. Rodent
- 31. Wrath
- 32. Regarding
- 33. Toward
- 34. Alternating current (usual form)
- 35. Distress signal

**DOWN**

- 1. A stringed instrument
- 2. Either, \_\_\_
- 3. Unwilling
- 4. Abraham's home (Genesis 11)
- 5. Smallest state (abbr.)
- 6. One of matter's 3 states
- 7. Send out
- 9. Military police (abbr)
- 10. Poetic foot
- 14. Harplike musical instrument
- 16. Examples
- 17. Cunning
- 19. Spiritual, not regarding reason
- 20. Smiles smugly
- 21. In addition to
- 23. Land measure
- 25. Paddle
- 28. Food grain

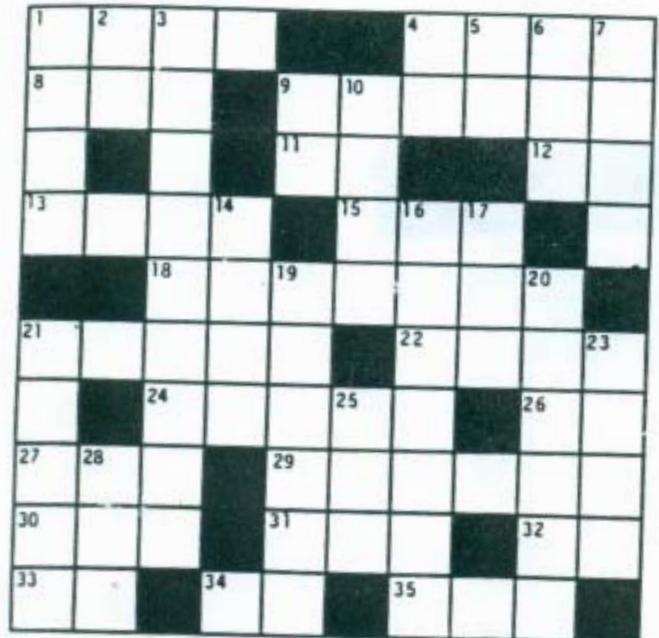
**FIND ELEVEN MOUNTAINS OF THE BIBLE**

Unscramble the words below to make eleven mountains found in the Bible. Each answer is the word, and all names are found in this list.

Sinai Gilead Moriah Nebo Gerizim Tabor  
Lebanon Seir Carmel Ephraim Pisgah Ararat  
Hermon Bashan Zion Gilboa Olivet

- ELMCAR \_\_\_\_\_
- HASPIG \_\_\_\_\_
- MORHEN \_\_\_\_\_
- OHMIRA \_\_\_\_\_
- BONE \_\_\_\_\_
- TARARA \_\_\_\_\_
- NOZI \_\_\_\_\_
- VIOLET \_\_\_\_\_
- ORBAT \_\_\_\_\_
- RISE \_\_\_\_\_
- ANOBLEN \_\_\_\_\_

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## **"The Spirit And The Bride Say, Come!"**

By David DeLong

To everyone the Lord implores,  
Including deaf and dumb;  
He has no prejudice at all,  
"The Spirit and the bride say, Come!"

If you've lived a life of sin,  
Or, now are ruled by rum;  
It matters not what's in your past,  
"The Spirit and the bride say, Come!"

Perhaps your life is filled with fear,  
So fearful that you're numb;  
Just come to Christ, for a new life,  
"The Spirit and the bride say, Come!"

Again, the Lord calls everyone,  
Not just few, or some;  
Perhaps today, you've heard Him say,  
"The Spirit and the bride say, Come!"

