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WAS JESUS A PHARISEE?

By David Royer

“If Jesus was a Rabbi, he had to be a Pharisee”. I was amazed to find similar statements when researching the internet for this article. Most authors taking this position are of the Jewish faith.

A Rabbi today is a professional Jewish person qualified by academic studies of the Hebrew Bible and the Talmud to act as a spiritual leader and religious teacher of a Jewish community or congregation. For many generations, the education of a rabbi consisted almost exclusively of Talmud studies. However, since the 19th Century, a well-rounded, general education’s necessity and value have been recognized. From the 14th Century, credentialed rabbi-teachers received salaries to free them from other obligations. Source: The Encyclopedia Britannica, Rabbi; Last Updated: Sep 21, 2023

In Jesus’ time (during the 1st Century), the term rabbi was not a profession, official title, or membership identifier but a generic term of recognition for a “master” or “teacher”. Nave’s Topical Bible Concordance says the literal Hebrew word “Rabbi” means “my great one”, the title of a Jewish teacher.

Jesus grew up among several Jewish sects. The main groups were the Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes, and Zealots. The Sadducees were religious Jews (mostly Levites, nobles, and high priests). They included many wealthier, urban “cosmopolitan” Jews who believed the Temple was the center and most crucial element of Judaism. Sadducees made up part of the Jewish Council: the Sanhedrin. The high priest was selected from this sect. Their superior position was that “common people” should not bother with understanding the Torah but should

do their duty by paying their tithes and bringing sacrifices to the Temple. The Sadducees did not believe there was life after death and did not believe in a resurrection. (see Acts 23:8) Source: Bible Study Lessons at <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/who-were-the-sadducees-in-the-bible.html>

Another religious sect was the Pharisees. Most Pharisees were teachers and pastors, what the Jewish people today call rabbis. They also had representation on the Sanhedrin. Compared to the Sadducees, they were poorer and generally more rural. They believed in angels, demons, an “end of time”, a resurrection, and judgment by God. Most of them strongly supported the renewal of an independent Jewish kingdom. So, they were looking for a “true king” (the Messiah) who would throw out the foreigners and re-establish the nation of Israel. Pharisees were identified as local teachers and managers of rural synagogues in medium-sized towns. They were proponents of strict observances of the Law as each school interpreted it and documented by local Scribes (legal experts and writers of official documents). Source: <https://www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/who-were-the-pharisees>

After the second Jerusalem Temple was destroyed in approximately 70 A.D., the Sadducees disappeared. The Essenes were scattered with the exile of Jews from Judea by the Romans. The Roman soldiers effectively eliminated the Zealots. All that remained were the Pharisees. Source: Bible Study Lessons

Scriptures tells us that Jesus grew up in the small town of Nazareth in lower Galilee, was raised as a Jew, and observed the Sabbath and festivals. He would have grown

up speaking Aramaic and might have learned a trade from his step-father. Most likely, He was sent to a Jewish school attached to the local synagogue.

Originally, synagogues were more community cultural centers than religious centers. They had multiple purposes and functions, serving as a community center for local Jewish groups. In addition to their spiritual role of providing a location to pray, read, and interpret Scriptures, ancient synagogues also provided services to meet the physical needs of people, offering them shelter and food while traveling, a place to gather for social events, and a place to receive healing. Source: <https://journal.interpreterfoundation.org/the-role-and-purpose-of-synagogues-in-the-days-of-jesus-and-paul/>

Jesus was most likely taught to read Jewish Scripture by a Pharisee. On Sabbath, the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament) would have been read aloud in the ancient Hebrew language.

Eventually, Jesus obtained a reputation as a learned man of the Torah in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek languages. Source: <https://biblemesh.com/blog/did-jesus-speak-greek/> Although Jesus could have memorized the Sacred Scriptures of the Jews in a school at His local synagogue, this would not have made Him a Pharisee. Jesus agreed with some Pharisaic teachings. However, He never did so to the detriment of the Truth.

Some scholars today thus believe that Jesus debated the Pharisees not so much as an outsider but as an active participant in arguments that the Pharisees themselves discussed, including such unresolved issues as paying taxes to Rome, washing hands before eating, healing on the Sabbath, when divorce is allowed, relations with Gentiles, the coming of the Messiah, and whether there will be a resurrection of the dead.

Source: Christianity Stack Exchange at: <https://christianity.stackexchange.com/questions/92229/what-was-the-relationship-between-jesus-and-the-pharisees>.

Jesus learned that many Pharisees lived a life of traditions and hypocrisy. Traditions are not equal to inspired Scripture. Jesus showed how the people's traditions had become sinful because they "set aside" God's commands

and made God's Word "of no effect" (See Mark 7:8-9,13). Habits and traditions in and of themselves aren't necessarily sinful. It is when we place our traditions above God's revealed will. Jesus always held the Word of God above the traditions of men.

Pharisees were well-versed in the Scriptures and zealous about following every letter of the Law. However, in so doing, they actively sought loopholes that allowed them to violate the spirit of the Law. In other words, they claimed to be expert students of the Torah but transgressed its laws. Jesus taught a higher law that invited all to align their actions with their intentions.

Jesus regularly rejected the way most Pharisees lived in hypocrisy. In Matthew 23, Jesus repeatedly says, "*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!*" to them. Jesus saw how the Pharisees and scribes would condemn others for sin yet continue to choose wickedness for themselves.

Remember that even though Jesus condemned most scribes and Pharisees of His time, His teachings were not an attack on original Judaism but rather an authoritative, intelligent interpretation of the Torah and a critique of a corrupt religious system during his day. Source: Jews for Jesus; <https://jewsforjesus.org/learn/why-do-most-jews-not-believe-in-jesus>. Jesus said in Matthew 5:17, "*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*"

JESUS WAS NOT A PHARISEE. He was a charismatic teacher and called rabbi several times in the New Testament. He drew people to His teachings with healings, miracles, redemption, deliverance, signs, and wonders. Jesus was famous throughout Galilee (See Luke 4:14-15). If Jesus were not recognized as a rabbi, He would not have been accepted into Jewish synagogues to read Scriptures, teach, and heal.

In closing, the implications of receiving Jesus as a rabbi were significant for His early followers and us today. Jesus, the Christ, teaches us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind; love our neighbor as ourselves, and seek happiness, redemption, and salvation. Thank you, God, for sending us your Son and our Blessed Rabbi.

What Is The Role Of Women In The Church?

By David DeLong

Many Sisters in the Church of God may feel discouraged because they feel there isn't much for them to do in the Church. Verses such as I Corinthians 14:34-35 are sometimes emphasized: "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." Also, I Timothy 2:11-12: "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."

However, there is much Scripture given which allows our Sisters in the Church to do quite a few things. First, they may pray and prophesy. This is a very important function in the Church. I Corinthians 11:5 reads: "But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven." Prophesying is giving a message from God to the Church. Anna, in the temple at the time that Jesus was born, was a prophetess. We read about this in Luke 2:36-38: "And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

Sisters in the Church, at times, may have the role of deaconess. Romans 16:1 reads: "I (Paul) commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:" The marginal reading of the word "servant" is actually "deaconess".

Women in the Church can also be teachers to the younger sisters. Titus 2:3-5 informs us: "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of

good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." This is one of the greatest roles in the Church. Women are more knowledgeable in this area than men, and thus are able to be better counsellors to the younger women. Every Church of God that is able to should have a class, or classes, led by the more mature Sisters to the younger ones. If your church does not have such a class, I recommend that this subject be brought up to the Pastor and Elders of the church to begin one. One of the best teachers to the younger generation is by example. And the more mature Sisters can model apparel to the younger ones. I Timothy 2:9-10 tells us: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

Concerning widows, we have instructions from the Apostle Paul. I Timothy 5:3-4 reads: "Honour widows that are widows indeed. But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God." Verses 9-10 continues: "Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work." So, even the older widows should show good works to others.

Yes, there is a place for every Sister in the Church, and they should never feel useless, unworthy, or less valuable than the Brothers in the Church. Let us remember the admonition from I Corinthians 12:18: "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."

NOBODY IS YOUR ENEMY

****ANYONE WHO ANNOYS YOU**** --is teaching you patience and calmness.

****ANYONE WHO ABANDONS YOU**** --is teaching you how to stand up on your own feet.

****ANYBODY WHO OFFENDS YOU**** --is teaching you forgiveness and compassion.

****ANYTHING THAT YOU HATE**** --is teaching you unconditional love.

****ANYTHING THAT YOU FEAR**** --is teaching you the courage to overcome your fears.

****ANYTHING YOU CAN'T CONTROL**** --is teaching you to let go.

****ANY "NO" YOU GET FROM HUMANS**** --is teaching you to be independent.

****ANY PROBLEM YOU'RE FACING**** --is teaching you how to get a solution to problems.

****ANY ATTACK YOU GET FROM PEOPLE**** --is teaching you the best form of defense.

****ANYONE WHO LOOKS DOWN ON YOU**** --is teaching you to look up to CREATOR (****GOD****).

Always look out for the lesson in every situation you face in every phase of life.

Be polite, calm, gentle and thankful to God because He will be with you to the end.

Life had taught me lessons. I do not see people at my cross road, because humans are not reliable. I only see God as the author and finisher of my faith.

****REFLECTIONS****

****When you live your life without anyone betraying, hurting, disappointing, disgracing or offending you, then it means you never did anything worthy.****

****The beauty of life is that it comes with disappointments and betrayals, from people you least expect.****

****Unfortunately, some of us spend so much time crying over these betrayals and disappointments, and end up becoming victims of all circumstances.****

****Remember One Thing:**** ****Holding onto anger is like knocking your head on the wall and expecting the other person to feel the pain. You are only hurting yourself.****

****The fact is that the world is full of annoying, naughty, stupid and ungrateful people, and you will always come across them at one point or another in life. But the best thing to do is to deal with them with wisdom and maturity.****

****You can't get everyone to love you, think like you or behave like you... never.****

****We must learn to tolerate and overlook certain things, we must try to bury the faults of others and move on with life.****

****Anger, Hatred and Intolerance have caused most of the world's problems and solved none.****

****Life is short; you don't know how much time you have left****

****I beseech you to take the pain and forgive that special person you hold grudges against, and iron out your grievances.****

****Muster the courage and apologize to that person you have offended.****

****Life is not measured by the amount of money, houses or companies you have, but by the positive impact you have made in the lives of others.***



THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

Ministers Training in Salem, West Virginia

A minister training program was held in Salem West Virginia the week of 11/11/2024. All four men going thru the training are from California. They are shown in the front row of the picture below. From left to right: Paul Rodriguez, Josh Seden, Junior Gonzalez, Julian Gonzalez.

Trainers shown in the back row from left to right are David DeLong, Gary Mills, and Ben DeLong.



Is There A Modern God?

By Bibi Shimon Allicock

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." The Scriptures record that the same Lord who is Jesus Christ, who was with God from before the foundation of the world was created by God, is the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." Yet, as we look around us so many devastating things are happening. Many feel that they can do as it pleases them, but we do have to understand, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." (Hebrews 1:1-2; John 1:1,3; Romans 14:7-8).

Many are going about preaching their own gospel, proclaiming that someone just has to believe in the Lord by just repeating a few things that they tell individuals, and they would be saved. Did Jesus say this? No, He didn't! He said, "...I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:5-8).

We notice He said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." Yet, many are claiming they are born of the Spirit while they are living in this mortal body. Immortality, or the spiritual body, will only be given when Jesus comes at His second advent, and only those who

have the Holy Spirit and are sealed of the Spirit will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye to be caught up with the Lord in the air when He will be reaping His saints at the first resurrection. Then they will be taken to the sea of glass, after which the seven last plagues will be poured out upon the unrighteous. A thousand years later will be the second resurrection, which will culminate in the second death, and which will have no power over the saints, but death, itself, will be cast into the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Only the saints will be allowed to enter into the New Jerusalem. "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 20:12-15; 21:27).

There is no modern God or new teachings as many have believed, and taught, and have wanted to refute the true teachings of the Holy Bible that the Ten Commandments no longer govern, but that it was nailed to the cross. We must understand the Lord is the same yesterday, today, and will be forever; who changeth not, but will give to everyone according to the fruit of their doings. Many feel they can have many lovers, and treat them as it pleases them, but did God say this was fine? No! Jesus said: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." When the

woman was caught in adultery, did Jesus say, "Go, and sin continuously?" No! He said, "go, and sin no more." Even when He healed the impotent man who was at Bethesda and had an infirmity thirty-eight years, He instructed him to sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee. "And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath...Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (Matthew 5:27-28; John 5:5-9,14).

Is there a modern God who allows a man to have a wife and go looking for other women, or a woman to have a husband and go looking for other men? No! God instructed us on everything and there are always the don'ts and do's. He instructed us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, and to live a life unspotted from the world. Our life must be different from the world because God will give us a reward according to the fruit of our doings. "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee...Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge...Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (Hebrews 13:5,4; I Corinthians 6:9-10).

We must understand that Jesus is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. We must be very careful to do that which is right, after He has taken us out of darkness and place us into His marvellous light. We will be deemed as " a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into

his marvellous light:". So we definitely have to testify of the things that He has brought us through. Unless we get trials, tribulations, struggles, challenges, chastisements, etc., we will not be able to testify of His marvellous awesomeness. The Scriptures record: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Timothy 3:12-13). But as believers we must acknowledge that we have to hold on to what we have learned and believed and keep contending for the faith, and not allowing any to make us go contrary to the true doctrine, or teaching, of Christ. We must realize none can take us to the kingdom of God, for we have to examine ourselves, and work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. So let us do such and not look to others' behaviour and slide backward because as they cannot put us into the kingdom, don't let us make them take us out by following their false teachings and their pernicious ways. Remember Lot's wife who looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. Be as patient as Job and enjoy the goodness of the Lord. "Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy...And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before...So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning" (I Peter 2:9; James 5:11; Job 42:10,12,first part).

We may not be as fortunate and gain such physical things as Job, but let us not be moved because God is able and capable to keep us in any situation. Many are teaching that once we follow the Lord there will be prosperity. Prosperity does not always mean that we will have lots of wealth as some preach, but we can prosper spiritually with wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and contentment, etc.; also with many different talents. Timothy was encouraged to be content: "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Timothy 6:8: "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." Once we place our trust in the living God, He will grant us our needs richly to enjoy. This doesn't mean we will be rich physically, but if riches increase we should not set our heart upon them, meaning not to be highminded

or haughty, but to continue to be humble in the Lord, and enjoy the riches of Him, because when He gives us riches He does not add sorrow with it. "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (I Timothy 6:6-8; Proverbs 10:22).

When God blesses us no man can curse us as He told Balaam. "And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed." When Almighty God instructs us we must adhere to it because the things that follow may not be good. He never destroys a place or someone without a warning. Balaam didn't listen to God at first because his eyes were not upon the prize of God, but his eyes were upon the presents that Balak the king of Moab had to offer, and so God allowed a donkey to speak unto him instead of God. This is a perfect example unto us today. A donkey may not speak unto us, but something more detrimental might happen to us. So let us take heed and do as God instructs us. "And God's anger was kindled because he (Balaam) went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him...And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff. And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?...Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face. And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times?... unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive." Here we see Balaam could not curse God's people for they were already blessed, but because of his stiff neck he could have lost his life by the angel. And God showed him that He is the Boss because He is not a God of lies but a God of truth and righteousness, and He changeth not. What He says He will do, that He does. "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 22:12,22,first part, 27-28,31,32,first part,33,last part; 23:19).

There is no modern God. The Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And He does not change to

please. Men have to live their lives pleasing and acceptable unto Him. "For I am the LORD, I change not;...And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts." Here we see God claimed who He is against and will definitely give out punishments. We have to be obedient and do the things necessary to attain eternal life or else it will be eternal damnation. John the apostle concluded: "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be...He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still...Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Malachi 3:6,first part,5; Revelation 22:12,11,14). Amen.

Listen, More Than You Speak

By David DeLong

It's hard to hear the words of men
When they strike you on the cheek;
But the truly wise will understand:
Listen, more than you speak.

One of the ways of a child of God
A way of the truly meek
Is not to utter unkind words,
Listen, more than you speak.

God will listen to our prayers
And give us what we seek
If we ask His will in Christ's name,
Listen, more than you speak.

The world will shout its evil words,
To listen, they think, is weak;
But the way of God is far above,
Listen, more than you speak.

LESSON I

CAIN AND ABEL

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:1-13.

Golden Text: Genesis 4:13.

“And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.”

1. What were the names of Adam and Eve’s sons, and what was their work? Genesis 4:1-2.
2. Why did Cain become jealous of his brother? Genesis 4:4-5.
3. What did God say to Cain about his offering? Genesis 4:6-7.
4. What did Cain do to Abel? Genesis 4:8.
5. What other sin did Cain commit? Genesis 4:9.
6. In what way did the Lord punish Cain? Genesis 4:11-12.
7. What was Cain’s reply to this? Genesis 4:13.

LESSON II

WICKEDNESS OF MAN

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:5-14.

Golden Text: Genesis 6:8.

“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”

1. What kind of people did God find on the earth in the time of Noah? Genesis 6:5, 11-12.
2. How did God feel about it? Genesis 6:6.
3. What did God say that He was going to do about it? Genesis 6:7.

4. What kind of man was Noah at this time? Genesis 6:8-9.

5. What did God tell Noah He was going to do with the earth? Genesis 6:13.

6. What did God tell Noah to do? Genesis 6:14.

LESSON III

NOAH BUILDS THE ARK

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:14-22.

Golden Text: Genesis 6:22.

“This did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.”

1. What did God tell Noah to build, and what was he to use in building? Genesis 6:14.
2. What was the length of the ark that God told Noah to make? How wide and how high was it? Genesis 6:15.

NOTE: One cubit is about 18 inches long.

3. How many windows and doors were there to be in the ark? How many stories were there? Genesis 6:16.

4. How was God going to destroy the people? Genesis 6:17.

5. Who was Noah to take into the ark? Genesis 6:18.

6. How many animals was Noah to take into the ark? Genesis 6:19-20.

7. What else did he take into the ark with him? Genesis 6:21.

Answers to Jumbled Bible J's on page 13.

1. Jeremiah, 2. Jesus, 3. Joshua, 4. Jezebel, 5. Jonan, 6. Jonathan, 7. Jonah, 8. Joseph, 9. Josiah, 10. Jesse

LESSON IV

FIND THE WORDS

NOAH AND THE ARK

Find these words in the letters below.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 7:1-16.

Golden Text: Genesis 7:6.

“And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.”

DISCIPLES BOAT WIND

1. How many of the clean beasts and fowls was he to take into the ark? How many of the unclean? Genesis 7:2-3.

AFRAID QUIET FAITH

NOTE: The Lord created the animals clean and unclean from the very beginning. Noah knew which animals were clean, and which were unclean.

D I S C I P L E S

2. How long did God say it would rain? Genesis 7:4, 7.

S G J S E S U W Z

3. Did Noah do everything that God told him to do? Genesis 7:5; Hebrews 11:7.

A K F A I T H Q B

NOTE: Even though Noah could see no danger, he obeyed God. We should also obey God’s commandments today even though we do not always understand why we are to do them.

T L J K W D M U D

4. How old was Noah when the flood came? Genesis 7:6.

A F R A I D U I E

5. How long were they in the ark before it began to rain? Genesis 7:10.

O M N P N Z V E F

6. After Noah and his family and all the animals had entered the ark, what did God do? Genesis 7:16.

B D F X D O N T J

What Would Jesus Do?

*What would Jesus do?
Is a question that is true;
For, only His way, to do or to say,
Must be copied by me and you.*



THE LITTLE BIRD SONG

Just outside of Enna's bedroom windows was a lovely big tree, and in that tree was a nest of birds. Sometimes those birds would warble and chirrup happily, and Enna liked to waken in the morning and listen to them.

It made her very happy to lie in her cozy, white bed and listen to the little creatures singing as if they wanted to tell the whole world what a wonderful place they had found to live in, and how warm the sunshine was and how many crumbs a little girl friend of theirs scattered out for them when she thought they might be hungry.

Enna and her Daddy sometimes called them "God's choir," and Enna would say, Just think Daddy, no one else even asks them to sing. They just do it because they want to. And no one pays them except by loving and feeding them."

"That's true," Enna's father would say. "The birds are our friends, and we must do nice things for our friends, just as the birds do for us."

Enna herself could sing very sweetly, and her mother had taught her some very cheerful songs which the little girl loved to sing.

One day Mrs. Best, who lived across the street from Enna, was having some of her friends come to visit her, and she came over to talk with Enna's mother about it. The little girl was playing with her new doll and having a nice time.

"Oh, Enna, dear," said Mrs. Best, "I wonder if you would help to make my friends happy! I'd like to have you sing for the ladies. You could sing that little song about 'The Butterflies,' and the one about 'The Apple Blossoms,' and the one about 'The Little Girl Who Never Kept Still.' If you'll do it, I'll buy you a little bed for that new doll of yours."

Enna looked a moment at the shoe box which she had been using for a bed for Flossie, and the thought flashed through her mind how fine it would be to have a real little

bed. Then she heard a chirrup outside the window and she thought for a moment.

"Of course, I'll sing for you, Mrs. Best," Enna exclaimed, "but I don't want you to buy Flossie a bed or give me anything. I want to do it just because I love you like the birds love us - and not for pay."

"Why, bless the child, just hear her!" said Mrs. Best as she put her arm around Enna and praised her and gave her a big hug!

JUMBLED BIBLE J'S

Here are the names of ten Bible characters, each beginning with the letter "J."

How quickly can you rearrange the jumbled letter and discover its identity?

1. Mehejair _____

2. Ejuss _____

3. Suhoja _____

4. Zeleebj _____

5. Najona _____

6. Hjnotana _____

7. Hojna _____

8. Shopej _____

9. Siojha _____

10. Ejses _____

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| <i>ABIDE</i> | <i>FEAR</i> | <i>SAYS</i> |
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| <i>BEAR</i> | <i>GIVES</i> | <i>SLEW</i> |
| <i>BETRAY</i> | <i>GOES</i> | <i>SPOKE</i> |
| <i>BLESS</i> | <i>HALLOW</i> | <i>SPREAD</i> |
| <i>BURN</i> | <i>HAS</i> | <i>SUFFER</i> |
| <i>COMES</i> | <i>LIES</i> | <i>TAKE</i> |
| <i>COVER</i> | <i>MOVE</i> | <i>TILL</i> |
| <i>CREATE</i> | <i>OFFER</i> | <i>TOWN</i> |
| <i>CRIES</i> | <i>POUR</i> | <i>VOWED</i> |
| <i>DEFILE</i> | <i>PRAY</i> | <i>WANDER</i> |
| <i>DID</i> | <i>PROFANE</i> | <i>WEAVE</i> |
| <i>DIES</i> | <i>REND</i> | <i>WEEP</i> |
| <i>DOES</i> | <i>SAID</i> | <i>WISH</i> |
| <i>DWELL</i> | <i>SANCTIFY</i> | <i>YIELD</i> |



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Church of God 7th Day
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>The Lord's Supper Date:</i> Saturday April 12th at Even; Roman Time, Sunday April 13th Bible Time</p>					<p>Sabbath Memory Verses ¹ “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 12:17).</p>	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p><i>Examine your Heart, Prepare Yourself to accept the Emblems, Be Right with thy Lord</i></p>					<p>“Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me” (John 7:16).</p>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>Daylight Savings Time</p>	<p><i>If you are led by the spirit to be baptized, or need an anointed handkerchief, contact our Headquarters at: PO Box 328 Salem, WV 26426 Phone: 304-782-1411 email:cogsevday@aol.com</i></p>				<p>“And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God” (John 1:34).</p>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Connect with other Church Members on our website churchofgod-7thday.org</p>					<p>“And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end” (Luke 1:33).</p>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31				<p>“Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:” (I Corinthians 5:7).</p>	

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FRIENDSHIPS

*The people we meet as down life's pathway we trod.
Some people we actually give little more than a nod.
But there are those whose friendships do grow.
What they mean to others they may never fully know.
As lives change and those pathways lad apart.
But with true friends they are always held dear to our hearts.
Years may pass without card, letter, or call.
But for those dear friends to old memories do recall.
In the years that go by, and life changes come our way.
We can always look back on many by gone day.
Bringing back sweet memories of days that have gone by.
As we think of those memories it can bring a tear to our eye.
Thanking of dear friends and the things that you have done.
remembering those days that are very happy ones.
Our dear friends always stay close to our heart.
Even though there are times we are many miles apart.
So hold close to dear friends that you make through the year.
To have or be a friend can be very dear.
So as we move on and other friendship we share.
We should never forget old friends and show that we care.*

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