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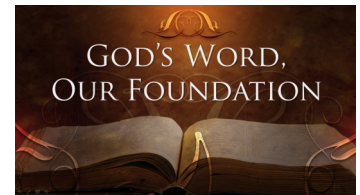
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**Jeremiah 1:19**

**And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.**

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Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, our evangelist Rev. Larry Flanary had a very powerful message for not only us here at Victory Tabernacle but for all of Huntsville, AL as well as those that read this article. His message "The Press of Passion" came from his Scripture reading of Philipians 3:10-14 and Hebrews 12:1-3. This message was so powerful that it was delivered in two parts. The first part was Sunday morning and the second Sunday evening and, in part, this is what he preached on Sunday morning.

Some things have been weighting many of us down and bogging us up for a long time to where we feel that we take two steps forward and five steps back. We get a little bit of victory that a few

days and then we're right back in the turmoil and chaos. We shouldn't be dealing with that junk all the time with our noses barely above water trying to survive. That is not abundant life, that is not the power of God flowing in and through us. There is more to us than just surviving and getting through life going through one revival to another.

If we are a Holy Ghost filled child of God then there is more to us than revival. What we need to do is to start walking in what the man of God has been teaching us and what God has been showing and telling us. We just need to start walking in faith and obedience and to start flowing in the Holy Ghost.

In the Scripture reading Paul said that his passion is to be consumed with the Lord Jesus Christ. Our culture today has cause us to lose our passion and even worse our world and society rejects passion today. Passion relates to our relationship with God and His relationship with us and it brings a dream or a vision into reality. What we need to understand is

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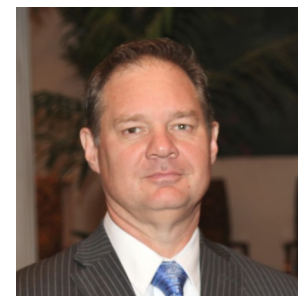
## Whose Voice are You Listening To?

Whose voice are you listening to? That is the very question that Pastor Troy Taylor asked the congregation of Victory Tabernacle Sunday morning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. And after reading Numbers chapter 13, verses 30 through 33 and chapter 14, verses 8 through 9 he went on to preach on the subject of "Whose Voice are You Listening To."

If we're not careful it will be real easy

to listen to the wrong voice because as God is talking so is the devil. There is hardly ever a time when you hear a Word from God that you don't hear something from the devil. Sometimes it seems like the devil just sits on our shoulder and talks into our ear. Well, as a matter-of-facet the devil will talk to us as long as we will listen. So we have to be careful to know the difference between the voices of

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**Pastor Troy Taylor**



## The Press of Passion *(continued from page 1)*

that we're not going to achieve anything without passion. Paul said 'my passion is to be consumed with the Lord Jesus Christ.' Today there is something consuming our lives but the question is, is it Christ or is it a crisis that is consuming us today?

Whether or not we know it, we are in a press right now. What is pressing you? Is it the cares of this life trying to press you out of your purpose or is it a desire and passion on the inside of you trying to press you into your purpose? So what is consuming our thought and minds today? Is it

a crisis or a promise from God? God has a purpose and a destiny for us and He wants us to do it. But in order for us to do it we need to have the passion and desire burning within our hearts, minds, and souls.

As I said this was a powerful message that was delivered in two parts and there is much more that was brought out in this message. So I highly recommend that you get both (morning and evening) CDs and listen to what Bro. Flanary has to say. You will be blessed

*God pursues us in our restlessness, receives us in our sinfulness, holds us in our brokenness.*

## The Parallel between Israel and the Church Pt 1

*taken from the Pentecostal Bible Study Course*

Success is knowing  
the difference  
between cornering  
people and getting  
them in your corner.

...  
*Can two walk together,  
except they be agreed?*  
Amos 3:3

When we realize that the Scriptures reveal a parallel between Israel and the church, we have a valuable principle for understanding the Word of God. God gave about two-thirds of the Bible to Israel. Unless some of the same promises apply to the church spiritually, the church would have very little of the Bible left to claim as its own. In Scripture, we find that the church enjoys many promises made to God's chosen people, sometimes even before they are fulfilled in Israel.

The first question to consider is, What people belong to Israel, and what people belong to the church? Israel consists of the natural descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob, while the church consists of born-again Jews and Gentiles, the spiritual descendants of Abraham through Christ.

Paul's kinsmen were "Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises" (Romans 9:4). The second question to consider is, If these things belong to Israel, how do they apply to the church? Indeed, how does the church perform the service of God or share in the glory? Importantly, which promises can the church claim?

We find the answer to these questions in realizing that Abraham had both natural and spiritual descendants. God promised Abraham, "That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore" (Genesis 22:17). God pictured the offspring of Abraham both as the sands of the sea and as the stars of heaven. This possibly indicates that his offspring would be a heavenly people as well as an earthly people.

Paul said that God gave the glory and the promises to Israel. Yet he also said that Israel rejected the Christ; this sounds as though the plan of God failed! Paul was careful to explain, however: "Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel" (Romans 9:6). In other words, Jews by birth do not necessarily count as the true seed. No, God's Word did not fail, even though Jesus "came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). The Lord, however, did find a seed that would serve Him. "A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation" (Psalm 22:30).

Romans 9:7-8 says that the true seed of

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# Whose Voice are You Listening To? (cont. from page 1)

the devil and the Lord.

Although Goh had already told the people through Moses that the land was theirs and they were going to conquer it in it was their promised land and it was to become their inheritance they said that they couldn't conquer the land. Reason being is that 10 of the 12 spies that went to spy out the land came back with a negative report saying that there were giants in the land and there were great walls built around the mighty strong cities. What happened was that they were looking through their own eyes that caused them to say that there is no way that we can conquer the land. In one respect they were right because they couldn't do it by themselves, but on the other-hand they had God on their side and with the Lord all things are possible. You see God didn't tell them to go over there and check it out to see they could take the land or not for it was already theirs to possess.

How much has God given us that is ours to possess? Such as freedom and peace of mind, revival in our homes, church and city, wonderful things of prosperity from God, blessings and miracles. Yes how much has

God told you of the things He has for you but the devil says no you can't have that because you're not big enough or strong enough. But God is big enough and He makes us strong enough. It's not up to debate there is no question about it, if God said it's yours then it's yours.

The problem with the 12 spies were that all of them were not listening to the right voice. Some were going this way and some were going that way. When you have division among yourselves you can't have revival. You can't have a break through and you can't get prayers answered because you are a divided house and that won't work or stand. It's time we listen to the right voice and get hooked up with the people of God.

If you have to be dragged into revival then you don't want revival. Likewise if you have to be made to have unity then you don't want unity. Therefore you're just like the 10 spies that listened to the wrong voice and we don't need to go there. There is too much at stake for this city, church, our families and revival. We can't be like the 12 spies with 10 going that way and 2 going that way.

We need to be like Joshua and Caleb. Let's get the job done. God said it's ours so let's take what is ours because we'd be fools to not take what is already ours.

Yes it's 2019 and there are all kinds of sin and corruption in America today but we still serve a mighty God. It may look like we are a minority but by God's grace we are a majority and yes the devil will park himself on our door steps and tell us not to get our hopes up and quit praying. Our only hope is to stop listening to the wrong voice and start listening to the right voice and that is the voice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For if God is for us, who can be against us!

## Who is the Master? by D. James Kennedy

There are many people who think they have overcome the world when they have simply gained a large chunk of it . . .

I think of a man who started out well . . . He was tithing his income regularly, and God blessed him in doing that, and he became more and more prosperous. Then one day the man went to Peter Marshall, the famous chaplain of the United States Senate, and said, "Dr. Marshall, I have a problem. I have been tithing for some time. It wasn't too bad when I was making twenty thousand dollars a year. I could afford to give the two thousand. But, you see, doctor, now I am making five hundred thousand dollars a year and there is just not way I can afford to give away fifty

thousand dollars a year."

Dr. Marshall said, "Yes, sir. I see that you do have a problem. I think we ought to pray about it. Is that all right?"

The man agreed, so Dr. Marshall bowed his head and said, "Dear Lord, this man has a problem, and I pray that you will help him. Lord, reduce his salary back to the place where he can afford to tithe."

The man was so startled he let out a yelp. "No, Dr. Marshall, that's not what I meant!" But the point was made very well. Who is the master, and who is he that overcomes the world? We are to have mastery over things, not to let things have mastery over us.

*Leviticus 27:30*

*And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.*





## Sis. Sherry's Column

**NOTE:** Due to an unforeseen circumstance Sis. Sherry's article - "God is for You in the Storms of Life!" will be in next months issue.

### SPEAK TO THE MOUNTAIN!

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; It could be said like this for you that need help in understanding.

"For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. Talk to mountains! Jesus talked to things, & taught that "whoever" could also speak to mountains. A mountain is primarily any obstacle that stands in your way. We are faced with obstacles in our lives. Most Christians pray to God. But Jesus told us to speak directly to the obstacle & tell it to be removed. There is nothing wrong with discussing things with God. You should. But when something is blocking your progress. Jesus said YOU should tell it to get out of the way.

Most Christians just speak to God about the mountain. Instead of following Jesus' directions & speaking directly to the mountain. Are you just talking to God about the problems in your life? Tell the Devil to get lost. Instead of talking directly to the problems & telling them to be removed. Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' & it will move; & nothing will be impossible for you. We forget that with God nothing is impossible. Genesis 18:14a Is anything too hard for the LORD? ...A few Bible Verses to remind us just how POWERFUL WE

CAN BE AND OUR WORDS TO SPEAK TO THOSE MOUNTAINS!

**Mark 11:23** - "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

**Psalms 95:4-5** - In his hand [are] the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills [is] his also.

**Psalms 104:5-9** - [Who] laid the foundations of the earth, [that] it should not be removed forever.

**Matthew 17:20** - And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

**Revelation 16:20** - And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

**Psalms 121:1** - (A Song of degrees.) I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

**Psalms 97:5** - The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**Isaiah 54:10** - For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

**Matthew 14:23** - And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

**Isaiah 52:7** - How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

**Luke 6:45** - Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

**Ephesians 4:26** - Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

SO PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD, SPEAK TO YOUR MOUNTAINS! WE HAVE POWER WITHIN US IF WE JUST USE IT! GOD IS OUR POWER, AND SOMETIMES WE JUST NEED TO USE THE POWER GOD HAS GIVEN US THROUGH HIM!

Anyone can talk the talk but not everyone can walk the walk!

# The Parallel between Israel and the Church Pt 1 *(continued from page 2)*

Abraham are those who have faith in the promise of God (Romans 4:11-16). "Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Romans 9:7). Not all the descendants of Abraham were counted as Israel, but only those who came through Isaac, for Isaac was the child of promise.

Romans 9:8 describes the parallel between Israel and the church: "That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed." Furthermore, not all of the descendants of Isaac are called Israel, but only those who came from his second son, Jacob. In this instance, the Lord changed the normal order of things before Esau and Jacob were born, saying, "The elder shall serve the younger" (Romans 9:12). The Lord magnified the second birth over the first birth. The natural seed came through the second child to make the type clear—only those who have been born again can be the spiritual seed, or the church.

The Gentiles are the spiritual children of Abraham through faith: "And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised" (Romans 4:11). Abraham was circumcised when he was ninety-nine years old. His circumcision was a seal of the faith he already possessed before he was circumcised. Thus, he is the spiritual father of all believers, whether circumcised or uncircumcised.

Romans 2:28-29 says, "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter." Those who have cut off the works of the

flesh are the spiritual children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:7 says, "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." Moreover, Galatians 3:29 states, "And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Indeed in John 8:39, the Lord rebuked those who trusted in their lineage alone: "They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our Father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham."

Therefore, the church becomes an heir to the promise of Abraham because of their relationship with Christ, who was the seed of Abraham. "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby" (Ephesians 2:14-16). The "new man" that was created by the death of Christ is the church, the body of Christ. (See Colossians 1:18, 24.) Therefore, the church has a right to the glory, the service of God, and many of the promises that God originally made to Israel, all because of Christ.

## A Closing Door *by Poh Fang Chai*

*Beep, beep, beep, beep.* The warning sound and flashing lights alerted commuter that the train door was about to close. Yet a few tardy individuals still made the frenzied scramble across the platform and onto the train. The door closed on one of them. Thankfully, it rebounded and the passenger boarded the train safely. I wondered why people took such risks when the next train would arrive in a mere 4 minutes.

There is a far more important door that we must enter before it closes. It is the door of God's mercy. The apostle Paul tells us, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). Christ has come,

died for our sins, and has risen from the grave. He has opened the way for us to be reconciled to God and has proclaimed for us the day of salvation.

Today is that day. But one day the door of mercy will close. To those who received and served Christ, He will say, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you" (Matt. 25:34). But those who don't know Him will be turned away (Matt. 25:46).

Our response to Jesus Christ determines our destiny. Today Jesus invites, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved" (John 10:9)



# Jacob's Wonderful Dream

When Esau discovered that Jacob had claimed the blessing that really belonged to him, he became so angry that he wanted to kill his brother. He planned to wait until their father died.

Then when Jacob took over his father's possessions, Esau would kill him and have the land and cattle for his own.

But Rebekah still protected her favorite, Jacob; and she sent for him when she heard of Esau's evil plans. She warned Jacob to leave at once.

"Go to my brother Laban, who lives at Haran. Stay and visit with him a while, and then perhaps Esau will forget his anger. When he does, I will send for you to come back to us, for I cannot bear to lose both you and your father."

Rebekah did not tell old Isaac about the quarrel between their sons. Instead she told him that Jacob was going to seek a good wife from among their own people. Both Isaac and Rebekah were disappointed in the foreign women that Esau took for his wives, and Isaac agreed that Jacob should find a woman that worshiped the true God. Like most fathers, he forgave Jacob for fooling him about the birthright, and he gave him his parting blessing.

Bidding his mother and father goodbye, Jacob set out on the long journey alone. As he traveled slowly on his way, he thought of the trouble that he had brought upon himself. He was afraid that his own brother would kill him, and he did not know if he would ever feel safe to return home. He wondered if he would ever see his old father again. What good was the stolen birthright now that he might never be able to go back and take his father's place?

Jacob was sorry that Esau hated him and that he might never own his father's lands and flocks; but more than that, he was afraid that God was not pleased with him. He knew that he had lied, cheated, and stolen something which was not his. Perhaps he prayed to God for forgiveness as he trudged along his lonely path. Whatever his thoughts, we know that God was listening to them.

As the sun went down, Jacob probably felt lonelier than ever. He was very tired, however, and looked for a good place to stop for the night. Finding a smooth stone on which to rest his head, he lay down to sleep.

While he slept, God sent him a wonderful dream. He saw a ladder that reached all the way from earth to heaven. On the ladder were beautiful angels, climbing up and down—from heaven, to earth, and back to their heavenly home. God Himself stood at the top of the ladder and spoke to Jacob: "I am the God of your grandfather Abraham and of your father Isaac. This land where you are lying, I will give to you and your children. Your family

will be great, with as many people as there are specks of dust on the earth; and through your family, all the peoples of the earth will be blessed. Now, I am with you and will be with you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land some day. I will never leave you until I make this promise come true."

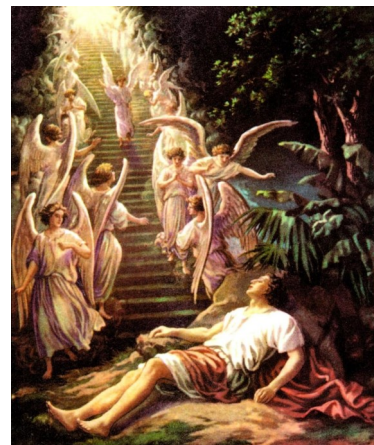
We have heard these wonderful words before. God had spoken then to Abraham and to Isaac, and these very words had kept them close to God throughout their lives. Now they had been repeated to Jacob. How good he must have felt when he awoke! No longer was he alone. "Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it," he whispered to himself. "Why, this is the house of God, the gate of heaven!" he said as he looked about.

Taking the stone that had been his pillow, he set it up as a marker to God, the god of Abraham, of Isaac, and now of Jacob. He named the place Bethel, which means "the house of God," and he made a promise to God that he would give back to Him part of all that God gave him.

After the wonderful dream, Jacob must have felt much better as he continued on his journey. With God traveling with him, the tiresome trip seemed easy.

Now can you answer these questions?

1. Why was Esau waiting to kill Jacob?
2. Where did Rebekah send Jacob?
3. What happened to Jacob on his journey?
4. What did Jacob see in the dream?
5. What did God Promise?
6. To whom had God given this same promise?
7. How did Jacob mark the place where he had had the wonderful dream?



Jacob's Dream



# The Last Things

taken from *Essential Doctrines of the Bible*  
in *Thompson Chain Reference Study Bible*

When a person dies his body goes to the grave, in a state the Bible likens to sleep, to wait the resurrection, or reuniting of body and soul. The unrighteous soul waits in a place of unrest, while the righteous soul is at rest (Luke 16:22-28). The temporary abode for souls of the dead is Sheol (Hebrew) or Hades (Greek) (Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:27). When Christ rose from the dead, He conquered Hades and death, as a part of His victory He apparently led the righteous souls out of Hades (Ephesians 4:8-10). When a Christian dies today, his soul rests in the Lord's presence (II Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:21-24).

The next great event for the church is the catching away of the saints and the return of Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13). At the catching away (sometimes called the rapture) the dead in Christ will be resurrected and the living saints will be transformed both receiving immortal, glorified bodies (I Corinthians 15:51-54; Philippians 3:20-21; I Thessalonians 4:13-18). Together they will meet the Lord in the air to live with Him eternally.

An unparalleled time of great tribulation will come upon the world (Matthew 24:12; Revelation 6-19). Satan will seek to dominate the earth through a man and system described as "the beast" (sometimes called the Antichrist) (Revelation 13). The beast and his false prophet will establish a religious, political, and economic system to control the world. These satanic maneuvers will bring war, famine, and death. Eventually the beast will claim to be God and desecrate the rebuilt Jewish temple. Those who oppose this evil system and turn to God will be persecuted and martyred; some will have divine protection.

In the middle of the tribulation, God will pour out His judgment upon unrepentant, degenerate mankind by various great plagues (Revelation 6-18). Many believe that the church will be caught away before the tribulation, while some believe the church will go through part or all of it. In any event, the church will be protected from God's wrath (Luke 21:36).

At the close of the tribulation, the satanic armies will gather in the Valley of Armageddon to crush all opposition. Seemingly victorious, they will march to Jerusalem to claim their prize. Then Jesus Christ will physically return to earth with His saints, descending to the Mount of Olives (Zachariah 12-14; Acts 1:9-12; Revelation 19). The Jewish nation will recognize Him as their Messiah, and He will destroy the beast and his armies.

Jesus will establish His kingdom on earth for 1,000 years (often called the Millennium), and the saints will rule with Him (Revelation 20). Satan will be bound, but at the end of the age he will be loosed for a short time. He will foment a final rebellion, which God will destroy with fire from heaven.

There will come the Last, or White Throne, Judgment

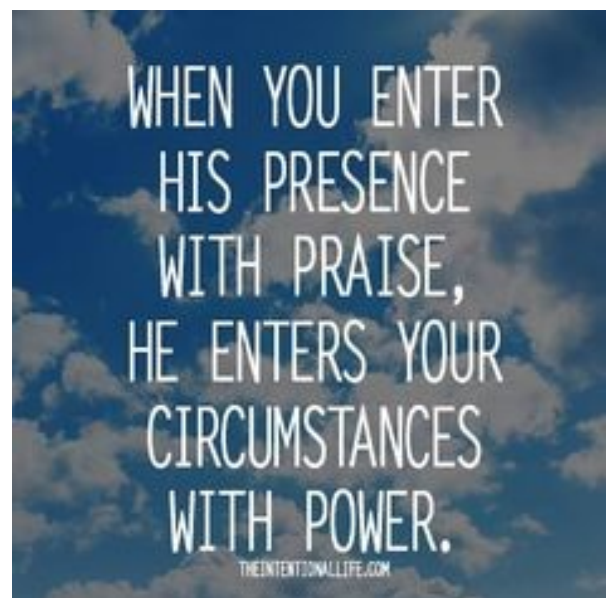
(Revelation 20:11-15).

All those not in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire (also called *Gehenna* in Greek), there to be separated eternally from God. God will destroy the present world and create a new heaven and a new earth. The saints will live with Him forever in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22).

The Bible describes many signs that will precede Christ's second coming, and they are being fulfilled today (Matthew 24:1-39; Luke 21:7-31; II Thessalonians 2:1-8; II Timothy 3:1-13). The present age will soon end. Despite different ideas about prophetic details, several key truths are evident from any literal interpretation of Scripture:

1. Jesus Christ will soon return to earth physically.
2. No one knows or can set the time of His coming; the church must be ready at all times (Matthew 24:42-44; Mark 13:33-37; Romans 13:11-14).
3. Every person will face Him in the judgment to receive either the reward of eternal life or the punishment of eternal death.

What is the proper response in light of these awesome truths? "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. . . He which testifieth these things saith, surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:17-20).





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

## Daily Scripture Reading

Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap
Dec 1	1 Cor	7-10	Dec 11	Eph	5		Tit	1-3	Dec 26	1 Jn	4-5
Dec 2	1 Cor	11-13		Ph	1-2	Dec 18	Phil	1		2 Jn	1
Dec 3	1 Cor	14-15	Dec 12	Ph	3-4		Heb	1-3		3 Jn	1
Dec 4	1 Cor	16		Col	1-2	Dec 19	Heb	4-8		Jude	1
	2 Cor	1-2	Dec 13	Col	3-4	Dec 20	Heb	9-10	Dec 27	Rev	1-3
Dec 5	2 Cor	3-7		1 Th	1-2	Dec 21	Heb	11-13	Dec 28	Rev	4-9
Dec 6	2 Cor	8-11	Dec 14	1 Th	3-5	Dec 22	Jas	1-4	Dec 29	Rev	10-14
Dec 7	2 Cor	12-13		2 Th	1-2	Dec 23	Jas	5	Dec 30	Rev	15-18
	Gal	1-2	Dec 15	2Th	3		1 P	1-3	Dec 31	Rev	19-22
Dec 8	Gal	3-5		1 Tim	1-4	Dec 24	1 P	4-5	Jan 1	Gn	1-3
Dec 9	Gal	6	Dec 16	1 Tim	5-6		2 P	1-2	Jan 2	Gn	4-6
	Eph	1-2		2 Tim	1-2	Dec 25	2 P	3	Jan 3	Gn	7-10
Dec 10	Eph	3-5	Dec 17	2 Tim	3-4		1 Jn	1-3	Jan 4	Gn	11-13

**God is Closer  
Than You Think**

All too often we fail to realize that our individual uniqueness means we will all experience God's presence and learn to relate to Him in different ways, in ways that correspond to the wiring patterns He Himself created in us.

## December Birthdays and Anniversaries



12/03 -Ally Wiggins  
12/13 - Julius Watkins  
12/14 - Ladray Battle  
12/16 - Robert Slaughter  
12/17 - Wade Edwards  
12/25 - Jesus Christ  
12/27 - Thomas Talley  
12/27 - Diana Gregory



None

**Note: Dates are taken from the latest Victory Tabernacle Church Directory.**

**If any information in this article is wrong please notify Bro. Bob with corrections.**

**THANK YOU**

## November Messages

11/3 Sun - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Whose Voice are You Listening To" using Num 13:30-33 & 14:8-9 as his Scripture reading.

11/6 Wed - Reading from 1 Kings 19:1-5 Bro. Darrell Raithel preached on "The Value of Going a Little Further."

11/10 Sun AM - Rev. Larry Flanary preached on "The Press of Passion". Scripture: Phil 3:10-14 & Heb 12:1-3.

Sun PM - Rev. Larry Flanary preached on "The Press of Passion Part 2."

11/13 Wed - Sis. Angela Sims sermonette was on "Where Are the Nine" with her Scripture reading coming from Luke 17:11-19.

11/17 Sun - Keying off verse 4 of 2 Sam 22:1-7 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "I Will Call on the Lord."

11/20 Wed - Reading from Isaiah 60:1-3 & Phil 2:15 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Darkness and Light."

11/24 Sun - A sweet presence of the healing power of God swept through the sanctuary and many were healed and blessed. There was no preaching.



# December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<sup>1</sup> Morning Svc 10 am	2	3	4 Midweek Svc 7 pm	5	6	7 Outreach 10 am
<sup>8</sup> Morning Svc 10 am	9	10	11 Midweek Svc 7 pm	12	13	14 Outreach 10 am
<sup>15</sup> Morning Svc 10 am	16	17	18 Midweek Svc 7 pm	19	20	21 Outreach 10 am
<sup>22</sup> Morning Svc 10 am	23	24	25 Born on Christmas Day Jesus Christ's Birth Celebrated	26	27	28 Outreach 10 am
<sup>29</sup> Morning Svc 10 am	30	31				



Without God we are Nothing!

# CHEF'S CORNER

## Icebox Cake

### INGREDIENTS

#### FILLING:

- 1 (8-oz) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14-oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (4½-oz) box vanilla or lemon instant pudding mix
- 1 (8-oz) tub Cool Whip, divided

#### CAKE:

- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- 1 pint blueberries, rinsed
- 1 (14.4-oz) box graham crackers
- Chocolate syrup, to garnish



- Repeat layers. Top with last layer of graham crackers, and reserved Cool Whip.
3. Refrigerate at least 4 hours, or preferably overnight, and keep refrigerated until read to serve.
  4. Garnish with reserved strawberries and blueberries; drizzle with chocolate syrup.

### STEPS

#### FILLING:

1. Beat cream cheese until smooth. Add condensed milk, and blend.
2. In a separate bowl, beat milk and pudding on medium, until thickened, about 2 minutes. Fold into cream cheese mixture with ½ of Cool Whip.

#### CAKE:

1. Reserve several strawberries and blueberries for later use as garnish.
2. Spread thin layer of Filling in 9X13-inch dish. Add a layer of graham crackers, trimming to fit as needed. Spread with ½ remaining Filling, and top with ½ the sliced strawberries and ½ the blueberries.

## On the Lighter Side

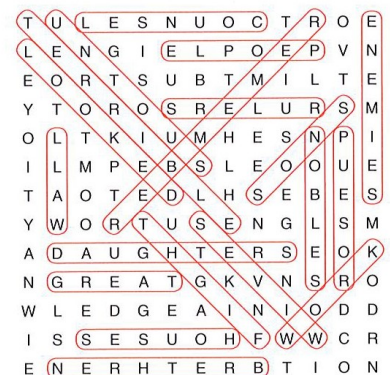


### Answer to last month's Puzzle

#### Nehemiah 4:14-15

"To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion."

— Proverbs 1:4



## PUZZLE 5

## Samaria

Explore the world of the Bible as you search through the diagram for all the words that appear in all CAPITAL LETTERS in the word lists.

SAMARIA is the NAME the PAST two  
of a MOUNTAIN, MILLENNIA,  
CITY, ONLY to be REBUILT.  
and REGION. (A) SMALL  
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MILES from WORSHIP.

Jerusalem.

It was ONCE the  
CAPITAL,  
RESIDENCE, and  
SITE of  
the TOMBS  
of the KINGS  
of ISRAEL.  
It was DESTROYED  
by the  
HASMONEANS  
and  
long UNINHABITED  
until REVIVED by the  
ROMANS IN 63 (BC).  
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CONQUERED and  
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### Services

Sunday School	10 A.M.
Morning Worship	11 A.M.
Wednesday Evening Worship	7 P.M.
Saturday Outreach	10:00 A.M.

There's no better day than today to enter into God's family.

## Heavenly Rewards

taken from the

In Touch Magazine

### *Luke 14:12-14*

**12. Then said he also to him that bade him, *When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.***

**13. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:**

**14. And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.**

Children aren't the only ones who like to get rewards. Our Creator knows that adults are also motivated by incentives. His Word makes exciting promises for those who walk in His way.

Some of these benefits are available here on earth—like fulfillment, joy, and good favor—and other blessings will be bestowed in heaven. As believers, we need never fear the judgment (Rom. 8:1); we are clothed in righteousness through the blood of Jesus and will not face divine wrath. But the Lord will weigh the substance of our works and decide upon the reward we deserve.

To help us understand this, Scripture describes four crowns. The first, which is called *incorruptible*, is given to those whose great desire is to walk obediently before God. Through struggles and even failures, they continue to die to the flesh and fol-

low the Spirit. Second, the crown of life is granted to believers who stand firm, enduring trials without giving up or losing heart. Third, the crown of righteousness is bestowed upon those who long for Christ's appearing and walk godly lives through Him. Fourth, God will give the crown of glory to those who share His Word with others. And as the Bible tells us, we will be awed by Jesus' glory and honored just to lay our crowns at His feet.

The supreme reward is for us to manifest God's glory throughout eternity. We will experience ultimate joy in His presence forever, but we don't have to wait: we can invest today by serving Him obediently and humbly. Done with the right motive, service blesses us not and in our life to come.