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to the name of the Lord, due to his righteousness, I will give to the Lord and I will sing praise the most High. thethanks

Psalm 7:17

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

HEBREWS 13:3

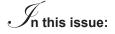


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...Put forth your branches and bear your fruit... Ezekiel 36:8 Director: John Mills

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Being а Florida resident for 40 years, I've seen quite a few hurricanes come through the state. Some have affected us more than others. We've had trees down, flooded entryways, loss of power for a week or two. But, ironically, it took going to southwest Virginia to live through the worst hurricane of my lifetime. We're in Virginia, I thought. We're in the mountains, I thought. No hurricane will affect us here. By the time any storm gets to us, we might get some rain, but that's about it. We followed the weather reports. I was duly concerned for those family and friends left in Florida, but not for us here.

Hurricane Helene left Florida on Thursday, and when I woke up Friday morning, almost immediately the power went out, and the storm didn't abate until that afternoon. In the aftermath we found we had lost several large trees. Roads, bridges, and driveway culverts were washed away. Many at lower elevations had severe flooding, and some had died.

We were the lucky ones, though who knows why? We still have no power (likely for a month), but we have food and water. We are safe and dry. We give thanks and sing (see Quotes and Quips, page 2) — The Team at Regeneration Felllowship



Let there be for every pulse a thanksgiving, and for every breath a song. —Konrad von Gesner

Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God. —Teresa of Avila

Prayer is where the action is.

- John Wesley

We cannot pray in love and live in hate and still think we are worshiping God.

— A.W. Tozer

Always be a little kinder than necessary.

— J.M. Barrie

I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least. — Dorothy Day

Never trust anyone completely but God; love people, but put your full trust only in God.

- Lawrence Welk



### A WORLD ON FIRE Selected Studies on the Great Commission By David Metzler

### ETHNIC TENSIONS

"And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council" (Acts 6:12).

Stephen was a man of deep piety and broad faith. Though a Jew by birth, he spoke the Greek language and was familiar with the customs of the Greeks. He therefore found opportunity to preach the gospel in the synagogues of the Greek Jews. Stephen actively proclaimed his faith. Learned rabbis and doctors of the law engaged in public discussion with Stephen, confidently expecting an easy victory. But they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spoke. Not only did he speak in the power of the Holy Spirit, but it was plain that he was a student of the prophecies and learned in all matters of the law. He ably defended the truths that he advocated and utterly defeated his opponents.

The Sanhedrin was again confronted with the new teachings of Christianity. Converts were flocking to the new religion. The followers of Christ were bold in the proclamation of the gospel and also were attended with miracles, wonders, and signs. Rather than accept the evidence presented, the priests and rulers determined to silence the dissent.

Men were coerced and bribed to lie about Stephen's statements, twisting the truth in much the same manner as had been done during the trial of Jesus. Speaking blasphemy against the temple, against the law, and against Moses were the key charges. Punishment for blasphemy was death by stoning (Leviticus 24:16). The Sanhedrin now had to take action.

The high priest led this body of 70 men. They had complete control over the temple mount, maintaining their own police force to control crowds and enforce their will. Although Rome prevented the Sanhedrin from administering capital punishment to those found guilty in their court, the council often bribed Roman officials to overlook cases when they had taken the law into their own hands.

On this occasion, the council summoned its most eloquent rising stars to refute the arguments of Stephen. Saul of Tarsus was present and took a leading part against Stephen. He brought the weight of eloquence and the logic of the rabbis to bear upon the case, to convince the people that Stephen was preaching delusive and dangerous doctrines; but in Stephen he met one who had a full understanding of the purpose of God in the spreading of the gospel to other nations. Saul's impressive education and impeccable credentials hid a lack of understanding. Prejudice and pride are fatal flaws.

# LIGHT FOR MY PATH

What the Bible Has to Say about Family

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Acts 16:31

Choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Exodus 20:12

So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church.

Ephesians 5:28-29

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Isaiah 54:13

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

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REVELATION SPEAKS

By Mark A. Fínley

### REVELATION'S MOST URGENT MESSAGE (Continued) [This chapter is based on Revelation, chapter 14]

7. Where does this judgment occur, and who is present? Daniel 7:9, 10

### 8. When does this judgment begin?

NOTE: In a previous chapter we discovered that since 1844, we have been living in the time of the end. Prophetic time has run out! We also discovered that at the end of the 2,300 years, "Then shall the sanctuary be cleansed" (Daniel 8:14). The cleansing of the earthly sanctuary took place on the tenth day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar year. On that day, sin was finally eradicated from the camp of Israel. It was a day of deep soul-searching and repentance. Any person who failed to participate

in this most solemn day of confessing and forsaking his sins was cut off from Israel. To the Israelite, the cleansing of the sanctuary was a day of judgment. So Daniel points forward, not to judgment in the earthly sanctuary, but to the final judgment, or the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary - the vindication of truth at the time of the end and the final eradication of sin from the universe. Before God finally destroys sin forever, He reveals His wisdom, justice, and love in the judgment. The entire

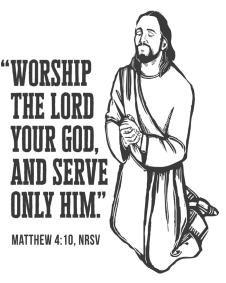


universe now fully understands all of the evidence. They see that God's way is just!

9. In the light of the judgment, God calls the entire human race from false worship to true worship. Who is Revelation 14:7 calling us to worship?

NOTE: In an age when the evolutionary hypothesis has captured most of the scientific world, God invites men and women to worship Him as the Creator God.

10. Why does the book of Revelation say that God is worthy to be worshiped? Revelation 4:11



# 11. How do we worship God as the Creator? What does the commandment specifically tell us to do? Exodus 20:8-11

NOTE: The seventh-day Sabbath is the sign of a loving God. It is the memorial of God's creative power. The Sabbath speaks to twentiethcentury men and women in a very personal way. God says, I made you! I care about you! This is the day I created for us to spend together in fellowship. But Satan desires to lead men and women to forget their Creator and worship on a man-made day. However, God says, "Remember."

# 12. In contrast to worshiping the Creator, what is Satan's purpose for us? Revelation 14:9, 10.

NOTE: The "root word" for Babylon is confusion The city of Babylon was built on the former site of the Tower of Babel. It was here that God confused the languages. Revelation's spiritual Babylon represents religious confusion. Satan has confused the thinking of thousands with the wine of his false doctrines, deceiving them into believing that obedience is unnecessary and that God's Sabbath is of little significance.

14. What call does God give to those in the false religious systems composing spiritual Babylon? Revelation 18:4

15. How does God describe His true followers in earth's final hour? **Revelation 14:12** 

NOTE: As the result of the proclamation of the straight-forward message of Revelation 14, two groups of people are developed. One group worships the Creator by faithfully observing all of God's commandments, which includes the Sabbath command. The other group accepts the falsehoods of a fallen religious system and honors a counterfeit sabbath, receiving the Mark of the Beast and eternal death. Every person will make a decision — there will be no middle ground in that day!

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from the Storm

THE STORY OF REDEMPTION by E. G. White

### THE TRIAL OF CHRIST (Continued)

### Judas' Confession

Judas was filled with bitter remorse and shame at his treacherous act in betraying Jesus, and when he witnessed the abuse that the Saviour endured, he was overcome. He had loved Jesus, but had loved money more. He had not thought that Jesus would suffer Himself to be taken by the mob that he led on. He had expected Him to work a miracle and deliver Himself from them. But when he saw the infuriated multitude in the judgment hall, thirsting for blood, he deeply felt his guilt; and while many were vehemently accusing Jesus, Judas rushed through the multitude, confessing that he had sinned in betraying innocent blood. He offered the priests the money that they had paid him, and he entreated them to release Jesus, declaring that He was entirely innocent.

For a short time vexation and confusion kept the priests silent. They did not wish the people to know that they had hired one of the professed followers of Jesus to betray Him into their hands. Their hunting Jesus like a thief and taking Him secretly, they wished to hide. But the confession of Judas and his haggard, guilty appearance exposed the priests before the multitude, showing that it was hatred that had caused them to take Jesus. As Judas loudly declared Jesus to be innocent, the priests replied, "What is that to us? See thou to that" (Matthew 27:4). They had Jesus in their power, and were determined to make sure of Him. Judas, overwhelmed with anguish, threw the money that he now despised at the feet of those who had hired him, and in anguish and horror, he went and hanged himself.

Jesus had many sympathizers in the company about Him, and His answering nothing to the many questions put to Him amazed the throng. Under all the mockery and violence of the mob, not a frown, not a troubled expression, rested upon His features. He was dignified and composed. The spectators looked upon Him with wonder. They compared His perfect form and firm, dignified bearing with the appearance of those who sat in judgment against Him, and said to one another that He appeared more like a king than any of the rulers. He bore no marks of being a criminal. His eye was mild, clear, and undaunted, His forehead broad and high. Every feature was strongly marked with benevolence and noble principle. His patience and forbearance were so unlike man that many trembled. Even Herod and Pilate were greatly troubled at His noble, Godlike bearing.

### Jesus Before Pilate

From the first, Pilate was convinced that Jesus was no common man. He believed Him to be an excellent character and entirely innocent of the charges brought against Him. The angels who were witnessing the scene marked the convictions of the Roman governor, and to save him from engaging in the awful act of delivering Christ to be crucified, an angel was sent to Pilate's wife, and gave her information through a dream that it was the Son of God in whose trial her husband was engaged, and that He was an innocent sufferer. She immediately sent a message to Pilate, stating that she had suffered many things in a dream on account of Jesus and warning him to have nothing to do with that holy Man. The messenger, pressing hastily through the crowd, placed the letter in the hands of Pilate. As he read, he trembled and turned pale, and at once determined to have nothing to do with putting Christ to death. If the Jews would have the blood of Jesus, he would not give his influence to it, but would labor to deliver Him.

### Sent to Herod

When Pilate heard that Herod was in Jerusalem, he was greatly relieved, for he hoped to free himself from all responsibility in the trial and condemnation of Jesus. He at once sent Him, with His accusers, to Herod. This ruler had become hardened in sin. The murder of John the Baptist had left upon his conscience a stain from which he could not free himself. When he heard of Jesus and the mighty works wrought by Him, he feared and trembled, believing Him to be John the Baptist risen from the dead. When Jesus was placed in his hands by Pilate, Herod considered the act an acknowledgment of his power, authority, and judgment. This had the effect to make friends of the two rulers, who had before been enemies. Herod was pleased to see Jesus, expecting Him to work some mighty miracle for his satisfaction. But it was not the work of Jesus to gratify curiosity or to seek His own safety. His divine, miraculous power was to be exercised for the salvation of others, but not in His own behalf.

Jesus answered nothing to the many questions put to Him by Herod; neither did He reply to His enemies, who were vehemently accusing Him. Herod was enraged because Jesus did not appear to fear his power, and with his men of war, he derided, mocked, and abused the Son of God. Yet he was astonished at the noble, Godlike appearance of Jesus when shamefully abused, and, fearing to condemn Him, he sent Him again to Pilate.

Satan and his angels were tempting Pilate and trying to lead him on to his own ruin. They suggested to him that if he did not take part in condemning Jesus, others would; the multitude were thirsting for His blood; and if he did not deliver Him to be crucified, he would lose his power and worldly honor, and would be denounced as a believer on the impostor. Through fear of losing his power and authority, Pilate consented to the death of Jesus. And notwithstanding he placed the blood of Jesus upon His accusers, and the multitude received it, crying, "His blood be on us, and on our children" (Matthew 27:25), yet Pilate was not clear; he was guilty of the blood of Christ. For his own selfish interest, his love of honor from the great men of earth, he delivered an innocent man to die. If Pilate had followed his own convictions he would have had nothing to do with condemning Jesus.

The appearance and words of Jesus during His trial made a deep impression upon the minds of many who were present on that occasion. The result of the influence thus exerted was apparent after His resurrection. Among those who were then added to the church, there were many whose conviction dated from the time of Jesus' trial.

Satan's rage was great as he saw that all the cruelty that he had led the Jews to inflict on Jesus had not called forth from Him the slightest murmur. Although He had taken upon Himself man's nature, He was sustained by a Godlike fortitude, and departed not in the least from the will of His Father.

### THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST

Christ, the precious Son of God, was led forth and delivered to the people to be crucified. The disciples and believers from the region round about joined the throng that followed Jesus to Calvary. The mother of Jesus was also there, supported by John, the beloved disciple. Her heart was stricken with unutterable anguish; yet she, with the disciples, hoped that the painful scene would change, and Jesus would assert His power, and appear before His enemies as the Son of God. Then again her mother heart would sink as she remembered words in which He had briefly referred to the things that were that day being enacted.



Jesus had scarcely passed the gate of Pilate's house when the cross that had been prepared for Barabbas was brought out and laid upon His bruised and bleeding shoulders. Crosses were also placed upon the companions of Barabbas, who were to suffer death at the same time with Jesus. The Saviour had borne His burden but a few steps when, from loss of blood and excessive weariness and pain, He fell fainting to the ground.

When Jesus revived, the cross was again placed upon His shoulders, and He was forced forward. He staggered on for a few steps, bearing His heavy load, then fell as one lifeless to the ground. He was at first pronounced to be dead, but finally He again revived. The priests and rulers felt no compassion for their suffering victim; but they saw that it was impossible for Him to carry the instrument of torture farther. While they were considering what to do, Simon, a Cyrenian, coming from an opposite direction, met the crowd, was seized at the instigation of the priests, and compelled to carry the cross of Christ. The sons of Simon were disciples of Jesus, but he himself had never been connected with Him.

A great multitude followed the Saviour to Calvary, many mocking and deriding; but some were weeping and recounting His praise. Those whom He

had healed of various infirmities, and those whom He had raised from the dead, declared His marvelous works with earnest voice, and demanded to know what Jesus had done that He should be treated as a malefactor. Only a few days before, they had attended Him with joyful hosannas, and the waving of palm branches, as He rode triumphantly to Jerusalem. But many who had then shouted His praise, because it was popular to do so now swelled the cry of "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"



### Nailed to the Cross

Upon arriving at the place of

execution, the condemned were bound to the instruments of torture. While the two thieves wrestled in the hands of those who stretched them upon the cross, Jesus made no resistance. The mother of Jesus looked on with agonizing suspense, hoping that He would work a miracle to save Himself. She saw His hands stretched upon the cross — those dear hands that had ever dispensed blessings, and had been reached forth so many times to heal the suffering. And now the hammer and nails were brought, and as the spikes were driven through the tender flesh and fastened to the cross, the heart-stricken disciples bore away from the cruel scene the fainting form of the mother of Christ.

Jesus made no murmur of complaint; His face remained pale and serene, but great drops of sweat stood upon His brow. There was no pitying hand to wipe the death dew from His face, nor words of sympathy and unchanging fidelity to stay His human heart. He was treading the winepress all alone; and of all the people, there was none with Him. While the soldiers were doing their fearful work, and He was enduring the most acute agony, Jesus prayed for His enemies — "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). That prayer of Christ for His enemies embraced the world, taking in every sinner who should live, until the end of time.

After Jesus was nailed to the cross, it was lifted by several powerful men and thrust with great violence into the place prepared for it, causing the

most excruciating agony to the Son of God. And now a terrible scene was enacted. Priests, rulers, and scribes forgot the dignity of their sacred offices, and joined with the rabble in mocking and jeering the dying Son of God, saying, "If Thou be the King of the Jews, save Thyself" (Luke 23:37). And some deridingly repeated among themselves, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save" (Mark 15:31). The dignitaries of the temple, the hardened soldiers, the vile thief upon the cross, and the base and cruel among the multitude — all united in their abuse of Christ.

The thieves who were crucified with Jesus suffered like physical torture with Him: but one was only hardened and rendered desperate and defiant by his pain. He took up the mocking of the priest, and railed upon Jesus, saying, "If Thou be Christ, save Thyself and us" (Luke 23:39). The other malefactor was not a hardened criminal. When he heard the sneering words of his companion in crime, he "rebuked him, saying, Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man hath done nothing amiss" (Luke 23:40, 41). Then, as his heart went out to Christ, heavenly illumination flooded his mind. In Jesus, bruised, mocked, and hanging upon the cross, he saw his Redeemer, his only hope, and appealed to him in humble faith: "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee to day,\* shalt thou be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43).

With amazement the angels beheld the infinite love of Jesus, who, suffering the most excruciating agony of mind and body, thought only of others, and encouraged the penitent soul to believe. While pouring out his life in death, He exercised a love for man stronger than death. Many who witnessed those scenes on Calvary were afterward established by them in the faith of Christ.

The enemies of Jesus now awaited His death with impatient hope. That event, they imagined, would forever hush the rumors of His divine power and the wonders of His miracles They flattered themselves that they should then no longer tremble because of His influence. The unfeeling soldiers who had stretched the body of Jesus on the cross, divided His clothing among themselves, contending over one garment, which was woven without seam. They finally decided the matter by casting lots for it. [This scene] was accurately described hundreds of years before it took place: "For dogs have compassed Me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed Me: they pierced My hands and My feet... They part My garments among them, and cast lots upon My vesture" (Psalm 22:16, 18).

<sup>\*</sup> By placing the comma after the word *today*, instead of after the word *thee*, as in the common versions, the true meaning of the text is more apparent.



### How's Your Path?

Some Christian converts in an African village were diligent about daily prayer. In fact, they each had a special place in the thicket outside town where they prayed in solitude. Over time, they wore pathways through the brush to their private prayer areas. If someone neglected his or her prayer life, it was evident because fresh grass started growing on that particular footpath. Out of concern, fellow Christians offered this loving reminder: "Friend, there's grass growing on your path."

How worn is your own path to prayer? Are you persistent when answers don't seem to come? Don't abandon your pathway to prayer. When you grow weary, remember Galatians 6:9, which promises that "at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

### The Ultimate Sacrifice

Soldier-turned-pastor Chris Plekenpol shares a powerful experience from his service in Iraq. When a terrorist drove a bomb-carrying car into a tank, the detonator didn't work, but the car's gas tank exploded. As the would-be attacker tried to escape the flames, Plekenpol had a brief opportunity to save the man's life. But he realized he wasn't willing to die for an enemy.

After the man was dead, Plekenpol considered how much he had in common with him. "I've been an enemy of God," he said. "Yet He didn't sit back and just watch me die. He decided to come from heaven to earth to take that blast for me." Because of Christ's heroic, selfless act, "I owe Him everything," Plekenpol says.

"For...while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son..." (Romans 5:10).

### **God's Highly Valued Investment**

Someone once asked IBM founder Thomas Watson if he would fire an employee who made a mistake that cost the company \$60,000. To the questioner's surprise, Watson replied, "Why would I fire someone in whom I've invested \$60,000 in training?"

Neither will God "fire" or in any was dismiss us for our mistakes and failures. He has invested far too much — even His own Son's life — in each of us for that.

Don't hold back for fear of failure. When you make a mistake, bring it honestly to God in prayer. Be open to the Holy Spirit, who provides "continuing education" — in Scripture, through other Christians, and by connecting directly with your heart — to improve your skills and gifts every day.

## YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS ... ANSWERED

# Did the "war in heaven" take place before or after the time of Adam and Eve?

"War broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan...and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:7-9).

The Bible teaches us about a real, universe-wide conflict (see Scripture above). I believe this war began *before* our world was created; however, Scripture doesn't specify how long this went on before Jesus made the earth. We do know from the Bible that the devil was once a sinless angel named Lucifer. He rebelled against God and became the fallen angel now known as Satan, which means "adversary." (In other words, the Lord did not make a devil.)

But when did God cast Satan out of heaven? Did this war between good and evil start before or after Adam and Eve? The Bible tells us, "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned *from the beginning*" (I John 3:8, emphasis mine).

God created the garden of Eden and, in order to secure people's freewill, placed a tree designed to test Adam's and Eve's loyalty. He warned the couple about this tree of the knowledge of good and evil. So, obviously, somebody was going to be tempting them to turn away from the Lord right from the beginning. It certainly was not God tempting them. "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone" (James 1:13).

— D.B.

Thus, in order for Satan to tempt Adam and Eve, he must have rebelled before the creation of our world. Because angels do not procreate, it might have added to the devil's jealous rebellion when God created our first parents. The devil does not have creative power, but Adam and Eve could procreate in their own image through the union of love. Because God made man in His own image and the devil hates God, it might have inspired Satan to especially focus his anger on the first couple.



# Bible Puzzles

BOOK OF PSALMS FILL-IN

Complete the following verses by providing the missing word or words. (Chapter and verse in Psalms are given if needed.) 1. " is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked" (1:1).

2. "I lie down and \_\_\_\_\_; I wake up again, because the Lord sustains me" (3:5).

3. "Whoever digs a hole and scoops it out falls into the \_\_\_\_\_ they have made" (7:15).

4. "Lord, our Lord, how \_\_\_\_\_\_ is your name in all the earth" (8:1, 9).

5. "You have made [human beings] a little lower than the \_\_\_\_\_\_" (8:5).

6. "The \_\_\_\_\_\_ says in his heart, 'There is no God'" (14:1).

7. "Keep me as the \_\_\_\_\_ of your eye" (17:8).

8. "God is my \_\_\_\_\_, in whom I take refuge" (18:2).

9. "The \_\_\_\_\_ declare the glory of God" (19:1).

10. "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the \_\_\_\_\_" (19:7).

11. "Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? The one who has clean \_\_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_\_ heart" (24:3, 4).

12. "The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_\_, whom shall I fear?" (27:1).

13. "Blessed is the one whose \_\_\_\_\_\_ are forgiven" (32:1).

14. "\_\_\_\_\_ and see that the Lord is good" (34:8).

15. "The eyes of the Lord are on the \_\_\_\_\_" (34:15).

Answers to questions can be found on Page 17

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YOUR TURN

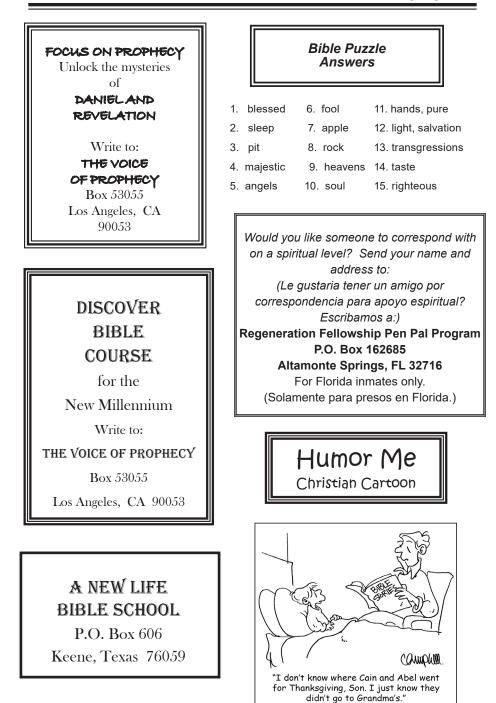
At this time in my life, I can say for sure that I am not a Christian. I do feel that something or somebody is drawing me towards the Word that can help me become a Christian. Even though, as a child, I attended church and I've always believed that there is a God up above, somewhere in my life, things got stirred up. The life that I should have led started to fade away, but as a child of God, I have always held on to my faith. My strong belief in the Lord has made me know that I am a child of God. In my heart, I know that I'm not living a Christ-filled life as the Lord would want me to do, although I have at times in my life asked for forgiveness for my sins. I feel that I am now seeking for what the Lord wants me to have to faithfully become a Christian. I also feel that my seeking will take time, but in between my seeking and my beliefs, I hope my learning about Christ will make me a stronger, wiser, and born-again Christian.

By Mary Delores Jenkins

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there next. Do this until all verses are marked. Now you are ready to share a Bible study on the given topic with a friend or acquaintance, with your verses listed in order.

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3-THE WAY OF SALVATION	1WS	Matt. 19:16
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5-SECOND COMING OF CHRIST		Heb. 9:28
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8-MOST WONDERFUL PROPHECY IN BIBLE	1WP	Dan. 8:3-14
9-MEANING OF HELL		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		Acts 17:31
19-THE PRESENT TRUTH	1PT	2 Pet. 1:12
	1SP	Rev. 15:1
	1SG	Rev. 7:1-3
22-MARK OF THE BEAST	1MB	Rev. 14:9-11.14
	1KS	Ex. 20:8
	1CD	1 Cor. 10:31
25-BAPTISM	1B	Mark 16:16
	1TC	Rev. 12:1
27-BIBLE PLAN TO SUPPORT GOD'S WORK		Deut. 8:16
28-GOD'S GATHERING CALL	1GC	Rev. 17:3, 4

No. 16 THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT: 1FD: Mark 16:9; 2FD: Mark 16: 1, 2; 3FD: Matthew 28:1; 4FD: John 20:1; 5FD: John 20:19; 6FD: John 20:26-28; 7FD: I Corinthians 16:1, 2; 8FD: Acts 20:7; 9FD: I Corinthians 11:26; 10FD: Colossians 2:12; 11FD: Matthew 15:13.