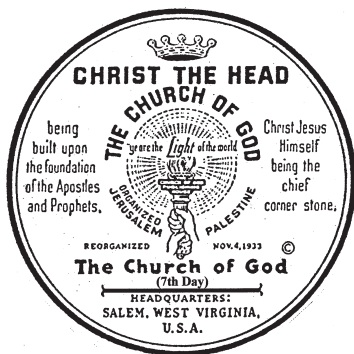


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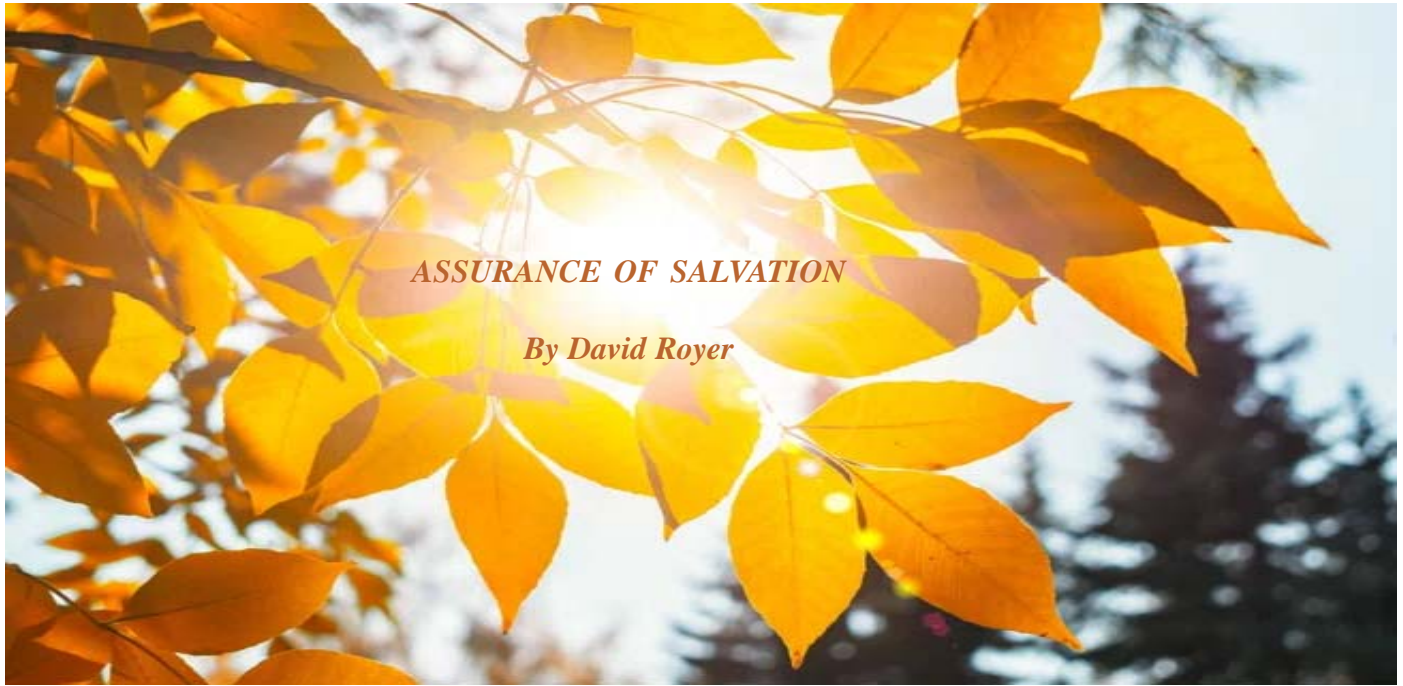
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"I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing priase to thy name, O thou most High" (Psalm 9:1-2).



ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

By David Royer

At the Salem, West Virginia, Church of God (7th Day), we would sing ***IS MY NAME WRITTEN THERE?*** You can hear this song and lyrics at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jC1f8IDByaM> The song asks if our name is written in THE BOOK OF LIFE. (See Philippians 4:3 and Revelation 20:15)

This article outlines how to know for sure you/we are saved. Note: Salvation is an ongoing process throughout our life. ("Once saved-Always Saved", is not in our Church doctrines.) Before presenting evidence, there are Bible Truths that must be accepted:

1. God wants all humanity to be saved.
2. God searches the heart and character of those He selects to be given the opportunity of salvation.
3. God has provided a pathway to salvation through His sinless Son, Jesus.
4. God wants us to believe and trust in Him, His Son, His Holy Word, and His Comforter, the Holy Spirit.
5. God never lies.

Bible References:

- 1.) I Timothy 2:4
- 2.) Jeremiah 17:10; John 6:37-44
- 3.) John 3:16
- 4.) Hebrews 11:6; Proverbs 3: 5-6; Ephesians 1:-13-14

5.) Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:17-18

Our Responsibility:

1. Love God with all your heart, mind, and soul.
2. Accept and believe that Jesus is the Son of God and our personal Savior by freely dying at Calvary as a ransom for our sins and resurrected the third day.
3. Keep the Commandments of God and follow the teachings and examples of Jesus the Christ.
4. Repent and be baptized to create a changed (new) person, free from past sins and a clean vessel for God's Holy Spirit to dwell. Baptism signifies a person's acceptance of Jesus in their lives.
5. Accept, embrace, and allow the Holy Spirit within us to guide and develop our:
 - a. Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25)
 - b. Growth in grace and knowledge (II Peter 3:18)
 - c. Continuous praise and honor to God and His Son (Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 145:1)
 - d. Continuous prayers for repentance, protection from temptation, and spiritual needs such as wisdom, hope, strength, love, faith, and spiritual growth (Psalm 51:1-4; Matthew 6:13; James 1:5)

Clearly, belief, trust, and strong faith in the Son of God are required for salvation, but it goes one step further.

We must also turn our lives over to Jesus's Father. Paul discloses this trust in his letter to the Ephesians. "That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise," (Ephesians 1:12-13).

Woven within the Truths and Our Responsibilities outlined above, we find the evidence of salvation:

- Assurance is confirmed through the evidence of a changed life. By God's grace, we are conformed to the image of Jesus, which means we have become more like Him. We will never be perfect because of our human flaws, but this inward transformation confirms our salvation.

- Assurance is confirmed by the finished work of Jesus Christ. When Jesus died and shed His blood at Calvary, He bore our iniquities, enduring God's wrath, and cried out, "It is finished" (John 19: 28-30). By this, He meant many prophecies were completed and personal to us, that the full atonement for all our sins (past, present, and future) has been made. As we trust in Christ's perfect sacrifice for our sins, the certainty of eternal life floods our hearts. No matter how great our sin is, God's grace is greater.

- Assurance comes through the inward witness of the Holy Spirit, a gift from God. This power of God, working within us, confirms that He abides in us, and we abide in Him. (Romans 8:15-17). Receiving this Holy Spirit is so important in staying focused on the Christian life, and being led by the Spirit allows us to be adopted as children of God (Romans 8:14).

- Assurance is provided in Scripture. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). Also see John 3:16.

What more evidence do we need? Reality: The Bible never says this evidence is perfection, but the correct way of life with the promise and confidence in everlasting life. God Bless us through our journey.



Is My Name Written There?

*Lord, I care not for riches,
Neither silver nor gold;
I would gain life eternal,
I would enter the fold;
In the book of Thy kingdom,
With it's pages so fair,
Tell me, Jesus, my Saviour,
Is my name written there?*

*Is my name written there,
On the page white and fair?
In the book of Thy kingdom,
Is my name written there?*

*Lord, my sins they are many,
Like the sands of the sea,
But thy blood, O my Saviour,
Is sufficient for me;
For Thy promise is written
In bright letters that glow,
"Tho' your sins be as scarlet,
I will make them like snow."*

*Is my name written there,
On the page white and fair?
In the book of Thy kingdom,
Is my name written there?*

*Oh, that beautiful city,
With its mansions of light,
With its glorified beings,
In pure garments of white;
Where no evil thing cometh
To despoil what is fair;
For it's coming I'm watching,
Is my name written there?*

*YES, my name's written there,
On the page white and fair,
In the book of Thy kingdom,
YES, my name's written there.*



The Song Of Solomon:

(An Expression Of Jesus' Love For His People And Their Response)

By David DeLong

When reading the Song of Solomon, it is easy to see two very important truths: one, the pure love which is to be expressed only in marriage, and secondly, and more important, the profound love that Jesus has for His people and their response to Him. I will be emphasizing the second of these truths.

One of the reactions of the young woman to her Spouse is shown in the term that she gives to Him: my "beloved" (see Song of Solomon 2:8). This term, "beloved" is the Hebrew term "dowd", and it has the connotation "to boil" with love. In other words, we, as the people of the Lord, are to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind.

One of the questions that she asks of her beloved is found in chapter 1, verses 7-8: "Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions? If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents." Looking at these verses from a spiritual point of view, this is a question that some of God's people have asked, "Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?" In other words, Lord, where is Your flock, where is Your Church located? I don't want to be turned aside to another flock.

We can also determine just how the Lord Jesus feels toward His people. In verse 7, which we just quoted, the Shepherd calls his spouse, "O thou fairest among women". Then he proceeds to describe her in verses 10, 11, and 15: "Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck

with chains of gold. We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver...Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes." It is interesting that the Shepherd says his spouse has "dove's eyes". When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down upon Him in the form of a dove (see Matthew 3:16). If there is a spiritual comparison here, then it might be to suggest that the Lord's people see things through spiritual eyes. We read in Ephesians 1:17-19, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,".

A beautiful picture of what I believe is addressing the second coming of the Lord is possibly found in chapter 2, verses 10-13: "My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." When Jesus comes again for His people the winter of sin will be past, as will the rain of suffering and trials. Jesus said in Matthew 24:32-34: "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is

near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."

That the Lord is thrilled at hearing His peoples' prayers may be suggested by chapter 2, verse 14: "O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely." Chapter 3, verses 6-8 suggest that the servants of the Lord are equipped with swords, "being expert in war". "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant? Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel. They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night." This reminds me of Ephesians 6:11-17: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 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; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:".

Not only is the Shepherd's love his spouse, but she is also his sister, suggesting that he is also connected to her in a spiritual relationship. Chapter 4, verses 9-10 reads: "Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck. How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!"

When we read chapter 5:1 we find: "I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved." Isaiah 55:1 is similar: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come,

buy wine and milk without money and without price." Salvation is a most precious gift of the Lord, given to all who seek it.

Continuing on, in verses 2-5, we read: "I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him. I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock." This reminds me of the passage in Revelation 3:20-22: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

The girl then gives an account of her beloved in chapter 5:10-16: "My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand. His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy, and black as a raven. His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set. His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh. His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires. His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem." Truly, the Lord Jesus is also "altogether lovely" to His people.

In conclusion, I would like to quote from Song of Solomon, chapter 8, verse 7: "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned." The Apostle Paul concluded basically the same thing in I Corinthians 13:13: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity (Love)."



SELF

By Elder F.L. Summers (deceased)

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"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?" (II Corinthians 13:5).

God intends for man to see himself just as he is seen from God's point of view. Our real problem and common enemy is "self." It is not the other fellow. We must overcome self if we are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. We are to examine self, prove self, and to know our own self.

This seems to be God's ordained way with man from the beginning. God told Israel, "... the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no" (Deuteronomy 8:2).

David realized that self was his real enemy. He said, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts." David said search, try, and know.

Paul also said examine, prove, and know. Our Lord wants to prove us to know if we really do love Him. Oh yes, there are many who say they love Him, but do they? Are they worshipping Him with their mouths, while their hearts are far from Him? If they love Him with all their hearts, will they not do His will and keep His words?

"Self" must be examined, tested, proved, and tried, not only that God may know our love to Him but that we also may know in whom we have believed. First, it requires an honest heart and a sincere heart if we are to focus God's Word inwardly into our own self-life. It is not

difficult to see the mote in our brother's eyes, but to see the beam in our own requires necessity of placing "self" under the scrutinizing light of God's eternal Word.

There are numerous ways that self is made known. A few are self-will, self-pity, self-love, self-righteousness, self exaltation, self-promotion, self-glory, self-indulgence, self sufficiency, and self-admiration. If you have any one of these, dear reader, it is time to fall on your knees and ask God to forgive and to remove it from you. Man's ways are all for self. God's way is against self. Man would keep his self-life, but God would have him lose it.

Self is an unpredictable personality from the deepest humility to the most exalted heights of egotism. Self will fall at ease among the most pious or bask in the spotlight of glory, fame and honor. Self may weep and cry in prayer or feel at home among the most hilarious and jubilant. Self is not embarrassed with preaching, praying, singing, neither troubled when being deceitful, proud, arrogant, or boastful. From self's point of view, "self" is always right.

"Self" may be content to live in squalor, poverty, ignorance, or become discontent with riches, luxury, or learning. Self may be stubborn or agreeable, foreboding, or extremely optimistic. Self has a host of self-sins. Self delights in anything that elevates or promotes self. Self's first instinct is self-preservation, the exact opposite of self-crucifixion. Self desires to live, not die. Self wants to be exalted, not humbled. Self seeks power and pleasure, not to poverty and pain: self-indulgence, not self-denial. Self wants the praise and honor of men, not the shame of Calvary, but we are told to take up our cross and follow



Him. Self would gain the world, not lose all.

When we begin to examine self in the light of God's Word, we find that vanity, disobedience, boasting, pride, together with a froward heart and a tendency to forget God's commandments, self-efforts, self-works, self-righteousness are insufficient and will not suffice to correct self's weakness. God has provided His own way. He has set the standard. Who am I that I can say I need not confess to God for His forgiveness for such weaknesses?

God's way is by the cross. We must lose our self-life if we expect to have a more abundant life. Self must submit and surrender to the divine will of God.

Our greatest enemy is not the man on the outside, but the "self" man inside of every human heart. It is self, and a victory over self is the only victory acceptable to God.

We must take up our cross and follow Him with humility. Then God can find out just how much we really love Him. God requires a reciprocal love. We must love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and our neighbor as ourselves. We cannot fool God. Oh yes, we can say we are God's children and that we are perfect in God's sight, but let us remember, dear one, that it is God who has the last and final say. It is His will not ours, and His Word not ours that must be obeyed and lived. God cannot work through self-willed men and women. That was why He taught His disciples to pray, "Thy will be done in earth as in heaven."

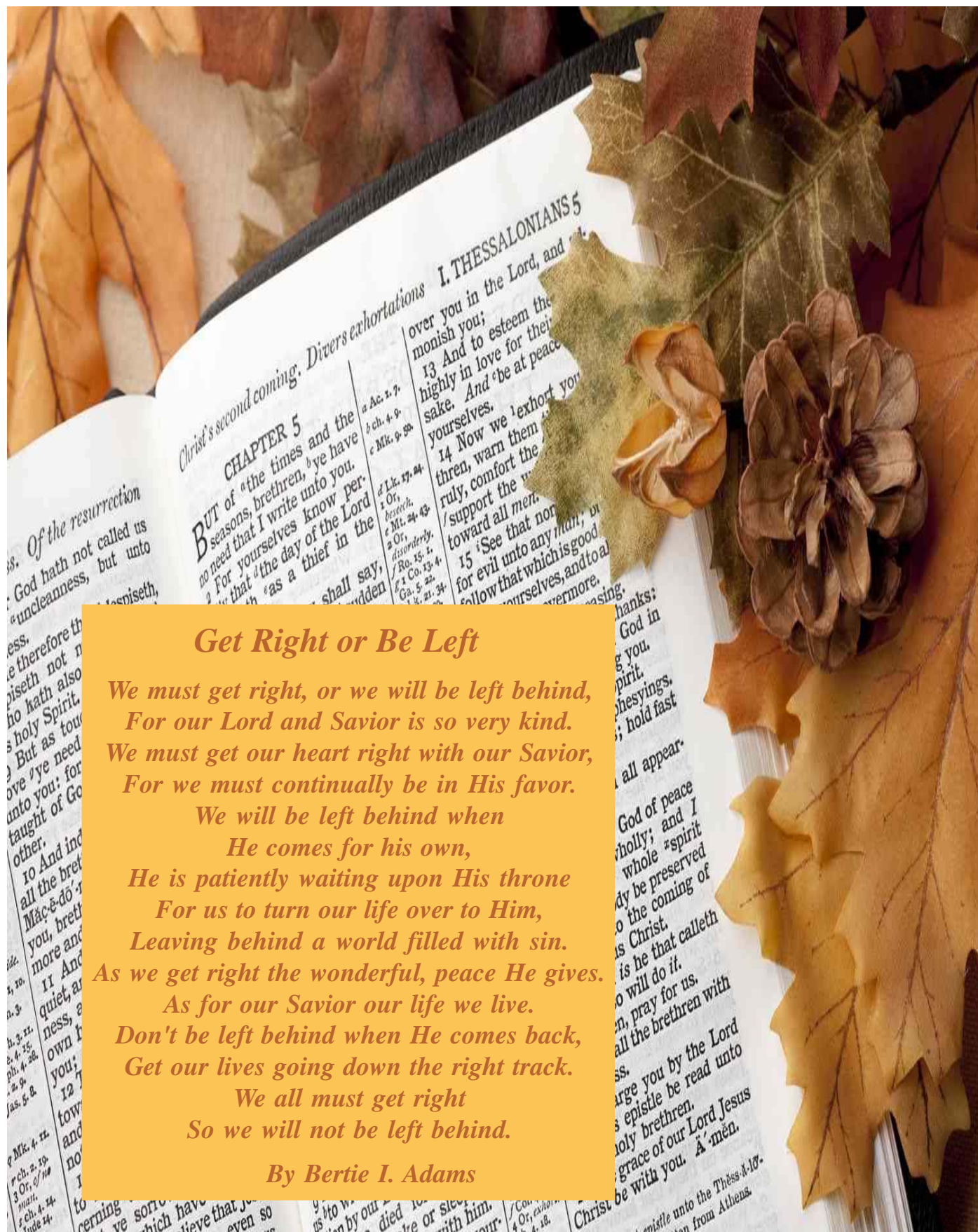
Jesus even said, "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30). Jesus also said, "... My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me" (John 7:16). In John 9:4, He said, "I must work the works of him that sent me..."

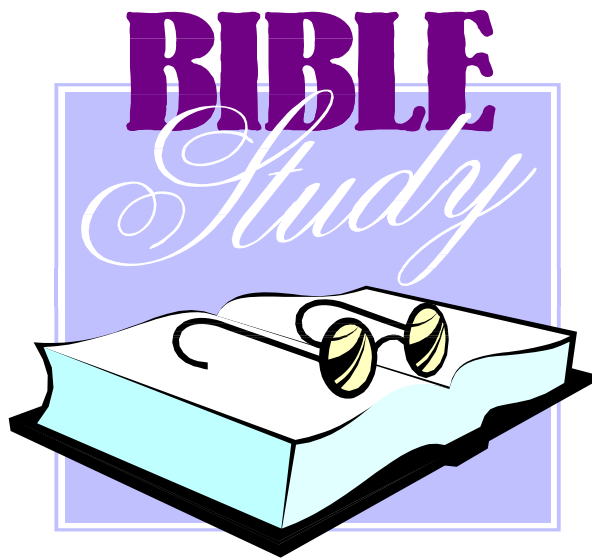
In John 7:17 He said, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine..." If it was necessary for Christ to say and do as above, how much more should we do that if His life is to shine through us? When we take up our cross and follow Him, it will cause us to lose self.

May God bless and cause each one of us to lose self and go all the way with Christ. If we believe in Him, we shall be saved, but if we believe not, we are condemned already.

Hitting the Snooze Button

Why is it every time you plan to spend time with God, you get interrupted? Perhaps you've sat down in your comfortable chair, opened your Bible, only to hear that familiar sound your cell phone makes when a text comes in. You have good intentions, but you just can't resist the urge to take a peek at the message. That simple interruption led to texting responses back and forth, and before you know it, the time set aside for your daily devotion is gone. It's not any different going to church. You set the alarm the night before, but you stayed up so late reading a good book that when your alarm rang the next morning, you were too sleepy to get up. Instead, you just kept hitting the snooze button until it was too late, mumbling to yourself that you "can always watch a sermon online." The devil has a million ways to distract you from connecting with God, and the more successful he is, the happier he becomes. But don't be deceived and let Satan come between you and your Creator! The devil isn't stupid. He knows that it's not possible to have a close relationship with Jesus if you don't spend time with Him. That's why he will do everything in his power to distract you. Often, people skip devotions thinking that they just don't have the time. Between juggling work, kids, church commitments, and social life, life can feel overwhelming. But what many fail to realize is that spending time with God is the most important part of each day. Martin Luther once said, "I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." He made communion with God his first priority! Jesus, when he was here on earth, made time to talk to God. Mark 1:35 tells us, "In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed." Prayer is like breathing – without it you will die! Someone once said, "If you don't have time to pray . . . then you don't have time to be a Christian." Text: Psalm 119:15, Genesis 4:7, Galatians 5:16-17, Luke 5:16.





Question: What does King David say about the Word of God?

Answer: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:7-11).

Question: How was the Bible preserved for us?

Answer: "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 1:20-21).

"But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (I Peter 1:25).

Question: Where did the permanence of God's Word start?

Answer: "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever" (Psalm 119:89, 152).

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isaiah 40:8).

NOTE: Long before the first Advent of Jesus, Israel had the Old Testament Books. Evidence shows that Jesus and the Apostles had the Old Testament as we have today. "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). It came to us by written Manuscripts. Today we have the oldest known manuscript, the Isaiah scroll found in the Dead Sea Caves.

Question: What did God tell Daniel to do with his writings?

Answer: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased...And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" (Daniel 12:4, 9-10).

Question: There was a period of time when Israel forgot the Words of God. They neglected the temple, and it became in disarray. Where did they find the neglected Word of God?

Answer: "And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that they may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people. And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house, Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house. Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully. Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us" (II Kings 22:3-7, 13).



THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

The annual Apostolic Council meeting was held on June 5 and June 6 2025 in Dallas Texas. Six members of the Twelve and Seven members of the Board of Seven were present. Also present wwere several members of the Seventy.

The meeting went very well with many projects approved for financial assistance. Financial help approved for the United States included sponsoring a Youth Camp in San Antonio Texas, sponsoring a Young Adults camp in Dallas Texas, assistance to the church in Houston Texas, assistance to the church in Pico Rivera California, and upcoming minister training in Salem West Virginia.

Financial aassistance outside of the United States included sponsoring a Youth Camp in Mexico, church building in India, assistance to the church in Nicaragua, assistance to the church in Colombia, and assistance to churches in the Philippines.

We are also providing aassistance to several churches in Africa including the democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwaanda, Malawi, and South Sudan.

We would like to thank everyone for their tithes and offerings which allows us to fund these many worthy projects. Thanks to the Lord for the successful conclusion of the Apostolic council meeting and for seeing everyone to have safe travels to and from the meeting.



*Members of the Twelve Apostles from left to right:
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- Dallas Texas, Pascacio Tavizon - Monterrey
Mexico, Walter Goff - Panama, Kent Cornwall -
Toronto Canada, Errol Noel - Grenada*

LESSON I

JOSEPH ARRIVES IN EGYPT

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:31-36; 39:1-6.

Golden Text: Genesis 39:2.

"And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian."

NOTE: In the last lesson, we learned how Joseph's brothers plotted to kill him but then decided to sell him as a slave to the Ishmaelites. We will now study how Joseph's father feels and what happens to Joseph in Egypt.

1. What did Joseph's brothers do to his coat of many colors? Genesis 37:31.
2. When they brought the coat to their father, what did they ask him? Genesis 37:32.
3. What did he think had happened to Joseph? Genesis 37:33.
4. What was his attitude when he thought that something had happened to Joseph? Genesis 37:34-35.
5. Who bought Joseph when he arrived in Egypt? Genesis 37:36; 39:1.
6. Who was with Joseph all the time? Genesis 39:2.
7. Why did his master make him overseer over his house? Genesis 39:3-4.
8. While Joseph was overseer of the Egyptian's house, did he prosper, and why? Genesis 39:5-6.

LESSON II

JOSEPH IN PRISON

Scripture Reading: Genesis 39:19-23; 40:1-23.

Golden Text: Genesis 39:21.

"But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison."

NOTE: We studied last week how the Lord blessed Joseph and his master, Potiphar. Potiphar's wife falsely accuses Joseph, and he is put into prison. We will now learn about Joseph in prison.

1. How was Joseph treated in prison? Genesis 39:21-22.
2. Who were placed in prison with Joseph? Genesis 40:1-3.
3. Was Joseph in charge of the butler and the baker while in prison? Genesis 40:4.
4. What did these two prisoners say? Genesis 40:5-8.
5. What was the chief butler's dream, and what did Joseph tell him it meant? Genesis 40:9-15.
6. What was the chief baker's dream, and what did Joseph tell him? Genesis 40:16-19.
7. Did the dreams come true? Genesis 40:20-23.

LESSON III

JOSEPH INTERPRETS PHARAOH'S DREAMS

Scripture Reading: Genesis 41:1-17.

Golden Text: Genesis 41:16.

"And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace."

1. What happened after Joseph had been in prison for two years? Genesis 41:1 (first part).
2. What did Pharaoh dream the first time? Genesis 41:2-4.

3. What did Pharaoh dream the second time? Genesis 41:5-7.

4. Who did Pharaoh call to interpret his dreams, and could they do it? Genesis 41:8.

5. After no one else could interpret the dreams, who was recommended to Pharaoh? Genesis 41:9-13.

6. Who did Joseph tell was the only one who could interpret his dream? Genesis 41:14-16.

7. Who caused Pharaoh to dream the dreams? Genesis 41:32.

8. What did Joseph tell Pharaoh to do about the dreams? Genesis 41:33-36.

9. Did Joseph's interpretation and advice please Pharaoh? Genesis 41:37.

LESSON IV

JOSEPH, A RULER IN EGYPT

Scripture Reading: Genesis 41:39-57.

Golden Text: Genesis 41:41.

"And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt."

1. Did Pharaoh realize that Joseph possessed the Spirit of God? Genesis 41:38-39.

2. How did Pharaoh reward Joseph for giving an interpretation to his dream? Genesis 41:40-41.

3. What else did Pharaoh give to Joseph? Genesis 41:42-45.

4. How old was Joseph when he stood before Pharaoh? Genesis 41:46.

5. What did Joseph do as governor of Egypt? Genesis 41:47-49.

6. What happened after the first seven years of Joseph's

rule? Genesis 41:53-55.

7. Did the famine extend over the face of the earth, and did other countries go to Joseph to buy corn? Genesis 41:56-57.

AFRAID

There are many brave people in the Bible but sometimes they would be frightened too. Read the clues and look up the Bible text to find who was afraid.

1. I was afraid to look at God and I hid my face. _____ Exodus 3:6.

2. A king tried to kill me with a spear, but the king's son helped me escape. _____ I Samuel 19:10, Chapter 20.

3. A wicked queen tried to kill me and I ran away. I was one of God's prophets. _____ I Kings 19:1-3.

4. A silver cup was put in my sack of grain. I was afraid the ruler would try to kill me. _____ Genesis 44:1-12.

5. I deceived my brother and now he is coming to meet me. I am scared. _____ Genesis 27:27, 41.

6. We ate some fruit we were not supposed to touch. God wanted to talk to us but we hid. _____ Genesis 3:8-10.

REQUISITES OF CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

1. Striving for the Faith. Philippians 1:27
2. Showing a good example. I Timothy 4:12
3. Subduing your temper. Ephesians 4:26
4. Living peaceably with all. Romans 12:18
5. Visiting the afflicted. James 1:27; Matthew 25:36
6. Submitting to authorities. Romans 13:1-7
7. Being liberal to others. Romans 12:13
8. Being contented. Philippians 4:11





THE WIND

By Aldea Johnson

Mother was getting supper ready in the cozy, warm kitchen. Susie sat in her little chair by the window, watching her and thinking how nice everything was. The lamplight glowed softly throughout the room. In the stove, the fire snapped cheerfully, and Mother hummed a little tune as she moved about. The table, which Susie herself had set, was gleaming with its pretty cloth, its dishes, and its sparkling silver.

Susie did not care how the cold November wind howled outside when it was so warm and cheerful in here. She loved to hear the tea kettle singing on the stove. Tonight, it sang to her. "We'll stay inside where it's warm and bright, and it's dark and cold outside, tonight."

Just then Mother called, "Oh, Susie, Daddy wants you to bring another lantern out to the barn. The milking will soon be finished, so you can come back to the house with Him." Susie hesitated. It was so dark outdoors. Then the cold wind shrieked as it tore past the house, calling to Susie. It's dark out here - whoooo-oo, whoo-oo! We'll trip you up and we'll chase you, too, whooo-oo, whooo-oo, whoo-oo!"

"Mommy, do I have to go?" asked Susie, with a little shiver, "I'm afraid."

"But there's nothing to be afraid of, Honey," smiled Mother.

"You love to play outdoors all day."

"It isn't dark then!" wailed Susie. "The wind will get me now, and maybe there'll be a --a bear, or something. I don't like the wind."

"Didn't I see you playing with someone this morning?" Mother laughed. "You chased him all the way up the lane, and then you turned with your arms outstretched, and he chased you all the way back again. Your cheeks were like poppies, your eyes like stars, and you laughed and shouted for joy."

"That was the wind, Mommy, that was the wind!" Susie laughed, too, just remembering what fun it was. "But it wasn't this wind, Mommy," she added soberly.

"The same wind, Susie," Mother said softly. "God sends His wind to help Mother Nature do her fall house cleaning, and to put all the little growing things safely to sleep under a thick blanket of leaves. The wind loves to run and shout, just as you did today, but he is really kind and good. You run out now, Susie, and call to the wind. Say, 'Come on, wind! I'll race you to the barn!' Then see what fun you will have."

So, Susie took the lantern which Mother had lighted, and away she went. The wind puffed at her and blew her about, and the friendly dark wrapped her in a lovely soft cloak. As she reached the barn door, she was laughing and breathless.

"Thank you, God," she whispered, looking up at the tossing apple-tree boughs. "Thank you for letting the wind blow me about for your watchful care in the friendly darkness."

BIBLE FOODS

ACROSS

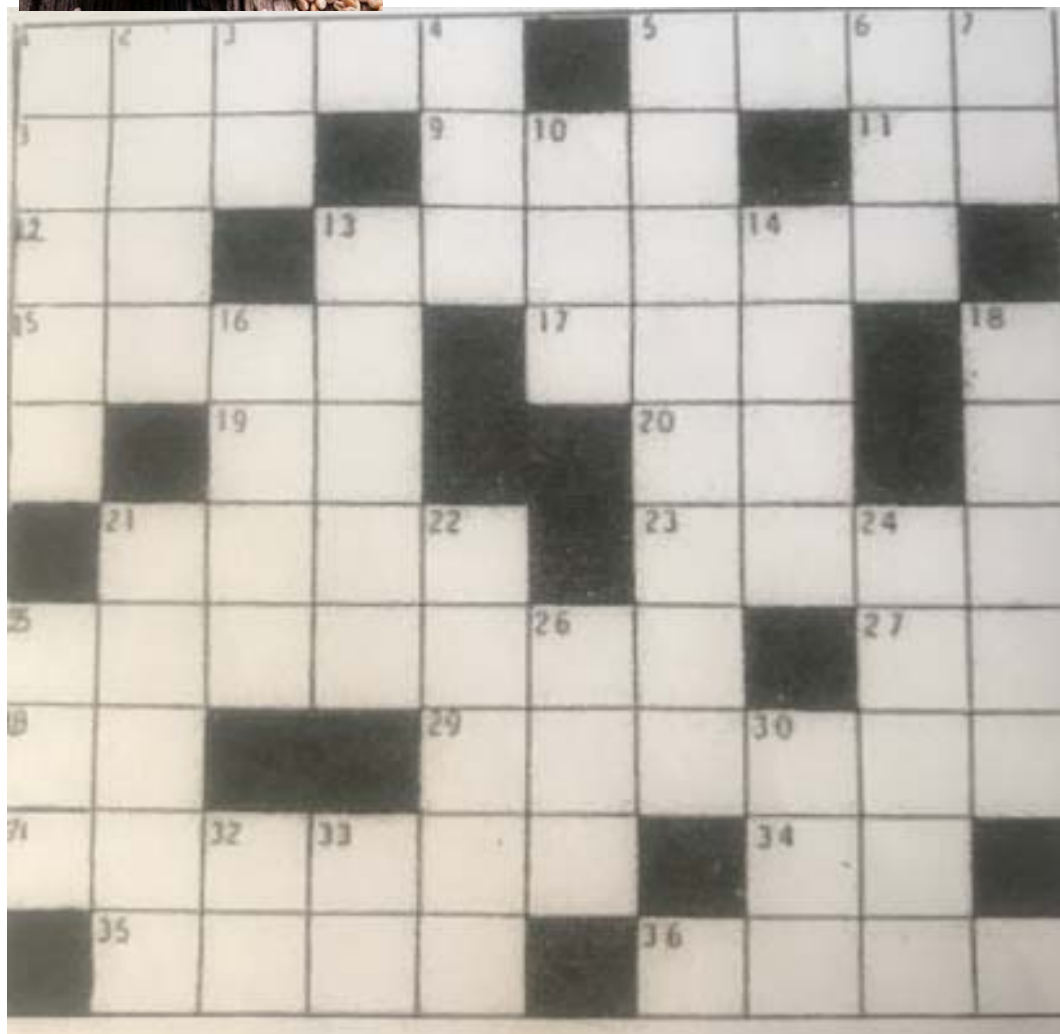
1. Food tree called a "king" Judges 9:8
5. What Ruth gleaned
8. Seed with a hard shell
9. Extinct bird
11. First half of Bible (abbr.)
12. I am (short form)
13. Put somewhere
15. Precious stone
17. Young dog
19. College degree
20. Military police (abbr.)
21. Cages, hutches
23. "Brought beds, and basons, ...and ___and lentils" (II Samuel 17:28).
25. What Esau sold his birthright for (Genesis 25:29-34)
27. Regarding
28. Epistle (abbr.)
29. "For the ___ was in the ear..." (Exodus 9:31).
31. "Comfort me with ___" (Song of Solomon 2:5).
34. Presupposition
35. Pertaining to you
36. To bridge

DOWN

1. The leeks, and the ___ of Egypt. Numbers 11:4-5
2. Rough piece, clod
3. That thing
4. Long, slender fish



5. As "a lodge in a garden of ___" (Isaiah 1:8).
6. Staff
7. Where the Gospel is (abbr.)
10. Plan of a country
13. Flora form
14. Sword (French)
16. Aid, help
18. Samson found some in a lion's carcass (Judges 14:8)
21. Oriental flower
22. Curved sword
24. Sports coliseum
25. Green vegetable
26. One of 3 forms of matter
30. Rim, esp. a pitcher
32. Italian river
33. Chemical symbol for lutetium



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