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"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Peter 1:5-8).





Duties of Children and Parents

**Excerpts taken from an article by F.L Summers
(deceased) May 30, 1949 Advocate of Truth**

Editors note: One of the truths that arise from generation to generation is a concern for our youth. We are always concerned for them and wish them to have a better time of it than we have had. The answer to this concern can be found in the Scriptures as the following article from 75 years ago points out.

We find educators, people of authority, and those who are interested in the welfare of our country, racking their brains and striving continually to solve the problems of this rising generation. We wonder ourselves what would be the outcome if the world would be permitted to stand for another generation or two. A large percentage of our crimes are committed by boys under twenty-one years of age.

You who have the privilege of associating with boys of the junior high and high school age, know that any one of them who will not smoke, swear, drink, gamble, use filthy language, or run to excess in some of the above, or all of them, are looked down upon by their school mates. The greater majority of these boys, (I am sorry to say a great number of girls too), have been permitted to run the streets at night, their parents not knowing where they are. They

fall into the company of older boys and girls, and from these get more knowledge of the world, with all of its wickedness.

Let us see if we can find the cause of this horrible condition, and if there is a time spoken of in the Word of God that fits the times in which we are living. I think we find this is a fulfillment of prophecy and a sign of the nearness of the coming of the Lord.

First let us turn to Exodus 20:12 and we will see if there is a promise to the child who loves his or her parents. This is in God's code of laws given the world, whereby they are able to know what sin is. "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." We find here the only commandment given with a promise. That promise is long life upon this present earth.

We all love life, and this alone should be enough to encourage obedience to parents if the child has been taught it. We find on the other hand there is an obligation on the part of the parents to teach their children these things, to keep them in subjection, and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

I am sorry to say that the home life has broken down in almost ninety percent of the homes throughout the land, and these things are not taught the children. Therefore,

many of them do not have any conception of what sin and disobedience really is in its deepest sense.

Please notice Deuteronomy 6: 6,7 “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

Here is a charge to the parent to have the laws of God continually on your minds, and to give the children instructions as to the meaning of it. If this is not done, the Lord will hold us responsible for the child’s wickedness. We may see in Genesis 18:19 how God regards one (Abraham) who teaches his children righteousness and to fear the Lord. “For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”

We also find instructions to train our children in Proverbs 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” This shows that early training in righteousness is never forgotten, even after the child has reached mature years.

Proverbs 29:17 says: “Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.” Proverbs 19:18 says, “Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.” The Bible teaches that we love not our own children if we do not chastise them. Chastening should be done with judgment and caution, as is shown in Col. 3:21, “Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.”

We parents should not do things to provoke our children and then punish them for it. The Word of God should be taught to them. The holy Law of God should be taught to them. The holy Law of God should be taught as a guide whereby they might know when they are sinning. The Lord is well pleased when children obey and honor their parents. Colossians 3:20 reads, “Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.” Children are supposed to have respect for older people as well as for their parents. Proverbs 23:22 says, “Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not

thy mother when she is old.” Leviticus 19:32 reads, “Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.”

When a child is chastened it will help him to lead a Christian life, and to look upon the chastisements of the Lord as a just correction to show him the way of life more clearly, and to do the Father’s will. The Lord chasteneth a son whom he loves. See Hebrews 12:6, “For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.”

We have just now begun to reap the fruits of the generation that has been let go being chastened. Many parents' hearts have been made sad and many broken, all because they failed to chasten their children when they were young and there was hope. We also find this is one of the signs of the nearness of the close of this age and the coming of Christ to sit upon the throne of his father David. II Timothy 3:2 tells us, “For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy”.

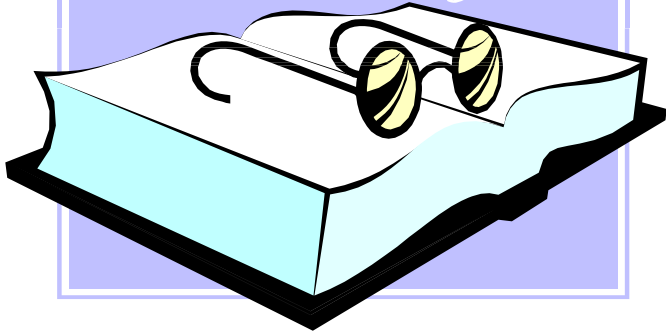
Dear one, if you have a child whom you love, correct him or her in justice and fear of the Lord while there is hope. He will then do as told in Ecclesiastes 12:1, “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them”.

The child of today needs continual instructions in the Word of God as never before. Wickedness is on every hand and it is no wonder, for the devil has come in great fury, knowing that he has but a short time. If he can turn away this generation from God, he has the next in his power. It only takes from two to three generations for the world to go to the lowest degree of sin and wickedness. When one generation begins to forget God, the next is not instructed in righteousness. When they have not been taught the Word of God, and know nothing of God, it is almost a miracle if their hearts can ever be touched. Nothing but the great power of God can do it. It requires almost as great a miracle or shaking up as Saul received.

May the God of heaven help you to bring up your child in the way he should go and have mercy upon you. This is my prayer to you.

BIBLE

Study



Question: From what source do we get the Scriptures, and by whom are they given?

Answer: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (II Timothy 3:16).

Question: Is the prophecy of Scripture of any private interpretation?

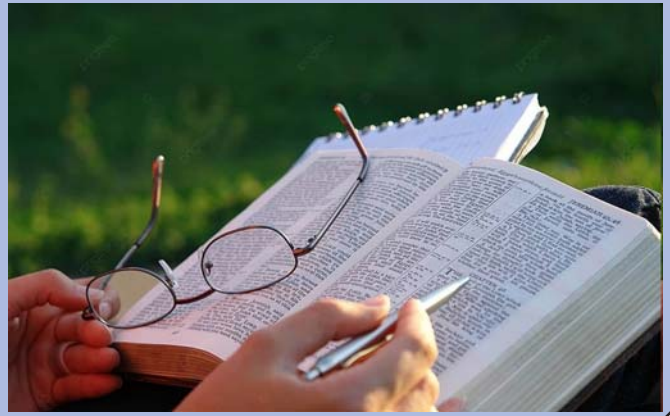
Answer: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:19-21).

Question: Of what value are the Scriptures, and for what are they profitable to us?

Answer: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Timothy 3:16-17).

Question: What are we admonished to do, that we

Questions and Answers



may understand the Word correctly, and finally receive divine approval?

Answer: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

Question: How should the Word be established?

Answer: "This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established" (II Corinthians 13:1).

Question: By studying and receiving a knowledge of the sacred Word, what will it finally acquire for us?

Answer: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation though faith which is in Christ Jesus" ((II Timothy 3:15).

Question: What will knowing the truth of God's Word do for you?

Answer: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

Question: Why is a personal knowledge of the Scrip-

tures of vital importance to every person, and without it why might some people be deceived?

Answer: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1).

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness: whose end shall be according to their works" (II Corinthians 11:14-15).

Question: What is the best approach for searching the Scriptures?

Answer: "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line, here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken" (Isaiah 28:10-13).

Question: In what way does God warn His people to be on guard?

Answer: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6:13-15).

Question: We notice that when Satan was tempting Christ for forty days and nights (Luke 4:1-12), that Christ always answered him by quoting a text of Scripture. What does the Holy Spirit instruct us to do when we are likewise tempted?

Answer: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" (I Peter 3:15).

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21).

Does It Matter If I Go To Church Or Not?

by David DeLong

When I was a boy my parents forced me to go to church with them. I didn't always enjoy the Sabbath day as I should have. My mind was upon what I was going to do after the sun went down. But it is different today. I now love going to church and keeping God's holy Sabbath day and studying the Scriptures. However, some believers think that they can keep the Sabbath day just as well by staying home from church and resting upon that day. Is this a true belief? There is no doubt that a Christian can keep the Sabbath day at home and in church. But the question is: can one keep the Sabbath day just as well by staying home from church?

The Lord doesn't think so. He knows that if we are keeping the Sabbath by ourselves (unless we are shut-ins) that we will be more tempted to let our thoughts drift toward secular pursuits and what we will be doing after the Sabbath is past. He tells us in Isaiah 58:13-14, the first part: "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD...". That is one of the reasons that He commands us in Hebrews 10:25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Assembling ourselves together on the Sabbath is making that action a "holy convocation". Leviticus 23:3 reads: "Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings."

There is no question that we must keep the Sabbath at home and in church. But if we stay home from church, instead of attending, we will not be able to exhort one another, thus helping to keep our minds and hearts more pure.

Bible Trivia Quiz

Answers on page 2

1. The new city of Jerusalem will have:

(Revelation 21:22)

- a. one temple
- b. forty temples
- c. no temple
- d. twelve temples

2. Ezekiel received from the Lord a:

(Ezekiel 2:9-10)

- a. rod and staff
- b. portion of manna
- c. roll of a book
- d. stone tablet

3. The name of Seth's son:

(Genesis 5:6)

- a. Cainan
- b. Able
- c. Enos
- d. Jared

4. In Paul's second letter to Timothy,

Eunice was referred to as:

(II Timothy 1:5)

- a. Timothy's sister

- b. Paul's sister
- c. Timothy's mother
- d. Paul's grandmother

**5. This city is associated with Zacchaeus
and the Sycamore tree:**

(Luke 19:1-4)

- a. Jerusalem
- b. Nazareth
- c. Jericho
- d. Capernaum

6. Abraham had his first child with:

(Genesis 16:15)

- a. Zipporah
- b. Sarah
- c. Hagar
- d. Azura

**7. What Persian King allowed the Israelites to
return to their homeland:**

(II Chronicles 36:22-23)

- a. Nebuchadnezzar I
- b. Nebuchadnezzar II
- c. Cyrus
- d. Xerxes

8. Jesus said to the devil,

“Get thee behind me” and also to:

(Matthew 16:23)

- a. Judas
- b. Pilate
- c. Peter
- d. Simon



THE BEMA SEAT

By David Royer

The next time you are in Church, notice the raised platform from where the speakers and ministers address the congregation. You would be looking at a Bema. Bema comes from Greek, meaning a raised stage, seat, steps, or tribunal. The national theater in Tel Aviv, Israel, is called The Habima Theater because of its raised stage. (Bima or Bimah is Hebrew for a raised platform).

It is nice that we have picked up a new vocabulary phrase: The Bema Seat. However, internet research indicates it has been used for a decade as a catchy, fanciful replacement for THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST. It seems that biblical researchers and scholars determined that this new phrase comes from the New Testament letters, written in Greek, by the Apostle Paul to the Christian Church in Rome and many Churches in what is now Turkey.

As a Jew living outside of Judea, Paul wrote his letters in Greek, the lingua franca (a shared language of communication used between people whose primary languages are different) of the ancient Mediterranean. Source: Columbia University; <https://www.college.columbia.edu/core/content/paul#>

The two biblical references given are in Romans 14:10, “But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.” and

II Corinthians 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

The problem is that I compared these texts to the original Greek Interlinear, and the phrase “The Bema Seat” can only be surmised or inferred. Here is the translation:

In Greek: emprosthen tou bematos and in English: before the judgment seat.

Notice it says bematos, not bema. Source: Greek Interlinear: https://biblehub.com/text/2_corinthians/5-10.htm. Also, Strong’s Concordance says “bema” in Greek means a step or raised place. Bottom line: it is only by implication that this modern expression “bema seat” means “judgment seat”. So, rather than use a phrase not found in our King James Bible, I will continue this article with the judgment seat of Christ.

The Bible speaks about judgment and how, at some time, everyone will be judged by Jesus (appointed by His Father as the Judge) to give an account of their life. Without study, there is a tendency to lump all judgment into the same category, but there are two different types of judgment. True Christian believers and other unbelievers will be judged, but the experience and results will not be the same.

The unbeliever will experience condemnation at the great white throne judgment described in Revelation 20, which is the final judgment before the lost are cast into the lake of fire. Jesus has already judged those who have died and is currently judging the living. Upon Jesus’ return for His saints, those judged worthy (through God’s grace) will be part of the first resurrection. “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years” (Revelation 20:6).

The blessed and holy risen saints have pleased God and will not endure any judgment of condemnation. Our Lord reassures us by His words: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life” (John 5:24). Paul adds: “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:1).

Other verses indicate that resurrected saints will have a glorious, close working relationship with Jesus: “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth”(Revelation 5:9–10). Also, see Daniel 7:27.

To reign means to have leadership and authority over something or someone. Several verses in the New Testament indicate that the saints will be awarded crowns of achievement: “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown

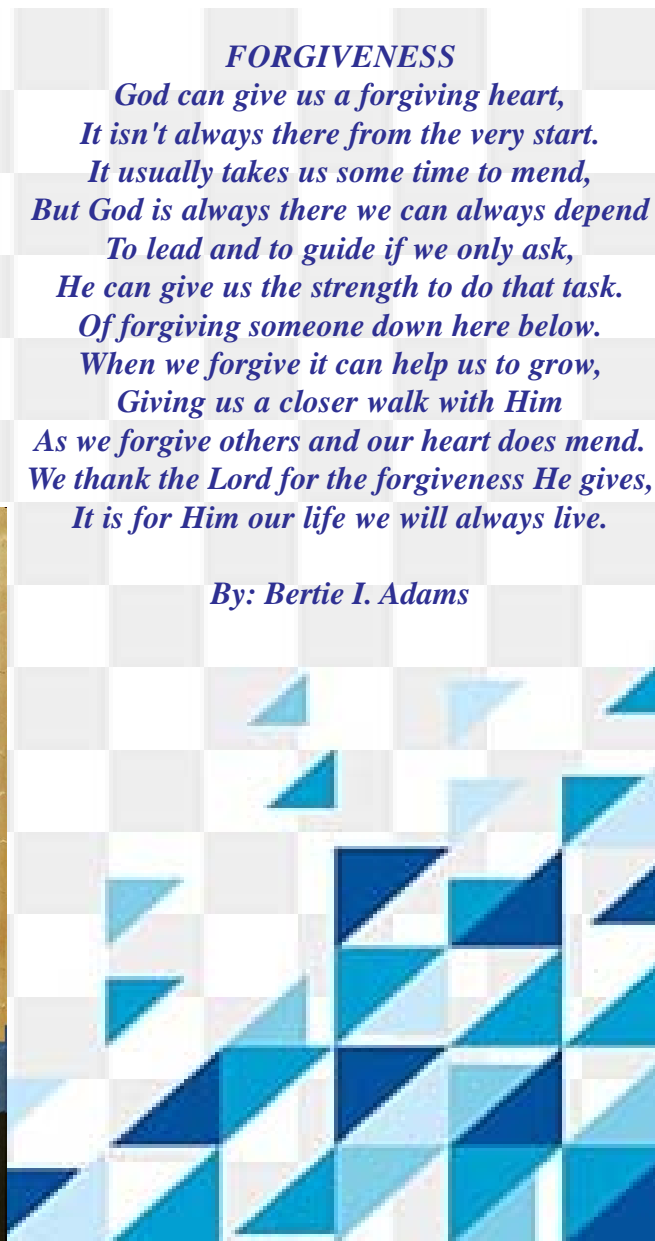
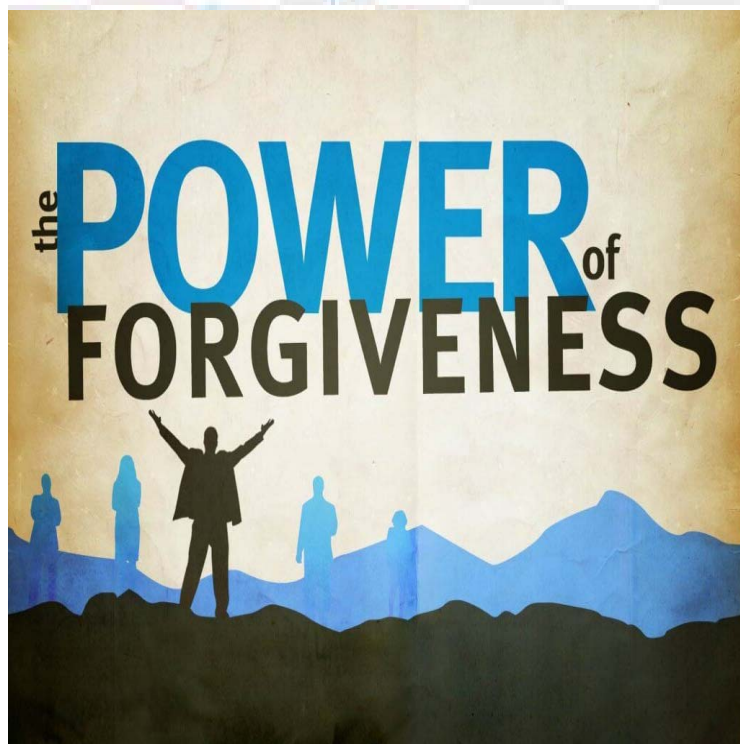
of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:8). Also, see James 1:12; I Corinthians 9:25; I Peter 5:4; and Revelation 2:10.

In closing, I ask you to read the “Parable of the Talents” in Matthew 25:14–30, which tells us how servants pleased their master while traveling away to a far country. Our Master and Savior, Jesus, wants us to keep busy spreading love and the Gospel in our unique ways while awaiting His return. In so doing, we will please our Master and be called good and faithful servants.

FORGIVENESS

*God can give us a forgiving heart,
It isn't always there from the very start.
It usually takes us some time to mend,
But God is always there we can always depend
To lead and to guide if we only ask,
He can give us the strength to do that task.
Of forgiving someone down here below.
When we forgive it can help us to grow,
Giving us a closer walk with Him
As we forgive others and our heart does mend.
We thank the Lord for the forgiveness He gives,
It is for Him our life we will always live.*

By: Bertie I. Adams



The Peace That Passeth All Understanding

By Bibi Shimon Allicock

The peace that passeth all understanding can only come from God, because only through Him and by Him can we attain certain qualities. Many may look for peace, but in order to attain it we first have to seek God and His righteousness, then all other things will be added unto our lives. "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6-7). When we seek God and His righteousness we will be endowed with the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. The Psalmist said, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them" (Psalm 119:165).

Since those who love the Law of God will have great peace, then they who fear God and keep His commandments will definitely depart from evil. The wise man Solomon recorded that, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10). Unless we have understanding, we cannot have the peace which the Lord speaks about because only someone with an understanding heart will seek peace and pursue it. As the Psalmist David admonished: "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry" (Psalm 34:13-15). When Saul was hunting down David to kill him, David wouldn't do any evil unto Saul, although he could have when Saul was asleep in the cave and David and his men were just outside the cave. This is so because God endowed peace upon David and thus David made peace with Saul. "And David said to Saul,...Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD'S anointed...And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is

this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil" (I Samuel 24:9, first part, 10, 16-17). Thus Saul desisted from pursuing David, and David was able to dwell peaceably.

The Apostle Matthew emphasized in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). In the book of Genesis we see that Abraham was a man of peace and stability, and Almighty God declared the relationship between him and his children. God said: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." Abraham definitely did as God had instructed because when there was strife between Abraham's herdmen and Lot's herdmen, Abraham made peace between them in that he told Lot: "Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left...Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom...And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever" (Genesis 18:19; 13:9, 12, 14-15).

Almighty God is a God of peace and He loveth peace, because when a righteous king ruled, the land was peaceful, but when a wicked king ruled, there would be war in the land and God would allow that to happen so that men would be able to know that God is in control and peace comes from Him. So when men are perplexed and in deep derision, they will definitely turn to Him when the road gets extremely rough as in the days of King Manasseh. "So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. And

the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God" (II Chronicles 33:9-13).

At times we may forget what God can do for us, and limit His mighty power, until we are placed in a certain situation. Joseph went through lots of afflictions and perils among his brothers, Potiphar's wife, and other situations. But God was with him all the way and delivered him greatly, because he was peaceful and he trusted in God. And when Pharaoh had a dream he was able to tell Pharaoh that God would give him an answer of peace. His brothers put him in a pit, then they sold him to the Ishmeelites, and the Ishmeelites then sold him to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh. "And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man;...And his master saw that the LORD was with him..." (Genesis 39:2-3). But his master's wife cast a lustful eye on him and wanted him to have sexual intercourse with her, but, though Joseph was a goodly person and well favoured, he didn't want to sin against God. So he told Potiphar's wife he cannot do such great wickedness and sin against his God. So she decided to frame him and he was imprisoned. In the prison the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. In the prison there were two prisoners who had dreamed dreams and wanted them to be interpreted. Joseph did such for them by the power of God. The chief baker was hanged, while the chief butler was restored to his job again, and he gave Joseph assurance that when he came out he would remember Joseph, but he never did until Pharaoh had a dream and wanted an interpreter. Then the chief butler remembered Joseph and recommended him to Pharaoh. "Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace...And Pharaoh said

unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou...And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;" (Genesis 41:14-16,39-40,42).

Can anyone fathom the peace that God has in store for us? After all that Joseph went through at the hands of his own brothers, then Potiphar's wife who saw how Joseph was a godly individual, but wanted him to defile himself with her, thanks and praise unto Almighty God that he did not yield unto the temptations, but endured his afflictions and attained the peace that passeth all understanding. And he was able to sustain his brothers with victuals and money, and they also were able to make peace with him. "And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them" (Genesis 50:18-21).

When Jesus sent forth His disciples, He instructed them to bid peace unto the house they visited; and if peace was granted they were supposed to remain in the same house, and attend unto the folks there, healing them and preaching unto them about the kingdom of God. "And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you" (Luke 10:5-9).

Before Jesus left His disciples to die on the cruel cross, He concluded: "...It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:...These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:7 last part-8,33). Amen.

LESSON I**THE CREATION**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1.

Golden Text: Genesis 1:1.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

1. What did God create on the first day and the second day? Genesis 1:3-5, 7-8.
2. What was created on the third day and fourth day? Genesis 1:10, 12-14, 16-19.
3. What was created on the fifth day and sixth day? Genesis 1:20-23, 25-26, 31.
4. What did God do when he finished His creation? Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:11.
5. Who was with God when the heaven and the earth were created? John 1:1-3.

NOTE: Another name for Jesus is "The Word." In Genesis 1:26 God was talking to Jesus when He said, "Let us make man in our image..."

6. Was God happy with what He created? Genesis 1:31; Revelation 4:11.

LESSON II**GOD MADE MAN**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:7-23.

Golden Text: Genesis 2:7 (first part).

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground..."

1. Who did God create man to look like, and how did He create him? Genesis 1:27; 2:7.
2. After God created man, what did He do with him?

Genesis 2:15.

3. What orders did God give to the man? Genesis 2:16-17.
4. Why did God make a woman for the man? Genesis 2:18.
5. How did God make the woman? Genesis 2:21, 23.
6. What was the name of the man that God had created? Genesis 2:19.
7. For what purpose did God bring the animals to Adam? Genesis 2:19-20.

LESSON III**MAN AND WOMAN'S DISOBEDIENCE**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:1-12.

Golden Text: Genesis 3:4.

"And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die".

1. What was the most subtle of all the beasts in the garden? Genesis 3:1.

NOTE: Subtle means sly, clever, and deceiving.

2. Why did God tell the woman not to eat of the tree that was in the middle of the garden? Genesis 3:3.
3. What did the serpent answer when the woman told him that she should not eat of the tree? Genesis 3:4-5.
4. What did the woman do then? Genesis 3:6 (first part).
5. To whom did she give some of the fruit to eat? Genesis 3:6 (last part).
6. What happened after they had disobeyed God? Genesis 3:7.

7. What did they do when they heard God walking in the garden? Genesis 3:8.

8. When God didn't find Adam, what did He ask? Genesis 3:9.

9. What was Adam's reason for hiding? Genesis 3:10.

10. What did He ask Adam, and what was Adam's reply? Genesis 3:11-12.

NOTE: We will continue this lesson next week.

LESSON IV

**MAN AND WOMAN'S DISOBEDIENCE
(CONTINUED)**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:13-24.

Golden Text: Genesis 3:20.

"And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living."

1. What did God ask of the woman and what was her answer? Genesis 3:13.

2. What did God say, and do, to the serpent? Genesis 3:14.

3. What curse did God put on Adam and his wife? Genesis 3:16-19.

4. What did Adam name his wife and why? Genesis 3:20.

5. What did God make for Adam and Eve? Genesis 3:21.

6. When God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden, what was Adam to do? Genesis 3:23.

7. What did God place at the east of the Garden of Eden? Genesis 3:24.

WHAT IS A CHILD OF GOD?

1. A real child of God is one who knows the teachings of Jesus and obeys them.

A person may be good, sweet, and kind by accident, but he cannot be a child of God by accident. He must know what to do and why. He must be sure that he is doing all of the things which Christ did and told him to do.

2. Above all things, a child of God will obey. Mark 12:30-31: Maybe we think it is easy to love God because He did so much for us. Is it? He said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." Is it easy to keep them? First, we must know them.

We know it is not easy to love everybody as much as we love ourselves. How may we learn to do this?

(a) By doing little things for them.

(b) By praying for them. We cannot hate those for whom we pray.

(c) By keeping unkind thoughts to ourselves, we will forget them sooner.

(d) By refusing to think unkind things even if they are true.

3. A child of God believes the Bible from cover to cover.

He neither adds to it nor takes from it. He says, "Jesus said this, and I will do just as He said. I will obey every word of the Old and New Testament." Name other traits of a true child of God, and talk about them.

"Yes you did too!"

"I did not!"

Thus the little quarrel started,

Thus by unkind little words,

Two fond friends were parted.

"I am sorry."

"So am I."

Thus the little quarrel ended,

Thus by loving little words

Two fond hearts were mended.

by Benjamin Keech

*"JANIE AND THE INSTRUCTIONS"**by Mary Brandeberry*

Janie was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. She was a child of God and had come to Jesus when she was thirteen years old. Her parents were believers and loved God.

It was February 11, and the week before she had her 14th birthday. Aunt Meg and uncle Tom had given her an angora sweater. With the sweater there was a set of instructions of how to take care of it so that it would wear longer. Janie had learned to follow instructions and was very careful with her things, as she always read the directions on everything and did just as they said. But Sally, her girl friend, was careless and never followed rules. She had washed a white blouse in hot water without taking off the red ribbon and had used a harsh soap. The blouse shrank, and the color of the red ribbon ran on the blouse. That was the way Sally did everything; she never read the directions. Janie thought Sally was very stupid and careless. Secretly, she did not like to be seen with Sally at all.

The day before they had a fuss because Sally wanted to try on Janie's bracelet, and instead of opening the catch right she had tried to use force and broke it. Janie had stamped her foot and cried out, "Oh you stupid and careless girl! I never want to see you again! Do not come near me again! Sally's eyes had been full of pain and hurt. She had wept and said how sorry she was, and that she knew it was stupid but could not help it. Janie turned her back on her and ran home. She felt she was justified. Sally did not deserve nice things or nice girl friends, thought Janie, yet she had a guilty feeling. Well, why should she feel guilty! Now the day was ruined. Everything she did was meaningless, and before the supper dishes were done, she felt so hateful, she knew she would not be able to pray before bedtime. Every time she thought of Sally, she wanted to slap her. Mother saw something wrong and at last asked Janie the trouble, but Janie did not want to tell because she felt that Mother would blame her, but at last Mother heard the truth. She said, "I am not going to scold you honey, but I do want to reason with you. You hate Sally because she doesn't follow instructions. Is that right?" "Yes!" said Janie. "Really Mother, she just will not listen to me when I try to tell her. She is stupid." "Yes, she is, but

you are foolish too," said Mother. "What!" said Janie. "Why Mother! You know I always follow instructions, I really do!" "No," said Mother. "You do not. You are God's creation. He is your Maker. His Spirit is in you, and He has forgiven your sins through the blood of Jesus. You are a new creation, and he has given a set of instructions, so that you can get the most of your new life, and also give the most. You should not have such a guilty feeling as you have now. That is what keeps you from being about to pray." "A set of instructions, what?" Asked Janie with deep interest. Mother said, "the Ten Commandments. You repeat them every Sabbath. They are the moral law, and they show what sin is. The law points back to the love and character of God your Father." "Oh!" said Janie, "Oh! I never thought of them as instructions, but I cannot help the way I feel. I just cannot!" "Yes, you can if you follow the instructions. Jesus said to love God first. If you want to have a close friendship with her, follow God's rules, love her and do good to her when she is careless with you. Pick out her good points, and tell her of them. Make her feel at ease and an equal with you. Compliment her on the things she does better than you and ask her to help you do as good. In exchange, help her in her weak points, and because you follow the rules, you really will love her. Love begets understanding, for God is love and as His creation there is no other way to express ourselves rightly, for love is the fulfilling of the law."

"We cannot let Satan rule our life, for he uses the emotions of lust, fear and strife. God created us to use love, faith, peace and joy. If you follow these rules, you will be able to pray with a clear conscience. You can then be sure that God will answer. "It was a long talk Mother gave, and Janie had never before seen things so clearly.

"Oh, how stupid I have been. Oh, help me pray that God will forgive me and that I may be able to tell Sally how much I love her!" And that is just what Janie did.

Answers to "Names For Christians"

S-Striver B-Brethren C-Christian E-Example H-Heirs
K-Kings P-Priests S-Servants S-Sons of God S-So-
journer V-Vessel W-Workman B-Believers C-Chil-
dren of God D-Disciple F-Friends H-Husbandman P-
Pilgrims S-Saints S-Soldier S-Sinners S-Strangers W-
Witnesses

NAMES FOR CHRISTIANS

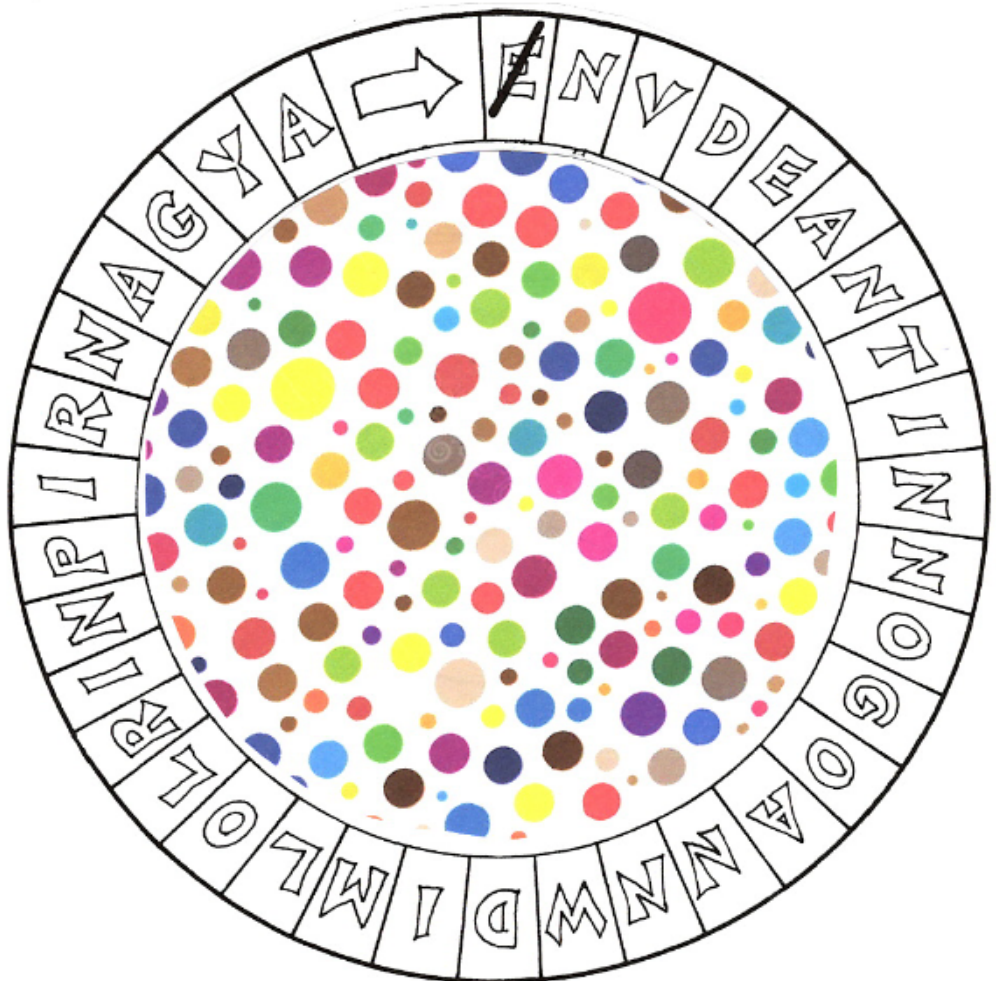
In the New Testament, Christians are given a variety of names. Twenty-three of these are hidden. The first letter is given. Can you find the name in the Bible?

- S (II Timothy 2:5) _____
- B (Acts 6:3) _____
- C (I Peter 4:16) _____
- E (I Peter 2:21) _____
- H (Titus 3:7) _____
- K (Revelation 1:6) _____
- P (Revelation 1:6) _____
- S (Colossians 3:24) _____
- S (John 1:12) _____
- S (I Peter 1:17) _____
- V (II Timothy 2:21) _____
- W (II Timothy 2:15) _____

- B (Acts 5:14) _____
- C (Romans 8:16) _____
- D (Acts 9:36) _____
- F (John 15:15) _____
- H (II Timothy 2:6) _____
- P (I Peter 2:11) _____
- S (Acts 9:13) _____
- S (II Timothy 2:3) _____
- S (I Timothy 1:15) _____
- S (I Peter 2:11) _____
- W (Acts 1:8) _____

To find the hidden message, start at the arrow and go clockwise around the circle. Write every other letter on the blanks below.

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Psalm 55:17

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Trust In Me

By David DeLong

A man had climbed a mountain--
A mountain of despair;
And when the peak, he fully reached,
'Twas more than he could bear.

He thought of flinging himself down
Upon the rocks below;
He'd done his best to pass the test
And now was full of woe.

A voice spoke to his inner ear:
"Don't listen to the lie;
Just trust in Me, and you will see
To choose life and not die!"

The man took hope, and he began
To climb the mountain down;
He ran with speed, just like a steed
And entered a small town.

Though no one gave him notice,
And things were like before;
He walked the sod, with faith in God,
Was doubtful, never more.