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*The Lord's Supper will be held
on Wednesday Evening, after sundown,
April 1st, 2026.*



THE LORD'S SUPPER: **PREPARE YOUR HEART**



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

1 - What is the correct way to determine The Lord's Supper Date?

Exodus 12:1-2 refers to the beginning of months. Exodus 23:15 and Exodus 34:18 specifically state the month of Abib. The biblical footnote may say April but more correctly it would be Spring and certainly not January or Winter. Israel was instructed to keep their lamb until the 14th day of that same month and kill it in the evening. Exodus 12:6. During creation week, we learn early on in Genesis 1:5 that God called the light Day and the darkness Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. Based on what we have learned, Israel would have kept their lamb until the end of the 13th day and as they approached the 14th, at evening or the beginning of the 14th day they would have killed it. As an additional reference read Numbers 9:1-5. Jesus instituted the foot washing and the emblems, unleavened bread and fruit of the vine, after the annual Passover supper. John 13:2. Therefore, we celebrate this memorial of Jesus' death on the 14th day of the 1st month at even.

2- What should you do if you take The Lord's Supper on the incorrect date?

The Apostolic Council determines the date of the Lord's Supper each year. Depending on when one would find out they had taken the emblems on the wrong date, repentance would be in order. If one determines the date to be different let them be reminded of II Peter 1:20, 'Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.'

3- Will the Holy Spirit leave you if you do not partake of The Lord's Supper?

Jesus does not specifically say that Holy Spirit will leave someone if they do not partake of the Supper, but He does say in John 6:53 that if we don't 'ye have no life in you.' A person who knows they should partake and does not are in serious spiritual trouble. It would almost seem that that person is not paying attention to the Holy Spirit and is in danger of committing the 'unpardonable sin.'

4 - If your heart is not pure and you take The Lord's Supper, will you be cursed with sickness?

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Cor. 11:29-30 that if we take the emblems 'unworthily' we are eating and drinking damnation to ourselves and because of that many are weak and sickly among us and many sleep (are dead). Because the truth is laid out in the Bible, God does not have to do anything. He hopes we will choose life but if we veer off the right path, He is making us aware of the consequences of our actions or choices. Keeping the Lord's Supper does not top or cancel out breaking the commandments, not tithing or not keeping the dietary law.

5 - During the foot washing should your towel be tied around your waist as to the Bible being of girded?

In the gospel of John 13:5 we read that Jesus girded Himself with a towel, and as recorded in verse 15 that He gave us an example, it would be proper and right to gird ourselves.

6 - After the matza and grape juice have been prayed over and taken, what should you do with the leftovers?

While the unleavened bread and grape juice represent the body and blood of Jesus it would be alright to drink the juice and eat any leftovers. The recommendation would be to try and limit the amount that would be leftover. In addition, the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine do not miraculously change into the actual flesh and blood of Jesus. That is another false teaching among many others by the Catholic church.

7 - What are our instructions to prepare ourselves for this special evening?

In 1 Corinthians 11:28, the Apostle Paul writes, 'But let a man examine himself...' This admonition comes just before eating the bread and drinking the cup but in reality, we should always be in the right frame of mind. Let us not be like the foolish virgins of Matthew 25 and more like the wise virgins who were ready. There may not be time to 'get ready' but there is always time to 'BE ready.' Matthew 25:13, 'Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.' Always be ready.

Ways to Prepare your HEART for the Lord's Supper:

1.) Examine yourself: this is perhaps the most important instruction that the Lord gives us through the writings of the Apostle Paul. He tells us in I Corinthians 11:28: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." However, we should not just examine ourselves at the time of the Lord's Supper. We need to be in a constant state of examining ourselves, even doing so on a daily basis. Paul wrote in II Corinthians 13:5: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

2.) If in the process of examining yourself, you remember that you have a grudge, or hard feelings, against a brother or sister in the Church, you should, as much as you can, make things right with that person. Jesus taught us in Matthew 5:23-24: "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." The gift doesn't have to be monetary, or even something tangible. It can be yourself that you are offering to the Lord. The thought is to make things right with your brother or sister in the Lord (or actually with anyone that you have bad feelings for, or they with you) before offering yourself to the Lord at His altar.

3.) If in the process of examining yourself, you remember a specific sin that has not been repented of, then you should make that situation right with the Lord before coming to His altar at the Lord's Supper.

REVENGE

by David Royer

According to modern usage, Revenge is to inflict pain deliberately and maliciously, contrary to the laws of justice and humanity, in return for injury, pain, or evil received; to wreak vengeance spitefully on one who injures or offends. We say, to revenge an injury or insult, or with the reciprocal pronoun, to revenge ourselves on an enemy or for an injury, that is, to take vengeance or satisfaction.

Source: <https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/revenge>

During Jesus' ministry and in His famous Sermon on the Mount, He quoted the "eye for eye, and tooth for tooth" passage in Exodus 21:23-25 about legal retribution. He preached that judicial justice (even-handed punishment for a crime) was not like vengeance for personal harm. Jesus said, "*But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.*" (Matthew 5:39).

It is tempting to believe that revenge will make us feel better when victimized, but that isn't the case. Reading the many Scriptures about revenge, we learn that God knows the pain and hardship of injustice and promises He will make things right for those mistreated.

- Deuteronomy 32:35 "*To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.*"
- Leviticus 19:18 "*Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.*"
- Proverbs 20:22 "*Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.*"
- Proverbs 24:29 "*Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.*"
- I Thessalonians 5:15 "*See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.*"
- Hebrews 10:30 "*For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.*"

- Romans 12:19 “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, *Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*”
- I Peter 3:9 “Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.”

Unfortunately, revenge has worked its way into today's news. Professor [Michael McCullough](#) has spent his career at the University of Miami studying revenge and forgiveness and authoring the book BEYOND REVENGE. Here are some of his comments: “Revenge isn’t so sweet when it moves from theoretical to real-life crises. It drives crime: [up to 20%](#) of homicides and [60% of school shootings](#) are linked to revenge.

In Western culture, revenge has become the predominant method of seeking justice — or perceived justice. We have seen it in recent athletic track meets and [professional basketball](#) games. We see it in [entertainment](#). We see it in [politics](#); even the non-political TESLA autos are being attacked.”

I am imperfect. If I am slapped, my first reaction or thought is to retaliate. For clarification, “turning the other cheek” does not imply pacifism, nor does it mean we place ourselves or others in danger. Jesus’ command to “turn the other cheek” reminds us to forgo retaliation for personal offenses like insults or character defamation. Yet, Jesus asked God to forgive even his killers. What a perfect example.

Here are some closing thoughts for you and me to work on:

1. The answer to insults isn’t revenge; it is to love. When we want to hold a grudge against the ones who have betrayed us, Jesus invites us to let go of the hurt and instead love our enemy.
2. Revenge is sought quickly. But God says to wait. Wait for Him to show us a more righteous way to respond to someone who has insulted us. When we are hurt, wait and pray to God for guidance and trust that He will avenge us.
3. Pray and forgive. This is difficult, but praying for your enemies and antagonists is an incredible step of faith. If we desire to be more righteous and to live more like Jesus, praying for those who have hurt us is a powerful way to move away from revenge and closer to our forgiveness.

Answers to "Marys" on page 14

1. Six 2. No 3. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James (Mark 16:1) 4. Mary Magdalene 5. Mary, the mother of John Mark (Acts 12:12) 6. Mary, the sister of Martha, called Mary of Bethany (Luke 10:38-42) 7. Mary, a Roman Christian, greeted by Paul as having toiled hard for him (Romans 16:6) 8. Mary of Cleophas (or Clopas), sister of our Lord's mother, who was with her at the cross (Matthew 27:55-56) 9. Mary means "exalted of the Lord" 10. Mary, the mother of Jesus; Mary of Clopas; Mary Magdalene (John 19:25)

Answers to Bible Riddles on page 14

1. Rib 2. Samson 3. Mary Magdalene 4. Good Samaritan 5. Zacheus

Answers to God Created It on page 15

**1. Hummingbird/Helicopter 2. Eye/Camera 3. Mind/Computer 4. Ear/Receiver 5. Shell/House 6. Bird/Airplane
7. Fish/Submarine 8. Ducks/Boats 9. Rain/Sprinkler 10. Bread/Perfume**



The Lord's Supper – Why We Celebrate

by Ben DeLong



In the book of I Corinthians we read:

“For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me” (I Corinthians 11:23-25).

Jesus is telling us about something of great importance. The unleavened bread represents His broken body. The cup represents His shed blood. Together they show the sacrifice He made so that we might be set free from sin. But He adds something more – “this do in remembrance of me.” He tells us that we take the Lord’s Supper to remember Him. As the Children of Israel were about to leave Egypt, God gave them the ordinance of the Passover. He said to Moses: “And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever” (Exodus 12:14).

The Passover was a foreshadowing of Jesus’ death. Jesus is our unblemished lamb. His blood protects us. God tells the children of Israel that this Passover feast is to be a memorial. It is to help them remember what God did for them. As the blood of the unblemished lamb represented Jesus’ sacrifice, so also the Passover feast foreshadows the Lord’s Supper.

So why do we celebrate? We celebrate to remember the great things that Jesus has done for us. We see this put plainly in the book of Philippians. “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 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. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:5-11).

This year, when we take the Lord’s Supper, let’s celebrate the great things Jesus has done for us.

The Battle For The Mind

By David DeLong

Most Church of God, 7th Day Church members do not go about their daily lives committing blatant sins. They, generally, are commandment-keepers who do their best to try to obey the Lord. The real battle with them, however, is within their minds, as Satan works hard to try to tempt them to commit sins in their thinking and attitudes. Second Corinthians 10:4-5 reads: "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;". That is where our struggle is every single day.

But the above Scripture gives us the assurance that God has provided us with the "weapons of our warfare" which are not carnal but MIGHTY. Let us take a look at the battle for the mind with which Satan engages us.

1.) Judging others: Let's be honest. We all do it, sometimes without even realizing it. We may not actually make a poor person sit under our footstool as James 2:1-4 addresses, but we may think more highly of a rich person who comes into our assembly than the poor person in "vile raiment".

2.) Gossiping, sometimes without saying a word: I am sometimes amazed of the things I think about some people in my mind. I may have heard things about a person that was actually gossip, and then afterwards I may have had a hard time thinking good thoughts about that person. This also comes under the topic of judging others.

3.) Lying: there are a number of ways that we can tell a lie without meaning to. This, of course, is not only a battle for the mind, but it involves the battle for our tongue as well. Flattering another person can be a form of lying. Trying to impress another person can be the same as lying. Exaggerating about something is not strictly telling the truth. And the list goes on and on.

4.) Envyng another person, or coveting their possessions: have you ever caught yourself thinking, "Oh, if

I only had what so-and-so has, I'd be much happier." Or, "if only I could sing like brother or sister Jones, I could do more for the Lord." When King David coveted Bathsheba, the battle of this sin began in his mind.

5.) Depression: there are a number of causes for depression. Sometimes it is a chemical imbalance in the brain; sometimes it comes from being overworked. But, whatever the cause, Satan uses depression to war against us in our minds.

6.) Along with depression, Satan will sometimes whisper in our ear that God doesn't really love me, or I am not worthy of His love. While it is true that absolutely none of God's children are worthy of His love, Christ has made us worthy by His sacrificial death for us. Some people feel that they have sinned so greatly that there is no hope for them. But again, Christ's sacrificial death for us has covered every sin that we have committed and repented of. Don't let Satan convince you of his lies!

7.) Sometimes a person may have the opposite problem of depression: they may actually have an ego problem. Many a split in the Church has been caused by those who thought that their way of doing things was the best. Or, they may think that the Lord has singled them out to be a prophet, or some other authority, to bring the Church new doctrine that isn't biblical.

Now, let's look at some of the weapons which the Lord has given to us to help win the battle for the mind. James 4:6-7 informs us: "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Let us make sure that we are submitting ourselves to God on a regular basis. Let us resist the devil the way Jesus did, by quoting to him Scripture. He will then flee from us. Let us be clothed with the armor of God as listed in Ephesians 6:10-18. Among this armor is: loins girt about with truth; the breastplate of righteousness; feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; and the shield of faith and the helmet of salvation.

The Proof That We Love God

True Humility

Many Christians say they love God. But there is only one proof, given in the Bible, that truly shows that love for Him. That proof is the keeping of His commandments. In John 15:10 we read Jesus' words: "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." And then in verse 14 we read Jesus saying: "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

We know that part of those commandments involves the keeping of the Ten Commandments. A man came to Jesus asking Him what he must do to inherit eternal life. We pick up this account in Matthew 19:16-21. "And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me."

So we see that being Jesus' friend, as He said in John 15:14, involves the keeping of God's commandments, which includes the Ten Commandments. The Apostle John further testified when he wrote: "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:2-3). This is the **ONLY** way that we can show God our love for Him. There is no other way. John, again, testified in I John 2:3-4: "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

However, it is quite easy for a Christian who seeks truth and obeys the truth to even subconsciously begin to feel superior to other Christians who have less truth than we do. We should thank the Lord that He has given us more truth to live by, but we should also examine our own attitudes to see if there is a feeling of superiority. I am not advocating that Church of God, 7th Day members fellowship on an equal basis with those who have less truth, however. Second John 1:10-11 reads: "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." I have witnessed what fellowshipping with error can do, especially to one's children, in turning them away from the truth. But even Jesus, the author of all truth, came to earth to teach us the true way to live.

A feeling of superiority over others with different beliefs will actually leave us with a wrong desire not to be "contaminated" by those filthy heathens. It will, at least in some cases, make us unwilling to even share the truth with these people. Our goal should be to lift others to the standards of our loving Lord Jesus.

Having true humility should also be our goal. We must remember that some Christians who have less truth than we do are actually living according to all the truth that they know. God should be the only Judge.

Therefore, we should not judge those who have less truth (see Matthew 7:1-2). But if we have the opportunity, let us share the truth as God has given us. True humility will keep us on the path to seeking truth, ourselves, and never stopping. Let us remember that none of us has arrived in this life to having all of the truth that is presented in God's Word.

True humility is depending upon the Lord to keep us in His truth and to share that truth with others when He presents us the opportunity. When others see that humility within us it will be much easier to testify the truth of God to them. May the Lord keep us humble!

A DEDICATION UNTO THE LORD



Why does the Church of God participate in dedication ceremonies? What does it mean to dedicate something? According to the Bible (not Webster's Dictionary) the biblical definition is to set apart something for a Holy purpose. Let's look at some dedication ceremonies the Church of God participates in according to the Minister's Manual:

- Children, when sponsored by adults, parents and guardians.
- Churches, when new, or purchased, or reopened, (tabernacles).
- Homes, or any building where education of people takes place.
- Church organ, or piano.
- Church vehicles, such as cars, busses, or trucks used by the Church to help members and build up the Church.

The dedication of a church is one of the most important ceremonies performed by the Church of God. In 1 Kings 8:63 we read that Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the Lord, 22 thousand oxen, and 120 thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel **dedicated** the house of the Lord. Can you imagine, so many animals sacrificed for the Lord as they dedicated the service of the work that will be inside this church/temple for a holy purpose?

Let's examine the pieces that will be inside the church that were dedicated to the Lord. Numbers 7:1 "And it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle,... and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them;" This verse guides us thru the process and meticulous work that will be done for each item that will serve its purpose but first must be anointed (blessed) and sanctified (set apart).

When the animals were sacrificed for whatever purpose: sin, peace, burnt, the priest first dedicated the basins or instruments of the service to the Lord. Here is an example in Numbers 1:84- This was the **dedication** of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: 12 chargers of silver, 12 silver bowls, 12 spoons of gold."

Now we have a structure dedicated along with the items that will be used to do the work of the Lord. Here is the best example of the dedication of the children for our Heavenly Father. We will look towards Jesus being our best example: Luke 2:22- "And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to **present** him to the Lord." The word present is used in this context as a dedication unto his Heavenly Father. Jesus is illustrating the importance of dedication. However, one important piece is missing that needs to be dedicated for the service of the Lord. That important piece is US.

Let's examine a story in the book of Deuteronomy 20 that explains how all that we have discussed goes into fruition. The children of Israel were about to enter into their first battle and came upon all the worldly tribes ending in "Ites." They were sorely afraid because the children of Israel were just coming out of Egypt as slaves and did not have battle experience. The worldly tribes ending in "Ites" were seasoned warriors, with chariots of iron.

Here is a look at Moses motivational speech: Deut 20:1-5- When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies,

and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be, when you are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, and shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them; For the Lord your God is he that goesth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not **dedicated** it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another dedicate it.

A story of faith, courage, love, and obedience for God that ends with a question of dedication. Everything you do is for God and we must have that courage to fight any battles that may come our way because our God tells us He will be with us every step of the way. Our Lord has shown us the importance of dedication and now it's our turn to be soldiers of Christ and dedicate our lives for a Holy Purpose in serving Him.



Article inspired by Brother Richard Santiesteban upon his granddaughter's dedication.



THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD



*A dedication in Salem, West Virginia Church
Heather, Shawn, Gary, Preston, and Ludina Mills*

The dedication of infants and children to the Lord can be seen in the Holy Scriptures. Hannah, mother of Samuel, dedicated her son to the Lord and to the service of God's house. Mary, the mother of Jesus, presented her baby Son in the Temple as seen in Luke 2: 22-24. "... they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." It was a time of celebration and joy.

Likewise, today, children are presented to God through the Body of Christ. In speaking about Jesus, the prophet Isaiah tells us: "He shall feed the flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom" (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus always cared for the children and took care of them.

LESSON I

AARON'S ROD IS TURNED TO A SERPENT

Scripture Reading: Exodus 7:1-14.

Golden Text: Exodus 7:3.

"And I will harden Pharaoh's heart and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt."

1. What did the Lord speak unto Moses, and what was He going to cause Moses and Aaron to do? Exodus 7:1-2.

2. What did God cause to happen to King Pharaoh, and would Pharaoh hearken unto Moses and Aaron? Exodus 7:3-4.

3. Why would the Egyptians know that He was the LORD? Exodus 7:5.

4. How old was Moses and Aaron at this time? Exodus 7:7.

5. What did the Lord tell Moses and Aaron to do with the rod, and did they do as the Lord commanded? Exodus 7:8-10.

6. What did the magicians of Egypt do? Exodus 7:11.

7. What was Aaron's rod able to do that the magician's rod could not do? Exodus 7:12. This shows that God is more powerful than Satan.

8. Was Pharaoh's heart hardened, or did he let the people go? Exodus 7:13-14.

LESSON II

THE RIVER TURNED TO BLOOD

Scripture Reading: Exodus 7:15-25.

Golden Text: Exodus 7:21 (last part).

"...and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt."

1. What did the Lord instruct Moses and Aaron to do,

and what were they to take with them? Exodus 7:14.

2. What was Moses to say to Pharaoh, and what are they to do with the rod? Exodus 7:16-17.

3. What will happen to the river and the fish that are in it? Exodus 7:18.

4. Read Exodus 7:19 and then tell in your own words what the Lord said unto Moses.

5. Did Moses and Aaron do as the Lord commanded? What happened to all the waters? Exodus 7:20-21.

6. What did the magicians of Egypt do, and was Pharaoh's heart will hardened? Exodus 7:22-23.

7. What did the Egyptians do for water to drink? How long did the river stay in this condition? Exodus 7:24-25.

LESSON III

THE PLAGUE OF FROGS

Scripture Reading: Exodus 8:1-15.

Golden Text: Exodus 8:4.

"And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants."

1. What did the Lord instruct Moses to do? Exodus 8:1.

2. What did the Lord say He could do if the king would not let His people go? Exodus 8:2.

3. Describe the plague which would come upon the people in Exodus 8:3-4. How extensive was this plague to be?

4. What did the Lord instruct Moses to have Aaron do? Did Aaron obey? Exodus 8:5-6.

5. Did the magicians of Egypt also cause frogs to come upon the land of Egypt? Exodus 8:7.

6. Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. What did he say to them? Exodus 8:8.

7. Moses cried unto the Lord to take the frogs out of the houses, villages and fields. Did the Lord do as Moses asked? Exodus 8:12-13.

8. Did Pharaoh again harden his heart, or did he let the people go as he promised? Exodus 8:15.

LESSON IV

THE PLAGUE OF LICE AND FLIES

Scripture Reading: Exodus 8:16-32.

Golden Text: Exodus 8;24 (first part).

"...and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt..."

1. What was Aaron told to do with his rod, and what happened to the dust of the land when he obeyed? Exodus 8:16-17.

2. Did the magicians also bring forth lice? Did the magicians realize that God was working through Aaron and Moses when they failed to bring forth lice? Exodus 8:18-19.

3. Pharaoh's heart was still hardened. What warning was Moses to give to Pharaoh if he did not release his people Exodus 8:20-23.

4. Did the Lord do as he had warned Pharaoh? Exodus 8:24.

5. Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. What did he say to them? Exodus 8:25.

6. How did Moses answer Pharaoh? Exodus 8:26-27

7. Pharaoh again wanted the Lord to take the plague away from him. Did Moses ask the Lord to do this? Exodus 8:28-30

8. The Lord did as Moses asked and removed the flies from Pharaoh and his servants. Did Pharaoh let his people go as he promised? Exodus 8:31-32.

LEAP FROG

Begin at start and go around the circle, leaping over two letters at a time. Go around the circle three times and end at finish. Write the Bible verse on the lines provided. If you need help, see Ephesians 4:26.



A series of horizontal dashed lines. The first line has a small '11' at its left end. The second line has a small '12' at its center. The third line has a small '13' at its right end.

WATCH YOUR VOICE

Would you be willing to do something very simple in order to make people glad to have you around? Watch your voice. Don't laugh. It sounds impossible, but it isn't. If you have a tape recorder at school or at home, just speak into it and play it back. You may see a picture of your voice. Of course, your companions aren't going to care very much about how the picture of your voice looks. But they will care whether or not your tones are shrill and unpleasant. And the picture of your voice is affected by those qualities which make it pleasing to hear.

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

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

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

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

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

"MARYS" IN THE BIBLE

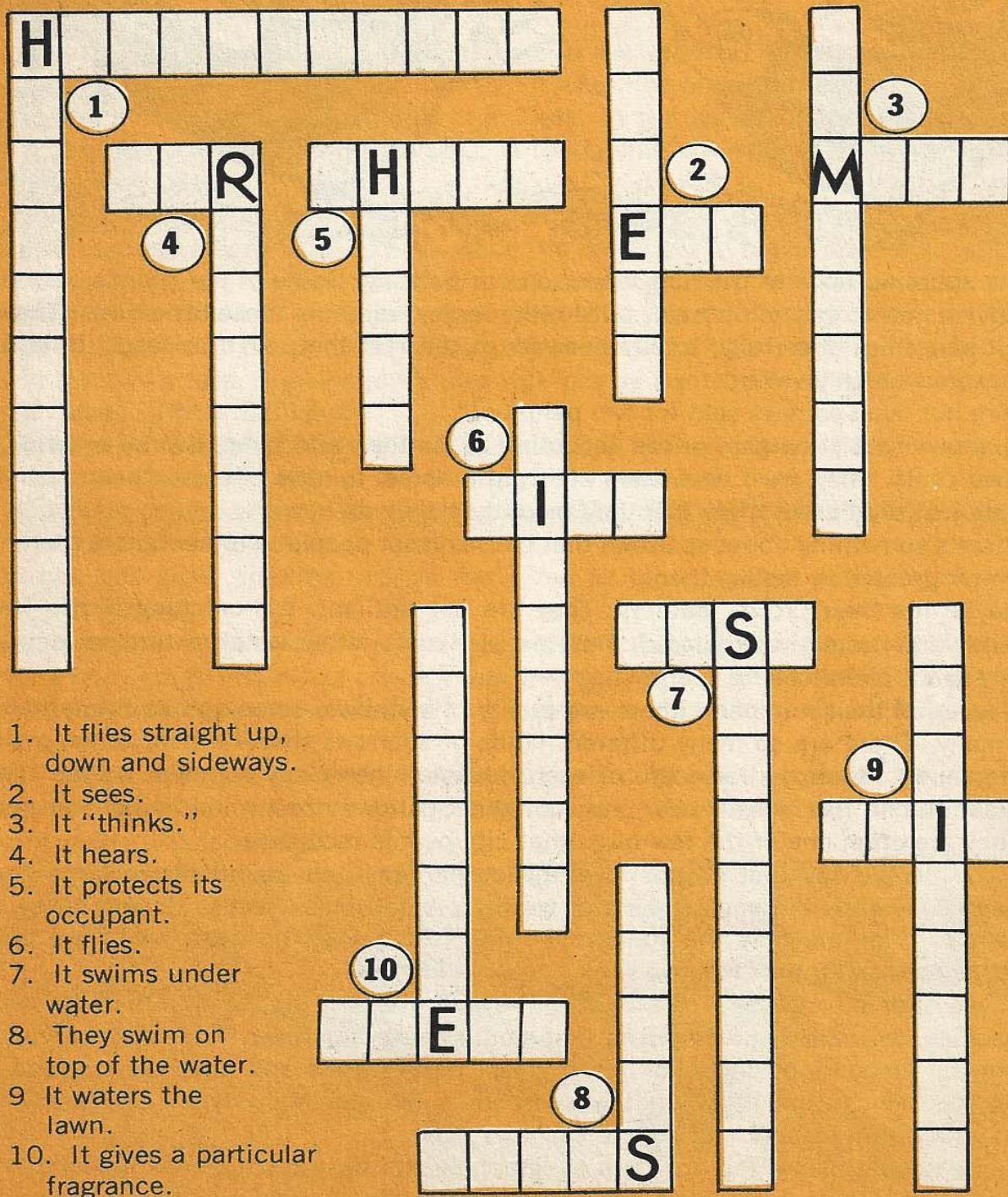
- 1. How many Marys are mentioned in the Bible?**
- 2. Are there any Marys in the Old Testament?**
- 3. What Marys are named as visitors at the tomb of Christ on the first day of the week?**
- 4. Which Mary came from Magdala?**
- 5. Which Mary is the mother of a Gospel writer?**
- 6. Which Mary had a sister who thought she did not take a fair share of the housework?**
- 7. Which Mary is mentioned only once in the Bible, and by whom?**
- 8. Which Mary is a relative of Mary, the mother of Jesus?**
- 9. What does the name "Mary" mean?**
- 10. How many Marys were at the cross? *Answers Pg 6***

BIBLE RIDDLES

- 1. Once when Adam fell asleep, this was taken from his keep.**
- 2. Once I set fire to a field of corn, that was before my locks were shorn, or I lost the power of eyes to see, because of the lady who did marry me.**
- 3. Once with tears I hard did cry, and used my hair as a towel to dry, the dampness of the Master's feet, when He did with a Pharisee eat.**
- 4. Once while traveling down a road, I put a human with my load, Beaten, he was left for dead, but I nursed him well and helped instead.**
- 5. Once they found me in a tree, which I had climbed, a parade to see, Then I gave a goodly meal to the Christ who the sick did heal. *Answers on page 6***

God Created it First

Many things that people have made are just imitations of God's creation. In the double puzzles below, the horizontal lines are things God has created. The vertical lines are man's imitation of it.



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