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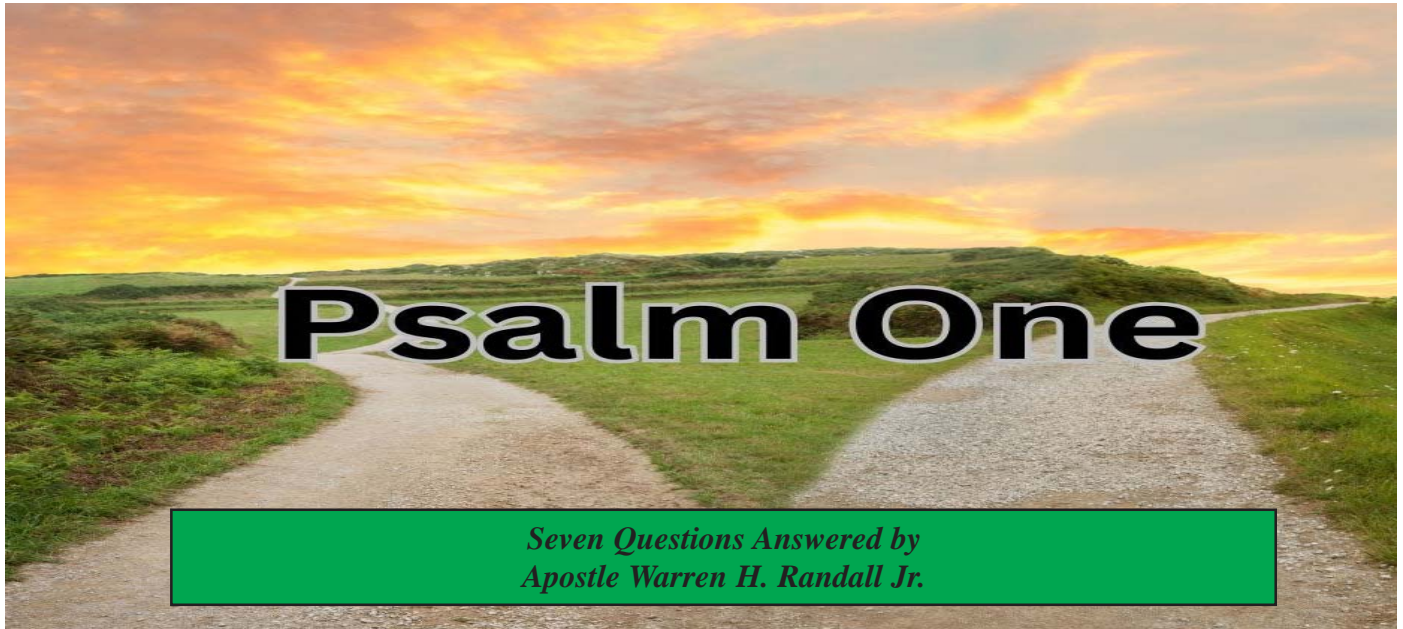
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*One of the Ten Commandments states "The Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain" (Exodus 20:7). This tells us that the Lord's name is intensely precious to him. God holds his name in high regard because it means everything. His name is glorious and saving.*

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# Psalm One

*Seven Questions Answered by  
Apostle Warren H. Randall Jr.*

*"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:1-2).*

## *1. What does walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly mean?*

Once we learn what God expects of us it would be foolish to be guided by an ungodly person. Psalm 33:10, 'The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought; He maketh the devices of the people of none effect.' But in verse 11 of the same chapter we read, 'The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations.' The last verse of Psalm 1 sums it up, 'For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.'

## *2. Does this mean we should not be cordial/friendly with criminals?*

In Matt. 1:21, the angel told Joseph the following, 'And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.' Later in the last part of Matt. 9:11 the disciples are asked, 'Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?' (12) But when Jesus heard that, He said unto them, 'They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.' Since 'All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.' (Rom. 3:23) we, as footstep followers of Jesus, are here to serve. Remember, King David caused the death of Uriah the Hittite and the Apostle Paul tried to destroy the church, but both found favor with God.

## *3. What does standeth in the way of sinners mean?*

If we look at Psalm 1:1 in the following way, we do not want to WALK with the ungodly, STAND with the sinners or SIT with the scornful because we would not be blessed by doing so. That would show that we either support or side with those mentioned. The Apostle Paul tells not keep company with certain people. see I Cor. 5:9-13. We know that we are known by the company we keep, therefore, let us use the wisdom God gives us to be selective.

## *4. Does this mean we should not help people that are sinners?*

Helping sinners is what we do. To quote the Apostle Paul, 1 Cor. 3:6, 'I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.' It is up to us to plant or water along the way by sharing from the storehouse. When we share the truth of God's word we continue to pray that the 'grain' will grow to full maturity aided of course by Holy Spirit.

### ***5. What does sitteth in the seat of the scornful mean?***

Sitting in the seat of the scornful is to be just like them. Strong's Concordance tells us to be scornful is to scoff, mock or deride. A few examples of this are when Jesus went to raise the ruler's daughter and we read in Matt. 9:24, 'He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn.' Prior to His crucifixion the Roman soldiers crowned Him with thorns, clothed Him in purple and mocked Him as the 'King of the Jews.' The Apostle tells us in 2 Peter 3:3, 'Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts. As children of God, we never want to sit in that seat.'

### ***6. How do you determine who is the sinner without judging them?***

While it is true, there is only one Judge and that Judge is Jesus. The Apostle Paul calls Him the righteous judge in 2 Tim. 4:8 and the prophet Isaiah writes about His fairness in Chapter 11:4-5. Remember, we are all sinners and come short of the glory of God. But, if we choose to follow Jesus then those who do not will be easily recognized. Are they keeping the commandments? What kind of 'fruit' are they bearing? Are they even trying to show Jesus they love Him? What this does is alert us to be careful as anyone can change, but be ever cautious because Satan is always out there 'seeking whom he may devour' and may use anyone or anything to tempt us.

### ***7. What does meditate day and night mean?***

By meditating night and day, we are keeping God's words in our thoughts continually. His words are our guide. King David says it so well in Psalm 119:97-100, 'O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.' He adds in verse 105, 'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.' With the benefits that David talks about, why wouldn't we want to think about God's ways all the time? The more we think on the good things, the more we keep the bad thoughts out.

*The Psalms in the Bible are a collection of sacred songs, prayers, and poems. They're like a spiritual playlist or a prayer book that expresses a wide range of emotions, thoughts, and experiences like joy, sorrow, gratitude, anger, and trust in God.*

*Psalms cover lots of themes like:*

- *Praise and worship*
- *Lament and sorrow*
- *Thanksgiving*
- *Trust in God*
- *Wisdom and guidance*
- *God's kingship and creation*

*They're attributed to various authors including King David, Asaph, and others. People often turn to Psalms for comfort, inspiration, and to express their feelings to God.*

*Do you have a favorite Psalm or want to know more about a specific one? Write down your thoughts and mail to us to use in an edition of The Advocate of Truth.*

## *Justification vs. Sanctification* by David Royer



*Justification and sanctification are both described as graces of the gospel. (See Romans 3:4 and Ephesians 1:6-7) Both justification and sanctification are different aspects of a believer's eternal salvation in Christ (See Hebrews 5:9) and an ultimate home in God's Kingdom to come. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary says: Justify (2A) to judge, regard, or treat as righteous and worthy of salvation; Sanctify (1) to set apart to a sacred purpose or to religious use: consecrate*

*Let us step back from definitions and see how Jesus related this concept in His Parable of The Wedding Feast (describing Saints dining with Jesus). In Matthew 22:1-14, Jesus says that we must be wearing a garment of righteousness to be permitted into His Father's presence. So how do we, as sinners, receive this righteousness to be able to stand before God? By receiving a Declaration of Righteousness.*

*This declaration is a free, gracious gift of God, given to those who believe, by faith, in the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus the Christ. Justification is given by God through the imputation (or because) of Christ's righteousness, absolving us of all sins, removing guilt, and recognizing us as holy.*

*So, we see that justification is an act of God. It does not describe the way that God inwardly renews and changes a person. It is, instead, a legal declaration in which God pardons us, the sinner, of all sins and accepts and accounts the sinner as righteous in His sight. God declares all sinners righteous at the very moment that we put our trust and faith in Jesus. Note: My pastor says this justification is confirmed at one's baptism.*

*The Bible does not teach that believers are justified by becoming righteous but rather by being declared righteous. Justification is a unilateral, passive receiving of God's gift through faith in Jesus. By unilateral, I mean that God is the sole Actor based on what his Son accomplished.*

*Sanctification explained:*

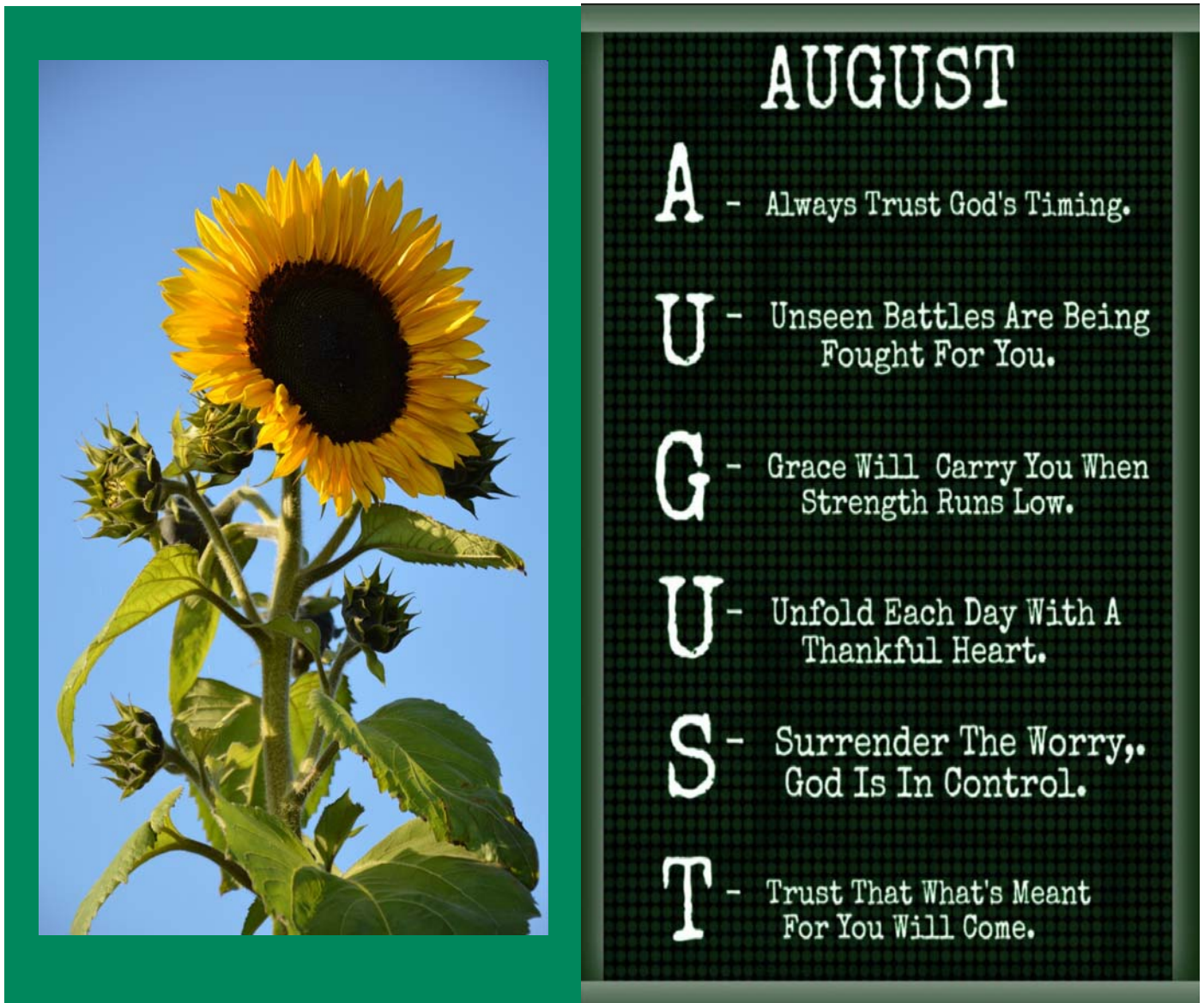
*Justification frees us from the bondage of sin and provides the recognition required by God. However, we*

*are not entirely freed from sin until we receive our sinless resurrected bodies at the last day. God's gift of sanctification completes the process of salvation. It is cooperative and progressive. In other words, working with the Holy Spirit of God within us and our initiative of active faith, we continually pursue holiness and strive to conform to the image of Jesus.*

*Active faith goes farther than just professing our faith. Examples: Live a life that allows others to see your faith; Produces fruit (works) influenced by the Holy Spirit; and Continually praise God.*

*In summary, Jesus has won both justification and sanctification for His followers. Both graces are the concern of faith in Jesus Christ, but in different ways. In justification, our faith results in our being forgiven, accepted, and accounted righteous in God's sight. In sanctification, that same faith actively and eagerly takes up all the commands that Jesus has given us. We dare not separate or combine justification and sanctification. We do distinguish them: Justification is an event, sanctification a process.*

*In both graces, we enter into the richness and spiritual joy with Christ through faith in Him.*



*Taking The Lord's Name In Vain*



*Taking the name of God in vain is not just bad manners. It's a mortal offense against Heaven. We're not talking about being a little rude or using "strong language." No. This is direct disobedience to God's law. The Second Commandment isn't a polite suggestion; it's a divine command: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain" (Exodus 20:7).*

*And yet, what do we hear every single day, even from people who call themselves Christian? "Oh my God Jesus Christ" (not in prayer, but in anger). "God d\*mn it." And worse: "Jesus ??? Christ."*

*Let's stop pretending this is no big deal. This isn't cultural. This isn't harmless. This is blasphemy, a sin that cries out to Heaven for vengeance. It's taking what is holy and throwing it into the mud.*

*It's become so normalized in today's culture, in movies, in social media, and even in casual conversation, that we've forgotten the sacred weight of the Holy Name. But heaven hasn't forgotten. The angels haven't forgotten. The saints haven't forgotten. And God certainly hasn't forgotten.*

*Every single time you use God's name irreverently, you violate the Second Commandment. Every. Single. Time. Whether you meant to or not, it still offends Him. That's exactly what "in vain" means: empty, thoughtless, careless. That's the sin.*

*We have forgotten how to tremble at holy things. We treat the name of God like it's just another syllable. We shout it when we're angry. We blurt it out when we're shocked. We drag it through the mud when we curse.*

*Do we not realize what we're doing? Saint Paul says, "At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). What happened to our reverence? What happened to the fear of the Lord?*

*The name of God is not a filler word. It is not a punchline. It is not an emotional outburst. It is holy. It is sacred. It is the name before which every demon trembles. The name that drives out evil. The name that saves souls. And we dare to spit it out like it's nothing?*

*You want to restore Christian culture? Start with your mouth. Don't just stop using these words; make reparation. When you hear someone blaspheme, say out loud or in your heart "Blessed be the name of God. Blessed be Jesus Christ."*

*Train your children not just to avoid bad language, but to speak the Holy Name with fear and love. Teach them that saying "Oh my God" is not cute or funny; it's a violation of God's law. Raise your family to be different from the world. We are not called to blend in. We are called to stand out. To be saints.*

*Stop tolerating TV shows, songs, and influencers who abuse the name of God. Stop making excuses. Start honoring His name again, like our ancestors did when they whispered "Jesus" with bowed heads.*

*The Holy Name of God is not to be mocked. It is to be adored. Honor it. Defend it. Speak it with love. And if you've fallen into this habit, then repent. Go to confession. Make reparation.*

*And from this day forward, let the name of Jesus never pass your lips unless it is in love, in worship, or in prayer. That is what it means to keep the Second Commandment.*

*Answers to FEW AND MANY on page 13:*

- 1. life Matt 7:14*
- 2. called Matt 20:16*
- 3. laborers Matt 9:37*
- 4. fish Matt 15:34*
- 5. saved Luke 13:23*
- 6. sparrows Matt 10:31*
- 7. parables Matt 13:3*
- 8. rooms John 14:2*
- 9. Legion Mark 5:9*
- 10. ransom Matt 20:28*

## **The Crown**

You may be weary, indeed,  
But, you've given God's Word good heed;  
Though your flesh may slow down,  
you can still win a crown,  
When your spirit increases in speed.

# "He Must Increase..."

By David DeLong



John the Baptist said concerning the Lord Jesus Christ: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). Now we know that the Lord Jesus must be increased to 100% in our lives, but just how much do we need to decrease our worldly concerns of self in comparison? Someone might say that if we decrease 10% that is a pretty good percentage. Someone else may say that if they decrease by 25%, then how could the Lord find fault with that percentage? But the fact remains that we must decrease in our lives by 100%, or to a number of zero. Someone might be thinking that if their worldly livfe concerns are decreased to zero then they will end up with an inferior complex, or some other type of complex. But just the opposite will take place: that person will actually be the happiest, most fulfilled person on planet earth.

Let us look at some examples of children of God who considered themselves as 0% in their lives as compared to 100% for the Lord. The first person I wish to examine is a man called Agur. In Proverbs 30:1-3 we read: "The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal, Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy." This man, Agur, seems to have been one of the most humble of men upon earth. Whether he actually was the most brutish (stupid) of men we don't know, but he considered himself to possibly be so, thus placing himself as the last, or least, of men. Therefore, it appears that he was considering himself to be the least. Now verse one of this text mentions that Agur was to

speak a prophecy. Apparently, because Agur was so humble in putting himself last, the Lord honored him with the words of a prophecy which seems to be spoken in verses 4-9. I will quote verse 4: "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"

A number of years ago, my wife Linda and I formed a friendship with a young couple at a school at which I was teaching. We had Bible studies together, and even at one time studied these verses from Proverbs 30. We felt so impressed by the words of Agur that we formed a club called the "stupid club." This club was not a put down on any one of us. It was to remind us that we need to be totally humble in God's presence, and that in comparison to Him we are indeed at 0%. We even had little badges made up that we wore on our shirts. We told people that we were charter members of the stupid club, and what it represented.

Another child of God who displayed great humility was King Solomon. In I Kings 3:7-10 we read him saying to the Lord: "And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy

so great a people? And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing." He compared himself to a little child and totally relied upon the Lord to give him wisdom to lead the Lord's people. Thus, at that time, Solomon put God at 100% and himself at 0%.

The Apostle Paul humbled himself to 0% as well. Recognizing his evil past life, Paul said in I Corinthians 15:9: "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." Going a step further, he said in Ephesians 3:8: "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;". What the Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:8 is very interesting. He even said that he was "less than the least of all saints". There is in the scientific world a concept known as absolute zero. Webster's Dictionary defines this term as: "a hypothetical temperature characterized by complete absence of heat and equivalent to approximately...or -459.69 degrees F." So there is a degree of temperature that is below zero, called absolute zero. As seen in the definition there is absolutely no heat in absolute zero. May our goal be to have absolutely no self-will in our lives.

The Apostle Paul, in Philippians 3:4-6, recounts a number of his accomplishments, and then goes on in verses 7-8: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ."

Like Solomon, we must humble ourselves to the point of being a little child. When the disciples were debating who would be the greatest in God's kingdom, Jesus, in Matthew 18:2-4, "And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." When I survey the majesty of the heavens on a clear night, I am in wide-eyed wonder at the awesome power of God and the Lord Jesus. At such times it is easy to be at absolute zero in my mind.

We can be assured that if God has chosen us as His servants we are already in the zero class. First Corinthians

1:26-29 reads: "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence."

We don't even belong to ourselves anymore. First Corinthians 6:20 tells us: "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." And I Corinthians 7:23 reads: "Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men." As servants, or slaves, of the Lord we must do everything that our Master tells us to do. But even though we do not belong to ourselves anymore, we should never go around with a "woe is me" mentality. We should be the most joyous people that exist.

I Corinthians 13:7 should be our motto--charity "Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." When we do this we are fulfilling Philippians 2:3: "Let nothing be done through strife or vain-glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Thus we are at zero, or absolute zero, in our lives.

But the greatest example that the Bible gives to us is that of the Lord Jesus, Himself. Philippians 2:7-8 informs us concerning the Lord Jesus: "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Jesus "made himself of no reputation". No reputation means zero reputation. Jesus made Himself into the absolute zero class for all men by putting every man, woman, and child on earth ahead of Himself and taking their place by dying on the cross for them! And not only He did this, but the Father in heaven placed Himself in this absolute zero class by allowing His only begotten Son to suffer and die for us, as well!

Brothers and Sisters, let us put into practice what John the Baptist said concerning the Lord Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease." Let us exalt Him to 100% and with His help decrease ourselves to absolute zero %. God bless you!



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**LESSON I**

**JETHRO BRINGS TO MOSES HIS WIFE AND SONS**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 18:1-12.**

**Golden Text: Exodus 18:9.**

**"And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians."**

1. Who was Jethro? What did he do when he heard of all that God had done for Moses? Exodus 18:1-2.
2. What were the names of Moses' two sons? Exodus 18:3-4.
3. Did they go into the wilderness to see Moses? Exodus 18:5.
4. Was Moses pleased that they had come to see him? Exodus 18:6-7.
5. Did Moses tell them all that the Lord had done for him? Exodus 18:8.
6. Did they rejoice and praise God for his deliverance? Exodus 18:9-10.
7. Jethro knew now that the Lord was the great God. What did he do to show his praise of God? Exodus 18:11-12.

**LESSON II**

**JETHRO COUNSELETH MOSES**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 18:13-27.**

**Golden Text: Exodus 18:25.**

**"And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens."**

1. What was Moses doing for the people in Exodus 18:13?
2. What questions did Jethro ask Moses, and how did Moses answer him? Exodus 18:14-16.
3. Did Jethro think this was good? Why? Exodus 18:17-18.
4. What counsel did Jethro give Moses? What was Moses to show and teach the people? Exodus 18:19-20.
5. Who were the rulers? What would the duties of these men be? Exodus 18:21-22.
6. Did Moses hearken to Jethro's voice? Exodus 18:24.
7. Whom did Moses choose, and who judged the people? Exodus 18:25-26.
8. Where did Jethro go? Exodus 18:27.

**LESSON III**

**THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL COME TO SINAI**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:1-14.**

**Golden Text: Exodus 19:9 (first part).**

**"And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever..."**

1. In what month did the children of Israel reach Sinai? Exodus 19:1-2.
2. The Lord called unto Moses, and what did He tell Moses to say to the children of Israel? Exodus 19:3-6.
3. Whom did Moses call before him? Exodus 19:7.
4. Did the people agree to do all that the Lord had spoken? Exodus 19:8.
5. How was the Lord going to appear unto Moses? Exo-

dus 19:9.

6. What further was Moses to tell his people? In ho many days would the Lord come down upon Mount Sinai? Exodus 19:10-11.

7. What bounds were to be set round about? Exodus 19:12-13.

8. What did Moses do when he came down from the mount unto the people? Exodus 19:14.

**LESSON IV**

**GOD'S PRESENCE ON MOUNT SINAI**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:15-25.**

**Golden Text: Exodus 19:17.**

**"And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount."**

1. What happened on the third day in the morning? Exodus 19:16.

2. Where did the people stand when Moses brought them forth to meet God? Exodus 19:17.

3. When the Lord descended upon the mount, what happened? Exodus 19:18.

4. Did God answer Moses when he spake to him? Exodus 19:19.

5. Did Moses go to the mount as God instructed him? Exodus 19:20.

6. What did the Lord tell Moses to do? Exodus 19:21-22.

7. Who was to come up to the mount with Moses? Exodus 19:23-24.

8. Did Moses speak to the people? Exodus 19:25.

**FEW AND MANY**

*It may be few, or it may be many. The Bible speaks of both, our quiz is divided between them - five questions about each. Can you supply the missing word in the verses or description given below?*

1. *Few find the narrow way to \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *"Many be \_\_\_\_\_, but few chosen." FJV*
3. *"The harvest is plentiful, but the \_\_\_\_\_ are few."*
4. *They had seven loaves and a few small \_\_\_\_\_.*
5. *Someone said, "Lord, will those who are \_\_\_\_\_ be few?"*
6. *"Fear not...you are of more value than many \_\_\_\_\_."*
7. *"And he (Jesus) told them many things in \_\_\_\_\_."*
8. *"In my Father's house are many \_\_\_\_\_."*
9. *He told Jesus, "My name is \_\_\_\_\_" for we are many."*
10. *"The Son of man came to give his life a \_\_\_\_\_ for many."*

*Answers to FEW AND MANY found on page 8*

**MINERALS**

1. *With pieces of what mineral did Judas betray Jesus?*
2. *What mineral did God use in destroying Sodom?*
3. *What mineral did the Phoenicians bring all the way from Tarshish?*
4. *From what metal combination was made the serpent which Moses lifted up in the wilderness?*
5. *What mineral did Jesus use to cure a blind man?*
6. *In the parable of two houses, what minerals were mentioned?*
7. *When was mineral used in the Eastern lands as a sign of friendship?*
8. *Of what mineral was Mary's box of ointment made?*
9. *What common mineral is not mentioned in the Bible?*
10. *Where is the diamond first mentioned in the Bible?*

*Answers to Minerals found on page 15*

*You know of boys and girls who are 'spoiled.' Our story is about a man in 1 Kings chapter 21 who was a 'spoiled' king. Ahab's palace was in Samaria, for he was king over Israel. He often looked out of his window at the beautiful vineyard beside his palace. The fruit looked good to eat, and he wished he could walk into the vineyard and eat all he wanted.*

*As he looked at the fruit, he thought to himself, "I want that vineyard, Why can't I have it? I will talk to Naboth about it and offer to buy it from him."*

*He offered Naboth, the owner, a vineyard somewhere else, or money equal to the value of it. Naboth replied, "Sir that vineyard has been in my family for generations. I would not have the heart to sell it." Ahab walked slowly back to his room overlooking the vineyard. He was angry and sullen because he could not have what he wanted. He lay on his bed, covered his face, and even refused food when it was brought to him.*

*Jezebel, his wife, heard of his pouting and came to his room. "Ahab, why are you so angry that you will not eat?"*

*"I wanted that vineyard outside my window. I asked Naboth to give it to me, but he won't, whined Ahab. Jezebel laughed within herself this childishness, but spoke, "Are you king of Israel? Get off your bed and behave yourself. If you want that vineyard, I will see that you get it."*

*She wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent them to the elders of the city who were over Naboth. "Proclaim a feast in your city. Set Naboth in a conspicuous place among the people and set two sons of Belial near him. Have them bear witness against him saying, 'you have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him to death."*

*How cruel Jezebel was to take the life of an innocent man to please the "spoiled" Ahab. She used the sons of Belial to do the wicked task, for Belial was a wooden god whom she made everyone worship. She knew the priests of Belial would do as she asked, for if they did not she would have them killed also.*

*The feast was proclaimed, Naboth was placed in a*

*conspicuous place before the people and the "sons of Belial" cried out, "Naboth has cursed God and the king."*

*Jezebel walked proudly to Ahab's room and said, "Naboth has been stoned and is now dead. Now, go! Take possession of the vineyard which he refused to sell and you want so badly."*

*Ahab rose from his bed and put on these costly robes. He walked through the vineyard, proudly displaying his ownership of it. Ahab watched a man walking slowly towards him, until he recognized Elijah, the Prophet of the Lord. He wondered if Elijah had heard of this wicked plot.*

*Elijah stood before Ahab and spoke, "Have you killed Naboth, and now take everything that belonged to him? Ahab, how wicked can you be? Behold, the Lord is about to bring evil upon you, for as he said, In the place where Naboth was killed shall Ahab be killed. And all his family shall die. Jezebel will be eaten by dogs for the wickedness." And so it was!*

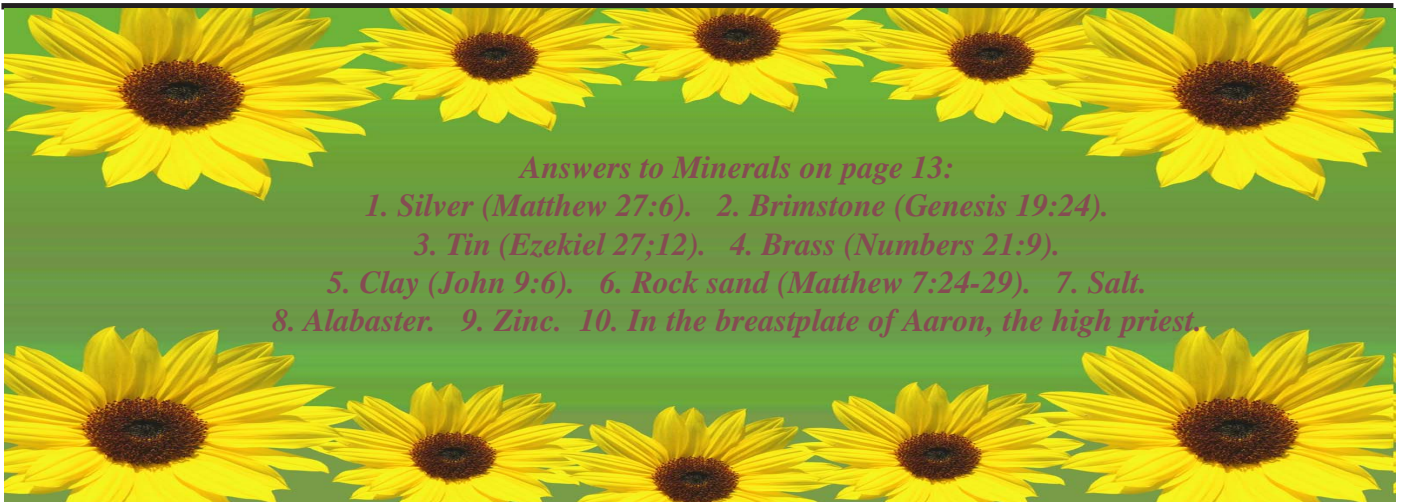
***Are You Spoiled?***

*If it meant killing people to get what they wanted, Ahab and Jezebel calmly did it. It is not good to be "spoiled." Whenever you feel sorry for yourself because you cannot have something, think about Ahab and remember what happened to him and his wife for their wickedness.*

***THAT'S WHY I LOVE HIM SO.***

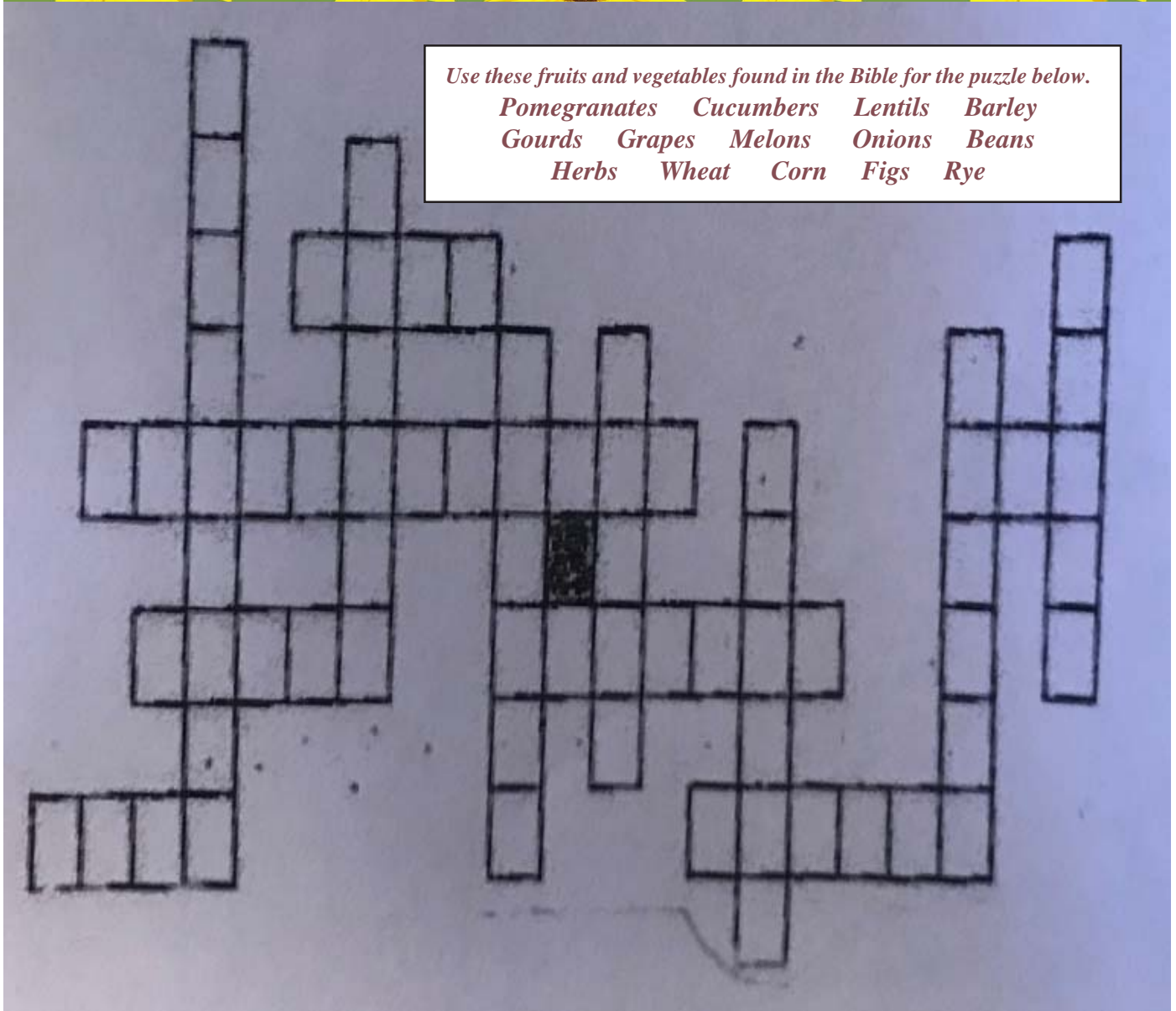
*Let's thank God for the little hills,  
For creeks and rivers, too,  
For trees to give us pleasant shade,  
For skies of brightest blue.  
Let's thank Him for the pretty flowers,  
For animals and bees;  
For fishes in the sparkling brook,  
and birds up in the trees.  
God loves the pretty things He's made,  
He loves me too, I know;  
He gives me everything I need -  
That's why I love him so.*





*Answers to Minerals on page 13:*  
1. Silver (Matthew 27:6). 2. Brimstone (Genesis 19:24).  
3. Tin (Ezekiel 27:12). 4. Brass (Numbers 21:9).  
5. Clay (John 9:6). 6. Rock sand (Matthew 7:24-29). 7. Salt.  
8. Alabaster. 9. Zinc. 10. In the breastplate of Aaron, the high priest.

*Use these fruits and vegetables found in the Bible for the puzzle below.*  
Pomegranates Cucumbers Lentils Barley  
Gourds Grapes Melons Onions Beans  
Herbs Wheat Corn Figs Rye



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