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# FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT



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Actions speak louder than words. The fruits of the Spirit must be practiced by each and every child of God. These attributes from Galatians 5:22-23 are LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, and TEMPERANCE. By having these nine fruits in our Christian life, we will be able to shine like a light out unto the world.

“CHARITY (LOVE) suffereth long, and is kind; charity (love) envieth not; charity (love) vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil” (I Corinthians 13:4-5). God showed us His love by giving His only begotten Son to die on Calvary’s tree whereby we all can have a chance to obtain eternal life. So we, as Christians, should love our neighbor as ourselves and be a giving person from the heart. The Lord has given us a new commandment. He said, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you...” (John 13:34). “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (I John 3:18).

Having LOVE for each other therefore brings JOY to the hearts of others. The joy that we have within is the strength of the Lord. Paul and Silas went through great trials and sufferings, but the joy in serving the Lord did not depart from them. Though many stripes were laid upon them,

though they were cast into prison, they continued singing and giving praises to the Lord. Always be joyful for what all the Lord has done for us in our lives, and give Him thanks and praises at all times. “And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation” (Psalm 35:9).

The joy from within therefore calms our souls with PEACE. “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7). By placing all our trust and confidence in the Lord, peace will flow like a river gently through our souls. We should let the peace of God rule in our hearts and be thankful because it’s a blessing. “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable,...And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace” (James 3:17-18).

The PEACE that flows from within us will give us the PATIENCE to go through LONGSUFFERING. “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing” (James 1:2-4). Job was a perfect and upright man in the eyes of God, but he went through pain and sufferings. The patience that Job had helped him to walk through his sufferings, and he was more blessed in the end than in the beginning. When we begin the Christian journey, we must go through

trials and tribulations. The road is rough and has plenty of potholes, but we should never let this keep us from obtaining eternal life. Going through fiery trials on the Christian journey is to make us stronger and better Christians. It will cause us to be brighter lights in the world. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12).

LONGSUFFERING therefore teaches us to be GENTLE, tenderhearted and kind to others. Gentleness is having humility toward God and others. "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Proverbs 15:1). Jesus is our greatest example. In Matthew 11:29, He said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Therefore, we should be ready to give a gentle response and care to those who are weak, which may help to bring love, joy and peace in their lives. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17).

GOODNESS gently steps in which shows the virtuousness of a child of God, which can give us the opportunity to gain honour and respect from others. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:9-10). The wisdom of the Lord is past finding out. He healed the sick, He raised the dead, and He cast out devils. The blind received their sight, and the lepers were cleansed. He did so much more. There is only one thing the Lord wants from us, and that is to give ear and obey His commandments and keep His statutes. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

GOODNESS brings forth FAITH which causes us to believe and keep the commandments of God. Hebrews 11:6 informs us, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Abraham had great trust and confidence in the Lord when he was to offer up Isaac. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Hebrews 11:3). Prayer and faith work hand in hand. To receive our requests from the Lord, we must believe. If we have faith as a grain of mustard seed, we will be able to move mountains. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

FAITH therefore gives us the ability to portray MEEKNESS. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5). Meekness showed forth humility in the life of Moses. He was the most meek man upon the face of the earth. "The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way" (Psalm 25:9). We can find rest for our soul when we are meek and lowly in heart as Jesus was. Meekness is being calm and not easily provoked.

MEEKNESS will control our temper and emotions. Jesus displayed TEMPERANCE when He resisted the devil after He had fasted forty days and nights. Temperance therefore brings patience, then self control. Our actions are controlled by our hearts. We should pray for God to mold our hearts and make them like His, so we will be able to control our tongues and actions. Having the fruits mentioned will give us temperance. "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity" (II Peter 1:5-7).

If the fruits of the Spirit are lacking in your lives, you should quickly collect your baskets and head to the market, getting on your knees and asking God for more of the fruits of the Spirit. In receiving the fruits of the Spirit, make sure that they are mature so they can grow within you and shine like a light in the world. Some who see the brightness from us as Christians may want to follow our example. By just having and practicing the fruits of the Spirit, we can win souls for the Lord. I pray that all the fruits of the Spirit that are within us will remain fresh and spotless.



# ENDURANCE

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Many of the different competitions in sports demand great endurance for the athlete to gain the gold medal for which he seeks. The quality of endurance is also expected from a child of God if he would enter the kingdom of God at the end of the age. The Apostle Paul said, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (I Corinthians 9:24-25).

In his quest to obtain the golden crown for which he sought, the minister said, "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (verses 26-27).

Here is a detailed account of some of the struggles the apostle had to undergo in his effort to enter through the gates into the city. He said, "Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the

churches" (II Corinthians 11:23-28). It takes great courage for one to endure such things, and more, in order to make it into the kingdom of God. Paul, Peter and many others are now in their graves awaiting the first resurrection. We, who are alive now must keep pressing on, knowing that our labour in the Lord shall never be in vain.

Paul admonished Timothy, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Timothy 4:6-8). A crown of righteousness awaits each and every one of us, but in order to obtain it, we must endure, not for a short time, but unto the end. Matthew 24:13 says, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." We cannot write about the topic of endurance without the Apostle Paul being quoted again and again. He said to young Timothy, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (II Timothy 4:5). We all, sister and brother, must be prepared to face and overcome many kinds of hardships. We must remember that our main adversary, Satan, is as a roaring lion, walking about, seeking whom he may devour. Therefore, Paul said to Timothy and also unto us, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;

but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (II Timothy 4:1-4).

It is therefore clear to us that all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. The beating of the apostles is well documented in the book of Acts, chapter 5, which should give great courage unto us for we need to know that we have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. The Jewish council was determined to slay the apostles for preaching the doctrine of Jesus, but one named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had a reputation among the people and commanded to give the apostles a little break. He said, “...Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God” (Acts 5:35-39). Although they were given good advice by the learned Gamaliel, yet a proper flogging was given to the apostles before setting them free. It is strange that the apostles were found rejoicing, not weeping, when they came from the council with bleeding backs. They were prepared to take whatever would come for the gospel of Christ, and we must be prepared to do the same.

In his epistle, James said, “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing” (James 1:2-4). Verse 12 says, “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.” We all hope to receive that blessed crown at the end of the race, but we have to be prepared as good jewels to go through the fiery furnace, thus qualifying us to receive that reward at the end. I Corinthians 3:13-15 says, “Every man’s work

shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is. If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.” My brethren, endurance is very important! We must not be like those in Mark 4:16-17 which had no root in themselves. They endured for awhile, but when affliction or persecution came for the Word, they gave up.

In Revelation 2:10, we read, “Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

My friend, Jesus said in Matthew 10:21-22, “And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.” Therefore, we must wear the armour of God. “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: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” (Ephesians 6:13-18).

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1). Jesus despised the shame. He endured the cross and is now seated on the right hand of God. Jesus said in Revelation 3:21, “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.”





# THE BEAUTY OF TEMPTATIONS

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When someone is tempted, the question is commonly asked, "Lord, why me, and why so great?" James 1:2-4 tells us, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

In the life of a child of God, temptations will come, and it should not be burdensome in our lives. We should glory in all our temptations when they come because by temptation, we obtain patience and extensively more of God's Holy Spirit. People often think that temptations come upon them from God, but this is totally wrong. James 1:13-14 tells us, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."

It is clearly stated here that God, our heavenly Father, is not the author of temptation, but Satan leads individuals away into positions where they are more vulnerable or prone to crumble under temptation. The Lord assures us in I Corinthians 10:13 that, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that

ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Our heavenly Father is indeed wonderful. He never allows His people to be tempted above their capacity of strength. We never bear temptations by ourselves. God is always walking along with us, and in the roughest of situations He even carries us along.

Speaking to His disciples, our Lord Jesus told them in Matthew 26:41 to "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." This is the remedy that Jesus gave His disciples in order to abstain from being drawn away. In like manner, we should also apply this same practice in our daily lives, so we can remain and continue to live in harmony with the law of God.

Job, a servant of God, suffered great and troublesome temptation, and because he trusted in the God that he knew, he was much more blessed in the end as compared to his beginning. Our God is the same today as He was yesterday. He was able to do it for others, and He is surely able to do it for us likewise, providing that we overcome and endure. "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22).

# A MOTHER'S OPPORTUNITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

BY BOND TENNANT

“And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her” (Mark 14:6-9).

A person's job has both opportunities and obligations. Good stewardship demands this! A mother, for example, has a God-given job to fulfill, a job which also has opportunities and obligations.

In regard to her children, she has both opportunities and obligations. There is no better way to leave her mark

in the world. Her mark is left through her children. No other career offers such opportunities, and there is no greater mission field than the home. She has the obligations of providing for the physical needs of her children and of pointing them to a godly life.

In regard to her church, she has both opportunities and obligations. She has the opportunity to instill love for the church in her family and to inspire faithfulness to it by her example. She has the obligation to support the church in every way possible and to serve in the church as her capacity allows.

In regard to her community, she has both an opportunity and obligation. She has the opportunity to exert her influence in school and civic affairs. She has the obligation to help build a good neighborhood.

## “FOOTPRINTS OF PAIN AND LOVE”

By Rebecca Calzada Chavez

A great sorrow could be perceived that day  
When a man named Jesus was tortured and humiliated  
in every step He gave;

Without mercy He was spat on, laughed at and  
crowned with a crown of thorns,  
Toward His way to Calvary He left footprints of pain



and love.

His hands and feet were nailed to a cross,  
He wanted to give us eternal life knowing that this had a  
high cost;

Jesus, the Son of God, His only begotten One was  
willing to pay the price,

Giving His own life in a precious sacrifice  
Simply to save this world...all humanity whom He  
loved.

I can't even imagine the pain God felt to see the  
suffering of His only Son,

In every drop of blood that Jesus shed for us  
There must've been a drop of tears shed from God in  
heaven above.

The sky turned gray and the earth trembled, The Lord

Jesus had died on that cross,

Precious blood had been shed for every single one of  
us.

How amazing is His love and how great is God's power  
That on the third day He resurrected our Savior and  
Lord,

Leaving us proof that eternal life will truly be given to  
the ones that believe and accept His Son  
Who sits at His right side in heaven reigning in glory  
above.

We take now The Lord's Supper in remembrance of  
His death and resurrection,  
Patiently waiting for His second coming, that day where  
in the clouds we will meet the Lord.



I remember sitting with the brethren several years ago after the Saturday night preparatory meeting of the Apostolic Council Meeting which was held Sunday morning. We discussed the subject of a person who does not claim to live for God saying that he is just as good as a saved person who keeps the commandments of God.

One of the brethren brought up the idea that the worldly person could be just as good as the saved commandment keeper if good had anything to do with it.

This reminded me of the words from an article in which an atheist group made a comment about their advertising signs during the secular Christmas holidays: "To the degree that we are reaching out to the godly, it's just to say that you can be good without God, so their atheist neighbor down the street shouldn't be vilified as though he is immoral."

The brother was correct in saying that the worldly person can be just as good as the saved commandment

keeper if good had anything to do with it. The atheist group was also correct in its thinking that a person can be good without God.

My religion professor at college told his class that "Among the most difficult persons to reach for Christ is the morally good man or woman."

Isaiah 64:6 tells us, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses (moral living) are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

Morally good people must see that being good is only valuable for this side of death. However, to have eternal life they need to believe John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Then they need to obey Acts 2:38 which tells them to "...Repent, and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." The verse then says that they shall receive the Holy Ghost.

Without the indwelling of the Holy Ghost (Spirit), good is not good enough for eternal life.



It was on a Tuesday evening (Roman time), after sunset, the beginning of Wednesday (Bible time) when our Lord Jesus Christ partook of His last Passover meal and instituted the first Lord's Supper service. He was crucified by the Romans the next morning (Wednesday morning). We know all this because of the amount of time that He was in the grave--exactly three days and three nights. In fact, this time period in which Jesus was entombed was the *only* sign about Himself that He gave to an "evil and adulterous generation". We read in Matthew 12:38-40: "Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

We also know that Jesus died on Golgotha (Calvary) at about the ninth hour on the day He was crucified (around 3:00 P.M., see Matthew 27:33,45-50). He was placed in Joseph of Arimathaea's tomb when "the even was come" on the Jews' "preparation day" (see verses 57-60; John 19:31). Jesus died, and was buried, before sunset which

would begin a new day. The importance of this was that the new day would be the Jew's feast day, and they would not tolerate a burial to be done at that time because of defilement (see John 19:41,42).

Now, counting exactly three days and three nights from the evening, before sunset when Jesus was entombed, to the time when He was resurrected from the dead, would bring us to a Sabbath evening before sunset. Does this time frame square with the testimony of the Scriptures? Let's see. We find in Matthew 28:1-6: "In the end ("late on"--NASB, earlier version) of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

This passage of Scripture plainly informs us that it was in "the end of the sabbath", or "late on" the Sabbath, "as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week" that the women came to the sepulchre. To "dawn toward" in this case doesn't mean that the sun was about to rise. It means to draw near or get closer to. Remember that a new day (in this case the first day of the week) *begins* at sunset, not at sunrise (see, for example, Genesis 1:5 where evening precedes morning). So, it was late on Sabbath afternoon, as sunset was approaching which would usher in the first day of the week, that the women came to visit the sepulchre--and Jesus was already risen! Therefore, He was buried on a Wednesday even, and was resurrected on the following Sabbath even. This is precisely the time of three days and three nights when Jesus was in the grave ("heart of the earth").

From this timeline, we can adduce some of the approximate time sequences of the rest of the week (known as the Passion Week) surrounding Jesus' crucifixion. Going to the Gospel of John, chapter 12, verse 1, we read, "Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised

from the dead." Bethany, the hometown of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, became a kind of base of operations for Jesus during His Passion Week. It is located about 2 miles from Jerusalem (see John 11:18).

This Passover, as we have noted, would take place on the beginning of Wednesday, after sundown, Bible time. Six days before the Passover, therefore, would bring us to the preceding Thursday. Jesus had probably been traveling from a city called Ephraim to reach Bethany. We can infer this from John, chapter 11, after Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. The chief priests and Pharisees wanted to kill Jesus for His miracles, fearing retribution from the Romans. We read in verses 53,54: "Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples."

So, after Jesus came to Bethany, He spent the night there with His friends. We find, then, in chapter 12, verses 12-16: "On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him."

This event is known as the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and was probably done on Friday. After spending time in Jerusalem ministering, we are told about Jesus, concerning the chief priests and scribes, "And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there. Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!" (Matthew 21:17-20).

The events just described in Matthew 21 happened during a two day period. A parallel passage to the cursing



of the fig tree by Jesus is found in Mark 11:12-14, and was probably done on Sabbath as Jesus and His disciples were on their way to the temple. Then, in verses 19-21 we read, "And when even was come, he went out of the city. And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away." This, most likely, was on Sunday.

When Jesus cursed the fig tree, some see in this act a judgment being placed upon the nation of Israel. We know that many of the Israelites were dispersed to other countries after the Roman general, Titus, attacked Jerusalem. The "fig tree" remained withered for many centuries, even until Israel became a nation again in 1948. Our Lord gave a remarkable prophecy concerning the fig tree 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."

The beginning of this prophecy seems to have been fulfilled in 1948, as we mentioned above. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans, chapter 11, that Israel will be given another chance at salvation. We find in verses 15,23,25: "For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?...And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again...For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." The fulness of the Gentiles will not be completed until Jesus comes again. Then, a remnant in Israel will turn to the Savior (see Zechariah 13:1-9).

Now, the events surrounding the "parable of the fig tree" in Matthew 24 constitute the beginning of the end, just before Jesus returns. Notice that He said in verse 34, "...This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." The word "generation", in the Greek, is "genea" and by implication refers to "an age (the period or the persons)". (See Strong's Concordance). About 62 years have passed since Israel became a nation. The generation

that will not pass until all these things are fulfilled, is the one that witnesses the leafing of the fig tree. We must not set a date for the return of the Lord, since even Jesus doesn't know when that will be (see Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32). However, when referring to a generation in regard to people, the maximum life span, as given in the Bible, is 70 to 80 years (see Psalm 90:10). The fig tree generation *will not pass* before the Lord returns. Jesus admonishes us all to "Watch..." (Matthew 24:42).

In Matthew 26:1,2, we read, "And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified." Jesus may have made this proclamation on Sunday or Monday, since about two days later would be the Passover. It appears that at about this time Judas Iscariot made plans to betray Jesus to the chief priests and scribes. Luke 22:2-6 reads: "And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude."

It is hard to imagine that someone like Judas, who had been with Jesus during His earthly ministry, would be willing to betray his Lord. Judas had seen the miracles of Jesus; he had listened to his Master's teachings; he had witnessed, firsthand, the wonderful example of the Lord in prayer and in loving service. Maybe Judas thought that Jesus, as the Son of God, could not be captured. Maybe he believed that the chief priests and scribes would simply warn Jesus and then let Him go. Perhaps he needed the 30 pieces of silver to replace money he had stolen from the moneybag, for Judas was a thief (see John 12:4-6). In any event, he betrayed the Lord. Many, even today, have betrayed the Lord for whatever reason--for not being committed to Him; for being ashamed to witness for Him in public; for being a bad example as a christian.

"Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him,

The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover" (Matthew 26:17-19). This took place on Tuesday.

Then on Tuesday evening, after sunset the beginning of Wednesday, Jesus partook of the Passover meal with His twelve disciples. Verse 20 informs us, "Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve." At the end of the Passover meal, Jesus washed their feet (see John 13:2-17). Then, He gave a sop to Judas, who went out to betray Him (see verses 21-30). Later, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper by giving His disciples the unleavened bread and the "fruit of the vine" (see Matthew 26:26-30). Still later, He went to the garden of Gethsemane and, in agony, sweat great drops as of blood (see Luke 22:44). Here, Jesus was arrested by a multitude. They bound Him and took Him before Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas. Peter denied being one of Jesus' disciples. Jesus was taken before Caiaphas, and then Pilate (see John 18:1-38). This was now Wednesday morning.

Jesus was scourged by Pilate's decree and condemned to be crucified. Barabbas, a criminal, was released instead of Jesus (see Matthew 27:1-26). Verses 27-31 inform us: "Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him."

Then they took Jesus to Golgotha and crucified Him. After suffering crucifixion for about 6 hours, He "yielded up the ghost" (see verses 35-50; Mark 15:25-37). This brings us to Wednesday afternoon, about 3:00 P.M., as was mentioned in the opening of this article. Jesus was placed in Joseph of Arimathaea's tomb before sunset, where He lay entombed for three days and three nights. Then He arose from the grave on Sabbath evening, fulfilling the time element of His prophecy.

We can know much about the events of the Passion

Week pertaining to the sufferings of Jesus. Perhaps the greatest thing we can know, however, is the great passion of love that our Lord showed for us through all of that suffering. May we never betray Him, as Judas did; nor may we ever deny Him, as did Peter. Rather, let us show our passion for our Lord by suffering with Him in our daily lives.

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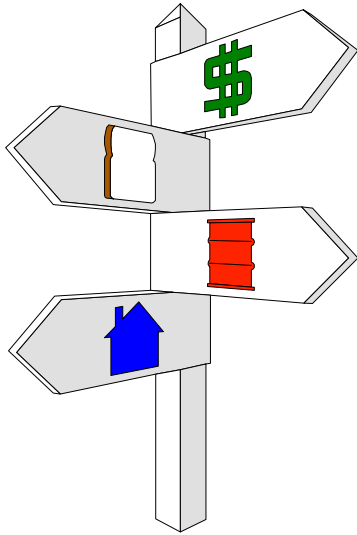
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## Americans seek a silver-screen lining

**Despite the Sharp recession,  
Flocks are flocking to movie theaters  
Escaping reality**

**By Michael Cieply and Brooks Barnes  
NEW YORK TIMES**

**LOS ANGELES** - Hollywood could get used to this recession thing.

While much of the economy is teetering between bust and bailout, the movie industry has been startled by a box-office surge that has little precedent in the modern era. Suddenly it seems as if everyone is going to the movies, with ticket sales this year up 17.5 percent, to \$1.7 billion, according to Media by Numbers, a box-office tracking company.

And it is not just because ticket prices are higher. Attendance has also jumped by nearly 16 percent. If that pace continues through the year, it would amount to the biggest surge in at least two decades.

### **Hiding out**

Americans, for the moment, just want to hide in a very dark place, said Martin Kaplan, the director of the Norman Lear Center for the study of entertainment and society at the University of Southern California.

“It’s not rocket science,” he said. “People want to forget their troubles, and they want to be with other people.”

Historically speaking, the old saw that movies do well in hard times is not precisely true. The last time Hollywood enjoyed a double-digit jump in attendance was 1989, when the unemployment rate was at a comfortable 5.4 percent and the Gothic tone of that year’s big hit, *Batman*, seemed mostly the stuff of fantasy. That year, the number of moviegoers shot up 16.4 percent, according to Box Office Mojo, a box-office reporting service.

In 1982, theater attendance jumped 10.1 percent to about 1.18 billion (the top seller was *E.T. The Extra Terrestrial*) as unemployment rose sharply past 10 percent. Then admissions fell sharply nearly 12 percent, an unusually sharp drop, in 1985 (the *Back to the Future* year), as the economy picked up--suggesting that theater owners have sometimes found fortunes in times of distress, and distress in good times.

Excerpted from the *Houston Chronicle*

### **Comment**

This same situation, we may safely assume, is common in all countries since it is a global economy, and an economic decline affects all people.

### **Personal**

I came across an article called “Dementia Sufferers May Have A Duty To Die.” It read that a lady called Baroness Warnock says that dementia sufferers should



consider ending their lives because they are a burden on the NHS and their families.

Warnock claims to be an influential medical ethics expert. She is Britain's leading moral philosopher.

Warnock said that those persons in mental decline are "wasting people's lives" because of the care they require and should be allowed to opt for euthanasia even if they are not in pain. She insisted that there was "nothing wrong" with people being helped to die for the sake of their loved ones or society.

Warnock, who is 84 years old, added that she hoped people will soon be "licensed to put others down" if they are unable to look after themselves.

### **Comment**

On the surface and from a purely human standpoint, the idea of euthanasia may make sense. However, God tells us that "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13). There is no exception to the rule for those who suffer from dementia in their elderly years.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

B.T.

### **TECHNOLOGY BREEDS**

### **SELF-ABSORBED KIDS**

### **BY WILLIAM KLEMM**

The term narcissism arose from an especially handsome hero named Narcissus in ancient Greek mythology. One day he saw his reflection in a pool and fell in love with himself. There's a fine line between pride and narcissism, and American children are crossing it.

In our time, indulgent parents of the last two generations seem increasingly to spoil their children. My visits with professors all around the country have revealed that many of them saw increased laziness among college students beginning about a decade ago, and the problem seems to be getting worse. More and more of them were mentally lazy and had unwarranted estimations of their

academic prowess.

Now to exacerbate the problem comes along digital technologies that I call self-absorption technologies because they seduce young people to dwell on themselves. Such technologies include cell phones and instant messaging and Web-based social media such as My-Space, Facebook and Twitter. Kids can easily come to think that the whole world needs to notice them and have access to them on a 24/7 basis. Children are looking into the pool of self-absorption technology and, like Narcissus, falling in love with themselves and their own importance.

The consequences of such self-absorption is rarely recognized by children or their parents. They think it is perfectly normal and healthy behavior showing that their children are engaged with the world. I don't want our kids to be recluses, but the excesses of self-absorption enabled by technology cause serious problems.

The most egregious is a growing collective feeling of entitlement. This manifests itself in many ways, from expectations of better grades for less effort in school work to political beliefs that there should be a "free lunch" of government social programs.

Another problem is that narcissism breeds a false sense of merit, which in turn stunts personal growth and real achievement, both in school and in later life. Then there is the problem of hubris and lack of humility, which causes people to do foolish things.

So, what to do? In theory, the problem should be under the control of parents. In the old days, conscientious parents limited access to television, and yes, it worked. Today, they also need to limit access to self-absorption technology.

### **Comment**

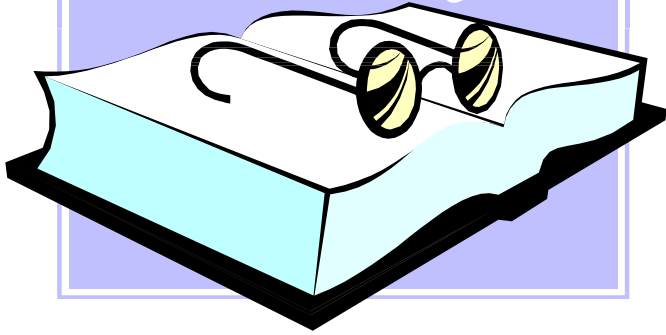
This editorial gives us the correct solution to children becoming self-absorbed kids. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

American children are not the only ones who are in danger of being victims of self-absorption technology. Technology can be used of good or evil by both children and adults everywhere.

Excerpted from the Houston Chronicle

# BIBLE

## Study



# Questions and Answers

**Question:** Will you please comment on gratitude?

**Answer:** Here are a few thoughts about gratitude.

The miracle of the healing of ten lepers reminds us of the compassion and mercy of God. It also is a lesson concerning a man's response to the graciousness of the Lord. Of the ten who were healed, only one showed a spirit of gratitude and appreciation. Think for a moment about this matter and ask yourself what makes one individual grateful and another totally unappreciative of the goodness of God and His Son Jesus Christ.

The spirit of gratitude begins in seeing ourselves as the recipients of the gifts of the Eternal. Some of us, you see, have a philosophy of life that says, "The world owes me a living since I did not ask to be born into it."

Others of us are deceived into thinking that we have earned everything that we have. This is the self-made man (or so he thinks) who believes he is master of his own fate and the captain of his own soul. The individual who believes he has worked for everything he has, and doesn't owe anything to his neighbor.

In contrast to these, there is a grateful heart who senses that all that he is, and all that he has, and all that he knows, and all that he can do are due to the goodness, power, and love of God. The best expression of this spirit is found in these words, "By the grace of God I am what I am."

But we need not only to be aware that we are the receivers of God's grace, we need also an appreciation

of the gifts received. The lepers were given the gift of healing and restored health. It meant the end of a living death--the end of loneliness, fear, agonizing pain, and a horrible end. Ten men were cleansed of all of this. Yet only one showed some sign of appreciation.

In like manner, you and I receive the gifts of God's love. He has offered us forgiveness, surrounded us with beauty, given us talents and opportunities, saves us from everlasting condemnation--and yet, surrounded by all these gifts and benefits, we seem to take them all for granted and pass by this gracious God without a word or act of appreciation.

Let us thank God that this is not always true. Sometimes we have a spark of insight and appreciation and are aware of what has been given us.

A group of young people took a trip to a farm where they had an opportunity to observe God's wonders. At the close of their excursion, these young people wrote a litany of thanksgiving. Here are the words:

For the shade of the trees  
And the cool of the breeze,  
We praise Thee, O God.  
For the beautiful flowers  
And the cool clean showers,  
We praise Thee, O God.  
For the mountains so high  
And the streams flowing by,

We praise Thee, O God.  
For the drops of dew under  
The sky so blue,  
We praise Thee, O God,  
For the clover so sweet and  
The pure golden wheat,  
We praise Thee, O God.  
For the heavens above  
Showing God's great love,  
We praise Thee, O God.

Gratitude begins with an awareness of our role as receivers of God's gifts. To this must be added an appreciation of how great these benefits really are. One thing more must be included. True thankfulness must be expressed. Worshipping in church is one means of expressing our praise and thanksgiving to the One "from whom all blessings flow."

A second indication of genuine gratitude on the part of Christian believers is good stewardship. This is good use of the time, talents, energy, and natural gifts which have been given to us by God Himself. One is truly appreciative of what has been given him if he does not misuse or waste or hoard these blessings. Good stewardship is an awareness that the gifts of God are intended to be used wisely, generously, and consistently in accord with the Spirit of God Himself.

Finally, we should say that the ultimate demonstration of gratefulness is faithful service. Our response to God is meant to be a new life, a different approach, and other set of values, a sense of commitment and dedication to our Lord. We are to do this not to merit His love, not to bribe Him into helping us, but rather as our means of showing how thankful we are to Him who has been so eternally good to us.

You and I keep searching for help and asking for God's power so much of the time. This is important. Like the lepers, we cry out, "Lord have mercy." We must begin with this awareness of need, but let us be reminded that this is not meant to be the end of the experience. God does not respond to those needs. He does more! He often anticipates them and meets them even before we ask.

The response must now come from us--the spirit of appreciation and thanksgiving--an awareness of gifts

received, appreciation of those gifts, and a demonstration of our gratitude by a life of worship, generosity, and service.

**Question:** I wish to ask a question about your teaching of a late Saturday resurrection. Matthew 28:1 reads, "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre." This seems totally impossible however you look at it. "In the end of the Sabbath" would seem to say that it was before sunset. But "began to dawn" would be saying that it was dark at night and beginning to become light. Will you please explain this to me?

**Answer:** This verse was discussed for many weeks at the time the King James Version was created. The originals that these learned men had available, plus the already translated versions meant "Late in the afternoon, just before sunset."

The Latin Bible at the translation table stated "In the end of the Sabbath when it began to dawn toward the first (no day) of the week."

The Peshito Text: (Matthew wrote this with Aramaic dialect) "Sabbath being ended, and coming in the first day..."

The Martin Luther Translation: (1540) (which was used more than any other translation) "In the end of two Sabbaths", he meant the High Day Sabbath of the beginning of the Feast and the weekly Sabbath of the Commandments. In his margin, he wrote: "One Sabbath begins" (when Jesus was buried) and the other had just begun to end." (But Jesus had already risen. The tomb was empty when the angel opened the grave.)

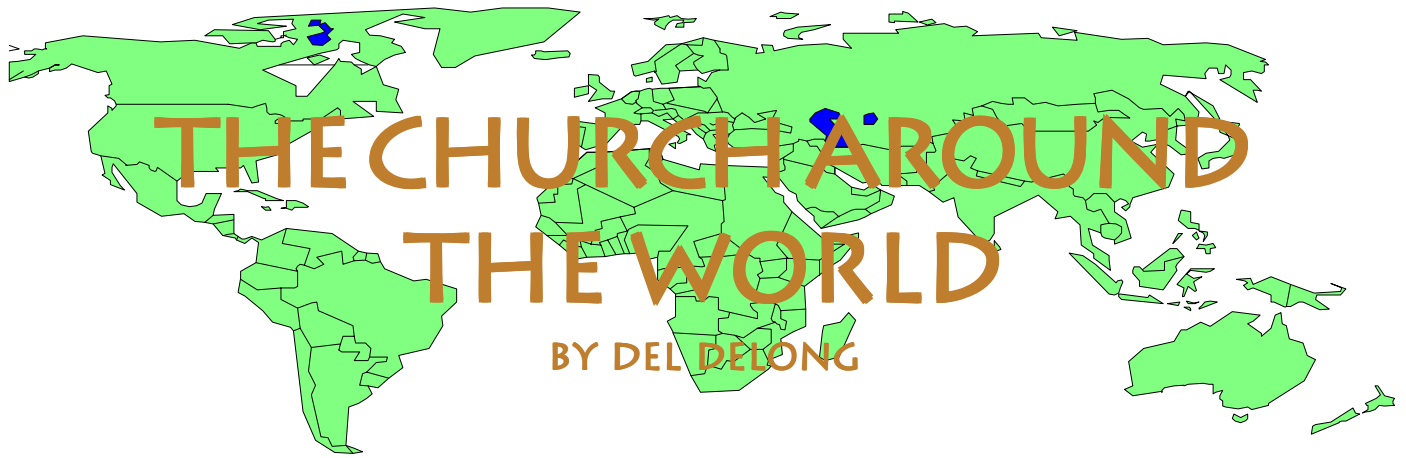
The Greek Text: (A literal translation from the Aramaic) "Now late on Sabbath, as it was getting dusk toward the first (the) first (day) of (the) week, came Mary."

In the Strong's Concordance of Greek, it says that the words "Dusk and dawn" are used to express the ending of day during the twilight time.

Jesus was a definite period of 72 hours in the "Heart of the Earth." He was put into the grave just before sunset of Wednesday. And then 72 hours later (Sabbath afternoon) He rose from the sepulcher.

No one saw Him rise. Each time the disciples came to the tomb, they found it empty.





## *Kenya*



*Candidates are awaiting baptism while standing in the river.*





LESSON I

THE CALL OF ABRAM

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:31-32; 12:1-9.

Golden Text: Genesis 12:2.

“And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.”

1. Who was the father of Abram? What were Abram’s brother's names? Genesis 11:27.
2. Where did Terah move with his family? Genesis 11:31.
- NOTE: These men will be talked about and named in future lessons as we study about Abram.
3. What did the Lord tell Abram to do? Genesis 12:1.
4. What reward would he have if he obeyed? Genesis 12:2.
5. What was to happen to those that were against him? Genesis 12:3.
6. Who did Abram take with him? Genesis 12:5.
7. Where was the place that Abram went? Genesis 12:6.
8. What did the Lord say to Abram, and what did Abram do while he was there? Genesis 12:7.

LESSON II

ABRAM IN EGYPT

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:10-20.

Golden Text: Genesis 12:17.

“And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife.”

1. Where did Abram go because of the famine? Genesis

12:10.

2. Who did he tell Sarai to say she was when they got to Egypt? Genesis 12:13.
3. Why did he want her to say that she was his sister? Genesis 12:11-12.
4. What did they do with Sarai when she got to Egypt? Genesis 12:14-15.
5. What did God do to Pharaoh and his house? Genesis 12:17.
6. When Pharaoh found out that Sarai was Abram’s wife, what did he say? Genesis 12:18-19.
7. What did Pharaoh do to them? Genesis 12:20.

LESSON III

ABRAM AND LOT DEPART

Scripture Reading: Genesis 13:1-12.

Golden Text: Genesis 13:2.

“And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.”

1. When Abram left Egypt, where did he go? Genesis 13:1-2.
2. Who went with Abram, and what did he have? Genesis 13:5.

NOTE: We had learned from lesson I that Lot was Abram’s nephew.

3. Why did Abram know that they could not live together any longer? Genesis 13:6-7.
4. What plan did Abram tell Lot would help them? Genesis 13:8-9.
5. What part did Lot choose and why? Genesis 13:10-



- 11.
6. Where did Abram dwell? Genesis 13:12.
7. After Lot had gone, what did God tell Abram? Genesis 13:14-16.
8. What was wrong with the city of Sodom where Lot would dwell? Genesis 13:13.

LESSON IV

ABRAM AND MELCHIZEDEK

Scripture Reading: Genesis 14:13-24.

Golden Text: Hebrews 7:17.

“For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.”

1. Some heathen kings went against the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. What happened to Lot who was living near Sodom? Genesis 14:11-12.
2. What did Abram do when he heard that Lot had been captured? Genesis 14:14-16.
3. After Abram won the battle and came back with Lot, to whom did he give credit for winning the battle? Genesis 14:21-23.
4. Who is Melchizedek? Genesis 14:18; Hebrews 7:1.
5. What did Melchizedek do to Abram? Genesis 14:19.
6. What did Abram give to king Melchizedek, the high priest? Genesis 14:20; Hebrews 7:2.

NOTE: There are two priesthods mentioned in the Bible. The priesthood of Melchizedek and of Levi. Today we are living in the priesthood of Melchizedek. Jesus is also a priest of this order, and we are part of this priesthood too. The Levitical priesthood began with the children of Israel coming out of Egypt and lasted until Christ died.

7. Of whom is it testified that He will be a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek? Hebrews 7:17.
8. Where is Jesus performing his duty as a priest today? Hebrews 8:1-2.

WHERE ARE THEY FROM?

Everyone has some place they call home. Can you name the cities that these Biblical characters called Home? Fill in the blank by each person's name with the city he came from. Use the Bible text if you need help.

1. Timothy (Acts 16:1) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Amos (Amos 1:1) \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Dorcas (Acts 9:36) \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Nebuchadnezzar (II Kings 24:11) \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Cornelius the Centurion (Acts 10:1) \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:1) \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Abraham (Genesis 11:31) \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Elijah (I Kings 17:1) \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Lydia, seller of purple (Acts 16:14) \_\_\_\_\_.
10. King David (I Samuel 17:12) \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Philip the disciple (John 1:44) \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Simon the Tanner (Acts 10:5-6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers to Jumbled Bible J's:

1. Jeremiah 2. Jeroboam 3. Joshua 4. Jezebel 5. Joanna 6. Jonathan 7. Jonah 8. Joseph 9. Josiah 10. Jesse



## STORIES FROM THE BIBLE THE BABY WHO HAD TWO MOTHERS

King Solomon was so wise that people for miles around came to him with their troubles and asked his advice.

One day, two women appeared before the King. One of them carried in her arms a baby, who she said was her little son.

“Oh king,” cried the second woman, “She is not telling you the truth. We live in the same house, and we had babies the same age, but hers died in the night, and she stole mine. The child you see is my son, not hers.”

But the other woman held the baby tighter and shook her head. “No, no! It was her child who died. The living child is mine.”

This was a hard problem to solve, because both women were so sure they were right. Solomon thought a moment. Then he called to his servant.

“Bring me a sword. Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other.”

One woman thought this was a fair way to settle their quarrel, but the other woman cried out quickly, “Oh, my

lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it.” But the other woman said, “Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.”

Then King Solomon knew that he had found the right mother who loved her child so very much that she would rather give him to another woman than see him killed. So he put the baby in her arms, and she went home happy.

## A MOTHER'S FAITH

When Jesus was still on earth, He went about doing many wonderful things. Everyone around knew of His fame, and when they heard that He was near, they would all want to see Him. Jesus never turned anyone down when they asked to be healed or when they asked Him to heal some of their loved ones.

One time when Jesus was near the cities of Tyre and Sidon, where He had come to be alone, a woman came to ask His help. This woman was a Gentile woman, and the disciples wanted to send her away, but she cried and fell down and worshipped Jesus and said, “Lord help me, for my daughter is very ill and is grievously vexed with a devil.”

The tender heart of Jesus was touched as it always was when He would hear the cries of those who are in need. He could see that this woman had faith, but He decided to test her faith further. He said to her, “I am not sent but of the lost sheep of Israel, therefore is it not meet to take the children’s bread and cast it to the dogs.” She answered Him by saying, “You are right dear Master, but the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master’s table.” Jesus knew then that she had great faith, and He said to her, “Truly you have great faith, and your prayer is answered this very hour. Go home now, and you will find your daughter every bit whole, for the wicked spirit is now gone from her.”

At these words, the woman jumped to her feet and quickly obeyed Jesus for she believed that her little girl was well. When she arrived home, she found her lying upon the bed resting quietly, for the evil spirit had left when Jesus spoke the word.

Jesus still hears today. We must have faith in Him and do His will, and He will heal us too when we are sick.

### BIBLE JUMBLES

Old Testament Books  
Can you untangle these twisters?  
Each answer is one word

- VEIL IS CUT
- SEE SING
- MAPSLS
- SOB REVRP
- ANDLIE
- TON MEAT NAILS
- SOX DUE
- MINAHEHE
- RUBS MEN
- RICH CONELS
- O NERO MY DUET
- CIC SEES SLATE
- OUJASH
- JUG SED

### BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Here are the names of some brothers and sisters.  
Can you match them?

- 1. Moses    A. Rebekah
- 2. Reuben    B. Martha
- 3. Absalom    C. Miriam
- 4. Lazarus    D. Michal
- 5. Laban    E. Tamar
- 6. Jonathan    F. Dinah

What Four-Footed Champion Jumper starts life without legs?

### 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 letters and discover their identity?

- 1. Mehejair \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Booerjma \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Suhoja \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Zeleebj \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Najon \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Hjnotana \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Hojna \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Shopej \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Siojha \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Ejses \_\_\_\_\_

### Word Search

Circle the hidden names

A A S A U L S T  
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A E R U T H T L  
Z L S A R A H E  
L E A H H A M U  
A D A M R A I M  
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in kings'  
palaces"  
(Proverbs 30:28).*



