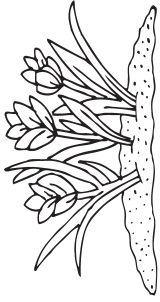




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Quotes and Quips

I believe your attitude is the most important choice you can make.
— Lou Holtz

If you want to INCREASE your energy, optimism, determination, and enthusiasm, say thank you for all the GOOD things in your life every single day.

— Brad Lea

If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan...and guess what they may have planned for you? Not much.

— Jim Rohn

There is only one thing worse than failing — the regret of not trying at all.

— Jerry Acuff

Everyone is born with the potential for greatness; what happens next is up to you.

— Frank Sonnenberg

The best years of your life are the ones in which you decide your problems are your own: You do not blame them on your mother, the ecology, or the president...you realize that you control your own destiny.

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“THIS MAN IS A GALILEAN”

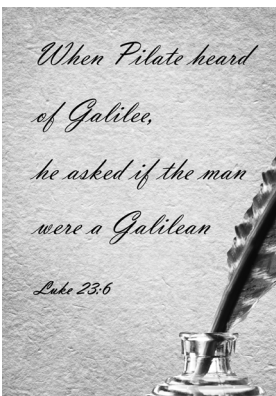
“When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean” (Luke 23:6).

When Pilate said, “I find no fault in Him at all, it enraged the priests and elders. They loudly denounced Pilate, and threatened him with the censure of the Roman government. They accused him of refusing to condemn Jesus, who, they affirmed, had set Himself up against Caesar. The crowd now murmured that Jesus had preached sedition against Rome. Some yelled, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place” (Luke 23:5). When Pilate heard that Christ was from Galilee, he decided to send Him to Herod, the ruler of that province, who was then in Jerusalem. By this course, Pilate thought to shift the responsibility of the trial from himself to Herod. He also thought this a good opportunity to heal an old quarrel between himself and Herod. And so it proved. The two magistrates made friends over the trial of the Savior.

Pilate was faced with a dilemma. He was fully convinced of Jesus’ innocence and had publicly announced his decision to this effect. His own determination to release Jesus was exceeded only by the determination of the Jewish authorities to have the Savior crucified. During Pilate’s past tenure of about five years as procurator of Judea (which then included Samaria), he had made himself unpopular with the Jews, and he feared that to displease them further would endanger his office. He knew well the treachery of some of the Jewish leaders. He knew also that their hatred of Jesus was due to malice alone. By sending Jesus to Herod, Pilate was hoping thereby to maintain the good will of the Jewish authorities and at the same time evade responsibility for the death of one who was obviously innocent.

Although a stubborn, inflexible, and harsh man, Pilate was enough of a politician to understand that to retain his position he had no choice but to compromise justice. His conscience and duty told him he should release Jesus, but his desire to retain his influence and position argued against it.

So it is today with individuals who sacrifice principle for personal gain. Scripture said of Jesus: “He will bring forth justice for truth. He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands shall wait for His law” (Isaiah 42:3, 4).



LIGHT FOR MY PATH

Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength...

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.

Isaiah 30:28, 29, 31

When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer went up to You, into Your holy temple.

Jonah 2:7

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

Psalms 86:7

He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

Proverbs 28:13

Blessed in the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law;

That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

For the Lord will not cast off His people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

Psalms 94:12-14

I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick...

Thus they shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them...

Ezekiel 34:16. 30

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Bible Study:
THE WORLD'S MOST AMAZING BOOK

By Mark A. Finley

ELIJAH, MIGHTY MAN OF FAITH

This month we begin a new series of Bible studies. We will study the great heroes of faith throughout Scripture. The purpose of these studies is much more than to learn facts about these faithful men and women of God; it is to examine the challenges they faced, explore their reactions to those experiences, and discover the secret of their stalwart faith. We will learn from their successes and failures, their victories and defeats, their mountain peaks and valleys. We begin with Elijah. We are particularly interested in Elijah, because although he lived in a time of apostasy, he remained faithful to God and was translated without seeing death. Those of us preparing for translation at the second coming of Christ can learn vital lessons of faith from this mighty man of God.

1. Read I Kings 16:29-33. What was the spiritual condition of Israel during the days of King Ahab and the prophet Elijah?

King Ahab reigned for 22 years in Israel. He married Jezebel, a heathen queen. Together they led the people of God into Baal worship and deep apostasy. The biblical record declares that Ahab "did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him" (verse 30). What a horrible legacy!

2. What message did God send to Ahab through the prophet Elijah? Read I Kings 17:1. What qualities must Elijah have had to deliver such a startling message?



God Speaks to Elijah

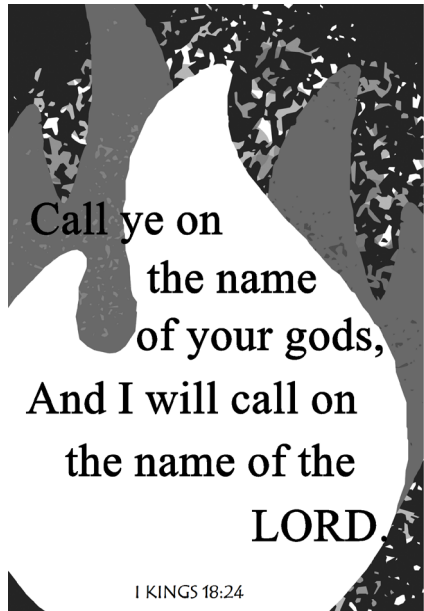
3. How did God provide for Elijah in this time of national famine? Read I Kings 17:1-5; 8-14. What does that teach us about God?

An old Christian hymn has these words in its refrain: "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." When we trust God implicitly, and lovingly obey His commands, He takes the responsibility to meet our needs (Philippians 4:19). He keeps His promises. When we place a priority on the things of the kingdom, He promises to provide life's necessities (Matthew 6:28-33).

4. After three and a half years, what command did God give Elijah? How did Elijah respond to it? Read I Kings 18:1-3.

5. What challenge did Elijah give to the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel? Why do you think he asked them to pray first? Read I Kings 18:21-24.

Baal worship included idolatry, sun worship, and sexual immorality. It exalted nature above nature's God. It placed priority on creatures rather than on the Creator. On Mount Carmel, Elijah demonstrated the



absolute foolishness of exalting human theories above divine revelation. Humanistic forms of religion have absolutely no power to change lives.

6. Read I Kings 18:38, 39, 44, 45. How did God respond to Elijah's faithfulness?

Faithfulness to God and trust in His promises prepare us to receive His blessings in abundance.

7. Read James 5:17. How is Elijah described in the New Testament book of James? How is he an example for us?

Elijah was a "man with a nature like ours." He had challenges and character deficiencies like any other human being. But through faith in the promises of God and trust in His power, Elijah became a mighty man of faith. In the life of Elijah we learn lessons of trust, obedience, and total commitment. Next month we will study more about Elijah, who was ultimately translated without seeing death. ■



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GOD CARES: *The Message of Daniel*

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**Daniel 6:
God and the Lions' Den**

Introduction

Daniel in the lions' den is one of the best-known stories in the Bible. Here we call it "*God and the Lions' Den*" to remind ourselves that the God who delivered Daniel from the lions still lives to rescue us in life's perplexities.

The proclamation issued by King Darius at the end of the story encapsulates the message of Daniel as a whole:

He is the living God, and stedfast forever, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall be even unto the end

He delivereth and rescueth, and He worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

Daniel 6:26, 27

**HE DELIVERS
AND RESCUES,**
*He works signs and wonders
in heaven and on earth,*
**WHO HAS SAVED
DANIEL
FROM THE POWER
OF THE LIONS.**
Daniel 6:27



The relevance of the story to our needs today is focused in Peter's warning: "Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

The person who fixes his faith on God can be as safe from Satan's temptations as Daniel was from the lions, because the same God still lives. Our God is "the living God, enduring for ever."

Before you read the story of Daniel 6 in your Bible, here are a few observations in advance that may aid your understanding.

Daniel 6 indicates that Darius, the new king of Babylon, appointed a staff of 120 satraps (governors) and three presidents, of whom Daniel was the chairman, to administer the affairs of the province. The story seems to imply that all of the 120 satraps and the two other presidents spied on Daniel while he prayed, and that all 122 of them were later thrown into the lions' den, along with all of their wives and all of their children. Some people have trouble visualizing so many people involved at each stage. But the Bible does not actually state that all 122 satraps and presidents were directly involved. The conspirators among them *claimed* that all the others were involved (see Daniel 6:7). In the final analysis, it was only "those men who had accused Daniel" (Daniel 6:24) and not the entire 122 who, with their families, were thrown into the den.

The conspirators earned their punishment. We have seen that Belshazzar was rightly condemned because he sinned *even though* he knew about Nebuchadnezzar's experience (see Daniel 5:22). The men who tried to kill Daniel did so *even though* they were well acquainted with his innocence and with his excellent record for nearly seventy years. Like Belshazzar — and like many people who live in our day too — they "refused to love the truth" (see II Thessalonians 2:10).

We deeply regret the fate of their families: nonetheless, it is likely that they did not deserve to live either. When the men talked about Daniel in their homes, their wives and children probably echoed their hostilities and reinforced them. Thus each family member contributed to the father's crime. So it was that Zeresh, Haman's wife, encouraged Haman in his plot to kill Mordecai (see Esther 5:14). So it is that many families today encourage one another to engage in gossip and character cannibalism.

The New Testament calls the tongue of a gossipy person "a restless evil, full of deadly poison" (James 3:8). We may think that merely talking about people is a harmless indoor sport, but Jesus said, "I tell you, on the day of judgment men will render account for every careless word they utter; for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36, 37).

It seems strange to us that a king would issue a decree requiring everyone to pray only to the king himself for thirty days, but in ancient times kings were frequently treated like gods. This particular decree probably seemed reasonable enough to many people, who interpreted it as a loyalty test designed to unite everyone under the new leader. We recall the dedication of Nebuchadnezzar's golden image in Daniel 3. We need not suppose, however, that Darius' decree was made official in all parts of the Medo-Persian

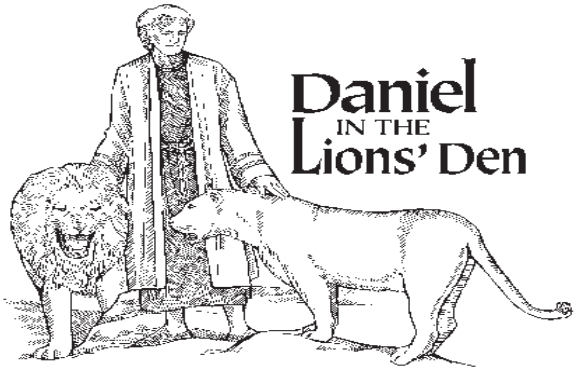
Empire. Darius was king only of Babylon, and Babylon — “all the earth” to Darius (Daniel 6:25) — was now only a subkingdom. Cyrus the Great, King of Lands, was ruler of the vast Medo-Persian Empire.

Collections of wild animals were as enjoyable long ago as nowadays. Lions were abundant in Mesopotamia. One Assyrian king claimed to have killed 970 on a single hunt. Lions are mentioned more than one hundred times in the Bible (see especially Judges 14 and I Kings 13). Techniques were known for taking animals alive. Modern tranquilizers were not used, of course, but dull arrows were shot at the animals, weakening them or knocking them senseless long enough for brave men to tie them up. Other animals were trapped in deep pits. And, as is well known, lions breed readily in captivity. There is no trouble in visualizing a group of hungry, captive lions.

But how do you visualize the lions’ den? Iron was scarce in Babylon, and iron for bars on the lions’ cages was unlikely. But a pit deep enough to keep the big animals from jumping out would have made sense — like today’s Bear Pit in Berne, Switzerland.

As yet no such lions’ den has been excavated in Babylon. The water level in Mesopotamia has risen so much over the centuries that any such deep pit would have been filled in long ago. But in Morocco a den like the one we are talking about was observed by a traveler in the nineteenth century. The hole in the ground was large and square, with a low protective wall around its rim. A partition, with a door in it, divided the pit into two sections. The lions were kept on one side of the partition until that side needed to be cleaned. The keeper then tossed food into the other side, opened the gate from above, waited till the lions moved over to eat the food, closed the gate, and lowered himself into the pit to do his work.

Such an arrangement fits perfectly with the details of Daniel 6, the historical account of “God and the Lions’ Den.”



The Message of Daniel 6

I. God Loves the Elderly

Daniel was around eighty-four years old when God delivered him from the hungry lions. God was just as interested in him in his old age as He had been in his youth. We would lose something if we didn't pause to

contemplate this fact for a few moments. God loves elderly people.

On this very point, the prophet Isaiah once made a telling comparison between God and the idols of Babylon. Each spring, as a climax to the popular New Year's celebration, Bel and Nebo were conveyed by animal back along Procession Street to the great temple of Esagila. The helpless idols had to be tied onto the animals, and they tottered and bowed as the animals swayed:

Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle;...

They stoop, they bow down together...

Isaiah 46:1, 2

How different, Isaiah pointed out, is the true God, who, far from being carried on the back of an animal, actually carries us all our lives long.

Hearken unto Me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

And even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

Isaiah 46:1-4

Time and again as he watched the annual celebration, Daniel must have reflected on these words of Isaiah's. As he advanced in years, the promise must have grown the richer: "Even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you." During the ten years when King Nabonidus lived in Tema, the New Year's celebration was not observed in Babylon. Bel and Nebo, totally helpless, were unable to make the parade even on the backs of animals! But God carries all who believe in Him every year of their lives, from childhood to gray hairs.

It is wonderful that He does so; for all of us, no matter how young we may be, are growing old inexorably. Popular articles report research into causes and cures of the aging process, and we are compelled to be interested; for all the things currently being tested as cures for aging can hope to do is merely to postpone old age. Only the second coming of Christ can eliminate it!

God has not promised eternal health in this life, but He has promised to stand beside us in our old age and give us confidence, a sense of purpose, poise, faith, courage, even "joy unspeakable," whatever comes. Daniel proved all this and more by his experience in the lions' den. ■

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WORDS of WISDOM

What's Your Theme?

Disgusted by a tasteless dish, Winston Churchill once summoned a waiter, saying, "Take this pudding away. It has no theme!"

Any good dish, book, movie, or sermon needs a good theme. So does a good life! That's why a personal motto or mission statement is helpful. William Carey's was "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." Joan of Arc's was "God must be served first." And Paul's was "to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2, ESV).

Pastor Curtis Nigh says, "If the heart does not have a noble or goodly theme, then it develops an anti-theme." What noble theme can you live by as you live for Christ?

To God You Shall Return

The words, "You are dust and to dust you shall return" might seem depressing. But in our often death-denying culture, some might find it refreshing to hear the frank statement that we can do nothing to save ourselves, physically or spiritually — that, no matter how we try to avoid sin, we can't untangle ourselves from self-interest. How liberating, then, to know we don't have to! God loves us as we are and sent Jesus to break sin's power over us. We come from dust and will return to dust, but we also come from God and will, eventually, return to God, if we give ourselves to Him. We're always safe in God's love.

How Peace Bears Witness

Christians ought not to be smothered in fear. There is a spiritual readiness, where we return to having the peace of God stand guard over our hearts and minds.

What an incredible witness it is to a lost and fearful society when the Christian acts like a child of God, living under the loving sovereignty of the heavenly Father. The Christian needs to walk in peace, so no matter what happens they will be able to bear witness to a watching world.

—Henry Blackaby



Standing Tall

How does your physical stature — or lack of it — affect your daily life? Maybe you have to stoop under certain doorways. Or maybe you buy shoes that make you taller.

Now consider your spiritual “height.” Do you, like young Jesus, strive to grow each day — in wisdom, if not in stature? What “giants” make you feel inadequate?

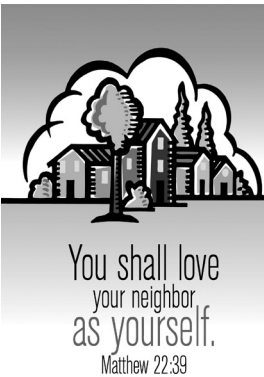
When “the battle is the LORD’s” (1 Samuel 17:47), as young David told Goliath before slaying him, human size doesn’t matter. Because we serve a “big” God who lives in us and works through us, we can stand tall and confident in his strength. No matter our physical height, let’s use every opportunity to reach up and step out as Jesus’ hands and feet.

The Church as a Mosaic

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in [the church] is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: “I make God visible.” But others who see us together can say: “They make God visible.” [Christian] community is where humility and glory touch.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen



Neighborly Love

As an ordained minister, Fred Rogers harnessed the power of television to tell children they were loved — and to show them how to love others. In *You Are Special*, he writes, “When we love a person, we accept him or her exactly as is: the lovely with the unlovely, the strong along with the fearful, the true mixed in with the façade, and of course, the only way we can do it is by accepting ourselves that way.”

In a review of the touching documentary *Won’t You Be My Neighbor?* a writer for *Variety* notes: “Rogers’ real secret was ... that the call to love your neighbor as yourself isn’t a slogan to hang in your kitchen with flowers around it — it’s a decision you make at every moment, to view every man, woman, and child on earth as your neighbor. If you don’t see and feel that, and act on it, then you’re just another narcissist with a kitchen slogan.”

Last October, when a synagogue shooting shattered the peace of Rogers’ real-life former neighborhood, residents of all religions embraced one another as neighbors. Afterward, the Fred Rogers Center stated, “We long for a day when there is no more tragedy born from hatred.”

YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS . . . ANSWERED

What does the Bible mean when it says we should not be lukewarm, but rather hot or cold?

“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth” (Revelation 3:15, 16).

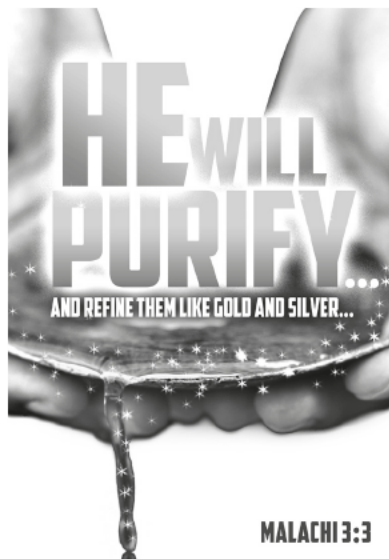
Jesus’ message to the Laodicean church is where we find this verse. Laodicea was a wealthy city in Asia Minor, and, unlike the nearby cities of Heirapolis (known for its hot springs) or Collasae (known for its fresh cold water), it had to pipe in water through a long aqueduct. By the time it arrived, it was lukewarm and distasteful.

Jesus described the works of Laodicea as neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm. God detests its mediocrity because the church had opportunity to recognize its condition. This church felt it was rich and needed nothing. It was in a prominent banking center known for its self-sufficiency. When an earthquake destroyed the city, it refused assistance from the emperor to rebuild. To its wealthy church, Jesus said, “You do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked” (verse 17) — strong language for a proud city. Instead, Christ offers them gold refined in fire, the pure gold of faith.

Jesus also calls Laodicea, known for its textiles, “naked” and offers them the white garments of His righteousness. And though the city was known for a medical school that sold special eye ointment, the Lord says they are “blind” and need His eye salve to see.

Yet Jesus loves this church. “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent” (verse 19). The root word for zealous (zeal) means “hot.”

Being hot means being fervent about our relationship with God. Being cold describes a humble condition in which we recognize our weakness. Jesus can bless either of these attitudes, but not pride and self-sufficiency. The Lord wants this church to be on fire — “Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in” (verse 20). ■



MALACHI 3:3

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OCCUPATIONS

1. What was Matthew's profession when he became a follower of Jesus?
A) Baker
B) Fisherman
C) Tax collector
2. What was the profession of the apostle Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla?
A) Tentmakers
B) Farmers
C) Potters
3. When Paul preached in Ephesus, men in what profession became very angry with him?
A) Silversmithing
B) Priests
C) Fishermen
4. When David and the House of Israel celebrated before the Lord, what professionals joined in to make it a loud and festive event?
A) Musicians
B) Chanters
C) Wailers
5. What professionals were busy at work when the Tower of Babel was being constructed?
A) Tax collectors
B) Councilmen
C) Brickmakers

YOUR TURN



A Letter

You truly will never know what a letter can mean
 Until you've been where I am or seen what I've seen.
 I'm confined to a world behind four walls,
 Where no one can see me, and I receive no calls.
 Often I sleep; awakened — alarmed!
 Thinking my family, loved ones, or friends may be harmed.
 I quickly thank my God for giving me love and a sense of peace —
 Thank God again! — It's just a dream — as I come to my senses
 I look out my "window" and still see the fences!

I make it, somehow, throughout the day;
 Quiet prayer to be heard — awaiting mail call;
 But "none for me," they say.

When nobody writes, times seem really hard;
 Not a letter, a note, or even a card.
 Looking for a little word or two to say,
 "Everything's okay."
 A few small words to ease my mind,
 Kind words, well wishes — just knowing you're there —
 Anything to show that you care!

Yet still I fall to my knees night and day,
 Praying to my God that you will remember me one day.

You will never know what a letter can mean
 Until you've been where I've been;
 Or seen what I've seen.

— Kenneth Louis Wells, Jr.

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1. C. Tax collector (Matthew 9:9). Tax collectors were viewed as traitors for working on the side of the oppressor and defiled by their contacts with heathens.
2. A. Tentmakers (Acts 18:2-3). The manufacture of tents was a common trade at the time of Paul, and the tents ranged from very simple to spacious with three rooms.
3. A. Silversmithing (Acts 19:24-28). Silver was originally more valuable than gold. It was common in several Bible countries, it was mined without difficulty, and was easy to mold and shape when heated.
4. A. Musicians (II Samuel 6:5). Biblical musical instruments included the ram's horn, the harp, pipes, cymbals, and the lyre.
5. C. Brickmakers (Genesis 11:3). Brickmaking involved digging heavy clay, softening it with water, molding the bricks, and then drying them.

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9-MEANING OF HELL	1MH	1 Cor. 15:55
10-WHERE ARE THE DEAD?	1WD	Eccl. 12:7
11-PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED	1PW	2 Pet. 2:9
12-HEAVEN	1H	2 Cor. 12:2
13-CHRISTIAN'S RULE OF LIFE	1CR	Jam. 2:8-12
14-JESUS, OUR HIGH PRIEST	1HP	Dan. 8:14
15-LORD'S DAY	1LD	Rev. 1:10
16-FIRST DAY OF WEEK	1FD	Mark 16:9
17-CHANGE OF SABBATH	1CS	Ex. 20:8-11
18-GREAT DAY OF JUDGMENT	1JD	Acts 17:31
19-THE PRESENT TRUTH	1PT	2 Pet. 1:12
20-SEVEN LAST PLAGUES	1SP	Rev. 15:1
21-SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD	1SG	Rev. 7:1-3
22-MARK OF THE BEAST	1MB	Rev. 14:9-11.14
23-HOW TO KEEP SABBATH	1KS	Ex. 20:8
24-CHRISTIANS IN DRESS	1CD	1 Cor. 10:31
25-BAPTISM	1B	Mark 16:16
26-THE TRUE CHURCH	1TC	Rev. 12:1
27-BIBLE PLAN TO SUPPORT GOD'S WORK	1SW	Deut. 8:16
28-GOD'S GATHERING CALL	1GC	Rev. 17:3, 4

No. 6 BIBLE TEMPERANCE: 1BT: I Corinthians 10: 31; 2BT: Isaiah 55:2; 3BT: Genesis 1:29, 31; 4BT: Deuteronomy 14:7, 8; 5BT: Deuteronomy 14:9, 10; 6BT: Isaiah 66:15-17; 7BT: Deuteronomy 14:2, 3; 8BT: Proverbs 23:29-32; 9BT: I Corinthians 6:19, 20; 10BT: I Corinthians 3:17; 11 BT: I John 3:2, 3.