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*I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high (Psalm 7:17).*

*Without You, Lord Jesus, my life would be weighed down by sin, so I begin my celebration by praising Your righteousness. You are my righteous, glorious Lord, the only One who heals my sin. I know my joy today comes from Your hand, and I thank You for it. I especially appreciate Your blessings that have brought me here. Thank You for them. May my words today show that I recognize You as the source of all good things. I appreciate Your mercy toward me.*

*Thank You, Lord, for sharing my joy as well as my sorrow. Be with me in every moment of this celebration.*

# "The Spirits In Prison"

By David DeLong



The Scriptures tell us in I Peter 3:18-22: "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."

Many people believe that Christ visited the departed spirits of those who were killed in the Flood of Noah's day, apparently, and preached to those disembodied spirits. A true understanding of this passage of Scripture will reveal the error of this belief, however.

In Hebrew, the word spirit is *ruwach*, and it means "wind, breath; figuratively: life, anger, blast, courage, mind". In Greek, the word is *pneuma*, and it means basically the same thing: current of air, breath, blast or breeze, the rational soul, mental disposition, life, mind". When the spirit leaves the body, a person dies. Jesus dismissed His spirit when He died upon the cross (see Luke 23:46). The spirit is not conscious outside of the body (see Ecclesiastes 9:5-6). Nor is it immortal. Only God possesses immortality (see I Timothy 6:15-16). The spirit of a person can be broken (Psalm 51:17; Proverbs 15:13), can be renewed (Psalm 51:10; Romans 7:6), can be revived (Genesis 45:27), can be wounded (Proverbs 18:14), can be in anguish (Exodus 6:9), can be jealous (Numbers 5:14), can be hardened (Deuteronomy 2:30), can be sorrowful (I Samuel 1:15), can have guile (Psalm 32:2), can be hasty (Proverbs 14:29), can be haughty (Proverbs 16:18), can

be vexed (Ecclesiastes 1:14), can be of whoredoms (Hosea 4:12), can be poor (Matthew 5:3), can be made to slumber (Romans 11:8), and must be ruled over (Proverbs 16:32). A person has control over his or her own spirit.

The spirits that Jesus preached to were not disembodied ones, but were spirits that were within living bodies in Noah's day. And the preaching that Jesus did, He did through Noah through the Holy Spirit. II Peter 2:5 informs us: "And (God) spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;". For the approximately one hundred years that it took Noah to build the ark, he was preaching to the people about the coming of the Flood upon unrepentant sinners. No one but Noah's immediate family listened to the preaching and were saved.

The passage in I Peter which tells us that the spirits were in prison refers not to a literal prison, but rather a spiritual prison. Romans 6:16 reads: "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" The people that Noah preached to were actually imprisoned by the death penalty. God was about to bring death upon all those who didn't enter the ark that Noah was building. David, in Psalm 142:7 puts it like this: "Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me." He could not truly praise God as long as his soul was in the prison of sin.

"The longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing..." That proves that the Flood had not yet taken place. Therefore, the imprisoned spirits were within the flesh and blood people to whom Noah preached.

## WHAT THE WORD OF GOD DOES FOR US - IT IS THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR FAITH.

By O D Grimm

Editor's note: O D Grimm was a former editor of the Advocate of Truth in the late 1950's. Brother Grimm was chosen as one of the Seventy in the year 1933. He became the Editor of "The Advocate of Truth, and of all the Church of God (7th Day) publications in the fall of 1953 until his death in 1960. He was Secretary of the Apostolic Council and Publishing House manager during this time. The following article he wrote is reprinted from the Advocate of Truth dated September 14, 1959.



"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). By hearing the Word of God we obtain faith, which is "the substance of things hoped for, evidence of things not seen." It was this faith by which all the faithful ones mentioned in Hebrews 11 obtained a good report. Jesus said to "...Take heed what ye hear..." (Mark 4:24), for many believe things without any proof for their belief. They listen to the voice of the evil one, who, if possible, will deceive the very elect. Jesus Christ is the living Word of God, and when people believe on Him, many miraculous things can be done by and through Him. This is recorded in Acts 8, where Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them (verse 5). "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women" (verse 12). Paul tells in II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This is the application of the Word of God and presents the way of truth, which by knowing will make us free.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

### IT REVEALS THE WAY OF SALVATION

Paul says in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ (Word of God): for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;..." The

Scriptures of truth are based on belief. This was demonstrated by the preaching of Philip in Samaria, which I have just given.

### IT IS THE SOURCE OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIGHT

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psalm 119:130). "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life..." (John 5:39). These were the words of Jesus, and that by searching and reading the Word of God we would find the testimony of those who testified of Him, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

### IT IS THE SOURCE OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; . . . the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). It is by the Law (Word) of God that people become converted to the truth. "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. . . and in keeping of them there is great reward" (Psalm 19:7,8,11). "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

## IT IS THE SOURCE OF OUR SPIRITUAL FOOD

“Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious” (I Peter 2:1-3). As we lay aside every sin that doth so easily beset us, and receive the engrafted word, first as milk and then as strong meat, it will save our souls. “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness, and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves” (James 1:21,22). The Word of God is likened unto a mirror that gives a true reflection of every individual who looks into it (verses 23,24). “For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.”

And by taking heed to the things which it reveals and applying the remedy will bring eternal salvation to his soul. Man is to live by every word of God. “...Man shall not live by bread (material things) alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). This applies to the common salvation as well as eternal salvation.

## IT IS FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE BELIEVER

“And now, brethren, I commend you to God; and to the word of his grace; which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified” (Acts 20:32).

## IT IS THE STANDARD BY WHICH WE SHALL BE JUDGED

“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day” (John 12:48). It is profitable for living righteously and godly in this present world (Titus 2:12); and will thoroughly furnish unto all good works. “All scripture (the Word of God) is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect (mature), throughly furnished unto all good works” (II Timothy 3:16-17).

*"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).*

# PREPARATION

*by Gary Mills*

A few years ago, a famous golfer was in the lead in the final round of the Masters, but the score was very close. On one of the last holes, he hit a shot into a sand bunker about 50 yards from the green. To keep his lead he needed to put the ball in the hole in his next two shots. He calmly went into the bunker and hit the ball within 5 feet of the hole. He made the putt and won the tournament. When asked afterward how he made such a difficult shot out of the bunker he told a reporter, I practice bunker shots every day. I anticipate I will get into trouble at some time and prepare myself how I will get myself out of trouble so I won't panic in that situation.

We all need to treat life the same way. We need to always be thinking ahead. Solomon gave good advice in Proverbs 16: 1-3: “The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.” Preparation is what makes us strong to meet life's adversities. In Proverbs 30:25 king Solomon gives us an example of this. “The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat



in the summer;”. Solomon tells us that even the ants are thinking ahead and prepare for what is to come.

How are we to prepare ourselves? Paul tells us this in Ephesians 6: 11-18: “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: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”. We are also told in II Timothy 2: 19, 22-26: “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity...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 strifes. 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.”

If we want to receive eternal life we have to work to build the foundation of our life on the principles Jesus taught. I Corinthians 3: 11-14: “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 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.” We are also

told how to act in James 1: 22-25: “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”. We are told we must be diligent in doing God’s will. Jesus told us in Matthew 7: 21-23: “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

To prepare ourselves against our adversary, we must keep working and studying to keep God's commandments and the example of Jesus Christ. II Timothy 2: 1,15: “Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Simply put we can prepare ourselves for coming tribulations by studying God’s Word and doing His will.

### ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE ON PAGE 8-9

*Across: 3.seek/him 6.impossible 8.door  
10.Jesus 11.Isaac 15.trust 16.unbelief 18.grace  
21.saw 24.Noah 28.just  
29.patience 30.believe 31.works*

*Down: 1.Red Sea 2.whole 4.God  
5.doubt 7.Moses 9.measure 12.sin 13.Abel  
14.gift 17.fast 19.conceive 20.substance 22.wa-  
vering 23.little 25.hope  
26.blessed 27.Jericho*

by David Royer & Gary Mills

# Oh My GOODNESS

*Many Christians object (and should) to offensive or guttural words that are used in today's everyday language. People today especially seem to take the Lord's name in vain which is a violation of the third commandment as found in Exodus 20:7: "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."*

*When a believer says any name or title that identifies God, there should be an awe or reverence with it. When talking about God and Jesus, we must do so reverently. By saying we are a follower of Christ, and then break one of God's commandments, we are giving God and Jesus a bad name. We need to use care using the term OMG as this can be construed as taking the Lord's name in vain, the same as using any term such as Gosh or Jeez in place of God or Jesus.*

*James tells us the importance of watching our conversation in James 3:1-10: "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."*

*We are also told to watch our conversation in I Peter 1:15: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation".*

*I heard in Spanish the phrase "Ay Dios Mio" and did not take offense until I understood this means: "Oh my G\_\_". Let us always take care and make an effort to avoid offending anyone. Proverbs 18:19 says: "A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle."*

## WORDS OF FAITH

*Who says puzzles are just for kids? Test your knowledge about FAITH*

*Directions: Fill in the crossword puzzle with the words missing from the sentences above. Match the number of the sentence to the boxes placed across or down the grid. If filled out correctly, the words will fit neatly into the puzzle.*

### ACROSS

### DOWN

3 God rewards those who diligently \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hebrews 11:6)

6 Without faith it's \_\_\_\_\_ to please God  
(Hebrews 11:6)

8 God opened \_\_\_\_\_ of faith (Acts 14:27)

10 Author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)

11 By faith Abraham offered up \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hebrews 11:17)

15 If you have faith you also do this I Tim 4:9-10

16 Lord I believe; help my \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 9:24)

18 By this we're saved through faith  
(Ephesians 2:8)

21 Thomas believed because he \_\_\_\_\_ (John 20:29)

24 By faith he built an Ark (Hebrews 11:7)

28 \_\_\_\_\_ shall live by faith (Romans 1:17)

29 Testing of faith builds this (James 1:3)

30 Repent ye, and \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel Mark 1:15

31 Faith without this is dead (James 2:20)

1 Moses passed through this (Hebrews 11:24-29)

2 Thy faith has made thee \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 10:52)

4 Have faith in him (Mark 11:22)

5 If you've faith you needn't do this (Matthew 21:21)

7 He led Jews out of Egypt (Hebrews 11:24-29)

9 To every man \_\_\_\_\_ of faith is given (Romans 12:3)

12 Whatever isn't of faith is this (Romans 14:23)

13 He offered sacrifice greater than Cain's  
(Hebrews 11:4)

14 Faith is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God (Ephesians 2:8)

17 Stand \_\_\_\_\_ in faith (I Corinthians 16:13)

19 Sara did this in her old age (Hebrews 11:11)

20 Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1)

22 You must ask in faith, no \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:6)

23 O ye of \_\_\_\_\_ faith (Matthew 6:30)

25 Faith, \_\_\_\_\_, and love remain  
(I Corinthians 13:13)

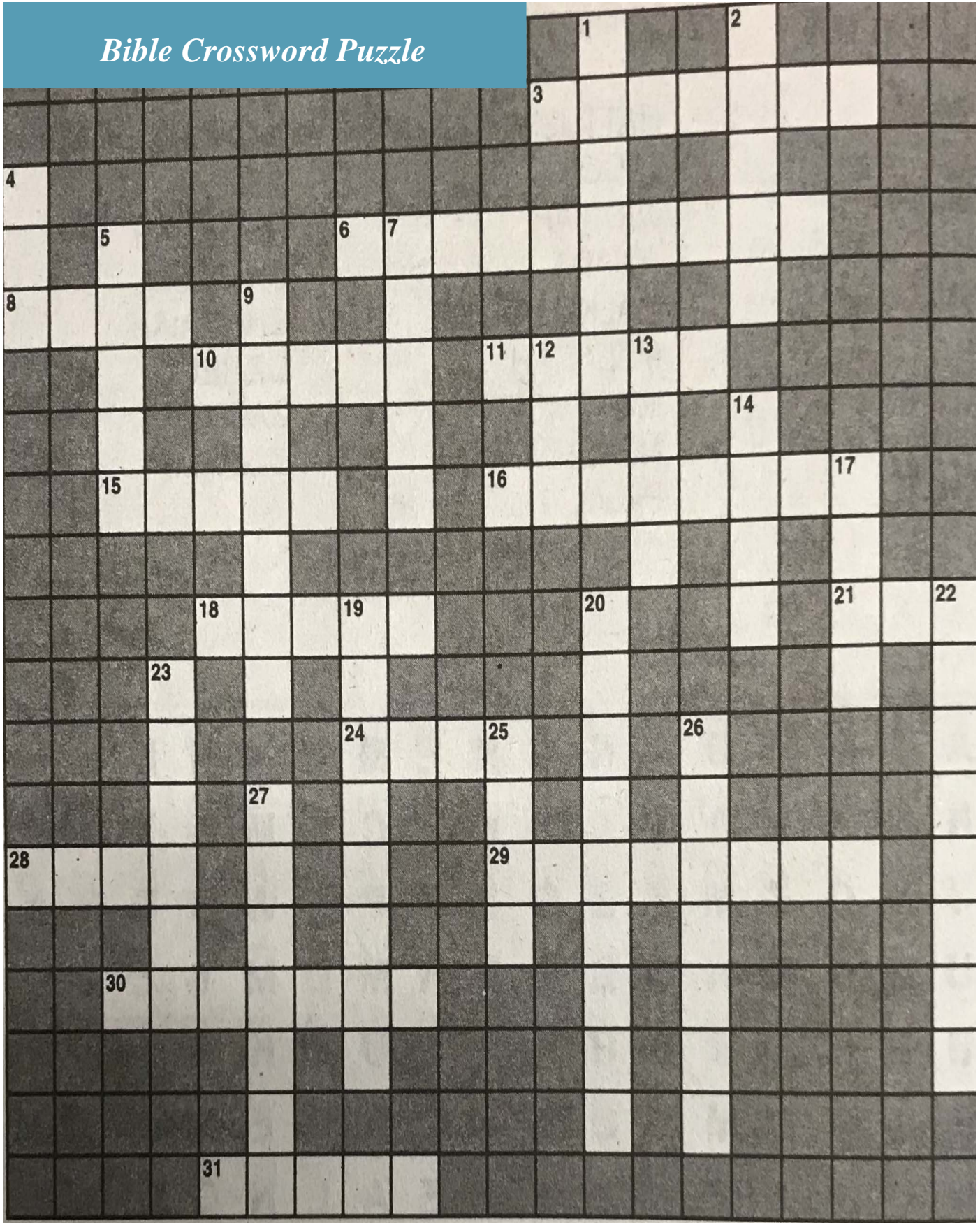
26 By faith Isaac did this to his sons (Hebrews 11:20)

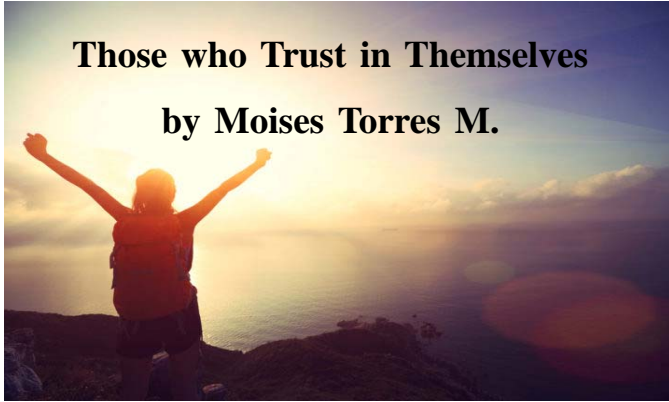
27 By faith walls of this city fell down  
(Hebrews 11:30)

*Answers on page 9*



# Bible Crossword Puzzle





## Those who Trust in Themselves by Moises Torres M.

**“He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.” (Proverbs 28:26, King James Version).**

It is not wrong to acquire or build security or confidence in oneself based on principles and moral concepts coming from God. This is “having faith in God”. However, the human tendency leads to ignore these principles which produce in man an excess of self-confidence that kills him instead of favoring him. Let us look at some examples in the Scriptures that make this type of attitudes very noticeable.

### **The Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican**

LUKE 18:9-14: “And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”

This Pharisee trusted in himself to be justified by his works; however, the rejection of the Lord was imminent.

The contradictory attitude of Peter and the other disciples:

MARK 14:27-31: “And Jesus saith unto them, “All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But

after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shall deny me thrice. But he spake the vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.”

Although the Lord anticipated this to Peter that he would not fulfill his words, he was even more determined. Not only he, but everyone said the same thing. Peter also anticipated saying: “And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and death.” (Luke 22:33). Peter was perhaps being sincere, and the emotion of the moment led him to make such a statement. However, he would soon realize that his words had only come from an excess of self-confidence, and that even though he loved his master, something was still missing in him. The same thing happened to the others, since the evangelist says they all fled. (Mark 14:50).

### **Simon, the Magician, trusted his money**

This man had been a magician and was esteemed as a great in the city of Samaria; but when he heard Philip preach the gospel of Christ, he also believed along with many people and was also baptized. But when he saw that by the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, “Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.” (Acts 8:18-21).

This story says this man believed and was baptized; what happened to him then? He believed in the gospel because of all the wonders and miracles that were done, but he continued to believe in himself; he continued to have extra confidence in what he produced (money) and not in what was come from the power of God. For this reason he was strongly rejected by the apostle Peter, who emphatically said, “Thy money perish with thee.”

### **Ananias and Sapphira trusted themselves wanting to deceive the Holy Ghost**

The book of Acts, chapter 5:1-11, tells the story of Ananias



and Sapphira, a couple who by mutual agreement wanted to deceive the apostles about the price of an inheritance. They were members of the church and knew the gospel, but they trusted each other, not knowing that it was not Peter they were going to deceive, but the Holy Ghost.

“But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? **thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God**”. (Acts 5:3-4).

It is possible that some in church today may think they can have extra privileges, either because of their social or intellectual position, or because of what they can bring to the community (church) as a favor; or simply because the devil makes them believe God is not aware of their intentions or of what really exists in their hearts. This story says that Satan filled the heart of Ananias and Sapphira his wife, and they lied to the Holy Ghost and to God. They both died in a space of three hours and a great fear came upon all the church. In the excess of trust (not faith) comes

temptation, and trust kills man. This couple trust each other and give way to the devil.

### What great advice does Paul give us?

“Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:12-14).

Truly, this is great advice from a great man, who despite having experienced the best and acquired great wisdom of life and of God, and having worked and suffered like few others, never exalted himself nor boasted nor trusted in any way; on the contrary, he only said: “I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK”, to reach THE PRIZE of the sovereign vocation of God in Christ Jesus: THE ETERNAL LIFE.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING.” (Proverbs 3:5).

# THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

*INDIA - Church Dedication in Reddy Gudem Khammam District, Telangana with the help of the church congregation this church was contructioned and painted by the grace of God.*





## The Children's Page

### LESSON I PAUL AT EPHESUS (PART II)

Scripture Reading: Acts 19:13-22.

Golden Text: Acts 19:20.

"So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed."

1. Who tried to copy Paul's deeds by using the name of the Lord Jesus Christ? Acts 19:13.
2. Who was Sceva, and how many sons did he have? Acts 19:14.
3. What did the man with the evil spirit say and do to Sceva and his sons? Acts 19:15-16.
4. What did this event cause to happen in Ephesus? Acts 19:17-18.
5. What did many of the people do to show their faith in God? Acts 19:19.
6. Did the Word of God grow and prevail? Acts 19:20.
7. What did Paul next purpose to do? Acts 19:21.
8. What two men did Paul send to Macedonia? Acts 19:22.

### LESSON II SILVERSMITHS AT EPHESUS

Scripture Reading: Acts 19:23-41.

Golden Text: I Peter 2:2.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby".

1. Who was Demetrius? Acts 19:24.
2. From what did the silversmiths get most of their wealth? Acts 19:25.
3. What did the Ephesians worship? Acts 19:26-27.
4. Were Demetrius and the other silversmiths happy to

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learn of God's Word? Acts 19:28.

5. What took place in Acts 19:29?
6. Did Paul enter into the theater? Why? Acts 19:30-32.
7. Who was going to speak to the multitude, and why did he not speak? Acts 19:35-41.
8. Explain in your own words what happened in Acts 19:35-41.
9. What did Paul do when this uproar was over? Acts 20:1.

### LESSON III PAUL IN TROAS

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:1-16.

Golden Text: Acts 20:12.

"And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted."

1. After the uproar in Ephesus, to where did Paul travel? Acts 20:1-2.
2. Paul returned to Macedonia. Name the disciples that accompanied him into Asia, and tell what country they were from? Acts 20:3-4.
3. How long did it take them to go to Troas, and how long did they stay there? Acts 20:6.
4. Where do we find Paul speaking, and what time of the day is it? Acts 20:7-8.
5. What happened to the young man, Eutychus, while Paul was preaching? Acts 20:9.
6. What did Paul do to help this young man? Acts 20:10.
7. After bringing the young man back to life, through Christ, what did Paul do? Acts 20:11.
8. Name the different places where Paul stopped each day. Acts 20:11-12.

LESSON IV  
PAUL IN MILETUS

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:17-38.

Golden Text: Acts 20:35 (last part).

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

1. When Paul entered Miletus, for whom did he send? Acts 20:17.
2. As Paul talked to the elders, what did he tell them about his manner of preaching the gospel? Acts 20:18-20.
3. To whom did Paul testify? Acts 20:21.
4. Where did Paul say he was going, and did he know what to expect here? Acts 20:22-24.
5. Paul told the leaders to take heed. What two things did he say would happen after he left? Acts 20:28-30.
6. In whose hands, or care, did Paul put the brethren? Acts 20:32.
7. What very important words did Paul leave with the brethren? Acts 20:35.
8. When Paul finished speaking, what did they all do? Acts 20:36-38.

CHARACTER BUILDERS

The scrambled words below are character builders or qualities that we should all try to have. See how many you can solve.

1. Teguairtd

2. Petneeater

3. Tenapiec

4. Dsiknns

5. Tnoabmii

6. Felhessnassiun

7. Ydnlerif

8. Laghteru

9. Tahif

10. Ylolyta

11. Oyj

12. Syohetn

13. Smdtoe

14. Ryupti

15. Tnonetc

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN



Answers from John 4 on page 15: 4-Samaria 5-Sychar 6-Jacob's well 7-woman of Samaria 8-unto the city 9-Samaritans 10-living water 11-no 14-everlasting life 16-her husband 18-5 husbands 20-in the mountain of Samaria 20-Jerusalem 22-no 23-in spirit and in truth 25-Messias or Christ 26-Jesus 27-Jesus' disciples 28-her waterpot 29-the Samaritan woman 39-yes 40-2 days 41-yes



## A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

by Sherry James

Rosie stomped her foot and crossed her arms. "I'm mad," she said.

Grandmother sat in her big, plump chair and pulled out her needlework. "Come," she said, "pick out a yarn for me."

Rosie's little hands dug in the yarn box until she found a thick, red piece that was coarse and hard.

Grandmother smiled, "Thank you, my child. Go clean your room."

The next day at breakfast Rosie found the toy in the cereal box. She squealed with delight; "I'm a winner!"

Grandmother sat in her plump chair. "Come," she said, "give me a piece of yarn." Rosie pulled out a dark blue, smooth string. "Thank you, my child. Now go do your homework."

The phone rang and Rosie answered it. She ran into the living room where Grandmother sat in her chair. "I'm so excited," she said. "Daddy is coming home early."

"Go to the garden and pick some flowers for your dad, but first hand me a piece of yarn." Rosie rolled the big pile around until she found a yarn with many colors like a rainbow.

After dinner, Grandmother listened to the laughter in the house. "Come to me, Rosie. Get me a yarn." Rosie found a bright pink satin piece that matched her dress.

The doorbell rang. It was the neighbor needing Daddy's help with his car. Rosie slid down on the couch. Little tears fell on the cushion. "I'm so lonely," she said.

"Sit with me, my child," Grandmother said.

Rosie sat in her grandmothers' lap in the big plump chair until the tears dried up. "Pull out another yarn and then go feed your puppy," Grandmother said. Rosie picked a fuzzy yarn the same color as Grandmother's hair.

At bedtime, Grandmother, Rosie and Daddy said prayers together thanking God, for tomorrow was Rosie's birthday. They also prayed for each friend who would attend. "Do you think we'll have balloons?" Rosie asked.

"Yes," Grandmother said. "What color yarn do you want for the balloons?"

Rosie smiled. "Yellow. That's my favorite."

At the party Grandmother sat in her big, plump chair and gave Rosie a present: a plump pillow. Colorful pieces of yarn were stitched together to make a picture of trees and a road. "Do you remember this red yarn?" she asked.

"Yes," said Rosie. "That's the day I was mad, but now it looks beautiful."

Grandmother pointed to the blue and black yarn. "Do you remember these?" Rosie nodded.

Daddy ran his finger over the rainbow and pink yarn. "This was a good day," Rosie giggled.

Rosie stroked the gray piece. "I love this one, Grandmother."

Grandmother's eyes twinkled as she touched the yellow yarn. "And I love this one."

The kids peeked over the chair to see the pretty pillow. "What's it for?" they asked.

Rosie hugged the pillow. "To remind me that every day, whether it's good or bad, I have a beautiful life."

*Answers to Character Builders pg 13 - 1.gratitude 2.temperate 3.patience 4.kindness 5.ambition 6.unselfishness 7.friendly 8.laughter 9.faith 10.loyalty 11.joy 12.honesty 13.modest 14.purity 15.content*



*SOMETHING TO DO*

*VERSES FROM JOHN 4*

*TAKE YOUR BIBLE  
AND FILL IN THE ANSWERS*

4 - *Through what country did Jesus tell He must go?* \_\_\_\_\_

5 - *To what city did He come?* \_\_\_\_\_

6 - *On whose well did he rest?* \_\_\_\_\_

7 - *Who did he ask for a drink?* \_\_\_\_\_

8 - *Where did Jesus' disciples go?* \_\_\_\_\_

9 - *With whom did the Jews usually have no dealings?* \_\_\_\_\_

10 - *What kind of water did Jesus offer the woman?*  
\_\_\_\_\_

11 - *Did the woman understand Jesus' offer at first?*  
\_\_\_\_\_

14 - *What kind of life does Jesus' living water give?*  
\_\_\_\_\_

16 - *Whom did Jesus tell the women to call?* \_\_\_\_\_

18 - *How many husbands had the sinful woman had?*  
\_\_\_\_\_

20 - *Where had the Samaritans been worshipping?*  
\_\_\_\_\_

20 - *Where did the Jews worship God?* \_\_\_\_\_

22 - *Did the woman really know why she worshipped?* \_\_\_\_\_

23 - *How do true worshippers worship God? In \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_*

25 - *Who did the woman know was coming?* \_\_\_\_\_

26 - *Who said He was that person?* \_\_\_\_\_

27 - *Who were surprised to find Jesus talking to the woman?* \_\_\_\_\_

28 - *What did the woman leave as she went to the city?* \_\_\_\_\_

29 - *Who said, "Come, see a man who told me all I ever did"?* \_\_\_\_\_

39 - *Did many or few Samaritans believe in Christ because of the woman's testimony?* \_\_\_\_\_

40 - *How many days did Jesus stay there to teach?*  
\_\_\_\_\_

41 - *Were anymore souls saved during that time?*  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Now complete the testimony  
of the Samaritans in Sychar (verse 42).*

*"Now we \_\_\_\_\_, for we have \_\_\_\_\_ him ourselves and know that he is indeed - \_\_\_\_\_."*

*Answers on page 13*





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### **THE GREATEST OF ALL**

**My greatest loss. To lose my soul.**  
**My greatest object. To glorify God.**  
**My greatest work. To win souls for Christ.**  
**My greatest prize. A crown of glory.**  
**My greatest joy. The joy of God's salvation.**  
**My greatest victory. Over death, through Christ.**  
**My greatest neglect. To neglect so great salvtion.**  
**My greatest crime. To reject Christ, my only Savior.**  
**My greatest privilege. Power to become a son of God.**  
**My greatest peace. The peace that passeth understanding.**  
**My greatest knowledge. To know God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent.**