

# Times of Victory

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## The Unstoppable Church

Pastor Troy Taylor's message for Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September came from the Matthew chapter 16 verses 17 through 19 and was titled "The Unstoppable Church."

Pastor Taylor began by saying that, although we know it's not going to happen, if the Church gets down to only two people God is still going to have a Church. Reason being is that God is going to always have a remnant of people that is going to worship Him. Even though the world is going to get worse and people are going to go through difficulties, struggles and hard times we also know that the Lord will always have a Church. And we need to be a part of that Church because the only thing that is going to

make is the Church.

The Church is unstoppable! The devil has tried to stop it and he couldn't, the times have tried to stop it and couldn't, the world has tried to stop it and couldn't because the Church is unstoppable. God has a Church that will not be shut down, rivaled, or killed but will survive and move on because God is going to have some people that will hold on to faith and worship Him.

The Church is more than concrete, mortar, bricks, pews and carpet. It is a whole lot more because if it was only material things then it will not survive. The Church is more than a building, it is you and me; it is God's body which makes us the body of Christ.



Pastor Troy Taylor  
preaching on "The Unstoppable Church"  
Picture provided by Bro. Adam Day

You can't kill the Church because God said 'I'll build this church upon the rock and hell can't stop it.' Nothing can stop the Church of the Living God, not even the devil!

The Church of the Living

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## Drawing Near to God

Pastor Troy Taylor's message for Sunday morning on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September was taken from the Book of Exodus, chapter 20 and verses 18 through 21. This portion of Scripture is telling us of when the glory of God came down and God was going to communicate with His people. This was the time that God was going to give his people directions, commandments, and instructions on how to go forward into His work and to be the people of God. But because there was a very

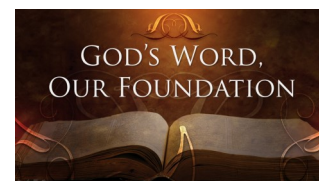
strong atmosphere of the presence of God there was thunderings, lightings, noise and smoke and this frightened the people.

As a result of their fearfulness the people collectively told Moses; you go draw close to God but we're going to stay back here. The power of the people's thinking was - 'we will stay here but it's OK for you to go there but we're not going any further.' And looking at the past we have found that the voice of the

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Pastor Troy Taylor  
preaching "Drawing Near to God."  
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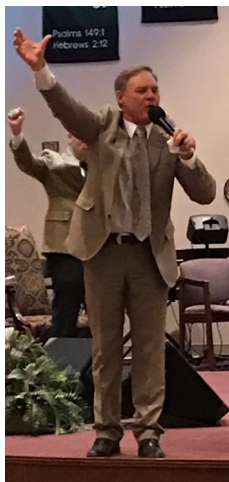
**2 Peter 2:9**

*The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*

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## The Unstoppable Church *(continued from page 1)*



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preaching on "The Unstoppable Church"  
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God has had its share of trials and hard licks over time. Think about how close Israel came to not even being a people when Pharaoh decided to kill all the first born male babies in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh was trying to eliminate the Deliverer from coming but God had a plan for Moses to be saved that day and Israel lived on and God blessed them through it. Again, the same thing with Herod when he tried to kill Jesus because he knew He was the Messiah. If Herod could kill Jesus he would kill the Church, but you can't kill what won't die. We are here today because a Church won't die, quit, bow down nor back-

up. We are here because the Church just goes on!

Whether there are two, three or just a handful, if that's all you have that's enough because with God a minority is a majority. All you need is a few good men and women with passionate souls that are zealous, faithful, consecrated and filled with the Holy Ghost to get a lot done. The worse it gets and the more trouble out there the better the Church looks. So if we will just stay on location the world will see that God still is in His Church and the Church is strong and vibrant and they will come to the Church.

We need to celebrate the

fact that we are in the church of the Living God. Don't take it for granite and if you're a part of the church you're part of the best thing going. You got more going for you than the richest people of our city. More going for you than the folks that have the biggest bank accounts in all the world. Whatever you do keep your priority right because this thing is going somewhere and we're going with it.

There's going to be a day when the Lord's going to come back for this church. He's going to come back for a church that's made herself ready. What are we doing today is we're getting ready for Jesus. The church is mak-

## Two Offerings

After Adam and Eve had disobeyed and eaten of the forbidden fruit, God sent them away from the Garden of Eden forever. He even sent angels to guard the Tree of Life and to keep them from retuning to their first home. Surely Adam and Eve were not as happy away from their home, but one day something wonderful did happen to them — they had a little baby boy. They named him Cain; and later when they had another little boy, they called him Abel. These first babies must have looked beautiful to their mother and father, just as new babies do to us today.

As they were growing up, Cain and Abel were interested in different things. Cain liked to farm and watch things growing in the ground. Abel liked best to be around the animals and to look after the sheep of his father kept.

In these early times, people did not worship God by going to church. Instead, they brought something that they had for the Lord and burned it. The offering was called a *sacrifice*, and usually it was

burned on a rock or some stones called an *altar*.

One day Cain and Abel brought sacrifices to the Lord. Cain brought some of the fruits and vegetables that he had grown in his garden. Abel brought some of the finest sheep from his flocks. We do not understand exactly why, but God was not pleased with the offering that Cain made, while He thought that Abel's was good. This made Cain very angry, and the Bible tells us that it even showed on his face how displeased he was.

God spoke to Cain and asked him not to look so angry. He told Cain that He would give him another chance to do right and that he could be as pleasing as Abel was. But Cain kept brooding about the way that God had not accepted his offering instead of trying to change and do right. Not only was he angry with God, but he began to blame his brother as well. One day when they were out in a field together, Cain got so upset about it that he killed Abel.

Of course the Lord knew

about this terrible thing that Cain had done, but just to test Cain, He asked him where Abel was. Cain puffed up in anger and tried to cover his sin by asking, "Ami I my brother's keeper?"

God put a special mark on Cain so that the strangers whom he met as he wandered about would not harm him. God always loves us even when we do wrong, but He has to punish us to help us remember to obey.

### Now can you answer these questions?

1. How did God make sure that Adam and Eve would not return to the Garden?
2. Who were the first two babies born in the world?
3. Were these brothers alike or different?
4. What did Cain bring for his sacrifice? What did Abel have?
5. Did God give Cain more than one chance to obey?
6. What terrible thing did Cain finally do?
7. How did God punish Cain?



Cain and Abel

## Drawing Near to God *(continued from page 1)*

people or the collective mind-set of the people can be very dangerous. Therefore with this in mind Pastor Taylor titled his message "Drawing Near to God, Drawing Near to the Lord."

Even in services where God is moving you can't let people hold you back because not everybody is going where we're going. But if you let people they will discourage you from going all the way by making light of it and/or question the necessity of it all. The Scriptures have a lot of references to the power of the people. One reference is where the people of God conveniently forgot that they were slaves and their backs were beaten and bloodied and they collectively cried out to Moses 'let's go back to Egypt because we had it better there.' Then there was Joshua and Caleb where the people collectively said 'let's stone them' because they said we can take the land for it is ours. Even when Moses came back from being in the presence of the Lord at the burning bush and said God is going to deliver us but after a few plagues came and Pharaoh

still did not let God's people go, they wanted to stone Moses too.

People don't always think right and you can't always go with the crowd because crowd thinking can mess you up and lead you in the wrong direction. If you listen to the crowd you're going to get yourself into big trouble. You have to have a mind and spirit of your own and you can't go the way of the crowd. You can't listen to what the people say because if you listen to the people you can't listen to God at the same time. The people don't always line up with the Lord.

If we're going to follow Jesus we're going to have to be willing to go alone sometime because everybody's not going to want what we want. Living for God can be a lonely thing sometimes. But you know what? You and God make up a majority. Don't worry about being alone or who don't follow you or doesn't go.

The Bible is a hard, narrow book and it's not for everybody because everybody doesn't want to walk the narrow way. Reason being is that

they're content with the crowds and the people, blending in and bending to be just like everybody else. Well for your information, the Lord didn't call us or His Church to be like everyone else. So we need to resist the pressure to conform to and go the way of this world. Because we are not of this world but we're a sanctified, set apart, holy people for God and we're going the narrow way. It's a straight way, it's a hard way but it's the right way, the good way and it is the best way.

Everybody's not going to do this or line up. You got to be willing to go it alone sometimes and be able to stand your ground. The way of the people is to worship false gods and bow down to idols and to go the way of the world. But we're not going the way of the people, we're going the way of the holy people, we're on the King's highway. It may be a lonely place, it may be isolated, you may be a different person but that's OK to be different for Jesus and not to go the way of the crowd.

### IT IS NOT EASY

To apologize,  
To begin over,  
To be unselfish,  
To take advice,  
To admit error,  
To face a sneer,  
To be charitable,  
To keep on trying,  
To be considerate,  
To avoid mistakes,  
To endure success,  
To profit by mistakes,  
To forgive and forget,  
To think and then act,  
To keep out of the rut,  
To make the best of little,  
To subdue an unruly temper,  
To maintain a high standard,  
To shoulder a deserved blame,  
To recognize the silver lining.—  
But it always pays.

## Don't You Know?

Don't you know that Jesus loves you?

Don't you know He came to save?

Don't you know His pardon's waiting,  
'Twas for you His life He gave?

Don't you know that He'll forgive you?

Don't you know His grace is free?

Don't you know the peace He offers

Was obtained through Calvary?

Don't you know His heart is yearning?

Don't you know He wants your soul?

Don't you know you should receive Him,

Make His glory your life's goal?

Don't you know that death is coming?

Don't you know you must decide?

Don't you know His full salvation, If you ask, won't be denied?

Don't you know He'll cleanse your sin-wounds?

Don't you know He'll satisfy?

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## Healing

*taken from Doctrines of the Bible  
published by World Aflame Press (WAP)*



**A careless word may  
kindle strife,  
A cruel word may  
wreck a life.**

**A bitter word may hate  
instill,  
A brutal word may  
smite and kill.**

**A gracious word may  
smooth the way,  
A joyous word may  
light the day.**

**A timely word may  
lessen stress,  
A loving word may heal  
and bless.**

The meaning of the root word “holy” means to be separated or withdrawn from that which is common or unclean, and consecrated to what is sacred and pure. God alone is pure and holy. He is perfect; man is imperfect. God is divine; man is human. He is morally perfect; man is sinful. God abhors that which is evil. It is easy to understand that He cannot tolerate sin of any kind. To Him it is vile and detestable. Therefore, it is evident that man must become holy in order to attain fellowship with God.

Holiness is a condition of the heart. It is a sum total of our attitudes and consecrations toward God. Therefore we must take heed of our attitudes and motives as we strive to be holy. We must manifest Christ-like attitudes.

Jesus said, “Blessed are the pure in heart. . . .” “Are our hearts really pure? Are our motives pure? Why do we do the things we do? What motivates us? Are our talents separated and dedicated to the service of God? Can He really use us?”

Only those who are holy and sanctified shall be able to see Jesus and enter His kingdom. On that day, He will present to himself a Church, “. . . a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:27)

To sanctify means to separate from evil and dedicate exclusively to the service of God. Man’s part is to bring himself to the sanctifying influence of the Holy Ghost and allow God to work His will. Sinful man is wholly incapable of making himself holy. This is the work of the Holy One.

There is nothing man can do to merit sanctification. All

his righteousness would be as filthy rags. But thank God, we have a Holy One who is happy to sanctify and cleanse us!

The process of sanctification begins the moment a person hears or reads the gospel message, for the Word of God has a cleansing influence in the heart of the hearer. “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.” (John 15:3) “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17) There is a definite power in God’s Word to convict sinners of their sins and reveal to them their need of a close walk with God, a sanctification, and deeper consecration.

It is the responsibility of every God-fearing child of God to see to it that he keeps himself under the influence of the sanctifying power of God by repentance, surrender of his will to God’s will, consecration, dedication, complete separation from the world, faith, and obedience.

None of us was born perfect. The very fact that Peter exhorted the saints to “. . . grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord. . . .” proves to us that sanctification is a progressive process in our lives. (2 Peter 3:18) The Christian who is filled with the Spirit, walks after the Spirit, and is led by the Spirit will live a holy life, one that is dedicated and consecrated to the will of God. he will live a life above sin, and will feel no condemnation.

There are many advantages and rewards of holy living. The Christian enjoys greater peace of mind and heart. He enjoys happiness. His life is more fruitful and satisfying, for he lives a life of service to God and others.

Are there any secrets to successful holy living? In-

deed, there are! Following are only a few:

Allow the power of the Holy Ghost to change you and teach you.

Learn to communicate daily with God. It is of vital necessity that you talk to your “Creator.” It is through Him that we move and have our being. A prayerful life is a happy and victorious life.

Realize that only after you relinquish your will to God’s will will you know peace. find the mind of God

Read the Bible daily. Let it “come alive” to your heart. Attend Bible studies and participate. Get involved with your studies. Think about the lesson. Ask questions that will clarify doctrines.

Dedicate yourself fully to His service and to His will for your life. Don’t get side-tracked! Keep God as top priority on your list and you can stay happy.

Live each day one day at a time. Live “in-depth.” Don’t become stale. You can go on learning and keep alive all your life!

Keep your eyes off the faults of others. Look to Jesus as the one who has an answer to every problem you might encounter.

Witness to others of the power and the hope that lies within you. You will be blessed and feel victorious when you witness boldly of the power of God.

Discuss your problems with your pastor.

## The Books of the Bible taken from the Pentecostal Bible Study Course

### I. Is Our Bible Complete?

There are sixty-six books in the Bible. Some people claim that there are several other books that should belong in the Scriptures also, but they are not included on our Bible. These books are called the Apocrypha. It is significant that neither Jesus nor the apostles ever quoted from the Apocrypha.

#### Poetry

- 1 Job
- 2 Psalm
- 3 Proverbs
- 4 Ecclesiastes
- 5 Song of Solomon

#### Major Prophets

- 1 Isaiah
- 2 Jeremiah
- 3 Lamentations
- 4 Ezekiel
- 5 Daniel

#### Minor Prophets

- 1 Hosea
- 2 Joel
- 3 Amos
- 4 Obadiah
- 5 Jonah
- 6 Micah
- 7 Nahum
- 8 Habakkuk
- 9 Zephaniah
- 10 Haggai
- 11 Zechariah
- 12 Malachi

### III. The New Testament Is Composed of Twenty-seven Books in Four Categories

#### Gospels

- 1 Matthew
- 2 Mark
- 3 Luke
- 4 John

#### History

Acts

#### Epistles

- 1 Romans
- 2 1 Corinthians
- 3 2 Corinthians
- 4 Galatians
- 5 Ephesians
- 6 Philippians
- 7 Colossians
- 8 1 Thessalonians
- 9 2 Thessalonians
- 10 1 Timothy
- 11 2 Timothy
- 12 Titus
- 13 Philemon
- 14 Hebrews
- 15 James
- 16 1 Peter
- 17 2 Peter
- 18 1 John
- 19 2 John
- 20 3 John
- 21 Jude

#### Prophecy

Revelation

Note: Some people say that the Old Testament is not for us today. In the beginning, however, the Old Testament was the Bible that the early church used! In fact, many sermons and teachings in the Book of Acts and the Epistles are based on Old Testament texts. (See 1 Corinthians 10:1-11).



**No Praises going up - No Blessings coming down.**

*Pastor Troy Taylor 9-29-2019*

## DON'T YOU KNOW? (continued from page 3)

Don't you know you need the Savior?

Oh, be ready when you die!

Don't you know His Spirit beckons?

Don't you know His precious love?

Don't you know He wants you with Him for eternity above?

Yes, you know your soul needs Jesus,

Yes, you know your sinful ways;

Right now take Christ as your

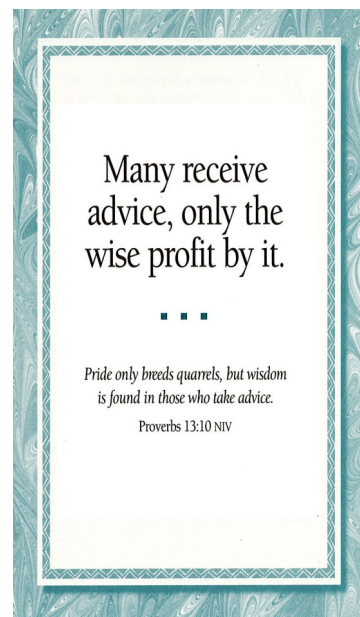
Savior, Then you'll know you're His Always.

Many receive  
advice, only the  
wise profit by it.

...

Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom  
is found in those who take advice.

Proverbs 13:10 NIV



## The Second Book of Moses, Called Exodus

taken from Holman KJV  
Study Bible

### God is Closer than you think

#### The intellectual Spiritu- al Pathway

People on the intellec-  
tual pathway draw  
closer to God as they  
learn more about him.  
You begin to vibrate  
when someone talks  
about the "live of the  
mind." ... You love to  
study Scripture... The  
road to your heart  
usually runs through  
your head... The dan-  
ger of this pathway  
lies in becoming all  
head and not heart...  
It is extremely difficult  
to be right and not  
hurt anybody with it...  
So you may want to  
stretch by making sure  
your growth in  
knowledge always  
leads to a growth in  
worship.

The title "Exodus" is an anglicized version of a Greek word that means "departure" in recognition of one of the book's major events—the departure of God's people from Egypt. Exodus could be considered the central book of the Old Testament because it records God's act of saving the Israelites and establishing them as a covenant community, a nation chosen to serve and represent Him. Exodus describes the enslavement and oppression of the Israelites; the preparation and call of Moses; the conflict between Jehovah the God of Israel and the gods of Egypt (represented by Pharaoh); the exodus of the Israelites; their establishment as a nation in covenant with the Lord; their rebellion; and the Lord's provision for their ongoing relationship, symbolized by His presence at the tabernacle that He built for Him.

The book of Exodus does not state who its author was. It does refer to occasions when Moses made a written record of events that took place and what God had said (Exo. 17:14; 24:4, 7; 34:27-28). The book also contains references to preserving and passing on information. Along with the other four books of the Pentateuch, it has long been considered the work of Moses. Moses could have written Exodus at any time during a 40-year time span: after the Israelites finished constructing and dedicating the tabernacle at mount Sinai, at the start of their second year after leaving Egypt (1445 B.C.), and before his death in the land of Moab (about 1406 B.C.).

Exodus picks up where the Genesis narrative ended with

the death of Joseph around 1805 B.C. It quickly moves us forward almost 300 years to a time when the circumstances of Jacob's descendants had changed in Egypt. The Israelites were serving as slaves during Egypt's Eighteenth Dynasty, probably under the pharaohs Thutmose and Amenhotep II. The Hebrew slaves experienced a miraculous deliverance from slavery by God's hand through His servant-leader Moses in 1445 B.C. The book of Exodus records the events surrounding the exodus from Egypt and the Israelites' first year in the wilderness, including the giving of the law.

The date of the exodus is disputed, but biblical evidence favors 1446 B.C. First Kings 6:1 states that the exodus occurred 480 years before Solomon's fourth year as king, established by biblical data combined with Assyrian chronology to be 9676 B.C. In Judges 11:26 Jephthah said that Israel had been living in regions of Canaan for 300 years. Jephthah lived around 1100 B.C., thus dating the end of the wilderness journey around 1400 B.C.

The book of Exodus shows God at work with the goal of having such close fellowship with people that He is described as dwelling among them. He rescued the Israelites in order to make Himself known, not only by the exercise of His power but also through an ongoing covenant relationship based on His capacity for patience, grace, and forgiveness. The record of what the Lord did for the Israelites provided grounds for them to recognize Him as their God who deserved their complete loyalty and obedi-

ence. This record would make clear to the Israelites their identity as God's people and would continue the display of His glorious identity.

#### Exodus conveys four strong messages:

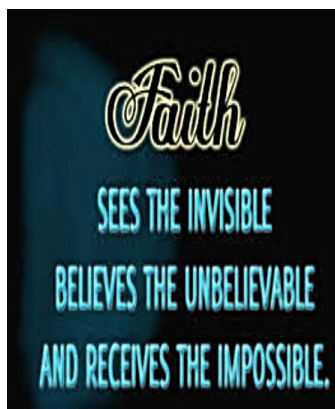
1. *The Lord God*: God revealed Himself to Moses and Israel as Jehovah (*or Yahweh*), "I AM THAT I AM." This covenant name for God carries profound meaning and affirms the power, authority, and eternal nature of God.

2. *Redemption*: The Israelites prayed for deliverance and God responded. God worked through His servant-leader Moses, but He did it in such a miraculous way that it was obvious God was at work. The Israelites could not save themselves; it was all the work of God. The Passover was established to serve as an annual reminder of God's work on their behalf.

3. *Law*: The law of God is encapsulated in the Ten Commandments, God's absolutes for spiritual and moral living. The law is divided into two sections: The civil law—the rules that govern life in the community—and the ceremonial law—the patterns for worship and building the tabernacle.

4. *Tabernacle*: God gave specific instructions on how the tabernacle was to be built, but its significance is in what it represented—God dwelling among His people. He was specifically understood to dwell in the most holy place, inaccessible to the normal Israelite. The tabernacle points ahead to the moment when Christ removed the veil of separation, giving all believers access to God. In the NT, believers become the tabernacle, for God doesn't

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## The Voice *by: Andrew Kuyvenhoven*

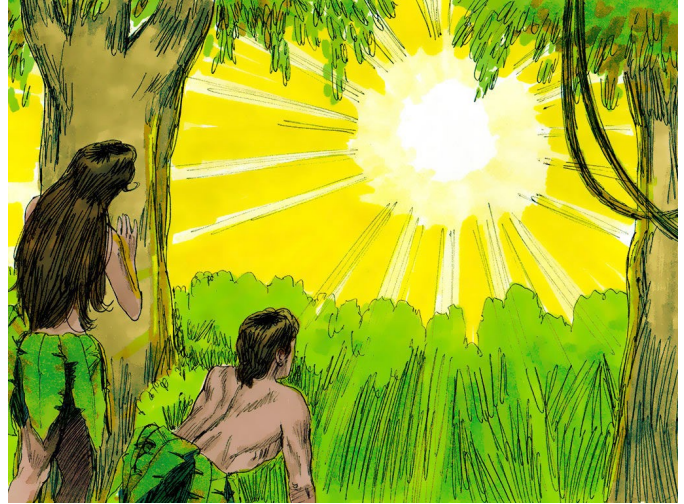
Apparently it was not unusual for God to come into the garden and talk with Adam and Eve. But on this day everything is different. Yesterday they enjoyed being close to God. Now they are overwhelmed with same and fear. The cover themselves and they hide from God. Cowardly Adam tries to blame Eve, and Eve blames the serpent.

Sin has radically changed the relationship between God and his creatures. People no longer turn to God as flowers turn to the sun, but they love “darkness instead of light” (John 3:19). When God reveals himself, a people cringe with fear. After the Bible’s account of the fall,

whenever God came to speak with a person, that person trembled — whether he was Isaiah, the prophet (Isaiah 6:5) or a shepherd in Bethlehem’s field (Luke 2:9). Whenever the glory of the Lord appears, sinners fear for their lives. There is no shelter for our wretchedness when we confront God’s blazing holiness.

In their hiding place among the trees, Adam and Eve hear God call, “Where are you?” They are afraid, but God’s call is actually the first sign of his grace. God seeks them. They have not been abandoned. From now on, history will be the story of God seeking and calling while people are running and hiding.

“Where are you?” God has not stopped calling. Not yet. If you hear his voice today, do not delay but come.



God calling to Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden

We can trust our all-knowing God  
for the unknown future.

## The Book of Exodus *continued from page 6*

just dwell *among* His people; He dwells *in* them.

Exodus provides the high point of redemptive history in the OT. Many patterns and concepts from Exodus receive attention, further development, and fulfillment elsewhere in Scripture, especially in the past, present, and future work of the Lord Jesus. These include rescue from oppression, provision of sustenance, God’s faithfulness to His promises, the self-revelation of God, knowledge of God resulting from His actions, the presence of God, His glory, efforts required to preserve the knowledge of God, a new

identity for people that is based on God’s actions, provision for worship, provision for life in community, connection between the reputation of God and His relationship with a group of people, obedience and rebellion, intercession, and gracious forgiveness.

Exodus is considered a part of the Law, but it is more historical narrative than law. The book is structured around the life and travels of Moses. Sandwiched between the narratives of chapters 1-18 and 32-40 are the establishment of the covenant (chaps. 19-24)

and the laws related to the tabernacle and priesthood.



The Sphinx and Pyramids at Giza in Egypt



**Luke 11:3**  
**Give us day by day our**  
**daily bread**

## Daily Scripture Reading

Day	Boo	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap
Oct 1	Matt	9-10	Oct 11	Mk	1-2	Oct 21	Lk	4-5	Oct 31	Lk	23
Oct 2	Matt	11-12	Oct 12	Mk	3-5	Oct 22	Lk	6-7	Nov 1	Lk	24
Oct 3	Matt	13-14	Oct 13	Mk	6	Oct 23	Lk	8	Nov 2	Jn	1-3
Oct 4	Matt	15-17	Oct 14	Mk	7-8	Oct 24	Lk	9-10	Nov 3	Jn	4-5
Oct 5	Matt	18-19	Oct 15	Mk	9-10	Oct 25	Lk	11	Nov 4	Jn	6
Oct 6	Matt	20-21	Oct 16	Mk	11-12	Oct 26	Lk	12-13	Nov 5	Jn	7
Oct 7	Matt	22-23	Oct 17	Mk	13-14	Oct 27	Lk	14-16	Nov 6	Jn	8-9
Oct 8	Matt	24-25	Oct 18	Mk	15-16	Oct 28	Lk	17-18	Nov 7	Jn	10-11
Oct 9	Matt	26	Oct 19	Lk	1	Oct 29	Lk	19-20	Nov 8	Jn	12-13
Oct 10	Matt	27-28	Oct 20	Lk	2-3	Oct 30	Lk	21-22	Nov 9	Jn	14-15

**Note:** Birthday and Anniversary dates are taken from the latest Victory Tabernacle Church Directory.

If any information in this article is wrong please notify Bro. Bob with corrections and/or additions.

**THANK YOU**

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries



10/12 - Leslie Taylor  
 10/16 - Paul Wiggins



10/12 - Curtis & JoAnne Taylor  
 Bob & Hanal Merideth  
 10/15 - Troy & Leslie Taylor

## September Messages

Sun 9/01 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "The Unstoppable Church." Matt 16:17-19

Wed 9/04 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "We Are In the People Business." Jonah 4:1-11.

Sun 9/08 - The presence of the Lord filled the house and took over the service. No Preaching.

Wed 9/11 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on 'I Won't Turn Back.' John 6:66-69

Sun 9/15 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Drawing Near to God, Drawing Near to the Lord." Exodus 20:18-21

Wed. 9/18 - Sis. Angela Sims preached on "Take A Stand." Ephesians 6:10-13

Sun 9/22 - Bro. Joe Hayes preached on 'Trouble.' John 5:1-9

Wed 9/25 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Our Eyes Upon the Lord." Psalm 121:1 & Psalm 123:1-2

Sun 9/29 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "No Sacrifice, No Fire." 1 Kings 18:30-39





# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Outreach 10 AM
Sunday Service 10 AM	6	7	8 Evening Service 7 PM	9	10	11 Outreach 10 AM
Sunday Service 10 AM	13	14  Columbus Day	15 Evening Service 7 PM	16	17	18 Outreach 10 AM
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Sunday Service 10 AM	27	28	29 Evening Service 7 PM	30	31 Halloween	

Without God We are Nothing!

## Chef's Corner

### Classic Southern Fried Shrimp

*Self-rising flour contains baking powder, which gives a more crisp and crunchy result than all-purpose flour.*

#### Ingredients

1 pound raw medium shrimp  
1 large egg  
1 cup milk  
2 cups self-rising flour  
1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning  
½ teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning  
½ teaspoon kosher salt  
¼–½ teaspoon black pepper  
1 teaspoon lemon pepper

#### Directions

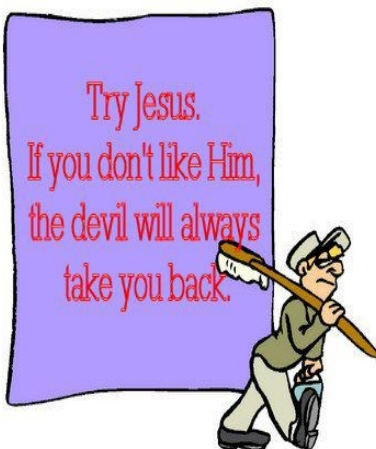
- 1) Preheat deep fryer or heat oil in a large heavy pot to 350°. Peel and devein shrimp, rinsing well. Pat dry with paper towels.
- 2) Whisk together egg and milk, and add shrimp to mixture.
- 3) In separate bowl, stir flour together with all seasonings. Dip shrimp in flour mixture to coat, then place in colander set over a plate or tray. Toss shrimp in flour mixture a second time, place back in colander, and shake well to remove excess flour.
- 4) Fry in small batches, 3–4 minutes per batch, or until golden brown. Shake fryer basket, and turn out onto a platter lined with paper towels, then sprinkle with just a bit of additional salt.

**Batter Fried:** Add ½ cup flour along with 2 tablespoons melted and cooled butter, to beaten egg and milk. Dip shrimp in batter, shake off to drain, then roll in seasoned flour before frying.



## On The Lighter Side

*Provided by Bro. Adam Day*



Cartoon by Inherit the Mirth







# CROSSWORD

By David K. Shortess

## Some Parables of Jesus

Everyone loves a good story, and Jesus' listeners were no exception. Can you solve this parable-filled puzzle to uncover four story topics told by Jesus?

*And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.*

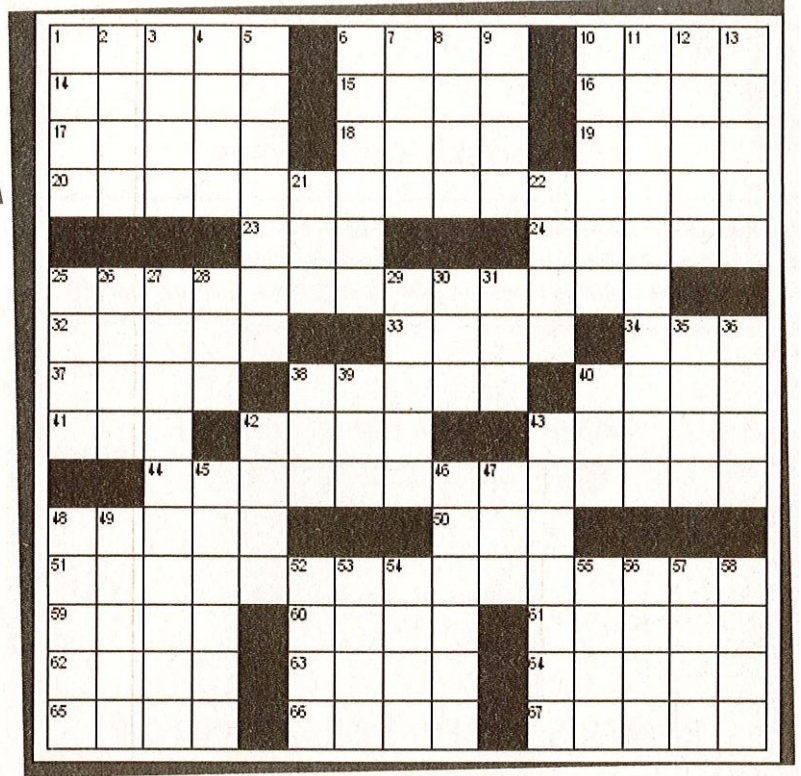
MARK 4:33

### ACROSS

- 1 "Beau \_\_\_\_"
- 6 Part of centerpiece
- 10 Belonging to good king of Judah
- 14 Top story?
- 15 Smidgen
- 16 Where Jesus met the Samaritan woman
- 17 "So that a bow of \_\_\_\_ is broken" (2 Samuel 22:35)
- 18 Care facility workers (abbr.)
- 19 \_\_\_\_ bellum
- 20 PARABLE (Luke 18:2-8) (2 words)
- 23 Architect I.M. \_\_\_\_
- 24 "For \_\_\_\_ stiffnecked people" (Exodus 34:9) (3 words)
- 25 PARABLE (Luke 10:30-37) (2 words)
- 32 Money, biblically
- 33 Radio host Limbaugh
- 34 Test for some seniors (abbr.)
- 37 Tolkien's bad guys
- 38 Queen of \_\_\_\_, Solomon's guest
- 40 "And fashioned it with a graving \_\_\_\_" (Exodus 32:4)
- 41 "Be prepared" organization (abbr.)
- 42 Chow \_\_\_\_
- 43 "How \_\_\_\_ that day will be" (Jeremiah 30:7 NIV)
- 44 PARABLE (Matthew 25:31-46) (3 words)
- 48 "\_\_\_\_ sending you out like lambs" (Luke 10:3 NIV) (3 words)
- 50 Keats product
- 51 START OF PARABLE (Matthew 13:3-9) (4 words)
- 59 Left \_\_\_\_, in Paris
- 60 Despise
- 61 "How right they are to \_\_\_\_ you" (Song of Solomon 1:4 NIV)
- 62 S-shaped molding
- 63 Sea eagle
- 64 "That the aged men be \_\_\_\_" (Titus 2:2)
- 65 Comedian Foxx
- 66 "As \_\_\_\_ man who casteth firebrands" (Proverbs 26:18) (2 words)
- 67 Cornered

### DOWN

- 1 "I cry out, I \_\_\_\_ and pant" (Isaiah 42:14 NIV)
- 2 Major ending
- 3 Follower of young or old alike
- 4 Bow and ascot
- 5 Solar, for one
- 6 "Then you will become their \_\_\_\_" (Habakkuk 2:7 NIV)
- 7 Top drawer
- 8 Funny man Laurel, familiarly
- 9 "On the \_\_\_\_ of Eden" (Genesis 4:16)
- 10 "And we eagerly \_\_\_\_ Savior" (Philippians 3:20 NIV) (2 words)
- 11 "Is the \_\_\_\_ message by the hand of a fool" (Proverbs 26:6 NIV) (3 words)
- 12 Choir members
- 13 "And they \_\_\_\_ bullock" (1 Samuel 1:25) (2 words)
- 21 Salt \_\_\_\_, biblical body
- 22 Away or back (comb. form)
- 25 Shapeless mass
- 26 Belonging to you and me
- 27 "I have \_\_\_\_ the death of all the persons of thy father's house" (1 Samuel 22:22)
- 28 Doctors (abbr.)
- 29 "Condemned to die in the \_\_\_\_" (1 Corinthians 4:9 NIV)
- 30 "There's the \_\_\_\_"
- 31 O.T. book
- 35 Lopsided win
- 36 Building additions
- 38 Understand
- 39 With it
- 40 "And she threw in \_\_\_\_ mites" (Mark 12:42)
- 42 Same, in Strasbourg
- 43 Get older rapidly (2 words)
- 45 Peddled
- 46 "I have \_\_\_\_ of you" (1 Corinthians 12:21 NKJV) (2 words)
- 47 Banned insecticide (abbr.)
- 48 Eva of "Green Acres"
- 49 Missouri river
- 52 Flightless bird
- 53 Cozy
- 54 Sicilian spewer
- 55 "By this time there is a bad \_\_\_\_" (John 11:39 NIV)
- 56 "And put on him a scarlet \_\_\_\_" (Matthew 27:28)
- 57 "Hast thou eaten of the \_\_\_\_" (Genesis 3:11)
- 58 "Into the \_\_\_\_ of swine" (Matthew 8:31)



## Answer to last month's Word Search Puzzle

### PUZZLE 7

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**Sunday School . . . . . 10 AM**  
**Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 11 AM**  
**Wednesday Service . . . . . 7 PM**

## Our Gifts for His Kingdom

*taken from the In Touch Magazine*

### 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same od which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

### Read: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Many people hear the word "serve" and feel that they do not have the necessary qualities to make a difference in others' lives. This is true—apart from God. But He has gifted each of us in unique ways with a purpose in mind. His plan for us involves using these talents to serve Him for the good of others.

Satan would like us to believe otherwise. Our enemy wants us to notice what others are doing and then to feel inferior. For instance, I have heard women say, "I am *just* a homemaker." They see people preaching and singing in the choir and wish they could accomplish

something so great for God. Friends, there could be nothing further from the truth. An enormous responsibility rest with those who train their children in righteousness.

In fact, the Holy Spirit has gifted each believer for specific work in God's kingdom. Scripture explains this idea by a comparison with a human body: each person has gifts and purposes that make the entire system function well. But if the heel wants the eye's role, the whole being will lose balance.

Each part is crucial, even though some are less noticeable than others. Truthfully, those with less apparent talents have an advantage because pride

and self-sufficiency may be less of a temptation.

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Notice how Peter defined himself: "a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:1). He was no longer a man motivated by self-interest. Once he followed Jesus, he saw himself as a servant of God. We, too, are called to serve the King of Kings with whatever abilities we are given.