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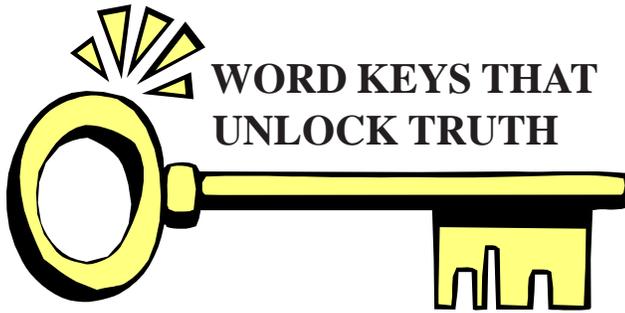
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THE ENGRAFTED WORD

"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).

Our life in Christ demands that we get rid of all moral filth that offends God, and that we be constant in receiving the Word of God into our hearts.

The term engrafted means "implanted." This implies that the Word of God must become a part of our very nature. The implanted Word brings us to our final salvation.

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain" (I Corinthians 15:1-2).

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed. Ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise" (Ephesians 1:13).

Let Us Call To Remembrance

By Bond Tennant



Memory is a most wonderful gift. Without it, we would have no personality, and life itself would be a blank and dreary void. We call to remembrance former days. "But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;" (Hebrews 10:32). We recall our experiences and the many wonderful lessons learned. We also recall any rich blessings which we received. We cannot, of course, recall when we actually saw the light of day, but many of us can easily recall when we saw the light of truth. We continually thank God for calling us out of darkness into His wonderful light. We thank Him for His keeping power, and we thank Him for His sacred Holy Word of truth which is, figuratively speaking, a precious lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. Read Psalm 119:105. The

Scriptures have much to say about memory which should be carefully trained and used in a manner pleasing to God.

We must be specially on guard lest our faith, our faithfulness and our steadfastness become unreal. We should ever keep in memory all the many rich blessings and favor we have received. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward" (II John 8). The question arises, What have we received that we should not lose? The Apostle Paul wrote, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and

virtue:" (II Peter 1:3). This "divine power" is made possible by God's Holy Spirit. It has no connection whatever with the unprofitable, unholy and injurious thoughts and influences which may fasten themselves upon our mind and come to us from the world, the flesh and Satan. Because we are new creatures in Christ and have received the Holy Spirit and divine truths, we do not entertain such harmful influences.

What are a few of the wonders of divine grace and favor that are ours if we are faithful? Let us note a few of them:

- (1) The great privilege of being able to accept Jesus as our beloved Lord and Redeemer, and consecrate ourselves to do the will of our Heavenly Father.
- (2). Being begotten by the Holy Spirit; being filled

with the Spirit; and being able to receive divine assistance to display the fruit of the Spirit.

- (3) Provision to be new creatures in Christ Jesus.
- (4) An increasing understanding of the Holy Scriptures.
- (5) A growing knowledge of God's wonderful and all-embracing plan for man including the joyous realization that our Lord will return to set up His kingdom.
- (6) The privilege of being children of God; also heirs of the kingdom, and joint-heirs with Christ.
- (7) We are given exceeding great and precious promises to heavenly inheritance, even to the divine nature.
- (8) We are granted intimate, sweet fellowship with the Heavenly Father and His dear Son, both of them having made their abode with us.

Let us call to remembrance these things.

REJOICE

By Pascacio Tavizon



Today, medical science states that cancer and heart disease are often caused by negative emotions. Further more, world renown physicians claim that often one cause of arthritis is worry and lack of joy.

Important dentists have declared that "negative emotions such as worry, fear, sadness and a lack of joy may unbalance body calcium and cause some deficiencies in the osseous system.

Although this world is filled with terror, disease, tragedy and famine, **God commands us to rejoice.**

Just because the world has pagan festivities with heavy drinking, we do not take part in, it does not mean that Christians may not rejoice, laugh or have happiness in their lives. We must learn to solve problems with joy, even more so because God wants and commands it.

The existing concept about Christians and about those close to God, is that they are "wet blankets". Nothing could be further from the truth.

In the word of God, there are over 200 expressions of joy and celebration. Are we living the joy of our God or is someone stealing it away from us?

Celebrating and rejoicing has everything to do with God's character and nature. Let's trace it back to Deuteronomy, chapter 16, verse 16...

"Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty."

"And thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God...and thou shalt rejoice in thy feast...Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast...therefore thou shalt surely rejoice" verse 11,14-15...The sons of Israel received the command of celebrating and rejoicing with full solemnity (solemnity does not mean mourning or an attitude of sadness, but showing reverence and respect).

If we are sons of God, His nature must prevail in us. We must rejoice because He commands us to do so.

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). We should understand that God is straightforward in His instruction and we should always pursue the feeling He prescribes for our lives. "Rejoice evermore" (I Thessalonians 5:16).

Rejoicing brings the many benefits of obeying God, but is also important due to the teachings of Proverbs 15:13,15. "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance ... but he that is of merry heart hath a continual feast." In this passage of Proverbs lies the secret every person longs to know. Do you want to have a beautiful countenance? The secret is simple and costs no money. Obey God.

Rejoice.

In addition to the above, this is healthy advice because, as the Proverbs say: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

Rejoicing in the Lord strengthens us. "...neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). If we do not have joy, we do not have strength or courage to carry on. We are living in hard times. Challenges are enormous, and now, more than ever before, we must be strong to confront such situations. When we live in the joy of the Lord, we find new physical, emotional and spiritual strength. Let's not lose our joy nor let anyone take it away.

7 Things You May Or May Not Know About The Kingdom

By Warren H. Randall Jr.

1. Israel was told they would become a kingdom of priests.

"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words, which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel" (Exodus 19:5-6).

2. The kingdom is the Lord's and He ruleth over all.

"For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations" (Psalm 22:28).

"The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all" (Psalm 103:19).

3. Jesus preached about the gospel or the good news of the coming kingdom.

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and

healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" (Matthew 4:23).

4. It was preached to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

"These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 10:5-7).

5. It is something that we can inherit.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).

6. Our Heavenly Father wants to give it to us.

"But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these

things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:31-32).

7. The kingdoms of this world are to become the king-

doms of our Lord.

"And the seventh angel sounded, and there were great voices in heaven, saying, THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD ARE BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD, AND OF HIS CHRIST; AND HE SHALL REIGN FOR EVER AND EVER" (Revelation 11:15).



PRAYER

Contributed



Prayer is an activity with which most of us are intimately familiar. However, how many of us have thought of prayer as an acronym? By studying prayer as an acronym, we are reminded of what we are truly doing when we pray.

Prayer is prevailing.

"And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed' (Genesis 32:28). Prevail means to become effective, to succeed, and to triumph. "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord; but the prayer of the upright is his delight" (Proverbs 15:8). There are times when we must prevail in prayer as Jacob did. God does things when we pray persistently that He otherwise would not do.

Prayer is requesting.

Some Christians fail to pray as they should until trouble strikes. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7). We must pray often, asking largely. "Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray (Psalm 5:2). God desires our daily fellowship with Him in prayer, petition, and praise.

Prayer is accepting.

Many Christians pray often, but they fail to receive from God because they lack faith. "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22). We must ask with expectancy, accepting God's blessings by faith. "Therefore I say unto you, What thing soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe

that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

Prayer is yielding.

Jesus was facing the cross. His life was at stake, but He yielded to His Father's will. "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). Prayers will be answered; burdens will be lifted; broken homes will be mended; and souls will be won to Christ when we yield our will to God's will. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:15).

Prayer is evangelizing.

Our prayers can reach around the world to touch missionaries, loved ones, and the unsaved. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). The prayer of faith is effective, both near and far, to sustain, save, and secure. "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight" (Proverbs 15:8).

Prayer is rejoicing.

Rejoicing comes with the anticipation of answered prayer. It is an act of faith preceding the answer. "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). We must praise the Lord after our prayers are answered. God is worthy of our praise. "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him" (Psalm 91:15).

A COMPARISON BETWEEN SOME OF THE FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD (7TH DAY) AND ISLAM, THE RELIGIOUS FAITH OF MUSLIMS.



By Dell Stout

PART 2 SALVATION



The following is a definition of spiritual salvation found in Strong's concordance: Number 3444 says something saved, i.e. (abstr.) deliverance. Number 3468 says Liberty, deliverance, prosperity; safety, salvation, saying. And number 4991 says Rescue or safety (phys. mor.):--deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.

The Church believes that the wages of sin is death, that this death is the eternal separation from God when the sinner is cast into the lake of fire in Revelation 20:15, and that all sinners will be destroyed out of the earth. Reason: "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it" (Isaiah 13:9). "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall and them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (II Thessalonians 2:8-12).

The Church believes that sin is the transgression of the law. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

The Church believes that among the different writings of law given by God the Father, the Ten Commandments are far superior to any other, that they constitute the fundamental code of all law and the constitution of the su-

preme court of heaven. They were given from Sinai's quaking summit. "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly" (Exodus 19:16-18). They were written by the finger of God on tables of stone. "And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." "And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables" (Exodus 31:18; 32:15-16).

The Church believes that the Ten Commandments reflect the character of God and is the constitution of heaven where God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ reside along with all of the angelic host. Since the fourth commandment of this constitution forbids labor on the seventh day of the week, and commands that this day be kept holy, it would be a violation of the law to desecrate it, the same as to break any one of the other ten, and thereby make the guilty party a sinner in the eyes of God. Reason: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10).

The Church believes that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Because we "have sinned and come short of the glory of God" and are deserving of spiritual death, we need deliverance to be saved.

The Church believes that those who are saved in the end of the world are the ones who have kept the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son in the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God" (John 3:16-18). "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28). "And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live" (Luke 10:25-28). "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple" (Psalms 19:7). "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

The Church believes that the Ten Commandments did not cease at the cross; for, approximately 57 years afterward, John tells us that "this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3). Revelation 14:12, previously quoted, was written approximately 63 years after the cross.

The Church believes that the life which Christ lived while on earth is the life that will save us, and that all Christians should accept him as their example, and follow in His footsteps. If they will do this they will not be in dark-

ness, but will have the light of life. Reason: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). "...He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

ISLAM

Muslims believe that children are born without sin and that all people can lead themselves to salvation once Allah has shown them the way. Believers in Islam believe they achieve salvation by following the revealed books of Allah's Messengers. The messengers of Allah in Islam include Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus, and Muhammad. In Islam, Muhammad is the final messenger of Allah sent to confirm the authentic teachings of previous prophets. Allah also sent him to correct the altercation that followers of previous religions had introduced into Allah's original teachings. For Muslims, Muhammad's mission includes all humanity and is not limited to a specific region, group, or community. Therefore his life serves as a model for all men and women. The example of Muhammad's sayings and acts, the sunna, is presented in written collections called the hadith (pronounced ha death). Every action performed in obedience to Allah is considered an act of worship in Islam. The formal acts of worship called the Five Pillars of Islam provide the framework for all aspects of a Muslim's life. These were covered in part 1 of this series. Muslims believe in heaven and hell, where people go after death based on their actions during life. Therefore it would appear that to a Muslim salvation is diligently following the Five Pillars of Islam and trying to model their lives after the sayings and acts of Muhammad, as presented in the hadith and that Muhammad is their saviour.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD

At the baptism of Christ, God Himself spake the words, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased" as heard and recorded by Matthew in Matthew 3:17 and "thou art my beloved son in whom I am well pleased" as heard and recorded by Mark and Luke in Mark 1:11 and Luke 3:22; and at the transfiguration of Christ on the mount God also spake the words, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" as heard and recorded by Matthew in Matthew 17:5 and "This is my beloved son: hear him" as heard and recorded by Mark

and Luke in Mark 9:7 and Luke 9:35. These utterances by God give utmost credibility to the fact that Christ is the Son of God.

The Church believes that Jesus of Nazareth is the only begotten Son of God, conceived by the power of God, born of the virgin Mary, and is our Lord, Christ and Redeemer. "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee: and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God," (Luke 1:35). "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:18-21). "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17). "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life: For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God," (John 3:16-18). "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.--And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:38,69). "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. THIS IS THE STONE WHICH WAS SET AT NOUGHT OF YOU BUILDERS, WHICH IS BECOME THE HEAD OF THE CORNER. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:10-12). Jesus was with God at the beginning of creation. He is firstborn of all things created by God. "Giving thanks unto the Fa-

ther, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:12-17).

ISLAM

Muslims do not believe Jesus is the Son of God. There are many Sras in the Koran that states that Alah has no son. To quote a few:

Sura 112 says "He is God Alone: God the Eternal! He begetteth not, and he is not Begotten. And there is none like unto him."

Sura 19-91,93 says "god of mercy has gotten offspring." Now have ye done a monstrous thing! Almost might the very Heavens be rent thereat, and the Earth cleave asunder, and the mountains fall down in fragments, That they ascribe a son to the God of Mercy, when it beseemeth not the God of Mercy to beget a son."

Sura 39-6 says, "Had God desired to have had a son, he hath surely chosen what he pleased our of his own creation. But praise be to Him! He is God, the one, the Almighty."

Sura 37-151 says, "Is it not a falsehood of their own devising, when they say 'God hath begotten' They are indeed liars."

Muslims do not believe that Jesus was crucified: Sura 4-156 says, "And for their saying, 'Verily we have slain the Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary, an Apostle of God.' Yet they slew him not, and they crucified him not], but they had only his likeness. And they who differed about him were in doubt concerning him: No sure knowledge had they about him, but following an opinion, and they did not really slay him, but God took him up to Himself. And God is mighty, Wise!"

From the foregoing, it would appear that to a Muslim belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as one's personal saviour is nonsense; that Christ being crucified, buried and resurrected the third day is a fable and that Christians are infidels.

Part 3 will be continued in the June Advocate.

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE THEIR LEGACIES

(NUMBER TWO)

By Carol Buechner



A legacy is something that is transmitted by or received from one person to another and often is thought of as receiving something from an ancestor or predecessor. This is not in material goods but examples and teachings of how one should live and conduct their lives. This is very important in the life of the person receiving a legacy. You can think of it in terms of what you might be taught by your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and others with whom you are acquainted. What you receive in the way of instruction, wisdom, guidance and training can make a tremendous difference in the way you live your life and the things you accomplish during your lifetime. This also greatly affects future generations. Think back to someone in your life that gave you the things that make you what you are today. Maybe it was a grandmother that loved you and faithfully taught you how to be a Christian. As you consider the lives of some women in the Bible, you will see the results of the legacies they left. Even today, these examples can help you improve your Christian life and remind you that you, too, are in the process of building a legacy for others. Carefully consider the women discussed in this article. Let their legacies guide you and help you realize the importance of the legacy you will leave.

EVE

(MEANS "LIFE GIVER")

Eve, like her husband Adam, was formed in the image

of God. They were perfect in body and mind. They had the special privilege of strolling in the garden of Eden with God and spending time with their creator. However, when Eve was alone, the serpent (Satan) came and started a conversation with her. He immediately planted a seed of doubt in her mind by saying, "...Ye shall not surely die" (Genesis 3:3). The serpent further beguiled her by telling her that if she ate of the fruit that was forbidden, she would be as gods and would know good and evil. This just sounded too good to pass up. Instead of going to Adam or God about this matter, she succumbed to her feelings and ate of the forbidden fruit and gave it to Adam, too. What a tragic mistake this was! Adam and Eve's perfect existence was gone. The special relationship with God was no longer possible and they were ostracized from the Garden of Eden. Sickness, pain, unhealthy emotions, (anger, bitterness, hatred, unforgiveness, hostility, strife, contention, depression, impatience, disbelief, mistrust), became a part of their lives because they were now ruled by a sinful nature. No doubt, arguments and disagreements were now prevalent in their lives. God had provided everything for them but now they had to labor for everything. God told Eve, "...I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception..." (Genesis 3:16). God told Adam, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread..." (Genesis 3:19). Life turned from peace and contentment to frustration and struggle. What legacy does Eve provide for us today? Eve had a life that anyone would want to experience. However, she made a hasty decision by

following what the serpent told her. Had she spent time considering what Satan was telling her, she might have made the right decision. She did not look at the evidence as closely as she should have. She then had to take responsibility for her actions. It must have been a difficult struggle for her but she did turn to God. "And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew" (Genesis 4:25). May Eve's mistakes remind you to be cautious about making hasty decisions. What you decide to do or say can have devastating results not only for you, but for all the members of your family too. Turn to God when you need to know what to do. Seek His guidance and wait for His answer. Do not allow other people to persuade you before you have gone to God for direction. Picture Adam and Eve leisurely walking in the Garden of Eden with God. Now picture yourself walking with God. Are you taking advantage of God's presence and walking with him?

RAHAB

(MEANS "BROAD")

The Israelites, under the leadership of Joshua, crossed the Jordan River into the land of Canaan. Jericho, a heavily fortified city, stood in their path. They needed to find a way to take the city and avoid a long siege. Joshua sent two spies in to explore the city. When the spies were discovered in the city, the gates were shut blocking their exit from the city. Fortunately for the spies, "...they went, and came into a harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there" (Joshua 2:1). The king of Jericho sent men to Rahab's house looking for the spies. Rahab told the men, "...There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were: ...the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them" (Joshua 2:4-5). Rahab then goes to the spies and tells them that everyone in Jericho has heard about the Israelites and terror was upon everyone. She then states how she felt, "...for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath" (Joshua 2:11). Rahab then asks them to show her and her family kindness and to save them from death when the Israelites came to take Jericho. She then let them down to the ground outside the city by a rope through the window, and they escaped. When the Israelites entered the city, "...the young men that were

spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel" (Joshua 6:23). It is important to note that Rahab was a harlot or a prostitute which means someone that engages in indiscriminate sexual activities with many people for pay. This seems like an unlikely person to use for the saving of the spies. This type of person might be looked upon as being unreliable, a liar, concerned only about her own welfare, not trustworthy and many other unsavory things. Yet this pagan woman married an Israelite, and her son is listed in the lineage of Jesus. "And Salmon begat Boaz of Rachab (Rahab)~ and Boaz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse.." (Matthew 1:5).

What legacy does Rahab provide for us today? Rahab was a harlot, but God used her in a special way. He knew her heart! Rahab proved that she had integrity and could be trusted. This shows that God can use anyone regardless of what they have done in the past or are doing now. Rahab was courageous because she was actually committing treason by helping the enemy. She showed her love and devotion for her family by requesting that they too be saved from harm. Rahab proved that she was smart and quick thinking because she came up with answers when needed. An extremely important thing to remember when you think of Rahab is not to be judgmental. It is so easy to judge people by what you see them do. You can not actually know the motivation for another person's actions or the way they live their life. Leave judging to God except when it comes to yourself. Judge yourself to see if you are living up to God's standards. Take care of what you need to do and provide support to others in need without judgement. God's judgment was to choose a harlot to be an ancestor of Jesus! The ultimate lesson to learn from this woman is found in Hebrews 11:31: "By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace." SHE IS LISTED IN THE CHAPTER OF THE BIBLE THAT LISTS THE FAITHFUL SERVANTS OF GOD! Are you that faithful?

MICHAL

(MEANS "WHO IS LIKE GOD?")

Michal was the daughter of King Saul. David spent hours in the presence of the king. As Michal grew up, she fell in

love with David. King Saul's love for David turned to hatred and he sought to kill him. He tried to use Michal's love for David as a way to get him killed. This did not succeed so he allowed David and Michal to be married. King Saul's hatred became so strong that he openly tried to kill David, but Michal intervened and David escaped. Because of this act, King Saul declared that the marriage between Michal and David was over and he gave her in marriage to another man. Some years later, after King Saul's death, David demanded that Michal be returned to him. This was not out of love, but was politically motivated. Michal was removed from her husband and returned to David. An important event occurred when David decided to return the ark of God to Jerusalem. "And David danced before the Lord with all his might; ...And as the ark of the Lord came in the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart" (2 Samuel 6:14, 16). When David returned home, Michal said to him, "...How glorious was the king of Israel today, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself" (2 Samuel 6:20). Michal apparently did not share in the rejoicing of the people over the return of the ark. She must have been home sulking in her own bitterness. As a result of Michal's words and attitude, David banished her from his presence and she remained childless.

What legacy does Michal provide for us today? Without a doubt, Michal was sadly used by the men in her life because of their own selfish motives. This left her in a state of bitterness and anger. This should be a reminder for you that you may be used by others to further their own selfishness, but you should not allow this to overcome you and cause you to turn away from God. You may see such persons enjoying the things that they are doing. This is even more of a motive to turn to Him for guidance and strength. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear Be still, and know that I am God..." (Psalm 46:1, 2, 10). Let God be your refuge and shelter. He has promised that He will never leave you or forsake you. It is up to you to not forsake Him. Rejoice in the fact that you know God and He is in charge of everything. Make it a habit to, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that

knocketh it shall be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8). Michal is a reminder that forgiveness is necessary and must be done regardless of what happened or how horrible you have been treated. She did not forgive David and her angry words caused her to be rejected completely. Perhaps a stubborn spirit ruled her heart. How miserable the remaining years of her life must have been! Are you living in misery because of a stubborn will that prevents you from forgiving others?

THE WIDOW

The widow is only briefly mentioned in the Bible, but you can learn much from this nameless woman. "And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he (Jesus) called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even ALL HER LIVING" (Mark 12:42-44). This woman is said to be poor and she gave all her living. She had little, but the little that she had she willingly gave to the church. The Bible states that she gave two mites which is less than one cent in today's currency. This was all that she had in her possession. It is important to note that she was a widow which means that her husband had died. Perhaps she had many children to take care of and no help with this matter.

What is the legacy that THE WIDOW can provide for us today? The first thing would be that she put God first in her life. She did not hesitate to give to Him even though she was in great need. The second thing to learn from THE WIDOW is that she must have truly loved and trusted God to provide for her needs or she would not have given all that she had. How difficult would it be for you to put your last cent in the collection? The third thing to remember is what Jesus said about the situation. He compared her to the people who put much in the treasury, but their motive was probably a show, and not out of true love for God. Jesus knew her heart, and He also knew the heart of those that gave much. Remember that it is not how much you give in time or money to God, but the significance is in the attitude in which you give. If you are giving of your tithe and offerings for selfish motives, you are wasting your time. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or

of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). The next time you put your tithe or offering in the plate ask yourself, “Am I giving with the proper motive or am I giving expecting something from God in return? I know I am giving my tenth in tithe, but what about my offering? Is it meager or generous? Is my trust and faith in God to provide for all my needs?”

SALOME
(MEANS “PEACEABLE”)

Salome was the wife of Zebedee, and the mother of the disciples, James and John. It is probable that she was well acquainted with Jesus, maybe even having Him as a frequent guest in her home. It would seem that she was comfortable talking with Jesus as evidenced by a special favor she asked of Jesus. “Then came to him the mother of Zebedee’s children (Salome) with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom” (Matthew 20:20-21). Jesus then responded by saying, “...Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with...? “...But to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father” (Matthew 22-23). The other ten disciples realized that request was not Salome’s, but that her two sons, James and John, had put her up to asking this of Jesus. The ten were very upset with them for doing this. It is important to notice where Salome was at the crucifixion. “There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome. Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem” (Mark 15:40-41). This shows that Salome was a dedicated follower of Jesus. She was among the women that took spices to the sepulcher to anoint the body of Jesus.

What is the legacy that Salome can provide for us today? Salome remained a faithful follower of Jesus even unto the end. She did not forsake Him and shrink away with fear. The incident when Salome asked Jesus for favors for her sons is a reminder that you need to be cautious about what others ask you to do for them. This act was

done out of love for and dedication to her sons. Consider carefully if what you are asking is for human gratification for position or actually a real need. This can also be a reminder that God is the one who decides on who is worthy. This incident also showed that the other ten disciples knew Salome well enough to realize that she did not come up with the idea herself. There was no doubt that her life was a testimony of her true self and she was known for being a faithful servant of the Lord. Are you known as a faithful servant of the Lord?

WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY GOING TO BE?

If you are reading this article now, you are in the process of forming your legacy. It makes no difference whether you are male or female, young or old. It is so very important that you analyze your legacy because you can have a tremendous impact on your family and friends right now and even after you are gone. The things you are doing right at this very moment are what you must look at because it is not the material goods you accumulate and leave behind that are important. It is easy to concentrate on making money and having worldly goods to leave as an inheritance. These things are okay, but how you have affected others is a much more important inheritance. Think long and hard about how you are living. Are you an example of a godly life? Are you teaching others to live according to God’s word? Do others see you as faithful, trustworthy, loving, kind, peaceful, gentle, meek, joyful, patient? Are you instilling these values into the hearts of those in your everyday life whether at home, work, school or wherever you may go? Are you giving your life completely to God and allowing Him to guide you into His will? Are you an example for others by faithfully attending church and paying your tithes and offering? The questions could go on and on, but hopefully you can now see the importance of your legacy and will spend much time considering what you are doing and make changes now! Do not wait until tomorrow because you may not be alive then. Let the words of I Timothy 4:12, remind you daily to keep your life pure as a legacy for others. “...BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS, IN WORD, IN CONVERSATION, IN CHARITY, IN SPIRIT, IN FAITH, IN PURITY.”



THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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The following article appeared in the Houston Chronicle.

Psychiatrists make new case for troubled relationship

**Entire families, other groups
would be diagnosed with disorder**

**by Shankar Vedantam
Washington Post**

Some of the nation's top psychiatrists are advocating the creation of an entirely new category of mental illness that could profoundly alter the practice of psychiatry and resulting tens of thousands of families being diagnosed with a psychiatric disorder.

In a monograph being circulated by the American Psychiatric Association, the doctors recommend that a category called "Relational Disorders" be added to the next edition of the diagnostic and Statistical Manual, which is the psychiatric profession's official guide for designing emotional and mental illnesses.

Unlike every psychiatric diagnosis so far, this new type of disorder would identify sickness in groups of individuals and not the relationships between them. This is a profound conceptual shift from the medical model of psychiatry, in which illnesses are diagnosed solely in individuals.

In the proposed class of illness, an individual might be healthy except when it comes to certain relationships. For the women, the new category of mental illness would apply only to family relationships. If the new category is cre-

ated, couples who constantly quarrel and parents and children who clash could be diagnosed with mental illness and treated possibly with drugs. Troubled relationships between siblings could be the next large group.

Doctors hope that creating a new disease category would encourage systemic study, drug trials and insurance coverage.

The move, however, is already provoking controversy and opposition inside and outside psychiatry, as doctors and society grapple with whether such troubled relationships are social problems or medical ailments.

Psychiatrists have long been interested in such relationships, because they often lead to marital and child abuse as well as depression. But so far, doctors have not sought to label the relationships, themselves, as pathological.

The psychiatrists calling for the creation of a relational disorders category are led by Michael First of Columbia University, editor of the previous edition of the psychiatry manual, and David Reiss of George Washington University. They and others say that troubled relationships are the reason many people seek psychiatric help and that improving those relationships can lift people out of depression, improve cardiac and immune system functioning and even heal wounds faster.

First and Reiss face major hurdles. Several psychiatrists support the move, pretending a clash that could last for months or years - doctors are still in the early planning stages for the next edition of the manual. Some worry that the new category of disorders would fuel fears that psychiatrists are inventing disorders as a back door way to fix social problems.

When talk of the new category was begun by First at

a recent meeting of the APA in Philadelphia, the psychiatrist said that troubled family relationships were his only targets for attainment. But other doctors warned that the category could be quickly expanded. What about troubled relationships between managers and employees, or even troubled relationships between individuals and the state? One psychiatrist at another session, for example, dubbed terrorism an example not of individual pathology, but of social pathology.

"You can take road rage as a relational disorder. It's a relationship between the person and traffic," said Bedirhan Ustun, a doctor with the World Health Organization. Robert Spitzer, a previous editor of the manual, said the new category would give fresh ammunition to critics of psychiatry, such as the Church of Scientology.

"There are Scientologists on the street making fun of our diagnoses," he told First, referring to critics outside the meeting halls who spun a roulette wheel to offer passersby a psychiatric diagnosis. "It's one thing to call something a problem. But to call it a disorder is to move away from the medical model."

The medical model is the direction Spitzer and other psychiatrists took more than a quarter-century ago to move their field from Freudian insight and analysis toward a classification similar to other medical specialties, with mental

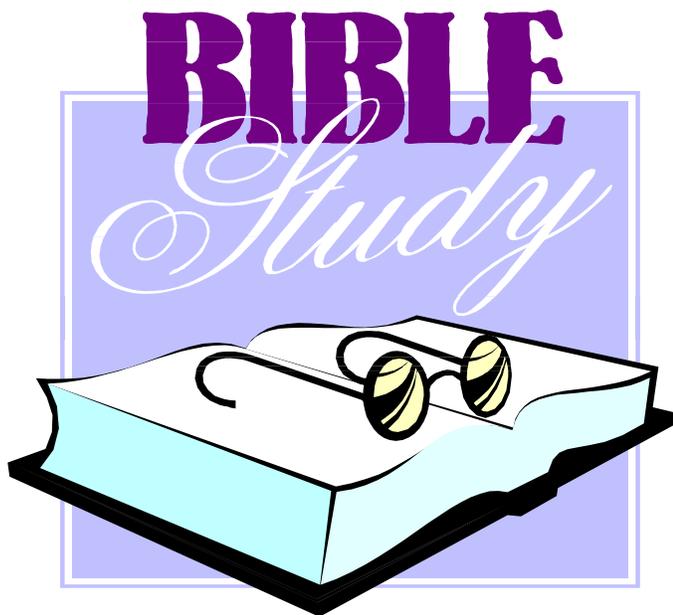
illnesses linked to brain disorder. While some aspects of treatment under the medical model include thus of talk therapy techniques, the major thrust of modern psychiatric research and practice has been medicines such as Prozac that change brain chemistry.

Relational disorders could upset the medical model by diagnosing relationships, instead of individuals or individual brain chemistry, as sick. First and Reiss argue that whether the new classification fits the model is less important than whether it can help people.

"People in Dr. Spitzer's generation are very concerned the other branches of medicine are going to laugh at us," said Reiss. "Everybody understands that we treat real disorders and we know how to diagnose and treat them."

Comment

We would do well to forget about any new case the psychiatrists may make for troubled relationships. Scripture must be our guide. From the psychiatrist, we will hear nothing but vain philosophy and deceit. "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Colossians 2:8).



Questions and Answers

Question: What is the "wickedness in high places" of which we read in Ephesians 6:12?

Answer: Many have quoted the biblical phrase "wickedness in high places" when referring to those who use power

or influence for unjust ends. However, the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the children of God at Ephesus is about super-human powers, not about highly placed human rulers.

Paul warns that the spiritual battle is not like earthly combat. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:11-12). High places refers to literal height in the Greek. The high places are the heavens.

Question: What do the words that were written and applied to Christ in John 2:17 mean? The words are "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up."

Answer: This implies an intensity of zeal that absorbed Him. The disciples were astonished at their master's conduct. He was usually so gentlemanly inoffensive that they were amazed at this sudden ebullition of indignation. They could scarcely recognize Jesus as He took the scourge and drove the traders out of the Temple. It was so vigorous a thing to do that it probably seemed to them inconsistent with His character. When, however, they remembered the words quoted, they understood how His whole soul was stirred when He saw the building consecrated to His Father used as a common market.

Question: Is the seventh day on the calendar we use today still the Sabbath?

Answer: "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made" (Genesis 2:1-3).

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt not labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger what is within thy gates; For in six days the Lord made

heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:8-11).

Do you really believe that God would set apart a certain day just after His creative work and put His blessing on it, making it a holy time, and command that it be kept holy, and then let that holy time become lost so no one would be able to know when to observe it?

Let us first consider the command to keep holy the Sabbath in writing. This was given to Israel as was quoted in our opening scripture. Some tell us that the seventh day wasn't observed before that time even though it states in Genesis 2:1-3 that God blessed and sanctified it. The answer to this is that for a long time there was no written commands of God. God's children knew what God commanded from the teaching of their parents and others through many generations.

Let us consider the practice of Jesus and the Jews before we take up some honest, or seem to be on the surface, reasons why some tell us that we cannot be sure which day is still the seventh day, or Sabbath. Let us read Luke 4:16. "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read." This was the same day that the Jews observed as they were holding their religious services in the synagogue.

Later the Jews were overthrown and driven into every nation of the earth. They remained separated and scattered until their land was declared a homeland for them in 1946 and 1947. They then began to go back home just as God's word foretold that they would do.

If the children of Israel would have lost track of the seventh day of the week (Sabbath), the Jews of one part of the world would be observing one day and the Jews of other parts of the world would be observing other days. To the contrary, we find the Jews today going to the synagogues on the same identical day-the Sabbath, or the seventh day of the week.

Let us now consider the calendar and calendar changes since the time of Christ.

THE JULIAN CALENDAR

The Julian calendar was introduced by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. this calendar has 365 days with every fourth year having 366 days, assuming that the year was 365 1/

4 days long.

THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR

In 1582, under Gregory XIII, it was found that the year is actually 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 50 seconds long - 11 minutes and 10 seconds less than the Julian calculations. This error had caused a gain of ten days on the calendar by 1582. It was decided to drop them after much study. However, this change did not affect the order of the days in the week. Only the dates of the days of the month were affected.

THE ENGLISH CALENDAR

This change was not made until September, 1752 in England. Eleven days had been gained by that time. When the Gregorian calendar was adopted, the eleven days were dropped again, only the dates of the days of the month were changed, but not the order of the days of the week.

W.J. Eckert, connected with the Naval Observatory, said, "The change from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar in no way affected the weekly cycle. This cycle has not been altered for as long as records have been available."

Let us consider two more arguments.

THE TRAVELING ARGUMENT

To those who do not think very deeply, it might seem that you lose a day if you travel westward around the world, or gain a day if you travel eastward. However this loss or gain is not real! If it were real, what would happen? Imagine the case of twin brothers. Let us picture that one of them is traveling westward, and the other is traveling eastward. If one would really lose a day while the other would gain a day, then one becomes two days older than his twin brother. One would, in time, be enough older to be the father of his twin brother if they took enough trips. This silly example illustrates the point.

A person's days are not of even length when he travels. For example, a man travelling from California to West Virginia in one day would find that his day (at least for him) is only 21 hours long because the uses gets three hours earlier in West Virginia than in California. There-

fore, there are three hours difference in the time between the two states. If the man returns to California by the same means of travel, he finds his day on the return trip to be 27 hours long. To continue the example, if he leaves California at 3:00 a.m. and is in West Virginia exactly twelve hours later, he finds that his watch will register 3:00 p.m. However, all the watches in West Virginia will register 6 p.m. To be in tune with the people in West Virginia, he will have to set his watch up three hours.

The Bible days are not marked by a man-made watch. The real definition of a "day" is not 24 hours, but the period of time from one sunset until the next sunset. See the creation record in Genesis 1.

The answer to this argument is: **THAT WE KEEP THE SABBATH WHEN THE SEVENTH DAY COMES TO US.**

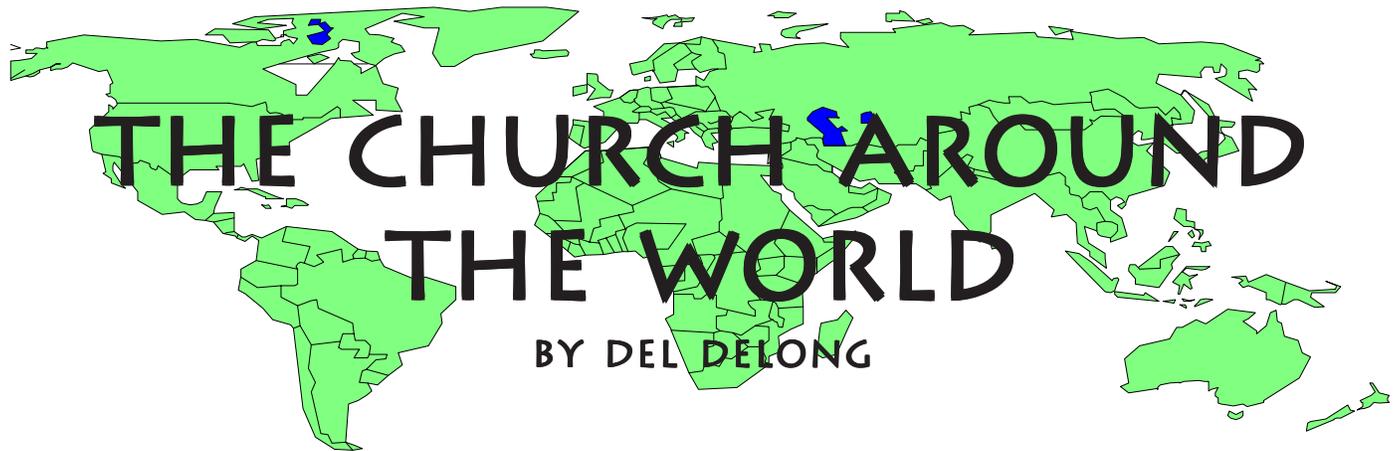
THE SUN AND MOON STANDING STILL ARGUMENT

We find in the tenth chapter of the book of Joshua, a record of Joshua calling for the sun and the moon to stand still so that the daylight would be lengthened to enable Israel to finish defeating the enemy in battle. We read that the sun was about to set behind a mountain. The moon could be seen because it had risen and was over a certain valley.

Now some have figured that in the year and month when this occurred, the sun and moon were in three positions on a Tuesday. Therefore, they imagine that this made two days from the third day of the week. This would make the fourth day of the week to be Thursday. Thus, the weekly cycle would be changed so that the Sunday following Joshua's battle would have been the seventh day of the week, and would have continued to be so from that time.

This reasoning is entirely incorrect. Only one long day was made when the sun stood still! The sun standing still did not make two days.

In conclusion, this argument is not relevant since all we need to do is to go back to the time of Christ and witness the observation of the seventh day, Sabbath, by the Jews today. We have also observed that the calendar record proves that the day man now calls Saturday is still the seventh day Sabbath.



THE PHILIPPINES

Brother Beethoven Sausal writes the following: The gospel ministry today is moving forward in spreading the gospel throughout the Philippines with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit and with blessings from our Almighty God through His Son Jesus Christ, the head and saviour of the Church.

The Church Gospel Ministry for this year 2003, has four (4) divisions here in the Philippines. The first is the “RADIO AND LITERATURE MINISTRY”. This division is in charge of spreading the gospel through radio broadcast and is followed by our literature which includes tracts, magazines, and Bible correspondence. The team leader of this division is Elder Beethoven Sausal.

The second division is the “SPECIAL GROUND FORCE” which was formerly called "The Tent Ministry". This division is given the charge to answer calls of all interested listeners in our nightly religious radio broadcast and readers of our literature. They personally conduct religious rallies in all new places and establish new congregations. The team leader of this division is Elder Orlando Obnimaga.

The third division is the “REGULAR GROUND FORCE” which is in charge of training and supporting the established congregations and local churches by the provincial overseer, minister’s helpers, and local church elders. This team is led by Elder Salvador Oliverio, Jr.

The fourth division is the “YOUTH MINISTRY”. This ministry is in charge of all the youth in the Church of God in the Philippines. Its task is to train and develop the youth in spiritual knowledge for the future of the Church ministry and leadership roles in the Church. The team leader of this division is Pastor Samuel Sausal.

All of these divisions in the gospel ministry are controlled by the Ministerial Council which is chaired by Elder Pablo C. Sausal, Sr., the Philippine overseer.

On the following page, we see two brethren who give the messages during the nightly radio broadcasts.



LESSON I

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS IN EGYPT
THE FIRST TRIP

Scripture Reading: Genesis 42:1-18.

Golden Text: Genesis 42:8.

"And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him."

1. What did Jacob, Joseph's father, tell his sons to do about the famine which was causing them to starve? Genesis 42:1-2.
2. Who did Jacob say could not go the Egypt and why? Genesis 42:4.
3. How did Joseph treat his brothers when he first saw them? Genesis 42:6-9.
4. What did Joseph command them to do? Genesis 42:18-20.
5. What did Joseph tell his servants to put in his brother's corn he had sold them? Genesis 42:25-26.
6. How did the brothers feel when they saw the money in their bags? Genesis 42:27-28,35.
7. What did Jacob say when his sons returned and told him what happened? Genesis 42:38.

LESSON II

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS IN EGYPT
THE SECOND TRIP

Scripture Reading: Genesis 43:1-34.

Golden Text; Genesis 43:15.

"And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph."

1. Why does Jacob want his sons to return to Egypt? Genesis 43:1-2.
2. What does Israel (Jacob) tell his sons to do when they return to Egypt a second time to buy corn? Genesis 43:11-13.
3. When Joseph saw Benjamin with his brothers, what did he order the ruler of his house to do? Genesis 43:16-17.
4. Why were his brothers afraid when they were brought to Joseph's house? Genesis 43:18-22.
5. What did Joseph tell them after they explained how they found money in their sacks the first time? Genesis 43:23.
6. What question did Joseph ask his brothers, and what answer did they give him? Genesis 43:26-28.
7. When Joseph saw Benjamin, what feeling did he have toward him? Genesis 43:29-31.

LESSON III

JOSEPH REVEALETH HIMSELF TO HIS
BRETHREN

Scripture Reading: Genesis 44:1-13; 45:1-15.

Golden Text: Genesis 45:4.

"And Joseph said unto his brethren, come near to me, I pray you, and they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt."

1. What happened after Joseph's brothers left the city the second time? Genesis 44:1-5; 11-13.

NOTE: The event that happens next in Genesis 44:14 was the fulfillment of one of Joseph's dreams, he had as a child. Genesis 37:6-8.

2. What was Joseph's punishment to them of having been caught with the silver cup? Genesis 44:17.

3. What did Judah beg Joseph to do? Genesis 44:18; 30-34.
4. What did Joseph do after Joshua offered to become his slave in place of Benjamin? Genesis 45:1-2.
5. Did Joseph tell them who he was? Genesis 45:3.
6. What did Joseph ask his brothers to do, and did he blame them for selling him into Egypt? Genesis 45:4-8.
7. What message did Joseph tell his brothers to give to his father, Jacob? Genesis 45:9,13.
8. What was Joseph going to do for his family? Genesis 45:10-12.
9. Did they all really rejoice to see each other once more? Genesis 45:14-15.

NOTE: Joseph forgave his brothers for selling him and said that God delivered him into Egypt. We should remember also to try to forgive others who hurt us or do something wrong to us. Colossians 3:13; Matthew 6:14-15.

LESSON IV

JACOB GOES TO EGYPT

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:16-28; 46:1-7.

Golden Text: Genesis 46:3.

"And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation."

1. After Joseph meets with his brothers, what does Pharaoh tell him to do? Genesis 45:16-20.
2. What did Joseph give to each of his brothers? Genesis 45:21-22.
3. What was sent to Joseph's father? Genesis 45:23-24.

4. What did Jacob do when he heard that Joseph was alive? Genesis 45:25-28.
5. Where did Jacob first stop on his journey to Egypt, and what did he do there? Genesis 46:1.
6. While Jacob is at Beersheba, what did God tell him in a dream? Genesis 46:2-4.
7. Who was with Jacob, and what belongings did they carry? Genesis 46:5-7.

HOW MOTHER'S DAY STARTED

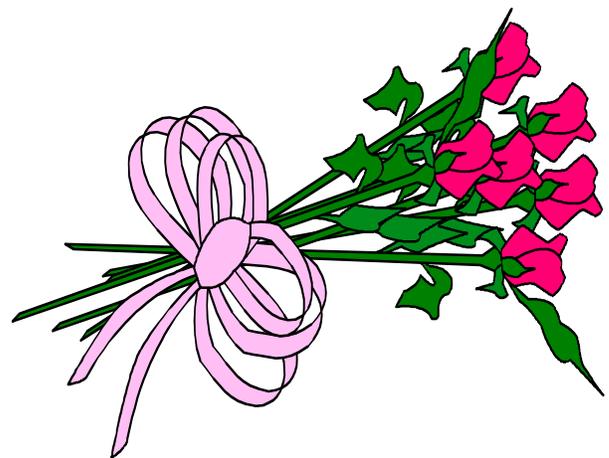
Mother's Day is held the second Sunday in May.

Anna Jarvis of Grafton, West Virginia, and Philadelphia, is given credit for starting Mother's Day. Her mother's name was Anna Reeves Jarvis.

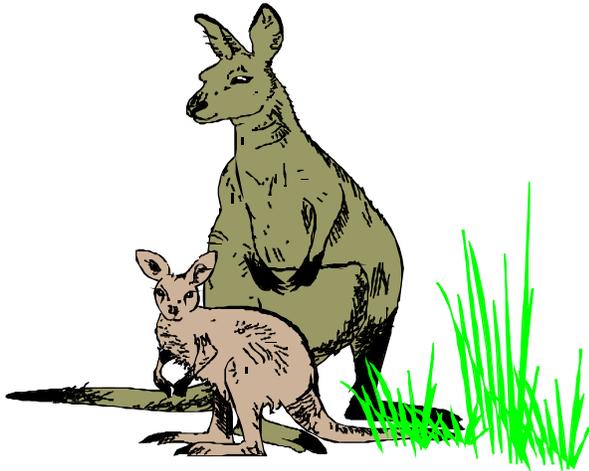
Ms. Jarvis spent a lot of time and money traveling around the country making speeches about Mother's Day.

She also asked people to write letters to their moms even if they lived in the same town.

In 1914, President Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day a special day.



Possible answers to Mothers game on page twenty three: Hot, her, moth, the, moe, rot, tore, shot, some, sore ore, set, those and most.



TEACHING ANIMAL BABIES

by Audrey O'Connor

Instinct is a word often heard when people speak of sometimes unbelievable things animals do. It is supposed to be a knowledge which all animals have at birth, which tells them that certain things must be done, and certain other things must not be done. Too many times we just say, "That is instinctive," when an animals' actions seem to show more cleverness than we feel he should have. If we were to watch animals with their babies some day, we might change our minds about so many things being "instinctive."

It is easy to think that birds fly just by instinct, but still, nearly everyone has seen mother birds coaxing their fluffy little babies to try their wings. Once in awhile a young bird will be afraid to throw himself out in the air. Some eagles have been known to knock a few sticks out of their nests in order to make the timid baby fly. Other species of birds climb on the edge of his nest with food for the youngsters, and persuade them to climb up to secure it. Then it may even hold the food far enough away that the little one will have to jump to get it.

Many birds are taught to swim and dive, as well as to fly. These birds' mothers are very patient, and also very clever about showing their broods how to go about managing themselves in the water. Some ducks will hold the ducklings between their beaks and necks, then dive with them. Other swimming birds are in the habit of letting the

little ones get all settled on the mother's back, then sliding quickly down under the water. After a few such performances, the young birds find that they do not need any help, and do as much swimming and diving as they like, all by themselves.

The thought of a young hippopotamus learning to swim gives us a really laughable picture. But quite often the baby is not the least bit in favor of trying, and mother hippo must spend much time showing him how he can get around into the water.

Almost all animals teach their babies going through the acts that they with their young ones try. Since the parents cannot tell their offspring what to do, they must show them. Most of the time the little ones will follow their mother closely, imitating everything she does, or at least, making an attempt at it. But the times when baby is just a tiny bit afraid to go ahead are the times when we can see that he does not do everything "by instinct."

Right in our own houses, we can watch mother cats and dogs teaching their kittens and pups. At first, it may not look like teaching when a mother cat rolls around and pushes her kitten with her paws. But she was taught in this way by her mother, and she is teaching her baby. For cats have not forgotten how to hunt and to protect themselves by fighting as they did when all cats were wild.

Trips to the zoo become a great deal more fun when we remember all the things the animal babies must be taught. Watching sea lions plunge and fall grows much more interesting if we stop to think of all the practicing the young ones have to do when they are learning to land on rough shores with the waves pounding at them, and when they are learning to climb after their parents over the sometimes sharp, sometimes slippery rocks.

If there happens to be an opossum in the zoo you visit, you are very lucky indeed. You might possibly have a chance to see one of the most amusing "lesson hours" in all the animal world. The mother opossum will have all her babies on her back, their funny twist tails wrapped around hers...which sheds stiffly over their heads so that they can hang on tightly. Don't forget that she is teaching them when she carries them this way. Before long they will have learned enough of the art of climbing to take care of themselves. Until then, mother opossums patiently give them their schooling.

ANIMAL MOTHERS

Almost everyone lives in some kind of family. At the zoo and in the wild, animals sometimes live in families too. But we don't call mother animals "Mom," or father animals "Dad." Animal babies aren't called "children" either; they are "offspring." Animal mothers and fathers and babies have special names by which they are called. See which mothers' names you can match up with the correct animal by placing the correct letter in the blank beside each animal. Some of the words in the Mothers list may be used more than one time.

ANIMAL

- 1. deer _____
- 2. elephant _____
- 3. fox _____
- 4. goat _____
- 5. hog _____
- 6. horse _____
- 7. kangaroo _____
- 8. lion _____
- 9. ostrich _____
- 10. sheep _____
- 11. swan _____
- 12. zebra _____
- 13. goose _____
- 14. bear _____
- 15. chicken _____

MOTHER

- a. sow
- b. ewe
- c. doe
- d. roe
- e. goose
- f. hen
- g. nanny
- h. cow
- i. pen
- j. mare
- k. vixen
- l. lioness

MOTHERS

How many words can you make out of the word MOTHERS?

Don't use the same letter twice in one word.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____





MOTHER'S PRAYERS

By Del DeLong

*Mother's prayers are for her sons,
And daughters every day.
She prays for health and safety
As they go on their way.*

*Mother's prayers are for God's love
To shine down from on high -
To light the path her children trod
And stay right by their side.*

*Mother's prayers are for her sons.
And daughters to stay strong
To keep God's truth they've all been taught,
And stay away from wrong.*

*Mother's prayers thank God for strength
As she lives day to day
She thanks Him for His Son He sent,
And for the price He paid.*

*Mother's prayers are for the church
And those who enter in.
She prays that each will love the rest,
And asks pardon for each sin.*

*Mother's prayers are for the chance,
Her family will be there,
When Jesus comes to catch them up,
And meet Him in the air.*