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WHAT IS  
**SOWN**

IS PERISHABLE;  
WHAT IS

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IS IMPERISHABLE.

1 Corinthians 15:42

*Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners...*

**HEBREWS 13:3**



...Put forth your branches  
and bear your fruit...  
Ezekiel 36:8

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1 Corinthians 15:42

Is it bad to have hope? Is it wrong? You'd almost think so these days. People are being criticized for having hope, for being positive amidst a crisis.

Without hope, people become depressed, feeling life is not worth living. I fear so many have lived without real hope for so long that they have become used to it. They believe it is the right way to live. My sister, for instance, believes that after death, there is nothing. Consequently she tries to pack as much into life as she can... as much activity, as much food, as much revelry, as many "toys" as possible in order to obtain that elusive happiness for which she seeks...because once this life is over, that is it.

But what is the point of temporal, counterfeit "happiness" that will die with you? Why settle for that? "In a world looking for hope, the return of our Lord is the "blessed hope" (see World's Most Amazing Book, page 5). Jesus IS coming back, and we can spend an eternity of *true* happiness and joy with Him. Seek Him now. You never know which moment will be your last opportunity to find Him.

— The Team at  
Regeneration Fellowship

**Quotes and Quips**

Today is a great day to say, "Thank You, God" because no matter what circumstances I may face, I am alive.

— Unknown

Be willing to go all out, in pursuit of your dream. Ultimately it will pay off. You are more powerful than you think you are. Go for it.

— Les Brown

I do not think that there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance.

— John D. Rockefeller

The helmet of salvation is to remind us that God gives grace to the humble but opposes the proud; the helmet of salvation does not fit those who have big heads.

— Kevin DeYoung

You go through three stages on the road to success: 1) losses, 2) lessons, 3) WINNING. Don't stop until you reach number three.

— Rick Jordan

If you want to share in the rewards, share in the work.

— Frank Sonnenberg

Winners embrace hard work. They love the discipline of it, the trade-off they're making to win. Losers see it as punishment.

— Lou Holtz

Every thought you think, every action you take to become more of whom you were created to be makes this world a better place!

— Unknown

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## JESUS

### Selected Studies on the Life of Christ

By David Metzler

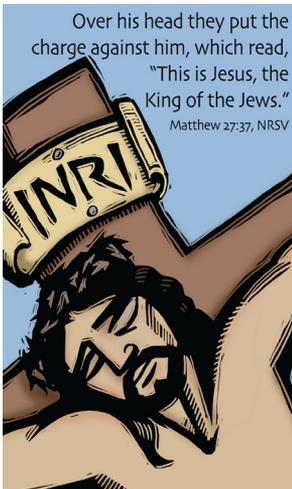
#### KING OF THE JEWS

“Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross” (John 19:19).

Matthew reports the sign read: “This is Jesus the king of the Jews” (Matthew 27:37). Mark tells us it said only “The king of the Jews” (Mark 15:26), and Luke states it read: “This is the king of the Jews” (Luke 23:38). John gives the full inscription, explaining that it “was written in Hebrew (Aramaic), the common language of the people, in Greek, the language of learning and culture, and in Latin, the official language of the Roman Empire.” The inscription read: “Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews” (John 19:19).

During the trial, the Jews had shouted, “Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!” (verse 15). Pilate had asked them pointedly, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests had answered, “We have no king but Caesar!” It was customary to place the crime of the individual deemed worthy of death upon the cross above them so bystanders might note the penalty for transgressing Rome’s will. But they listed no offense for Jesus other than the title “King of the Jews.” The inscription was a virtual acknowledgment of the allegiance of the Jews to the Roman power. It declared that whoever might claim to be the King of Israel would be judged by them worthy of death. The priests had overreached themselves. When they were plotting the death of Christ, Caiaphas had declared it expedient that one man should die to save the nation. Now their hypocrisy was revealed. In order to destroy Christ, they had been ready to sacrifice even their national existence.

Going to Pilate, they demanded he change the sign. They said, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘He said, “I am King of the Jews”” (verse 21). Coldly he answered, “What I have written, I have written” (verse 22). A higher power than Pilate or the Jews had directed the placing of the inscription above the head of Jesus. In the providence of God it was to awaken thought, and investigation of the Scriptures. The place where Christ was crucified was near to the city. Thousands of people from all lands were then at Jerusalem, and the inscription declaring Jesus of Nazareth the Messiah would come to their notice. It was a living truth, transcribed by a hand that God had guided. ■



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**LIGHT FOR MY PATH**

*Jesus is your Peace...*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee.

Isaiah 26:3

His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

Isaiah 9:6, 7

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Romans 16:20

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 4:8

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Psalm 29:11

Peace, I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

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Bible Study:  
THE WORLD'S MOST AMAZING BOOK

By Mark A. Finley

## THE REAL TRUTH ABOUT OUR LORD'S RETURN

In a world looking for hope, the return of our Lord is the “blessed hope” of each believer (Titus 2:13). If death were a long night with no morning, and if the grave were a dark hole in the ground with no way out, our human existence would be filled with despair. One of the Bible’s central truths is the return of Jesus to this world. The second coming of Christ is mentioned more than 1,500 times in the Bible. It is mentioned an average of once in every 25 verses in the New Testament. In this month’s lesson we will focus on what the Bible teaches about the second coming of Jesus.



**1. What reassuring promise did Jesus give to His followers just before His death and resurrection? Discover the answer in John 14:1-3.**

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Just before His death, Jesus encouraged His disciples with the promise of His return. He reassured them that one day He would return. The second coming of Jesus is as certain as the promises of our Lord. He would not mislead us. He is really coming again to take us home; to take us to a place where suffering, heartache, pain, and death will be gone forever, and we will eternally enjoy fellowship with Him.

**2. What testimony did Old Testament prophets give regarding Jesus’ second coming? Read the passages listed below and summarize**

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them in your own words.

**Psalm 50:3** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Isaiah 25:9** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Daniel 2:44** \_\_\_\_\_

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For every prophecy in the Old Testament on the first coming of our Lord there are eight about His second coming. In both the Old and New Testaments the return of Jesus is prominent.

**3. What testimony did the apostle Paul give regarding the return of Jesus? What happens to the righteous dead when Jesus returns? What about the living righteous? Compare I Thessalonians 4:13-17 with I Corinthians 15:51-57.**

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**4. Does the Bible describe what happens to the unsaved or wicked when Jesus returns? Do they receive a second chance for salvation? Read the following texts: Revelation 22:11, 12; Hebrews 9:27, 28; II Thessalonians 1:7-11.**

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Every day God gives us new opportunities to accept His love and respond to His grace. His mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22, 23). If we fail to respond to His gracious invitation, we will be consumed by the brightness of His glory at His second coming.

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**5. How does the Gospel of Matthew describe the second coming of Jesus. Discover the answer in Matthew 16:27.**

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**6. Both Revelation 1 and Revelation 22 describe the second coming of Jesus. What eternal truths do you learn in Revelation 1:7 and Revelation 22:7, 12, 20?**

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**7. What did Jesus say about being prepared for His return? Read Matthew 24:42-44.**

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Jesus earnestly appeals to each one of us to be ready for His return. You may wonder what it means to be ready for Christ's return, or how to be ready. It isn't complicated. To be ready for Christ's return simply means to accept the salvation He so freely offers, and in response to His amazing grace surrender our lives fully to Him. You can do it by bowing your head and offering a simple prayer of commitment. If you've never done it before, why not take a moment and commit your entire life to Him right now? And if you've already surrendered your life to Him, why not rededicate yourself now in prayer? ■

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## GOD CARES: *The Message of Daniel*

C. Mervin Maxwell

### Daniel 8: God, And His Sanctuary The Message of Daniel 8 (continued)

#### The “Continualness” of Christ’s Priestly Sanctuary

That Jesus *is* our High Priest is the message of the book of Hebrews in the New Testament. Hebrews 3:1 invites us to “consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.”

That Jesus ministers *in the heavenly sanctuary* is stated clearly in Hebrews 8:1, 2, which says that “we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister *in the sanctuary* and the true tent [or tabernacle] which is set up not by man but by the Lord.”

And that Jesus ministers on our behalf *continually* is emphasized in Hebrews 7:21-25, where His ministry is contrasted with the noncontinuous ministry of the Old Testament “Levitical” priests:

Those who formerly became [Levitical] priests took their office without an oath, but this one [Jesus Christ] was addressed with an oath, “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘Thou art a priest for ever.’” This makes Jesus the surety of a better covenant. The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but He [Jesus] holds His priesthood permanently because He continues for ever. Consequently He is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:21-25).



#### **Tamid** in the Old Testament

The contrast which is drawn in Hebrews 7:21-25 between Christ’s continuing priesthood and the noncontinuing ministry of the Old Testament priests is very much to the point. The Levitical priestly service was

The Earthly  
Tabernacle

intended by God to be *just as continuous as it could humanly be*. In fact, it is in connection with what the Bible says about the continuousness of the Old Testament service that we discover the special meaning of the word *tamid*.

When used as an ordinary adjective, *tamid* describes a variety of things, such as *continual* employment (Ezekiel 39:14), *continual* sorrow (Psalm 38:17), and *continual* hope (Psalm 71:14).

Quite often, however, *tamid* is used in a technical sense to describe various basic aspects of the ritual associated with the Old Testament sanctuary. A dozen times (as in Numbers 28:3 and I Chronicles 16:40) it refers to the offering of a lamb, regularly, morning and evening, as a “*continual* burnt offering.” It also refers (as in Leviticus 24:2) to the lamps that were kept *continually* burning and (as in II Chronicles 2:4) to the “*continual* offering of the showbread” which was kept on display perpetually and was changed weekly. In Exodus 28:29, 30 *tamid* refers to the symbolically adorned breastpiece that the high priest wore *continually*, whenever his duties required him to enter the sanctuary. In II Chronicles 24:14 it refers to all the burnt offerings offered to God during a particular king’s lifetime. And in I Chronicles 23:31 it refers to the special sacrifices offered regularly on Sabbaths, new moons, and feast days.

With this survey in mind, it becomes apparent that *tamid* took into account the entire continuing ministry of the Old Testament sanctuary and was by no means limited to the daily burnt offerings.

### The Original Old Testament Sanctuary

To gain a fuller grasp of the Old Testament *tamid* — and through it a better understanding of Christ’s heavenly ministry — it is helpful to get acquainted with the Levitical sanctuary and its services.

When God led the Israelites out of Egypt, He said to Moses, “Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst” (Exodus 25:8). On Mount Sinai He gave Moses precise instructions as to the sanctuary’s design and rituals (see especially Exodus 25-30).

God’s purpose in giving these directions was evidently to impress the people with (1) His holiness in contrast to their sinfulness, (2) His eagerness to forgive their sins in response to repentance, and (3) His desire — through the Holy Spirit — to dwell in and cleanse from sin their individual, personal “temples” (I Corinthians 6:19, 20; Ephesians 2:21, 22; Revelation 3:20, 21).

Because at the time the Israelites were living like nomads on the Sinai peninsula, God said that the sanctuary should be constructed in the form of a tent, or “tabernacle,” so it could be dismantled and moved whenever the people moved. It was to be 10 cubits by 30 (a cubit is about 46 centimeters or 18 inches) and divided into two rooms. The larger room was to be known as the “holy place,” and the smaller, inner one, as the “most holy place.” Two curtains or “veils” would serve as doors — the inner curtain being gorgeously

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embroidered with pictures of angels. A “court” surrounding the tabernacle was marked off with a linen fence.

God specified just how the tabernacle was to be furnished. Let’s take a tour with Aaron, the high priest. The first item of furniture that he shows us, just inside the entrance to the court, is the large brass-plated “altar of burnt offering.” As we walk beyond it, he shows us the brass “laver,” a basin with water in it for ceremonial washings.

We step past the laver, and Aaron draws the first veil aside and leads the way out of the bright desert sun into the reverent dimness of the holy place. The air is fragrant. A fine column of smoke rises from incense burning on the exquisite little “golden altar” directly ahead of us, in front of the second veil. Of course we can barely make it out, until our eyes get used to the place.

Our attention is attracted to the seven-branched “lampstand” on our left, near the south wall. Aaron tells us that it is made of solid gold and that at least some of its lamps are always burning. Now we notice that their light is reflected richly by the gold-plated frames that support the fabric-and-leather walls and roof. Behind the frames hangs a curtain richly decorated with angels.

Next to the north wall is a piece of gold-plated furniture about the size of a coffee table. Aaron says it is the “table of the bread of the Presence” (the table of shewbread”). Twelve flat loaves, one for each tribe of Israel, are placed on it each Sabbath.

We admire the superb craftsmanship of the inner veil; then Aaron draws aside this second curtain and we enter the most holy place. In its center stands the “ark of the covenant,” a gold-plated chest which, Aaron explains, contains the tablets of stone on which God engraved the Ten Commandments. The lid of the ark, called the “mercy seat,” he tells us, is made of solid gold. Attached to it and beaten out of the same piece of gold are two angel-like carvings called “cherubim,” looking down.

In real life, of course, we could never have entered the tabernacle. Only priests were allowed into the holy place; and only the high priest, one day a year, was allowed to enter the most holy place. Our imagination has served us well!

After the Israelites settled in Palestine, the tabernacle became worn and battered. King Solomon replaced it with a stone temple in Jerusalem, based on the same plan as the tabernacle. It was Solomon’s temple which Nebuchadnezzar razed to the ground more than three hundred years later.

After the Babylonian exile the Jews built a second temple on the same basic plan and on the same site as Solomon’s temple. This second temple did not contain the ark, which was not seen again after Nebuchadnezzar’s final attack. Its precincts did, at first, enclose the altar that Antiochus Epiphanes defiled in 168 B.C. Herod the Great, king at the time of Jesus’ birth, so rebuilt and beautified this second temple that it came to be known as Herod’s temple.

Jesus taught in Herold's temple, and the Romans destroyed it in A.D. 70.

### **The Old Testament Services**

The sanctuary rituals which God required were impressive and varied. They were designed for an agricultural people who lived intimately with herds of cattle and flocks of sheep and goats. They symbolized Christ's death and heavenly ministry for the forgiveness of our sins in terms of the death of valuable animals and the service of dedicated priests.

The basic ritual was the offering of a lamb each morning and evening. According to Leviticus 9:24 God Himself miraculously kindled the altar fire when the tabernacle was originally dedicated, and the priests were under strict instructions never to let it go out. "This is the law of the burnt offering. The burnt offering shall be on the hearth upon the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it...It shall not go out" (Leviticus 6:8-13).

Tradition later claimed that the original fire continued to burn from the time of Moses until Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple in 586 B.C., a total of over eight hundred years according to biblical chronology.

This continually burning sacrifice said a lot to the Israelites camped in the wilderness. At any moment when anyone felt remorse for his sinfulness, a glance at the tabernacle or at night a sniff of the air could bring reassurance that the sacrifice was in progress on his behalf. And the continuance of the sacrifice would remind him that the other basic functions of the priesthood were being maintained on his behalf also. The lamps were burning day and night, their steady glow on the golden table. And the high priest, as often at least as he was on duty, was carrying on his breastpiece the name of every tribe in the nation, thus symbolically carrying near his heart and in the presence of God the name of every individual in the encampment.

Later, when the Israelites settled in communities all over Palestine, and still later, when they settled all around the Roman Empire, it became impossible for them to visit the sanctuary every time they sinned or even as often as once a year. Even on the way home from a rare visit to Jerusalem, the worshiper would doubtless sin again and could not possibly return to the altar. But he had the comforting knowledge that the services were continuing on his behalf.

### **Behold, the Lamb of God**

It was a lamb that was offered twice a day; and in the New Testament Jesus is often called a lamb, as in John 1:29 and I Peter 1:19. Jesus is called the Lamb 29 times in the book of Revelation. Isaiah 53 in the Old Testament speaks of a "lamb that is led to the slaughter," and Acts 8:32-35 in the New Testament applies the statement to Jesus. In I Corinthians 5:7 Paul alludes to the lamb sacrificed in the special Passover, or "Paschal," ritual and says,

“Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.”

God did not limit the sacrifices to lambs. Sometimes He called for rams, bulls, calves, kids, and even doves and pigeons. Often “a cereal offering” was specified, as in Leviticus 2:1-11. But always when an animal sacrifice was offered for the forgiveness of sin, the person who offered the sacrifice led his animal to the tabernacle and, standing either at the entrance or beside the altar of burnt offering, laid his hands on the animal and personally took a knife and slew it. *The sinner himself slew the animal*, and the animal was “accepted for him, to make atonement for him” (Leviticus 1:3, 4, 10, 11).

By laying his hands on the animal, the sinner symbolically transferred his own guilt to the innocent victim, and the animal became — in symbol — a substitute for him. As the *Jewish Encyclopedia* says, “The laying of hands upon the victim’s head is an ordinary rite by which the substitution and the transfer of sins are effected...In every sacrifice there is the idea of substitution; the victim takes the place of the human sinner.”

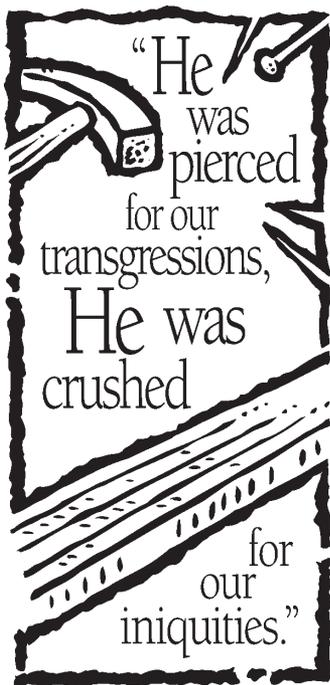
When John the Baptist saw Jesus for the first time, he called out to the crowds who had gathered to hear him preach, “Behold, the Lamb of God, *who takes away the sin of the world*” (John 1:29).

Years later Peter wrote in his first epistle, “He himself *bore our sins in his body*” (1 Peter 2:24).

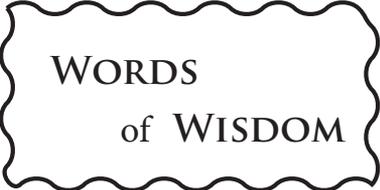
The requirement that the sinner himself slay his substitute animal teaches a profound lesson that we still need to be reminded of. Every one of us can say, “If Christ died as my Substitute because He bore my sins, then it is my responsibility that He died. It is I who slew Christ.”

For the guilt of my sin the nail drove in,  
When Him they crucified.

And, of course, the sacrifice *died*. Every animal that died every day in every ritual gave its life to teach all of us the solemn truth that “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). Sin causes death. Sin causes death so irrevocably and inevitably that God cannot merely overlook it. It has cost God something to forgive our sins. God “did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all” (Romans 8:32). “God so loved...that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16). ■



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### Burden Bearers

Bear one another's burdens, the Bible says. It is a lesson about pain that we all can agree on. Some of us will not see pain as a gift; some will always accuse God of being unfair for allowing it.

But, the fact is, pain and suffering are here among us, and we need to respond in some way. The response Jesus showed was to bear the burdens of those he touched. To live in the world as [Jesus'] body, his emotional incarnation, we must follow his example.

The image of the body accurately portrays how God is working in the world... We announce His message, work for justice, pray for mercy... and suffer with the sufferers.

— Philip Yancy,  
*Where Is God When It Hurts*

### Don't Settle

For most of us, the great danger is not that we will renounce our faith. It is that we will become so distracted and rushed and preoccupied that we will settle for a mediocre version of it.

— John Ortberg,  
*The Life You've Always Wanted*

Did you miss the editor's page last month due to a printing error? We apologize! You can find last month's message below. (Last month's Bible Marking Guide is on page 15.)

Are you worried? Are you stressed? So many people are these days... I witnessed a car accident on the way to church a few weeks ago. One minute this elderly couple was on their way to a day of hiking in beautiful, sunny Florida. The next moment they were being transported to the hospital. How quickly things can change!

The events of today often make people feel out of control, and many are scared. I find that those who are the most worried and afraid are those who do not believe in God or have any kind of relationship with Him. If you have a relationship with the Lord, you trust Him in all circumstances. You have someone to rely on; you have promises to believe in. While not everything may be rosy all the time, believers know that in the end, everything will be okay. "He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid" (see last month's Words of Wisdom, page 13) knowing that God indeed works everything for good. Do you have a relationship with Him? If not, you can today! If you turn to Him and confess your sins, Scripture says that He is faithful to forgive. He loves you! Tell Him your fears. He will help you, and you too can experience peace in this troubled world.

— The Team at  
Regeneration Fellowship

## YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS . . . ANSWERED

### **Once you are saved, can you ever lose your salvation?**

*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23).”*

There are many examples in the Bible of people who had a saving relationship with God and were filled with the Spirit, but then they turned away...such as King Saul and Judas. Jesus will never let go of us, but we can let go of Him. We always have that freedom.

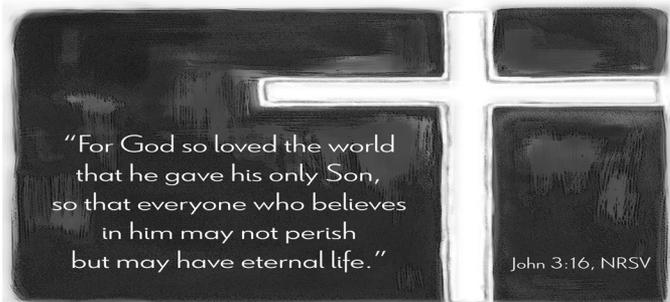
The concept that once you are saved you can never be lost is unbiblical. People sometimes turn from God after following Him for a time. Peter puts it like this: “But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: ‘A dog returns to his own vomit,’ and, ‘a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire’” (II Peter 2:22).

On the other extreme, some people believe that you need to walk every day in doubt of your relationship with the Lord. Yet the Bible is clear that we can walk in assurance. Paul writes, “Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6). Another verse says, “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2).

According to the Bible, the notion that once a person is saved he cannot be lost is just not true. One of the clearest verses in Scripture states:

“When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die” (Ezekiel 18:24).

In other words, a person who was righteous can turn away from God and be lost. If a person is saved and cannot lose his salvation, why would he need to “hold fast” and not waver according to Hebrews 10:23? Because God has given people the freedom of choice. — DB



**MOVIN' ON****Bible  
Trivia**

1. What did God tell Moses and Aaron to do to the rock in Kadash in order to get water from it?
  - A) Strike it
  - B) Bury it
  - C) Speak to it
  
2. What did Moses do to the rock to get water from it?
  - A) Struck it twice
  - B) Spoke to it
  - C) Prayed over it
  
3. Who died on Mount Hor?
  - A) Moses
  - B) Aaron
  - C) Eleazar
  
4. What did the people say to Moses in response to the fiery serpents?
  - A) We have sinned.
  - B) It is your fault.
  - C) Lead us out of this place.
  
5. What did Moses make that would heal the snake-bitten Israelites?
  - A) Medicine
  - B) A bronze serpent
  - C) A gold staff

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Answers to questions can be found on Page 17

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If you missed the Number 17 Bible Marking Guide due to a printing error last month, we apologize! It can be found below.

**No. 17 CHANGE OF SABBATH: 1CS: Exodus 20:8-11; 2CS: Psalm 89:34 [Acts 13:14, 42; 18:4]; 3CS: Daniel 7:25; 4CS: Daniel 12:4; 5CS: John 9:41; 6CS: James 4:17; 7CS: I John 3:4; 8CS: Romans 6:16; 9CS: Acts 5:29; 10CS: Hebrews 5:9.**

**YOUR TURN**



The Message

What separates us is not our skin,  
What we have, or where we've been.  
What oppresses me oppresses you.  
It is to each other we must be true.

We are torn apart by society, lashed at with fists.  
What is missing is kindness, a brotherly kiss.  
This is a world subject to ruin,  
Hateful words and weapons. What are we doing?  
We have all in our lives prejudged someone  
Labeled a book by the cover.

Prejudice is a choice, ignorance, and fault  
Why must we pay the price so easily bought?  
The choice to hate goes deeper than generalizations  
Let's stop the tearing down, time for new creations!  
Do not justify oppression.  
We must learn that all are connected.  
Society has branded itself with a racist mind.  
Children are taught to hate, not to be kind.

We do not live with spics, crackers, niggers, and chinks.  
Can't you see we are in this together? Please stop and think.  
We are all the same. My blood too stains red.  
We need to awake the soul from the dead.  
Remember the message of the mountain top.  
It doesn't matter what others think,  
There's only one color, or together we sink.  
Through love we may just one day succeed.  
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— Brian Roberts

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1. C. Speak to it (Numbers 20:8). Kadesh is about sixty miles south of Beersheba in the northeast section of the Sinai Peninsula.
2. A. Struck it twice (Numbers 20:11). This act turned the eyes of the Israelites away from God and put them on Moses and Aaron.
3. B. Aaron (Numbers 20:28). Aaron was 123 years old when he died, and his death took place forty years after the Exodus began.
4. A. We have sinned (Numbers 21:7). The Israelites were repentant after feeling the "fiery sting" of God's anger.
5. B. A bronze serpent (Numbers 21:9). Those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed by the power of God.

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14-JESUS, OUR HIGH PRIEST	1HP	Dan. 8:14
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16-FIRST DAY OF WEEK	1FD	Mark 16:9
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18-GREAT DAY OF JUDGMENT	1JD	Acts 17:31
19-THE PRESENT TRUTH	1PT	2 Pet. 1:12
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22-MARK OF THE BEAST	1MB	Rev. 14:9-11.14
23-HOW TO KEEP SABBATH	1KS	Ex. 20:8
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