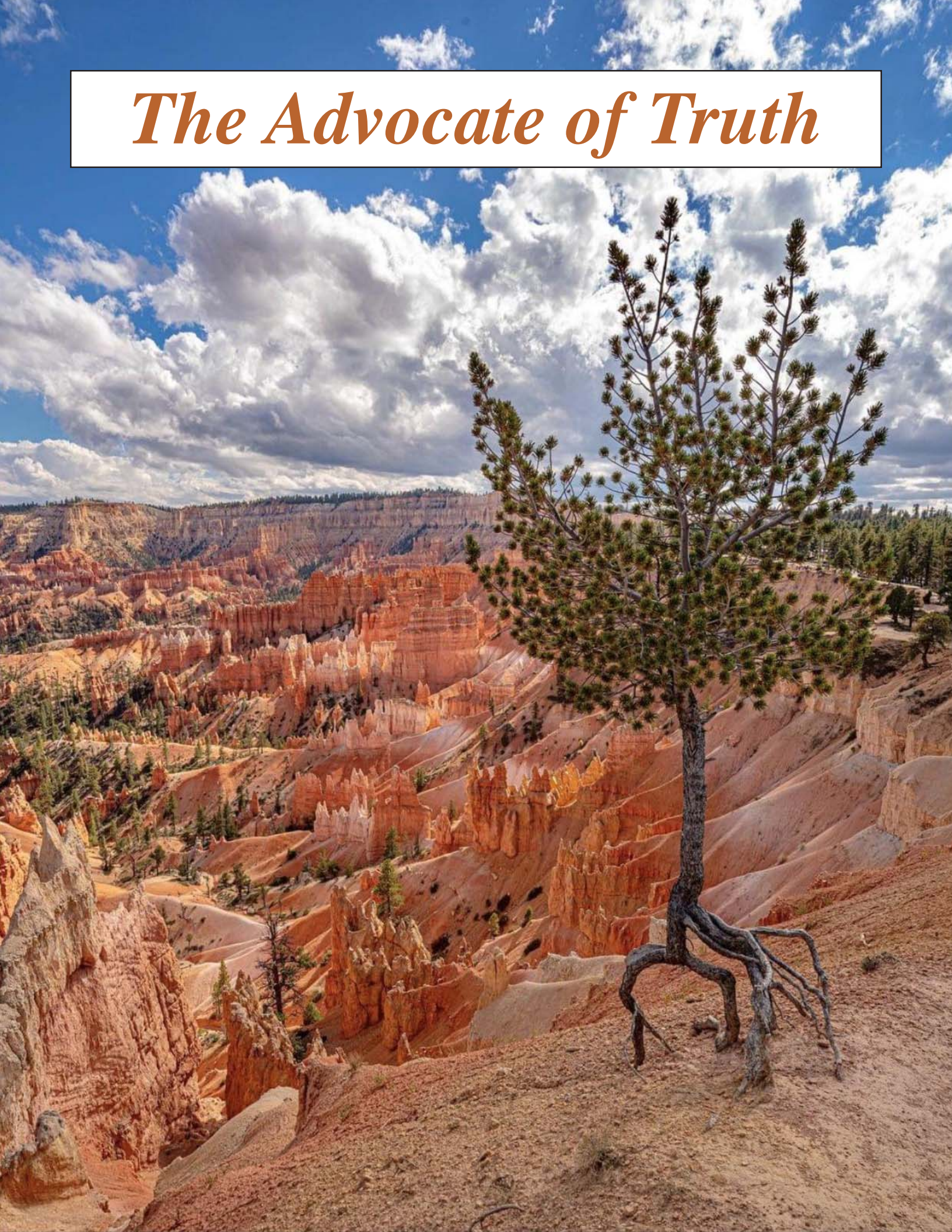


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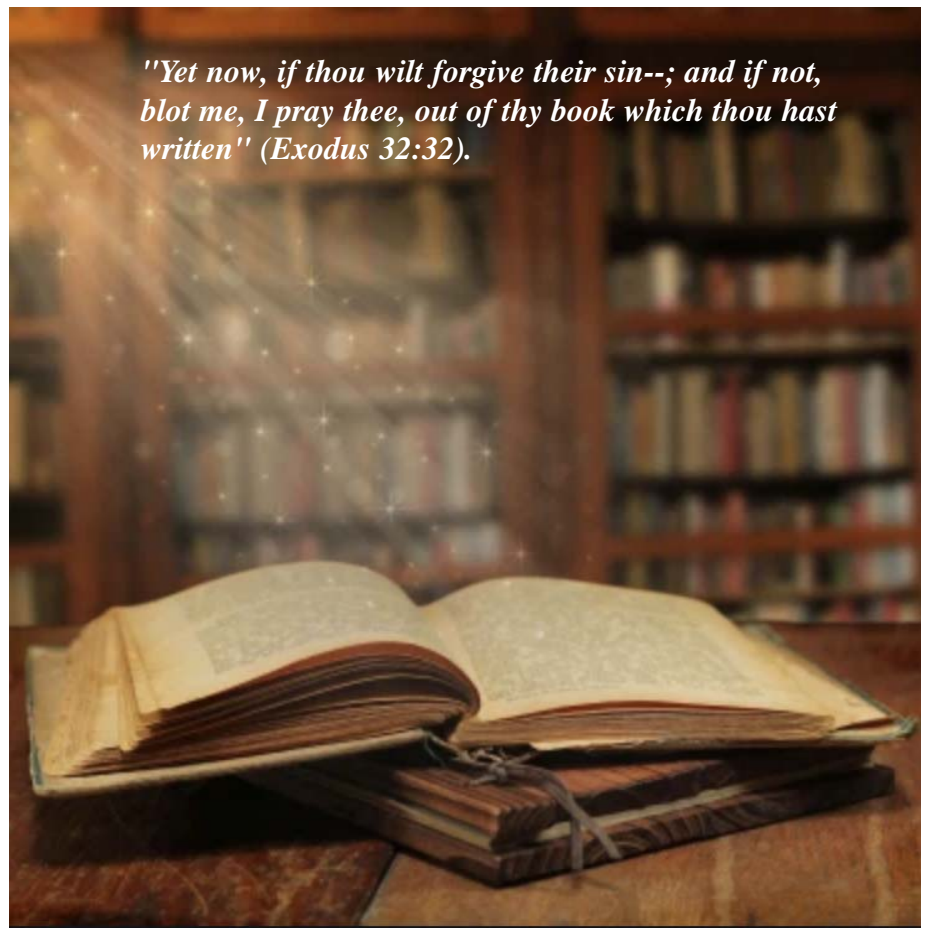
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# The Book Of Life

By David DeLong

The book of life, which records the names of the saints which are saved, has existed "from the foundation of the world". Moses knew of this book. When praying to the Lord after the Israelites had sinned by creating a molten calf and worshiping it, Moses said to the Lord: "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin---; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book" (Exodus 32:32-33).

The Lord knows who will be saved even before they are born, and thus writes their names into the book of life. The unsaved will not have their names written into it (see Revelation 17:8). According to Exodus 32, which we quoted from above, some will have their names written into the book of life and then because of sinning against the Lord will have their names blotted out from it. Revelation 3:5 emphasizes this last point. It reads: "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." In Revelation 22:19 the Lord gives this dire warning: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

That one, without exception, must have his or her name written in God's book of life, there is no doubt. Revelation 20:12-15 informs us: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Concerning the New

Jerusalem, we learn: "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27).

David probably knew of the book of life. He makes mention of a book in Psalm 56:8. However, this book may not be referring to the book of life, itself, but rather to one of the books of a person's works mentioned in Revelation 20. Psalm 56:8 reads: "Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?" The book of life, though, is probably mentioned in Psalm 69:27-28. Concerning those who were enemies of the Lord we are told: "Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous."

Daniel also appears to be writing about the book of life in Daniel 12:1-2. When the Lord comes again, we find: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

In Luke, chapter 10, Jesus sent out the seventy to go to every place that He would come. We pick up the story in verses 17-20. "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

# God's Power And Might Is Excellent

By Bibi Shimoon Allicock

When we look at the vast mountains, the high hills, the enormous waves of the seas, the valleys, the trees in different colors and sizes, bearing luscious fruits and being very decorative; when we see great and gigantic beasts of the field and birds of the air; when we behold the enormous reptiles and fishes and everything that has breath, small and great; this all depicts God's excellent handiwork, power, and greatness. Also when we look at the clear, blue sky, the big, bright moon in its fullness, the twinkling stars, the dazzling sun, the clouds that change their color, especially when it rains, can man really fathom God's great power and might?

If only we stand back and look around, and take a deep breath and realize what the air we breathe does to our bodies, we should definitely praise and glorify God for His great goodness and mercy that He has bestowed upon us. And as we continue to look around us and be awestricken at the things that our eyes can see, still yet we cannot find the Almighty out. "Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict. Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise of heart" (Job 37:23-24).

"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast...Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance...The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations...The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect...He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD" (Psalm 33:6-9,12,11,10,5).

If we be obedient and look to Him for His direction, guidance and protection, He definitely will be there to di-

rect, guide, and protect us. The wise man instructed: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). Almighty God excellently delivered Esther, Mordecai, and all the Jews from the hands of the evil and wicked Haman who was disrespectful to Mordecai and Esther, and wanted to destroy them all. But as lovely queen Esther listened to, and obeyed Mordecai, who had brought her up, she, and he, and all her people were saved. They fasted and prayed unto the God of heaven for three days because the situation was very urgent, and they wanted God to intervene in order to get the king's attention to grant Queen Esther to be allowed to come into the king's presence. "And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed:...When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;...Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him. Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand" (Esther 3:8-9, first part; 4:1, 15-17; 5:1-2, first part).

Since no one could have gained access unto the king except he or she was summoned, Esther did come after the fasting, proving that God did answer their prayers, and was making intervention on their behalf. And so He softened the king's heart to listen to Esther's petition. So Esther invited the king and Haman unto the banquet that she was about to prepare in order to let the king know that Haman, whom he had promoted was not worthy of the promotion, but he was a wicked person. Haman was full of himself and thinking of all the good things he would obtain for himself and wanted to be honored by the king, wearing the royal apparel and crown, riding upon horseback through the city. Also, after being counselled by his wife and friends, he made a gallows fifty cubits high to hang Mordecai on. Not knowing that such things would befall him for his wickedness, he was to be the one arraying Mordecai in the royal apparel and crown, making him to ride upon the horse's back, and that he had to be the one hanging on the gallows that he had made.

"Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken. Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour. And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hastened to his house mourning, and having his head covered. And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him." Then Esther told the king, "...we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed...Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so? And Esther said, The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen...and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said

the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face...So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified" (Esther 6:10-13; 7:4,first part, 5,6,7,last part,8,10).\

This whole scenario shows us that man may plot, plan, and appoint things, but God disappoints him because things are done according to His will and way, and no matter how man uses force in a situation, God is able to set things in perfect order and decency, because His ways are unsearchable and cannot be found out, and His power and might are excellent. He will always be there for us and will do what is necessary for our safety and deliverance in this dark and evil world, once we do His commandments. No matter where, when, or with whom we are dealing with, even if it be a king or governor of the land who is against us, God can and will deliver us, but we have to be obedient unto His commandments.

As we study the Scriptures and recognize where King Nebuchadnezzar declared that who would not bow down and worship the image that he had made would be cast into a fiery furnace, our God was able to deliver his faithful servants, miraculously. And instead of the three men--Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego--coming directly out of the fiery furnace, because they would not bow down to the image, there was a fourth person who we believe was Jesus Christ our Lord, who went into the furnace to shield and deliver them. "Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of...all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury...and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach,

Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego" (Daniel 3:15, first and last parts, 16-18, 19, first and last parts, 20-22). Their attire could not save them because God is the Master and He is gracious unto whom He wants to be gracious, and merciful unto whom He wants to be merciful. If we believe in His words and trust His grace, then definitely He will be there to deliver us by His excellent power, as He delivered those men.

"Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God" (Daniel 3:24-25). Can you imagine, the men who cast Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego into the furnace were properly attired for the occasion, and even they did not go into the fire, but standing by the furnace and casting the men in, yet they were burnt to death. But, not a hair of their heads, of those who were thrown into the fire were singed, "neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them" (verse 27, last part). Then the king acknowledged the excellent power and might of Almighty God, and promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. "Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him...Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort. Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon" (Verses 28, first part, 29-30).

As Almighty God continued to show forth His excellent power and might, He did an awestricken wonder by raising Jesus from the dead, after He had taken our sins upon Him, and then placed Him at His right hand of the throne on high, to make intercession on our behalf, for our sins. "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heav-

enly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus...Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they...who also maketh intercession for us" (Hebrews 3:1; 1:3-4; Romans 8:34, last part).

There was also a great wonder after Herod killed James and imprisoned Peter; who after the brethren gathered and prayed for, an angel went into the prison and led Peter out unto where the brethren were praying. But when Peter came and knocked at the gate and a damsel came out to see who it was, and saw Peter, she was bewildered and ran back and told the brethren. They did not believe her and told her she was mad. But God is able to do the impossible and He did a miracle for Peter. Eventually Peter came in himself and told them the good tidings that had befallen him and then went away. "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him...And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him...And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals...And he went out, and followed him...he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, it is his angel. But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place" (Acts 12:5, 7, first part, 8, first part, 9, first part, 12, last part, 13-17).

There are so many awesome and wonderful things that Almighty God did, that we could speak about, to show His wonderful and excellent power and might. This would be innumerable, for "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness...God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 48:1; 46:1). Amen.



## THE TWO CHURCHES by Brother Richard Santiesteban

The Bible talks about two distinct churches. First of all, what is a church? The Hebrew term for church is bet Kneset or "house of assembly" ([www.vocabulary.com](http://www.vocabulary.com)). The Greek-derived word, synagogue, also means assembly and commonly is used in English dialogue as early as the 1<sup>st</sup> Century. The Jews named it a synagogue or temple or a shul which has the same meaning. The Bible will discuss in great detail two different assemblies.

The first assembly is God's purpose to perform or execute a task. An example we can all see is in Exodus 12:6: "And ye shall keep it up until the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening." Here Moses is providing instructions to the children of Israel on properly partaking of their first Passover. Assembly (church) gathering themselves as one body to perform a function per divine instructions.

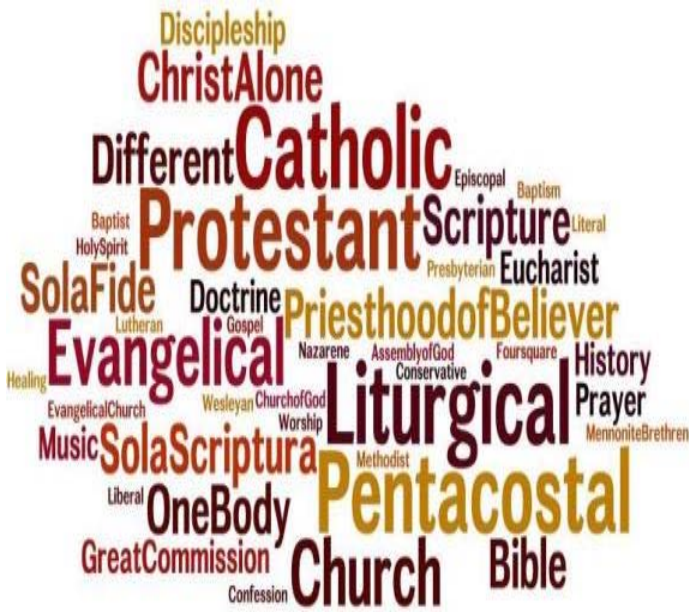
In the Lord's second purpose for assembling is "hearing" and "preparation" for God's holy Law. In the entire chapter of Exodus, Chapter 19, the Lord is teaching Israel how to "prepare" to receive divine instructions. Exodus 19:5: "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:" The Lord then directs them to wash their clothes and prepare themselves to receive God's holy Law in 3 days. The

heavenly Father than speaks the words providing us the holy Law: Exodus 20:1.

King David provides a great illustration of the importance of gathering as a body or church to prepare, hear, and teach others His divine instructions. In I Chronicles 28:20 David tells Solomon to be strong and of good courage until he has finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord. Solomon is in charge of building the temple. In I Chronicles 29:20 he then speaks to the assembly or the church and says, "...Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king."

The second assembly is the gathering of a worldly church. During the messages to the seven churches in Asia Minor, Jesus provides his disapproval of the church in Thyatira and explains to them their trespasses. Let's look at Revelation 2:20: "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols." Let's dissect this verse and important advice being offered as a warning against this church.

Who is Jezebel? She was the daughter of Ethbaal who was King of the Zidonians which was in the city of Sidon (Modern day Lebanon). The King worshipped Baal and other gods. She would later become the queen of Israel wife to King Ahab.



She calls herself a prophetess: Jezebel considered herself a leader in the church and made herself a self-proclaimed prophetess.

"...to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication," Teach, to provide instructions. Jezebel taught and enforced false doctrine and influenced the king himself, which was Ahab, to worship Baal. The Church of God 7th Day has a government that was set up by Christ himself. Jezebel set her own government and killed all those that served the true church (see entire story, I Kings 16-21). Seduce means to "lead astray" or "entice". Jezebel led the children of Israel or "servants" away from the truth and our heavenly Father by the enticements of the earthly world. The servants were the actual body that made up the church to commit fornication. Fornication is the intimate act of one person with a strange person. In spiritual terms it simply means a servant that belongs to the true church committing to the worldly church.

"...to eat things sacrificed unto idols." To eat things is to partake of something. The sacrifice is to give up something that is precious to you to serve this false god or idol.

The Apostle Peter warns us against false teachers or prophets in II Peter 2:1: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and

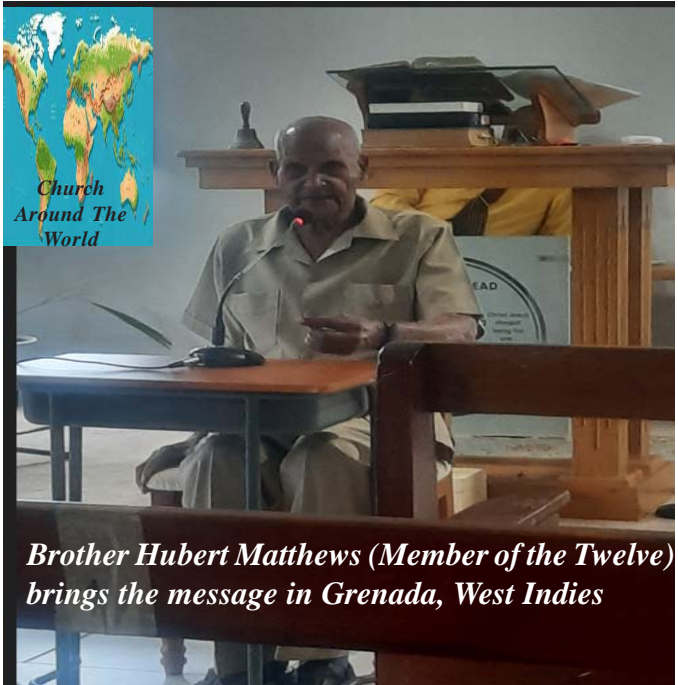
bring upon themselves swift destruction." We see this today. Men and woman as wolves dressed in sheep clothing attempting to tear apart the true Church. One gets upset with the Church over a verse or Scripture and then wants to preach their own doctrine. That is why we have so many different religions.

In the next verse, 21, Jesus tells them to repent of their fornication, but they chose not to, and in verse 22 is the result of their sin: "...I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds."

Jesus speaks strong words that is warning those in the second church to repent and come back to the Truth. Solomon gave a warning against the second church in Proverbs 21:16: "The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead."

Let's adhere to the words of the Apostle Paul who made a bold statement in his protection of the Church in Ephesians 4:4-5: "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism".

**This letter is an Advocate for the Truth to partake of the food of the one true God and not be swayed by the things offered by the second church.**



*Brother Hubert Matthews (Member of the Twelve) brings the message in Grenada, West Indies*



## THE FOOD CORNER



*Raw carrots are fine plain, but if you yearn for a little more variety, try this classic Moroccan salad, seasoned with cumin, garlic and lemon zest. Some versions call for cooked carrots, but this one uses raw ones, cut into the thinnest of strips.*

*Spices and herbs, consumed as foods in the Bible, were used to flavor bread, cakes, meats, soups, stews, and were taken as digestive aids. They range in taste and aroma from sweet to savory to pungent. This recipe contains mint; (Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42) Cinnamon (Exodus 30:23; Revelation 18:13); and Garlic (Numbers 11:5).*

### Moroccan Minted Carrot Salad

*1 pound carrots (about 5 to 6), peeled  
1/4 cup olive oil  
3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice  
1 tablespoon minced garlic  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint leaves,  
or 1/2 teaspoon dried  
1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon confectioners' sugar, or more to taste  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
Mint leaves for garnish*

*Using the julienne cutting attachment of a food processor, cut the carrots into fine julienne shreds, or cut by hand into very fine strips. Whisk the remaining ingredients together in a bowl and pour mixture over the carrots. Chill, if you like, and garnish the salad with a few mint leaves.*

*Serves 4 to 6.*

*Thank you Jonathan Pomrey from Wyncote PA for your recipe submission that we all can share.*



*Pastor Leonard Chaunga pictured from Malawi*

## *"Did God Really Say.....?" by David Royer*

This question of doubt about God's Word and even His existence has always been in this world. Today, it is the norm due to many man-made developments, including the internet, social media, and new cultural disruptions such as history revisionists, woke culture, cancel culture, BLM, call-out culture, CRT (Critical Race Theory), etc.

"Did God really say?" was asked by Satan to Eve in the Garden of Eden, resulting in humans' fall from a state of innocent obedience to God to a state of guilty disobedience. "Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Genesis 3:1).

Two thousand years ago, Jesus's disciples asked Him: "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matthew 24:3). His partial reply was in the following verses 4-5: "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

Do not despair. God gives us a helper: the Spirit of Truth. Receive the Holy Spirit within you, and your discernment of what is truth versus deception will increase. Along with prayer, we must be grounded in the truth of Scripture and not be willing to compromise truth out of convenience or cultural pressures.

The Apostle Paul wrote this encouragement to the church in Thessalonica: "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle" (II Thessalonians 2:13-15).

Brothers and Sisters fight against negative influences that distract us from "staying the course" provided by God's instruction book, the Bible. Beware of deceptions that will increase continually until this world ends. Your victory will be a place in that coming Kingdom that will never end.

### **TAPESTRY**

*We must not judge the work by the back of the tapestry we make.  
For if we did the finished work we would surely forsake.  
So it is with our life and all the troubles that come along.  
It is through those troubles that the Lord makes us strong.  
As the top of the tapestry is a beauty to behold.  
The troubles we have can help us to be bold.  
To stand up to the troubles that through the years we face.  
But it is strength we draw, from His love and grace.  
As the troubles come along and the tangles they hold.  
It is through those tangles that the inner beauty you behold.  
So wait for the finished product that God has in mind.  
For it is then the final beauty you will find.*

*By: Bertie I. Adams*

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### THE CREATION OF MAN

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**LESSON I**

**THE RAIN COMES**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 7:17-24.

Golden Text: Genesis 7:24.

“And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.”

1. What happened to the ark when it began to rain? Genesis 7:17-18.
2. What happened to all the hills? Genesis 7:19.
3. How high above the hills did the waters go? Genesis 7:20.

NOTE: A cubit is about 18 inches. So 15 times 18 inches is 270 inches or 22 1/2 feet.

4. What happened to all the people and animals that were on the earth? Genesis 7:21-22.
5. Who were the only ones that lived? Genesis 7:23.
6. How long did the waters stay on the earth? Genesis 7:24.

**LESSON II**

**THE WATER GOES DOWN**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 8:6-14.

Golden Text: Genesis 8:6.

“And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:”.

1. What did Noah do at the end of the forty days? Genesis 8:6.
2. What did he do with the raven? Genesis 8:7.
3. Why did he turn the dove loose? Genesis 8:8.

4. What did the dove do and why? Genesis 8:9.
5. How long did Noah wait before he sent out the dove a second time, and what did the dove do this time? Genesis 8:10-11.
6. What did the dove do the third time? Genesis 8:12.
7. What did Noah do when he found that the earth was dry? Genesis 8:13.

**LESSON III**

**AFTER THE FLOOD**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 8:15-22; 9:1, 8-17.

Golden Text: Genesis 8:21 (middle part).

“...and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man’s sake....”

1. What did Noah do after the Flood had dried up? Genesis 8:18-19.
2. What did Noah do after everything was out of the ark? Genesis 8:20.
3. What promise did God give to them? Genesis 8:21-22.
4. What did God tell Noah and his sons to do? Genesis 9:1.
5. What did God say would be a sign between Him and man? Genesis 9:11-15.
6. How long did Noah live after the flood? Genesis 9:28.
7. How old was Noah when he died? Genesis 9:29.

**LESSON IV**

**THE TOWER OF BABEL**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:1-9.

Golden Text: Genesis 11:1.

“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.”

1. How many different languages did the people speak? Genesis 11:1.
2. Where did the people travel to at this time? Genesis 11:2.
3. What did the people make in Genesis 11:3?
4. What did the people want to build with the bricks? Genesis 11:4.
5. What did God think of the tower? Genesis 11:5-6.
6. What was done to punish the people? Genesis 11:7-9.

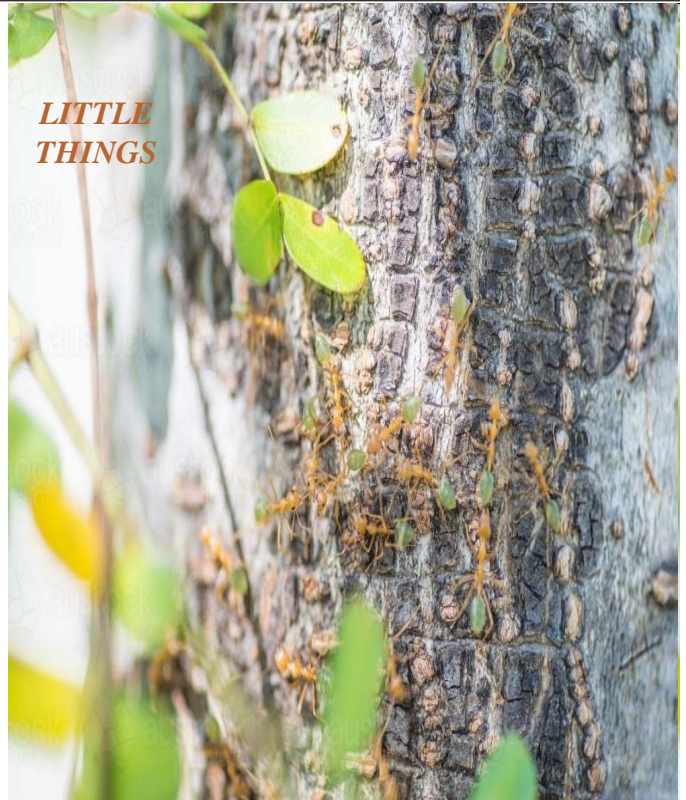
NOTE: Another name for Babel is confusion.

**WORD SEARCH**

Circle the hidden names

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 I S A A C M E A  
 H S T E V E R S

Abraham, Ham, Sarah, Ahaz,  
 Boaz, Abel, Saul, Leah, Seth,  
 Isaac, Eve, Adam, Samuel



*The importance of little things cannot be overrated. There are so many little physical and tangible things around us.*

*The air we breathe, the water we drink. A little worm in timber may eat away and sink a wooden ship. A little bacteria may lay the foundation of a continued illness.*

*"A little drip" will do no harm, 'tis said, but the sea of trouble is made up of drops.*

*Duty properly performed is simply well-doing in little things. The acorn will result into a gigantic oak tree.*

*Jesus said the same of the mustard seed which is so much smaller than an acorn. "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed IS THE LEAST of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof" (Matthew 13:31-32).*

*Life is made up, not of the great deeds, duties, and sacrifices, but in little acts of daily duty.*

**THE GOLD WATCH** - It was a beautiful morning in the month of April; the birds were singing, and the flowers were showing their cheerful smiles. Even the trees seemed to whisper, "Good Morning" as Jimmy passed them on his way to school.

He was busy looking for some flowers to take to his class this morning. He had to start for school a little earlier than usual; but he knew how much they liked the flowers he brought each spring. You see, he was the only boy who had the chance to pick the wildflowers on his way to school because he lived out in the country. His classmates all lived in a little town close by.

Just as he was about to pick a pretty Baby-Blue-Eyes (that was what they called those blue flowers- perhaps because they resembled a baby's blue eyes so much), he spied something shining on the ground. "Oh, it's a watch. Just like Daddy's!" He was so excited and thrilled just to hold it. He had always wanted a watch.

He was so excited that he hurriedly picked about ten more flowers and was off to school.

"Miss Peggy" he almost shouted, "see what I found!" He held up the shining watch so they all could see it.

"Oh, the owner surely must miss such a good watch," exclaimed Miss Peggy, Jimmy's teacher.

"Surely such a fine watch must have been a keepsake for someone; is it running now?"

"No, it isn't running now," answered Jimmy sadly for he had not thought of the owner before. He had only thought of how happy he would be to own that beautiful watch.

"If you want time to take care of it today...I'll do so; then you can take it along home tonight. Perhaps your father would like to put an ad in the newspaper so that its owner may have it again," suggested his teacher.

"Yes, we'll do that," agreed Jimmy rather sadly. He could almost feel the tears coming as he handed her the watch.

As Miss Peggy took the watch, she wound it and immediately it softly ticked. "Just like a little kitty purr, so soft and smooth," thought Jimmy as she held it close to his ear.

It was time for classes now, so Miss Peggy carefully put the watch in her drawer so no harm would come to it during the day. The day dragged on. All his classmates

were excited about the watch, too. Miss Peggy and the students loved the flowers Jimmy had brought for them. She thanked him before the last class was dismissed that day and added, "We always appreciate the flowers, Jimmy. I would like to tell you and the class a little story my mother used to tell me. Each time you bring sunshine, or do a good deed for someone else, you will be rewarded. I'm sure you will be rewarded for your thoughtfulness, Jimmy. The flowers have been a sunbeam to us today; besides you also found the watch because you picked the flowers for us - for which I am sure you will be rewarded."

As Jimmy took the watch from his teacher's hand a few minutes later, he looked up into her face and said smilingly, "This morning I thought I wanted it for my very own, but now I realize that it belongs to its owner, and I will try to find him."

She smiled and said, "I knew you would!"

As he entered the kitchen, he didn't even notice his mother baking his favorite cookies. "Mom, see what I found on my way to school this morning," he explained excitedly, "I am going downtown to put an ad in the newspaper to find its owner."

His mother looked at his watch and said, "No, Jimmy, wait! This looks like your grandfather's watch, the one he lost when he was here for a visit. We'll ask your father tonight when he comes home from the shop."

"Why it does look like Grandfather's watch. It's funny, I never noticed that before. I guess I must have been too excited."

His father recognized the watch immediately. "Yes, this is your grandfather's watch. See those tiny initials J.B.? It has been handed down for generations. I'll call him right now. He was so worried because he lost it."

The telephone call came through just fine. As he hung up, he looked at Jimmy and said, "Guess what?" He told me that the watch is yours for keeps, now. He said he is very proud of you because you wanted to find the owner. He wanted to save the watch until you were older - but he knows it is in good hands.

Jimmy was so happy he could hardly speak for a while. Now he knew how true the little story his teacher had told them really was.





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"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" (I Corinthians 10:16).



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"For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law" (Proverbs 4:2).

## Do This in Remembrance of Me



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"And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness" (Genesis 15:6).

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"And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God" (Romans 9:26).



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