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There is a Place by Him for Us

GOD'S WORD, OUR FOUNDATION

Psalm 96:9

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

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Although Pastor Taylor's message Sunday morning on the 1st of March was for everyone it was especially directed to those that feel that they are struggling to find their place. His message, "There is a Place by Him for Us," was taken from the Scripture reading of Exodus 33:18-21.

His passage deals with Moses' passion and pursuit of the Lord in that he is pouring his heart out to God asking for more. Which is a very commendable thing because the Lord is honored by us asking if we can be closer to Him. The Bible says if we will draw nigh to Him, He will draw nigh to us. Basically what Moses was saying is I'm not going anywhere unless You go with me and bless me.

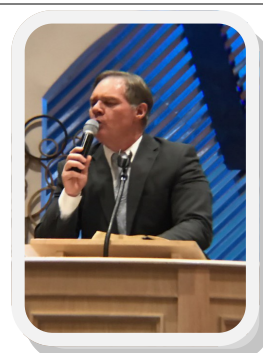
And just like Jacob when he

wrestled with the angel until the break of day and wouldn't let the angel go until he got his blessing, we can get a hold of God in such a way that He will change our lives, bless us, and cause us to walk different that we're walking now. But in order for that to happen we have to stay the course. We can't play around with God and think that He is going to be real with us.

In the Bible is says be still and know that I am God. But sometimes it is hard to know that He's God if we are too busy doing our own thing. Sometimes we've just go to settle down, relax and wait upon the Lord. Isaiah 40:31 says "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and

they shall walk, and not faint." Sometimes we've just got to relax, be still and wait upon on God and know that we know that we know that He is with us. On our best day we can't do this by ourselves. No matter how much money or career we have or what our name is, we can't do this by

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Pastor Troy Taylor 3-1-2020
picture provide by Bro. Adam Day

The State of Readiness

Throughout the Scriptures there is this wonderful theme which is about being ready. We can see it as the Lord had called His people to do His work and bidding and how the people of the Lord were sensitive to His Spirit and moved. Even as far back as Noah when the Lord told Noah to build the Ark. But

the thing of it is, Noah was ready when the Lord call him. Not only was Noah ready to hear the Word of the Lord but he was ready to respond.

This is what Pastor Troy Taylor told us just before reading his Scripture of Titus 3:1 and 1 Peter 3:15. He titled his message "The State of Readiness" and this is what he

Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. Titus 3:1-2

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There is a Place by Him for Us

ourselves. We need the Lord's help.

Although the journey is too great for you it is not too great for you and your God. You and your God make up a majority because greater is He that is with you than he that is against you. So you need to convince yourself that God is. One way is to take a look at the crucifixion and what He went through to find out if God is for you. The world is not for you but Jesus is. The world will chew you up and spit you out but Jesus will not do that. As a matter of fact Jesus is in the Heavens interceding for you, pulling for you and hoping that you make it. The devil is a liar when he tells you that God will bless others but won't bless you. God will save anybody, anywhere, anytime from anything because He is an awesome, mighty, saving God.

Jesus is a friend that sticks closer

than a brother and He is going give us answers, direction, and protection. He is going to make a way where there is no way. Anyone can push headlong into stuff but the consequences are that they will get them into trouble. Sometimes it takes real boldness and courage to stand your ground and just wait on the Lord. And that's what Moses did and the Lord honored it by telling Moses that He would make all His goodness pass before him. Because no man can see His face and live; the Lord made a special place by Him in order for Moses to see all His goodness. But this isn't just for Moses, it is for anyone. That's right, it doesn't matter what clothes you wear, how much money you have, or your position or standing in life. All you need to have a place by Him is the desire to be with Jesus.

Pastor Taylor's message was simply

this - God has a place for us. It doesn't matter what our hang-ups are, what we're struggling with, mistakes we've made or the failures we've had, God has a very special place just for us. We need to quit beating ourselves up because we're not good enough because in the big picture none of us is never good enough. That is why we need the Lord. Goodness does not save people nor does good works but it is the Blood that saves people. There is only one thing that will get you to heaven and that's the Blood of Jesus Christ. The Lamb of God was slain from the foundation of the world and that is what made a place for you and made it possible for you to have a way.

There is still a place for us, it was not just specifically just for Moses, it was for whoever will, let them come and drink the Water of Life.

Count your many blessings — birthday by birthday!

Abraham, the Spiritual Pilgrim

*taken from the Character Studies
in Thompson Chain Reference Study Bible*

The study of the life of Abraham is of great importance because he was chosen of God to become the father of a new spiritual race. Religious seeds were planted in the garden of his heart.

He was the file leader of a great spiritual host. While living with his father in Haran, he received a message from the Lord calling upon him to separate himself from his old associations and go forth into a new country. He was promised the divine favor, a great posterity, and that he should become a blessing to all the families of the earth.

He obeyed the call, and thus became the leader of that innumerable company of pilgrims who have sought a city whose builder and maker is God, Genesis 12:1-4; Hebrews 11:8-10.

Most of the important events in his career are connected with his journeys.

A map has been prepared (page 3) showing the main points in his itinerary. By comparing the numbers given in the outline below, with those on the map, the reader will be able to trace the course of his journeys.

I. (1) to (2), Ur to Haran, Genesis 11:31. Death of Abraham's father, Gen. 11:32.

II. (2) to (3), Haran to Shechem, Genesis 12:1-6. Divine appearance, altar built, Gen. 12:7.

III. (3) to (4), Shechem to Bethel, Gen. 12:8. Altar built, prayer offered.

IV. (4) to (5), Bethel to Egypt, Gen. 12:9-11. He denies Sarah is his wife, Gen. 12:11-13.

V. (5) to (4), Return to Bethel, offers prayer, Gen. 13:1-4.

VI. (4) to (6), Bethel to Hebron, altar built, Gen. 13:18.

VII. (6) to (7), Hebron to Damascus, pursues robbers, rescues Lot and re-

covers goods, Gen. 14:1-16.

VIII. (7) to (6), Return to Hebron, gives tithes to Melchizedek, Gen. 14:18.

Name changed, Gen. 17:5.

Intercession for Sodom, Gen. 18:23-32.

IX. (6) to (9), Hebron to Gerar, Gen. 20:1.

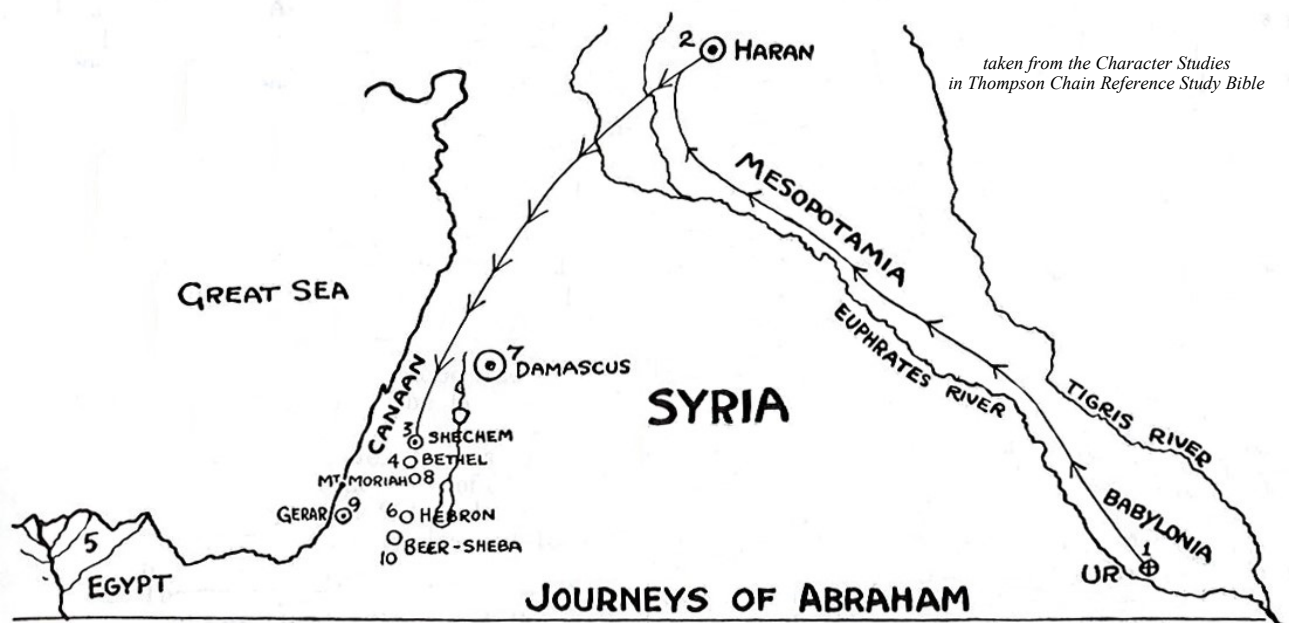
Covenant fulfilled, Isaac born, Gen. 22:1-3.

X. (9) to (10), Gerar to Beer-sheba, covenant with Abimelech, Gen. 21:27-34.

XI. (10) to (8), Beer-sheba to Mt. Moriah, altar built, Isaac prepared to be offered as a sacrifice, Gen. 22:1-14.

XII. (8) to (10), Return to Beer-sheba, Gen. 22:19.

XIII. (10) to (6), Beer-sheba to Hebron, Abraham's death and burial, Gen. 25:8-10.



The State of Readiness

had to say.

He began by telling us that he wasn't going to preach but that he was going to share some things from his heart because he felt like the Lord was dealing with us (God's people). For us to be ready for whatever comes our way whether it's good or it is evil. It doesn't matter if the devil sends it or God sends it the Lord wants us to be ready.

He went on to tell us that the best time to pray is before you get into trouble. Pastor Taylor spoke about a letter that a highly esteemed elder by the name of Bishop Chester Wright wrote on the Coronavirus and all that is going on in the world. Where he talks about panic and fear and he talks about panic praying which a lot of churches and Christian people are doing. They wait until they get into trouble and then they pray. He also talks about people that walk with the spirit of prayer, people that are praying to the Lord throughout the day. It is like they're communicating and walking with the Lord. It's not like they're a super spiritual people or that they are above everybody else spiritually, but it's people that have a relationship

and walk with the Lord with a spirit of prayer and they don't wait until they get into trouble to pray.

We have to be ready for whatever the devil throws at us and through the power of the Holy Ghost, the Blood of Jesus, and the Word of God we can. **WE'VE GOT TO BE READY AND PREPARED FOR WHATEVER THE DEVIL DOES AGAINST THE CHURCH!**

Now if you don't think that the devil is going to fight the Church then you have your head in the sand. We have to be ready for whatever comes our way. It is too late to pray after the car wreck. Oh, you can pray after the car wreck if you survive, but what if you didn't? So you should pray before anything happens. Just like Daniel, he prayed three times a day even though there was a decree against it and was thrown into the lion's den. But Daniel had confidence that his God would come to his rescue because he prayed before anything happened. Do you have confidence that your God will come to your rescue? If not then you need to get your confidence back in God and quit wringing your hands and worrying about what God is going to

do. Because God has plan and an answer for you.

Pastor Taylor went on to tell us that we need to learn to go with the flow of the Holy Ghost and let Him guide and help us. We just need to be ready for whatever the Lord has in store for us. The Scriptures tells us to be ready unto every good work. Whatever that good work is that you can do just be ready to do it. Whether it is to testify, be a witness or whatever just be ready to do that.

Don't be caught by surprise or be blindsided, be ready to give someone an answer. Let's be good followers of the Holy Ghost and be ready for whatever comes our way. And the only way to ensure that we maintain a state of readiness is to already have a prayer life before the enemy comes against you.

There is a whole lot more to this message so I recommend that you get a copy of the CD from our social media folks.

Sis. Sherry's Column

WHEN GOD'S TIMING IS TAKING TOO LONG!

We all want good things to happen in our lives, but too often we want it now...not later. When it doesn't happen that way, we are tempted to ask, "When, God, when?" Most of us need to grow in the area of trusting God instead of focusing on the "when" question. If you're missing joy and peace, you're not trusting God. If your mind feels worn out all the time, you're not trusting God.

The tendency to want to know about everything that's going on can be detrimental to your Christian walk. Sometimes knowing everything can be uncomfortable and can even hurt you. I spent a large part of my life being impatient, frustrated and disappointed because there were things I didn't know. God had to teach me to leave things alone and quit feeling that I needed to know everything. I finally learned to trust the One who knows all things and accept that some questions may never be answered. We prove that we trust God when we refuse to worry.

God wants us to live by discernment—revelation knowledge, not head knowledge. It's difficult to exercise discernment if you're always trying to figure everything out. But when you're willing to say, "God, I can't figure this out, so I'm going to trust You to give me revelation that will set me free," then you can be comfortable in spite of not knowing. Trusting God often requires not knowing how God is going to accomplish what needs to be done and not knowing when He will do it. We often say God is never late, but generally He isn't early either. Why? Because He uses times of waiting to stretch our faith in Him and to bring about change and growth in our lives.

We have to learn to wait with patience. We spend a lot of time in our lives waiting because change is a process. Many people want change, but

they don't want to go through the waiting process. But the truth is, waiting is a given—we are going to wait. The question is, are we going to wait the wrong or right way? If we wait the wrong way, we'll be miserable; but if we decide to wait God's way, we can become patient and enjoy the wait. It takes practice, but as we let God help us in each situation, we develop patience, which is one of the most important Christian virtues. Patience is a fruit of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22). It's developed only under trial, so we must not run from difficult situations. But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing (James 1:4).

As we develop patience, the Bible says we finally feel completely satisfied—lacking nothing. Even our relationship with God involves progressive changes. My relationship with God is so much different now than it was in the early days of my Christian experience. It is not nearly as emotionally exciting...and yet it is better. Every change I've gone through has made me more mature, solid and well-grounded. We learn to trust God by going through many experiences that require trust. By seeing God's faithfulness over and over, we let go of trusting ourselves, and gradually we place our trust in Him. Looking at it like this, it is easy to see how timing plays an important part in learning to trust God. If He did everything we asked for immediately, we would never grow and develop. Timing and trust work side by side.

Learn to Accept God's Timing. God gives us hopes and dreams for certain things to happen in our lives, but He doesn't always allow us to see the exact timing of His plan. Although frustrating, not knowing the exact timing is often what keeps us in the program. There are times when we might give up if we knew how long it was going to take, but when we accept

God's timing, we can learn to live in hope and enjoy our lives while God is working on our problems. We know that God's plan for our lives is good, and when we entrust ourselves to Him, we can experience total peace and happiness.

The book of Genesis tells the story of Joseph, who waited many years for the fulfillment of the dream God had given him. He was falsely accused and imprisoned before the time came for him to do what God had shown him he was to do. Exodus 13:17-18 tells us that God led the Israelites the longer, harder way on their journey to the Promised Land because He knew they were not yet ready to go in. There had to be time for their training, and they had to go through some very trying situations. They wasted a lot of time wondering about God's timing, but God never failed to take care of them and show them what He wanted them to do. The same is true in our lives. It was many years after I received my call from God in February of 1976 before I finally began to see major fulfillment of what God had called me to do. God's training period simply requires us to do what He tells us to do when He tells us to do it...without questioning or trying to figure everything out.

Learn to Rely on God. Proverbs 16:9 says, A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure. Proverbs 20:24 says, Man's steps are ordered by the Lord. How then can a man understand his way? When God directs our paths, He sometimes leads us in ways that don't make sense to us so we're not always going to understand everything. If we try to reason out everything, we will experience struggle, confusion and misery—but there is a better way. Proverbs 3:5-6 Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths. This sounds so simple, yet too

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many people make the mistake of trying to figure everything out themselves. Most of us have spent our lives trying to take care of ourselves, but when we accept Christ as our Savior, we must learn to trust our lives to His care. When we do, we can say with the psalmist, ...I trusted in, relied on, and was confident in You, O Lord; I said, You are my God. My times are in Your hands...(Psalm 31:14-15).

First Peter 5:5 tells us that ...God sets Himself against the proud (the insolent, the overbearing, the disdainful, the presumptuous, the boastful)—[and He opposes, frustrates, and defeats them], but gives grace (favor, blessing) to the humble. Anyone who thinks they're a self-made man or woman has a rude awakening coming because Jesus said, ...apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing (John 15:5). Humility is a covering that draws the help of God into our lives to protect us. When we humble ourselves by saying, "God, I don't know what to do, but I'm trusting You," God gets in gear to help us. God won't allow us to succeed at anything unless we're leaning and relying on Him. But when we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, in due time, He will exalt us (see 1 Peter 5:6). "Due time" is God's time, when God knows we're ready, not when we think we're ready. The sooner we understand and accept that, the sooner God can work His plan in our lives.

From Seedtime to Harvest. Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us: To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven. This lets us know that we all don't live in the same season at the same time. You should never be jealous of someone who is enjoying harvest while you're still in the planting season. Remember, they had to go through a season of planting just as you are. Seeing the results they are enjoying should be an encouragement to you. Understand and trust that God is doing the very

best for you in your present season. Seedtime represents learning the will of God. Each time I choose God's will instead of my own, I'm planting a good seed that will eventually bring a harvest in my life. If you want to be victorious, you cannot afford to get pulled into the world's system, doing what you feel like doing. James 1:21 tells us what we should do: ...get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.

Your soul is your mind, your will and your emotions. When the Word gets rooted in there and begins to change your mind, it begins to heal your emotions and turn your will away from self-will and onto doing the will of God. Living out of one's own soul is equivalent to staying in the wilderness. When my flesh is finally crucified, and I get out of my soul and into doing the will of God, that's when I enter the promised land. The promised land is knowing who you are in Christ, knowing how to fellowship with Him, enjoying His presence, and having peace, contentment and joy. Between seedtime and harvest comes a time of waiting. After a seed is planted, the heat, moisture and pressure of the ground finally cause the outer hull to crack open. Then roots shoot down, digging their way through the ground. It takes time for this to happen, and it takes place underground. Above the ground, you can't tell anything is happening. That's the way our lives are. After we plant seeds of obedience, we feel like nothing is happening, but all kinds of things are happening inside where we can't see. And like the seed that finally bursts through the ground with a beautiful green shoot, our seeds of obedience finally break forth into a beautiful manifestation of God in our lives.

When harvest time comes, the desires of your heart begin to manifest—

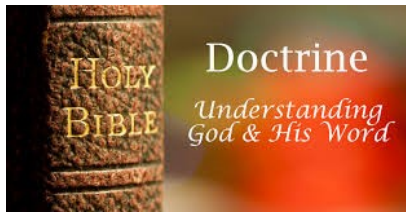
bondages fall off of you and you see your dreams come to pass. You see your kids changing and your family getting saved.

Prosperity, favor, promotion, honor, and all kinds of good things come out in the open where they can be seen. In harvest time, more than ever before, you hear from God, you enjoy His presence, and you're led by the Spirit. Blessings begin to chase you down the street, and joy and calm delight become your normal mood. Are you tired of waiting for harvest time in your life? Are you frustrated, crying out, "When, God, when?" Then you need to understand that God's timing is often a mystery. He doesn't do things on our timetable. Yet His Word promises that He will not be late, not one single day. But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day! (Habakkuk 2:3).

God causes things to happen at exactly the right time! Your job is not to figure out when, but to make up your mind that you won't give up until you cross the finish line and are living in the radical, outrageous blessings of God! The more you trust Jesus and keep your eyes focused on Him, the more life you'll have. Trusting God brings life. Believing brings rest. So stop trying to figure everything out, and let God be God in your life.

Baptism

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Baptism

Baptism is a very important step in salvation. It is absolutely essential for candidates to be baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins in order to be saved. The Bible clearly states, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:16)

The proper "mode" or method of baptism is important, too. The word *baptism* comes from a Greek word, *baptizo*, which means "to dip, plunge, immerse, or be overwhelmed." It is clear from this definition that the word *baptism* means "immersion." Only by immersion can one be identified with Jesus Christ in burial. (Romans 6:4 and Colossians 2:12)

Why must candidates be baptized in the name of Jesus? Because we are

obeying Jesus Christ's commandment in the Great Commission, which said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. . ." (Mark 16:15, 16) Notice also Jesus' words, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (Matthew 28:19) Notice this word "name" is singular. What is the *name*? There is only *one* name given under heaven whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12) That name is *Jesus*.

Jesus is the *NAME* of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The terms Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not names, but are only titles. There is only One name: Jesus! How wonderful to know He was God manifested in flesh and clothed in humanity. How wonderful that this God-man became personally acquainted with our grief and sorrows. He experienced, firsthand, our frail human emotions, and He understands our problems. He sacrificed His life so that all men everywhere might know they have a chance of eternal life.

In every instance in which a convert was baptized in the Book of Acts, we find he was baptized in the *name* of *Jesus*. In Acts 8:16, ". . . Only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Acts 10:48, "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." Acts 19:5, "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Even at Ephesus, when Paul arrived on the scene and found disciples of John, he asked, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" They had not even *heard* of the Holy Ghost, but when they heard, they gladly received his words and were baptized in the *name* of the *Lord Jesus*. (Acts 19:1-6) John's converts were *converted* to Christ and *baptized* in *Jesus name*!

This doctrine of water baptism in Jesus' name is fully documented throughout the Scriptures. If the Apostles never performed a baptism using any other formula, then surely it would be presumptuous and sinful for any mortal to deliberately formulate his ways and means for baptizing his candidates.

Growing old is inevitable ... growing UP is optional.

Submitted by Sis. Lois Kilgore

God's Wisdom for Daily Living provided by Pastor Curtis Taylor

God is Holy

Diverse weights are an abomination to the Lord, And a false balance is not good (Proverbs 20:23).

A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, But a just weight is His delight (Proverbs 11:1)

Diverse weights and diverse measures, They are both alike, an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright

is His delight (Proverbs 15:8).

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination; How much more when he brings it with wicked intent! (Proverbs 21:27).

The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But He loves him who follows righteousness (Proverbs 15:9).

The thoughts of the wicked are an

abomination to the Lord, But the words of the pure are pleasant (Proverbs 15:26).

One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer shall be an abomination (Proverbs 28:9).

He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord.

The Book of Esther Part 2 of 3

taken from the Pentecostal Bible Study Course

I. The King Made a Feast (Chap 2)

"And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti" (Esther 2:17).

The New Testament bridal company, the church, will be composed of those who have found favor in the eyes of King Jesus. What does it mean to obtain the King's favor? Proverbs 16:15 explains, "In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain." Those who obtain favor of the Lord will receive the latter rain, which is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This will prepare them for the marriage feast to come.

"Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king" (Esther 2:18). This feast is similar to the marriage supper of the Lamb, which follows the choosing of the bridal company at the Rapture. "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:7-9).

At Esther's feast, two important events are recorded.

1. The king gave gifts, similar to the rewards that the King of kings will give when He returns. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12).

2. The king made a release; that is, he proclaimed a holiday throughout the provinces in order to celebrate the crowning of the new queen. Christ will also give the provinces a release after the crowning of His bride, for the whole world will be released from the power of Satan during the Millennium. "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:2). (See Isaiah 11:6-10; 65:19-25.)

II. Haman Plotted to Destroy the Jews by Bribery and False Accusations (Chap 3)

Haman, the king's right-hand man, was aroused to anger when Mordecai refused to bow to him. Haman then plotted to destroy all the Jewish people in order to take revenge on Mordecai. Being deceived by Haman, the king gave permission to execute the Jews on March 13. This plot is one example of the many attempts of Satan to destroy the "seed of the woman" and thus thwart God's plan of redemption through the promised Savior (Genesis 3:15). The slaying of righteous Abel was Satan's first attempt to destroy this seed, but God raised up Seth in his place. God later protected the baby Moses, Israel's deliverer, when Pharaoh decreed that all the Hebrew's male babies should be slain.

Even after Christ was born, Herod attempted to destroy Him, who was born King of the Jews, by slaying all the baby boys two years old and under. God, however, warned Joseph in a dream to take Mary and the child to Egypt in order to escape the cruel hand of Herod. God protected the "seed of the woman" from the time He was born until He was sacrificed on Calvary.

We find in Haman's plot two possible parallels regarding end-time events.

1. It is like the nations who will plot to destroy Israel at the close of this age. Zechariah 14:2 says that all nations will be gathered against Jerusalem to battle. (See also Joel 3:2.)

2. It is also a picture of the Antichrist, who will attempt to destroy all of God's people who refuse to take the mark of the beast (Revelation 20:4).

Satan's anger burns against God's people because of their redemption and subsequent reconciliation to God. The Bible says of Christ: "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:16-17). When human beings fell, the Lord made provision for their redemption by taking on Himself "the seed of Abraham." In other words, He manifested Himself in human flesh and was sacrificed to satisfy the wrath of God against mankind's sin. But when the angels fell, the Lord "took not on him the nature of angels." He made no provision to redeem them or reinstate them to their former positions.

Satan devises many schemes in order to destroy God's people. We must understand his work-spirit, a subtle tempter, or a roaring lion. Regardless, we need not fear the workings of Satan, for God will deliver His people who trust in Him, who wear the whole armor of God, and who resist the devil steadfastly (Ephesians 8:11-17; James 4:7).

Daily Scripture Reading



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

Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap
Apr 1	1 S	18-19	Apr 12	2S	21-22	Apr 23	2 K	1-3
Apr 2	1 S	20-22	Apr 13	2S	23-24	Apr 24	2 K	4-5
Apr 3	1 S	23-25		1 K	1	Apr 25	2 K	6-8
Apr 4	1 S	26-29	Apr 14	1 K	2-3	Apr 26	2 K	9-11
Apr 5	1 S	30-31	Apr 15	1 K	4-6	Apr 27	2 K	12-15
	2 S	1-2	Apr 16	1 K	7	Apr 28	2 K	16-17
Apr 6	2S	3-5	Apr 17	1 K	8-10	Apr 29	2 K	18-20
Apr 7	2S	6-9	Apr 18	1 K	11-12	Apr 30	2 K	21-23
Apr 8	2S	10-12	Apr 19	1 K	13-14	May 1	2 K	24-25
Apr 9	2S	13-15	Apr 20	1 K	15-17		1 Ch	1
Apr 10	2S	16-18	Apr 21	1 K	18-20	May 2	1 Ch	2
Apr 11	2S	19-20	Apr 22	1 K	21-22	May 3	1 Ch	3-5

True happiness is knowing that God is good.

March Messages

03/01 Sun AM - Pastor Troy Taylor reading from Exodus 33:18-31 preached on "There is a Place by Him for Us."

03/04 Wed - Keying off verse 1 of Isaiah 54:1-3 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Parise First."

03/08 Sin AM - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "The Difference of the Presence of God and the Glory of God." His Scripture reading came from 2 Chronicles 5:13-14.

03/08 Sun PM Youth Service - Bro. Justin Metcalf preached to the youth on "Foundation of Our Youth" with his Scripture reading coming from 1 Timothy 4:12-16.

03/11 Wed - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "The State of Readiness" with his Scripture reading coming

from Titus 3:1 and 1 Peter 3:15

03/15 Sun - No preaching due to a Holy Ghost explosion.

03/18 Wed - No Service Due to guidelines for COVID19 guidelines.

03/22 Sun - Virtual message on facebook, Instagram and Youtube. Pastor Troy Taylor reading from Joshua 3:3-4 preached on 'following the Lead of the Lord.'

03/25 Wed - No Service

03/29 Sun - Virtual message in Instagram, facebook, and Youtube. Reading from Luke 21:25-26 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on getting the Word of the Lord out in these times.



Every job is a
self-portrait of the
person who does it.
Autograph your
work with
excellence.

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Daniel was preferred above
the presidents and princes, because
an excellent spirit was in him.

Daniel 6:3



April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Evening Service 7 PM	2	3	4
5 Morning Service 10 AM  Palm Sunday	6	7	8 Evening Service 7 PM First Day of Passover	9	10	11
12 Morning Service 10 AM  Easter	13	14	15 Evening Service 7 PM	16	17	18
19 Morning Service 10 AM	20	21	22 Evening Service 7 PM Administrative Professionals Day	23	24	25
26 Morning Service 10 AM	27	28	29	30		

Without God we are Nothing!

Chef's Corner

Southern Pecan Pie Muffins

Ingredients

Five simple ingredients—and tastes like pecan pie!

1 stick unsalted butter
1 cup packed light brown sugar
2 large eggs
½ cup all-purpose flour
1 cup chopped pecans



Directions

- 1) Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners, and spray with nonstick baking spray.
- 2) Cream butter until smooth; add sugar, and beat until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat in. Add flour and pecans, and fold in gently until blended; do not beat.
- 3) Evenly distribute batter between muffin tins, and bake 20–25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Transfer to a cooling rack.

On The Lighter Side

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



In their 35 years as neighbors on Earth, Arnie and Bart never knew they were both Christians. FUNNY isn't it? Do your neighbors know what you believe?



A sign of Old Age that may be Creeping up on You:

At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop and you're not eating cereal...



CROSSWORD

by Sarah Lagerquist Simmons

Animal Stories

God made animals that serve, sustain, and challenge us. Solve this puzzle to uncover some amazing and memorable stories of the creatures with which God has blessed us and this earth.

God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

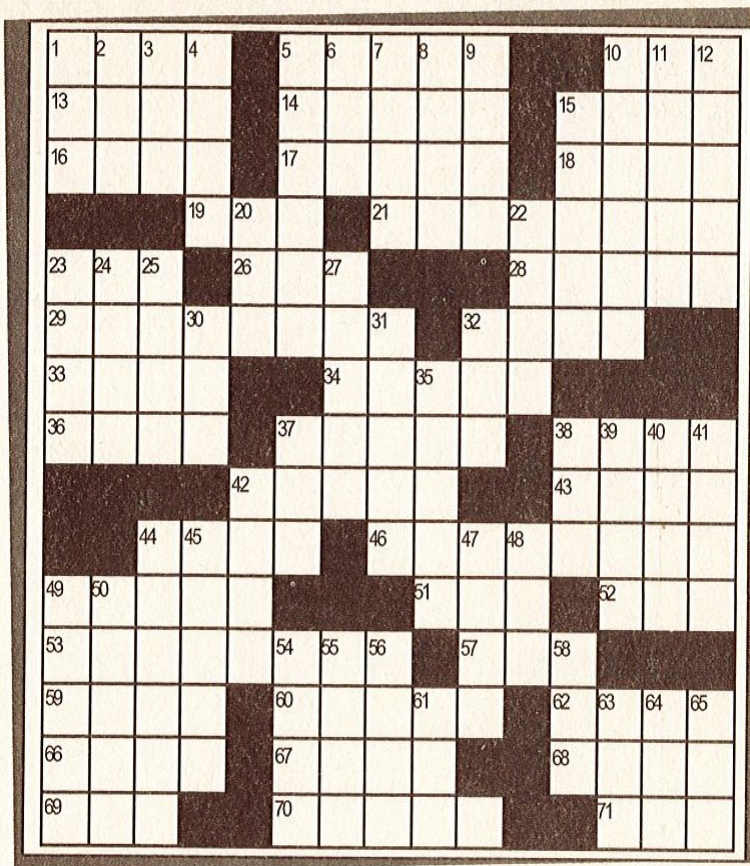
GENESIS 1:25 NIV

ACROSS

- 1 Pulpy residue left after pressing grapes
- 5 Group of three feathers in a bird's wing
- 10 Sandwich (abbr.)
- 13 Toad species
- 14 Highland musician
- 15 Knife
- 16 Carol: "The First ____"
- 17 Form of oxygen
- 18 "COME THOU... THE ARK" (Genesis 7:1)
- 19 Money group (abbr.)
- 21 MOST FAMOUS BIBLE ANIMAL STORY (2 words)
- 23 Tunisian Cape
- 26 Legume seed
- 28 Jots
- 29 Terse maxim
- 32 Mountain in Sicily
- 33 Suitor
- 34 "A SHEPHERD DIVIDETH HIS SHEEP FROM THE ____" (Matthew 25:32)
- 36 Pain
- 37 Persona non ____
- 38 Move
- 42 "DANIEL IN THE ____ DEN" IS ANOTHER WELL-KNOWN BIBLE ANIMAL STORY
- 43 Michigan's neighbor
- 44 THE ____ FELL FOR 40 DAYS DURING THE FLOOD
- 46 Withdrawing
- 49 Mission in Texas
- 51 Summer month (abbr.)
- 52 Organization linking parents and schools
- 53 "Soldiers likewise ____ of him" (Luke 3:14)
- 57 Unit of weight
- 59 Propellers
- 60 Smells
- 62 Humorist Bombeck
- 66 Siblings (abbr.)
- 67 Bestow
- 68 "The ____ out of the wood doth waste it" (Psalm 80:13)
- 69 AT THE ____ OF A STORY ABOUT A MAN AND HIS SHEEP, DAVID REPENTED
- 70 "Twelve lions stood... upon the six ____" (1 Kings 10:20)
- 71 German Roman Catholic theologian Johann

DOWN

- 1 IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR HIS DONKEY, BALAAM WOULD HAVE BEEN A DEAD ____
- 2 "Four days ____ I was fasting" (Acts 10:30)
- 3 Repent
- 4 THIS ANIMAL WAS KILLED FOR A FEAST (Luke 15:23)
- 5 Pinnacle
- 6 Girl's name, for short
- 7 JESUS CAME RIDING INTO JERUSALEM, SITTING ____ A DONKEY
- 8 Weave structure
- 9 Region
- 10 Music for one or two solo instruments
- 11 Excessive
- 12 "Many... brought their ____ together, and burned them" (Acts 19:19)
- 15 Once roamed the northern plains of the U.S.
- 20 Speedometer reading (abbr.)
- 22 Visits to a Web site
- 23 Leavened cake
- 24 Oil cartel (abbr.)
- 25 HE SPENT UP TO 100 YEARS BUILDING A BOAT FOR HIS FAMILY AND ANIMALS
- 27 Violent behavior
- 30 Day of the week (abbr., var.)
- 31 Groans
- 32 Seventh letter of Greek alphabet (abbr.)
- 35 On the ocean (2 words)
- 37 Snare
- 38 Home-building material for pioneers
- 39 "A ____ for the horse, a bridle for the ass" (Proverbs 26:3)
- 40 Uneducated speech includes this word for "am not"
- 41 Exercise
- 42 WHAT SAMSON KILLED WITH HIS BARE HANDS
- 44 Used for cleaning a muzzle
- 45 Accumulate
- 47 "He ____ off every branch... that bears no fruit" (John 15:2 NIV)
- 48 Conceit
- 49 Sun-dried brick of clay
- 50 STORIES IN THE BIBLE ARE TOLD SO THAT WE CAN ____ A LESSON
- 54 ELIJAH PROPHESED THAT ____ WOULD EAT WICKED QUEEN JEZEBEL (2 Kings 9:36)
- 55 Revise
- 56 BIRD SENT FROM THE ARK
- 58 Cornhusker State (abbr.)
- 61 Salesman (abbr.)
- 63 "Ashazel was as light of foot as a wild ____" (2 Samuel 2:18)
- 64 Raincoat (abbr.)
- 65 WHAT SAVED NOAH'S FAMILY AND THE ANIMALS



Answer to last month's Puzzle

Biblical Agriculture





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It's All About Him!

Victory Tabernacle (VT) is a Spirit-filled church that is striving to become more like the model church which is the Book of Acts church. Regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey – just beginning or seeking a deeper walk with God – we want you to know you are welcome here at VT. Our doors and hearts are open to you and we would love to have you visit with us here at 2620 Blue Spring Road in Huntsville, Alabama, where you'll meet friendly, kind people who are passionate about Jesus Christ and enjoy a great worship experience.

May the Lord's rich blessings rest upon you in Jesus' name.

Pastor Troy Taylor

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Daughters of Zion. . . Sis. Ella Mae Holloway
Times of Victory editor . . Bro. Bob Merideth

Services

Sunday School Suspended
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
(Virtual on facebook, Instagram & Youtube)
Wed. Evening Worship Suspended



Strength in Waiting

taken from the In Touch Magazine

ISAIAH 40:29-31

**29. HE GIVETH POWER TO THE
FAINT; AND TO THEM THAT HAVE
NO MIGHT HE INCREASETH
STRENGTH.
30. EVEN THE YOUTHS SHALL FAINT
AND BE WEARY, AND THE YOUNG
MEN SHALL UTTERLY FIAL.
31. BUT THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE
LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR
STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP
WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; THEY
SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY;
AND THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT
FAINT.**

Read: Isaiah 40:28-31

God has a purpose and plan for your life, and His timing is perfect. Sometimes He answers our prayers with “yes” or “no.” But at other times, He says “not now” — when that is the case, we can avail ourselves of the rich rewards that come when we wait.

One very practical blessing is that God strengthens us as we lean on Him during delays. Isaiah 40:31 tells us that “those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength.” We are given the metaphor of an eagle with wind beneath his wings. It is interesting to note that the words “wind” and “spirit” come from the same Greek word—*pneuma*. The spirit of God lifts us up, and His energy and strength sustain us as we abide in Him.

When we are facing a difficult decision, the real key is learning to wait. There is no verse of Scripture that tells

us to take control and fight our own battles. God is the one who fights them on our behalf (2 Chron. 20:15). We are to be patient and trust in Him.

When David faced his greatest battles, he waited upon the Lord. God delivered him from destruction and set his feet on solid ground. (Ps. 4:1-3) He will do the same for you. When you abide in Him, He gives supernatural energy to accomplish the things He requires of you—His Spirit does for you what you cannot do for yourself.

In reading through the Scriptures, we see that every time one of God's saints gains a victory, he or she is waiting and trusting in the Lord. You can likewise experience triumph in your life. When you have the omnipotent Creator of the universe acting on your behalf, you can't lose.