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As the new school year approaches, may we say a prayer for all the students and teachers -

"Dear Heavenly Father, We ask you to watch over students and teachers as they undertake the new school year. We ask for your guidance in helping raise our children, to keep them safe, and to keep them away from the bad influences of the world. We pray these things in Jesus Holy name. Amen

As it says in Proverbs 22: 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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Thoughts For Our School Children

by David DeLong

The Lord brings these comforting words to us from Jeremiah 29:11-13: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Though these words are for everybody, I especially want to direct them toward our school children, some of whom may be graduating soon. The Lord has promised to direct our steps when we trust in Him. Proverbs 16:9 reads: "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps." So, even if you aren't sure what you want to do with your life, pray to the Lord to direct your steps and He will.

The Apostle Paul gave some good advice to his son-in-the-faith Timothy. I would like to share them at this time. In II Timothy 3:14-16 Paul wrote: "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness". The Bible is all we need for daily living. Second Timothy 2:15 tells us to: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Don't be intimidated by older folks who look down upon you just because you are young. First Timothy 4:12-13 tells us: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity...give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." Bodily exercise is good, but godliness is even better. In I Timothy 4:8 we read: "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable

unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Make sure that you learn the Church's doctrines, or teachings. Chapter 4, verse 16 informs us: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." Don't be fearful to live your Christian faith and to testify before others of your belief in God and His Son, Jesus. Second Timothy 1:7-8 reads: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou ashamed of the testimony of our Lord..but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God."

Second Timothy 2:3-4 likens the Christian life to being a good soldier. Paul wrote: "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

In chapter 2, verses 22-26, Paul gives great words of wisdom: "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strife. And the servant of the Lord must not strive but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

Let me end this discussion with some of the final words of the Apostle Paul. He wrote in chapter 4, verses 7-8: "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."

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND - by David Royer

The month of August reminds me of my sister Christina (Kina) Royer Casey Nelson (8/17/49-1/21/23). A decade before her death, Kina told me she enjoyed and related to a poem by [Myra Brooks Welch](#) written in 1921.

When I read it, I understood the connection and its universal appeal. The poem “The Touch of the Master’s Hand” is about a seemingly worthless old violin placed up for auction. There are no bids for the battered and scarred old violin until an old violin Master steps out of the audience and begins to play the instrument. The old violin came to life! With its beautiful sound and actual value demonstrated, the old violin attracts a high price because of the wonderful music produced by the Master.

The value wasn’t in the violin but in what the Master did with it. The poem ends by comparing this unkept instrument touched by the hand of a master musician to all people with typical negative human characteristics, touched by the hand of our Master, the Hand of God.

There are times when we all need help with ailments, sins, insecurities, depression, and self-loathing. We feel we don’t have much to offer, and we must seek the kind of help that can only come from a higher power. You see, there is the life-changing power of putting one’s trust and faith in the Master.

Our Lord God promises to those who ask and obey, a new heart and spirit. “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27) This change and transformation from an old creaky useless piece of an instrument (humanity) to one that plays beautiful music becomes an inspiration and a blessing to many. God wants us to be like His Son, Jesus.



In memory of Kina, here is the original poem:

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But held it up with a smile.

“What am I bidden, good folks,” he cried,
“Who’ll start the bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar, then, two! Only two?
Two dollars, and who’ll make it three?
Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice;
Going for three . . .”

But no,
From the room, far back, a grey-haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow;
Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,
And tightening the loose strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,
With a voice that was quiet and low,
said: “What am I bid for the old violin?”
And he held it up with the bow.
“A thousand dollars, and who’ll make it two?
“Two thousand! And who’ll make it three?
“Three thousand, once; three thousand, twice;
And going and gone,” said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried,
“We do not quite understand, what changed its worth?”
Swift came the reply:
“The Touch Of The Master’s Hand.”

And many a man with life out of tune, And battered and
scarred with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,
Much like the old violin.
A ‘mess of pottage,’ a glass of wine;
A game - and he travels on.
He is ‘going’ once, and ‘going’ twice,
He’s ‘going’ and almost ‘gone’.
But the Master comes and the foolish crowd
Never can quite understand
The worth of a soul and the change that’s wrought
By the touch of the Master’s Hand.

MOTHER MAY I - by David Royer

"Mother May I" was a children's game from long ago. There are various forms of the game, but this is how I remember the rules:

- Gather a group of three or more people, choose your "mother" (girl or boy), and have the mother stand about 15-30 feet away from everyone else.
- The children will take turns asking questions, beginning with "Mother May I" with the goal of reaching the mother first.
- If a child forgets to say "Mother May I" before their question, the child has to return to the starting line.
- The mother must reply, "Yes, you may" or "No, you may not, but you may take _____ instead." The mother should fill in the blank with another suggestion.
- The child must do what the mother says, but first, the child has to reply back: "Mother May I". If not, they have to return to the starting line.
- The mother can stick to the child's request or make another suggestion. For example, the child could ask to walk forward five giant steps, and the mother could reduce it to 2 baby steps. The mother could also ask the child to hop like a frog for those two steps.

As simple as this game is, I now realize valuable lessons learned:

- * If you play by the rules—you will eventually reach the finish line.
- * There may be setbacks to winning, but do not stop. Life goes on.
- * Develop good manners.

Reflecting on this past Mother's Day (a national holiday), Sunday, May 11, 2025, we can show our gratitude year round and praise by adapting this game. It is called: MOTHER, MAY I HAVE?

Mother, may I have a faith like yours?

Many mothers have been a light in this world, living by faith in the Lord. There is no better example that a mother

could give to her children than living by this faith.

Mother, may I have a heart like yours?

Mothers who love their children deeply ponder much in their hearts. (See Luke 2:19) They wonder what life their child will have and try to direct them with loving guidance, patience, compassion, empathy, consistency, and tenderness.

The selfless nature of a good mother is evident in her willingness to sacrifice personal desires for the well-being of her children.

Mother, may I have hands like yours?

My mother was very industrious. I remember working with her in our garden, grape arbors, and at the Church Publishing House. She worked as hard and longer than I did.

Mother, may I have time management skills like yours?

My mother balanced her parenting responsibilities with other obligations, such as work, taking care of Grandma, or her many household chores, without compromising the quality of our care.

Mother, may I have the love like yours?

Just as our mother loved us unconditionally, our Father in Heaven similarly loves us. He does not look at my life and think I am unworthy because I have not lived perfectly. God does not stop loving us because we make mistakes, which is VERY comforting.

In closing, remember, there is no such thing as a perfect mom. However, we are grateful and honor her always, according to God's Ten Commandments.



CHURCH OF GOD 7TH DAY YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT -DALLAS TEXAS

The Church of God 7th Day is hosting our 7th annual Young Adults Retreat which will be at Mr. Lebanon Retreat Center located in the City of Cedar Hill, address: **1701 Texas Plume Road, Cedar Hill, Texas, 75104** (www.mtlebanoncamp.com). Date of the retreat are August 29th – 31st. The lodge name is **Oakwood Lodge** (see enclosed map on page 9).

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

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AUGUST 29-31 2025

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2025 Young Adults Retreat guidelines are as follows:

- Young adult must be affiliated with The Church of God 7th Day, (Headquarters: Salem, West Virginia) church(es).
 - A friend recommended by a Young Adult can attend once the ministry has approved the young adult to attend.
- **Age Requirements:** 19-30 (exception with minister approval) years of age
 - single or married couples are allowed (sleeping arrangements are separate: Men on one side and the woman in the other.
- **Registration Fee \$ and Application:**
 - Registration Fee is **\$40.00** per camper which includes T-shirt, camp theme souvenirs, and meals/snacks/drinks for the duration of the camp.
 - Application must be completed and turned in by deadline: **(August 15, 2025)**
 - Application must include any food allergies, emergency contact, Camp T-shirt size, and other pertinent information pertaining to the camper.

2025 Theme: (No Matter How Messy It Will Make Sense)

It began in 2019. The first Young Adults retreat to be hosted in Dallas, TX. An event filled with memories of joy, laughter, fellowship, and spiritual unity. An event also filled with sorrow, pain, and regrets as we delved into each others daily struggles that weighed us down. Situations in our lives that seemed to weigh on our spirits that we realized was bringing us to our knees. As we left that year the decision had been made on all our parts. It was time for growth. It was time to deal with these struggles. It was time to allow God to take our pain and sorrows and showcase his power in our lives. When we look back at those hard times in our lives we see that those same trails and temptations were part of our journey. Moments that were riddled in confusion and uncertainty turned into lessons that made us stronger children of God. Moments that made us ask God, “Why me” have turned into the experiences that we now say, “I understand.” Although not all had the privilege of experiencing 2019 with us, you have been there. You have been in those times where it was nothing but a rock and a hard place. You didn’t understand why it had to be you that suffered. Now comes the time for it to be revealed unto you. The Lord has a purpose for everything. Trails and tribulations come and we don’t always understand. However, we no longer have to focus on the pain in our lives. The 2025 Young Adults retreat is about the joy that comes from those moments. The growth that we make and the prominence that we allow God to have in our lives to deliver us from these moments. Through the pain we learned to **Love our Jesus**. We were **Bent but We Never Broke**. His **Strength was Made Perfect** in our weakness. Through that strength we learned to **Prepare Our Hearts** for what was to come. With our hearts ready, we stepped out and learned to **Walk on Water** despite the storms. Though times of storms may come, **Seasons** of beauty and growth are to follow if we just wait upon the Lord to deliver us. Once he delivers us our eyes will be opened. We will see that **No Matter How Messy, It Will Make Sense**. Join us for the 2025 Young Adults Retreat. A retreat by young adults, for young adults.

The Young Adults Retreat was established to provide spiritual guidance amongst fellow brethren of like faith and provide a pathway for them to praise, worship and give all Honor and Glory to our Heavenly Father. We look forward to seeing you!



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FACILITIES

- FS** Chuala Group Fire Site
- C** Chuala Shack
- DBU** DBU Hospitality House
- DH** Dining Hall
- GL** Grande Lodge
- HC** Health Center
- LSR** Lone Star Room
- O** Office
- PC** Patton Chapel
- REC** Rec Pavillion
- RR** Restroom
- RC** Retreat Center
- TXH** Texas Hall
- WC** Worship Center

LODGES

- CD** Cedar Lodge
- CB** Chinaberry Lodge
- CW** Cottonwood Lodge
- E** Evergreen Lodge
- GM** Gladys Moore Lodge
- HB** Hackberry Lodge
- H** Hickory Lodge
- L** Live Oak Lodge
- M** Maple Lodge
- MK** Millie Kohn Lodge
- O** Oakwood Lodge
- PC** Pecan Lodge
- R** Redwood Lodge
- S** Sycamore Lodge
- W** Walnut Lodge

SPORTS

- Basketball (1,4-6)
- Sports Fields (1-5)
- Volleyball (1-6)
- Beach Volleyball (1&2)
- Archery Range
- BB Range
- Rifle Range

CABIN & BUNKHOUSES

- Bunkhouses (1-9)
- Cabin (1)

CHALLENGE COURSES

- Low Ropes Course
- Trail Course
- Zip Tower
- Climbing Tower
- Alpine Tower
- Power Pole

MAP KEY

- paved roads
- gravel roads

A Peculiar People

By Gary Mills



When most people hear the word peculiar, they think of the meaning strange, odd, or unusual. However, the definition of the word peculiar found in verse 5 in this case means special.

In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses restated that the Children of Israel were considered a peculiar people in his last instructions to the Children of Israel. "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth" (Deut. 14:2). "And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments;" Deut. 26:18

After the Children of Israel were freed from Egypt, God called Moses to him and gave him a message to give to the people. After this message God then gave the Ten Commandments to Moses to give to the people. The message God gave Moses is found in Exodus 19: 1-7.

"In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him."

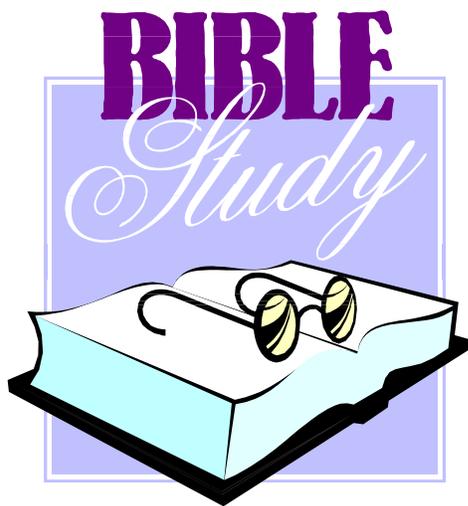
David also used this term in Psalm 135: 1-5 "Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise him, O ye servants of the Lord. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God, Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant. For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure. For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods."

The Apostle Paul tells us that after Christ's sacrifice, this term "peculiar people" is now used to describe all of God's Church, not just the Children of Israel. Titus 2: 11-15, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee." Peter also uses this phrase to describe God's Church in I Peter 2: 9-10 "But ye are a chosen

generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

Just as Israel was told to keep the Ten Commandments, we are told to do the same thing to be a part of God’s “special” people. We are also told to keep the testimony of Jesus. “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12).

We should always remember that we are a special people to God. We are given this special place with God not by doing good works alone, but rather we are saved by the grace of God thru the sacrifice of his Son.



QUESTION: Why is a personal knowledge of the Scriptures of vital importance to every person, and without it why might some people be deceived?

ANSWER: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1). "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness: whose end shall be according to their works" (II Corinthians 11:14-15).

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

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

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

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

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

ANSWER: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Peter 3:15). "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21).

QUESTION: Why did Paul declare the people of Berea to be more noble in God's sight than those living at Thessalonica?

ANSWER: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

LESSON I

REBEKAH SEES ISAAC

Scripture Reading: Genesis 24:60-67.

Golden Text: Genesis 24:64.

"And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel."

1. What did Rebekah's family say to her just before she left? Genesis 24:60.
2. How did she travel? Genesis 24:61.
3. Where did Isaac live at this time? Genesis 24:62.
4. What was he doing, and what did he see? Genesis 24:63.
5. What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac? Genesis 24:64.
6. When she found out that it was Isaac, what did she do? Genesis 24:65.
7. Where did Isaac take her, and what did he think of her? Genesis 24:67.

LESSON II

JACOB AND ESAU

Scripture Reading: Genesis 25:11, 20-34.

Golden Text: Genesis 25:27.

"And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents."

1. After Abraham's death, what did God do to Isaac? Genesis 25:11.
2. How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah? Genesis 25:20.

3. What prophecy did God tell Rebekah concerning her twin sons that were to be born? Genesis 25:23-24.

4. What was the name of the first born, and who was born second? Genesis 25:25-26.

5. What type of men were the two brothers, and who loved each one the most? Genesis 25:27-28.

6. Why did Esau want some of Jacob's pottage? Genesis 25:30.

7. Why did Esau agree to sell his birthright? Genesis 25:31-33.

8. What did Esau do after he had received the pottage of lentiles? Genesis 25:34.

LESSON III

JACOB RECEIVES ISAAC'S BLESSING

Scripture Reading: Genesis 27:1-29.

Golden Text: Genesis 27:22.

"And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

1. When Isaac was old and his eyes dim, what did he say to his son Esau? Genesis 27:1-4.

2. Rebekah hears what Isaac tells Esau. What did she then tell Jacob to do? Genesis 27:8-10.

3. What concern did Jacob have in doing this? Genesis 27:11-12.

4. What did Rebekah say would happen if he got caught, and did Jacob obey his mother? Genesis 27:13-14.

5. What did Jacob's mother give to him to put on? Genesis 27:15-17.

6. How did Jacob receive the birthright blessing from his

father? Genesis 27:21-29.

NOTE: Jacob lied to his father and was deceitful. God tells us not to lie to anyone (see Exodus 20:16; Proverbs 24:28). Jacob is punished for his sins as you will learn in a future lesson.

7. Was Esau upset that Jacob received his father's blessing? Genesis 27:34, 41.

LESSON IV

JACOB'S VISION

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:1-22.

Golden Text: Genesis 28:16.

"And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not."

1. Where did Isaac tell his son, Jacob, to go? Genesis 28:1-3.
2. What did Isaac continue to tell Jacob at this time? Genesis 28:3-5.
3. Where did Esau go to get a wife and why did he do this? Genesis 28:6-9.
4. When Jacob left home, where did he go, and what did he dream? Genesis 28:10-15.
5. What did Jacob say about the place where he slept? Genesis 28:16-17.
6. What did Jacob do when he arose the next morning? Genesis 28:18-19.
7. What vow did Jacob make? Genesis 28:20-22.

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Sorry Bertha Sue - by Fern Row Casebeer

I've been a naughty little girl, I'm sorry as can be.
I didn't want to disobey, But Satan tempted me.

Will you forgive me, Mommy dear?
Forgive your Bertha Sue?

And I will do my very best, always to mind you.

And when I say my little prayer
Before I go to bed, I'll ask dear Jesus to forgive
The naughty things I've said.

I want to be as Jesus was; When He was little, too.
I want to be a helpful child, and do as he would do.



BIBLE SHOES

1. Who was told to take off his shoes, because the place on which he stood was holy ground? Exodus 3:4-5.
2. Who said he was not worthy to bear the shoes of Jesus? Matthew 3:1, 11.
3. Who drew off his shoe as a sign of buying a piece of land as his inheritance? Ruth 4:8.
4. Whom did Jesus command to be shod with sandals? Mark 6:7-9.
5. What other Old Testament leader was told to loose his shoes from his feet, for the place on which he stood was holy? Joshua 5:15.
6. Who took off his shoes when he went up Mount Olivert? II Samuel 15:30.
7. Who was told by an angel to bind on his sandals? Acts 12:7-8.
8. With what is the Christian to have his feet shod? Ephesians 6:15.



A CHOCOLATE CAKE IS RUINED
by Alice M. Brawand

Timmy, Tommy, Daddy and Mother were riding in their car one hot, summer afternoon. The twins, Timmy and Tommy, were six years old. They loved to hear stories Mother told to them.

"Mommy, tell us a story about when we were little," pleaded Tommy.

"Well," thought Mother. "What should I tell?"

Before the boys could answer, Mother began her story. "One day our church was going to have a school picnic. You boys were each fifteen months old. After I got you dressed in clean clothes, I put you on the clean kitchen floor to play. I went upstairs to get ready myself.

"In a few minutes I heard clashing and banging from the kitchen. You boys were laughing hard. You had pulled out all of Mommy's pots and pans. You banged them together and made loud noises.

"In a few minutes I stopped and listened. I became disturbed because I didn't hear a single sound. All was quiet, I knew you must be getting into mischief when you were quiet. Hurriedly I ran down the stairs in the kitchen.

"I was so surprised and sick at what I saw. One of you had found a chocolate cake I had hidden away back, in one of the cupboards. I had baked the cake for the picnic. You both had chocolate cake and icing in your hair, on your clean clothes, faces, arms, hands and legs! What a sight! Each one of you blamed the other one for ruining the cake.

"It took Daddy and me a whole half-hour to scrub you boys and put more clean clothes on you. We were late to the picnic and had no cake to take."

At first the boys giggled. Then they sat quietly, thinking. "You didn't love us as much when we were naughty and dirty, did you, Mother?" asked Timmy.

"Boys, I loved you just as much when you were dirty. I love you when you're dirty and when you're clean. I didn't like to see you dirty, so I washed you to make you clean," answered Mother.

"That was a good story!" answered Mother.

Daddy was driving, and he said, "boys, Jesus died for everyone. His blood will wash all our sins away and make us as white as snow. He is wanting to save all those who call upon Him."



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Sabbath Memory Verses

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"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" (Ephesians 2:8).

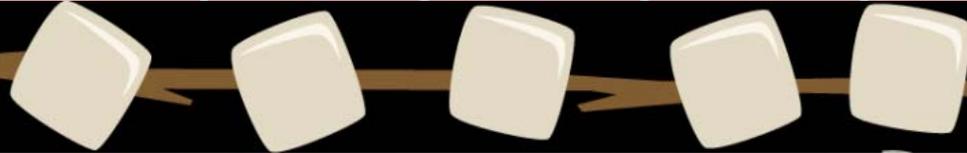
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"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went" (Hebrews 11:8).

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"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

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"And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters" (Genesis 3:6).

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4pm Camp Concludes

Young Men/Women Camp starts this Week - Join us at Mt Lebanon Camp 1701 Texas Plume Road Cedar Hill TX 75104 Contact Brother Richard for more info 214-908-2027

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*May we touch the hem of His
garment as Jesus passes by.
May we accept His blessings
that no one can deny.*

*The power that He has had all
down through the years.
He has healed the sick and
calmed all our fears.
He can give us hope when
no one else can.*

*He can give us the strength
that comes from no man.*

*If we only touch the hem of His
garment as Jesus passes by.
And on His Word we always
learn to rely.*

*We can touch the hem of His garment
as He sends His Spirit our way.
From His holy blessings our heart
will never stray.*

*He can send such blessings
to fill our hearts.
with such a fulfillment of love
He will never depart.*

*Just touch the hem of His garment
as Jesus passes by.
May we accept His blessings
that no one can deny.*

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