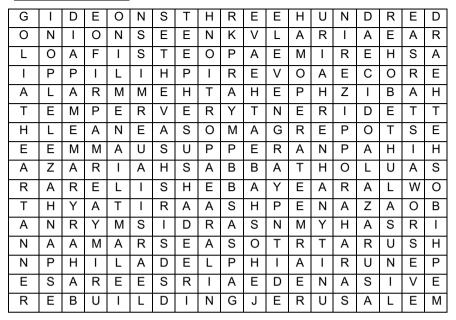
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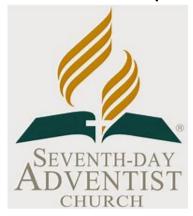
a. The family have gathered together, me, my mother, my father, my uncle, my wife, my father in law but there are only five of us. Who am I

b. Used to stop a plague that came because the people had stolen something. The people were advised to replicate me in gold. I was in their secret parts.



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Distractions!

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Someone told me a funny story. Now, before I share this story with you, let me confess that I cannot remember if this story is about an experience which she personally had or if it is something that was observed by one of her friends. The story goes something like this.

She arrived for her appointment at the optician and while she was waiting she saw a rather nervous looking man having his glasses fitted and the optician was constantly asking him certain questions, perhaps about if the glasses were fitted correctly, was it comfortable, and other general questions which they are accustomed to ask, just to be sure that the glasses were comfortable and fitted well.

The optician then asked if he was able to see clearly after she adjusted his glasses and cleaned the lenses. He assured her that everything was fine, the glasses were well fitted, and he could see perfectly, everything was exactly right. Having given these assurances, and still wearing his glasses, he bid the optician farewell and, in his attempt to leave the store he walked straight into the glass door!

How embarrassing that must have been for him, had he been distracted, did he not notice the glass door, we will never be able to tell. I had a similar experience not so long ago and I can assure you that it was very embarrassing. I was out and about, and I happened to come across a little shop, and I noticed that it had many interesting small figurines, ornaments, models, collectable things displayed in its window.

I was not wearing my glasses at the time but one particular object of the many on display caught my attention and I leaned forward to take a good look at it. The window was spotlessly clean and in my attempt to get a closer look, I had no idea how close I was to it until my head made contact with it resulting in a loud noise and much vibration of the window and a painful feeling in my head. I quickly tried to compose myself, as you do when you have been embarrassed in a public setting. I looked around to see if anyone had noticed what had happened. I was so pleased that no one was in sight, no one had seen what had happened to me. That was what I thought, until I went into the shop to find the two shopkeepers hysterically laughing and to make matters worse they said "what just happened to you is so funny and we have it on our security camera." If that was not embarrassing enough, they then told me that they were thinking of sending the footage to a TV show which shows recordings of funny and embarrassing things that happen to people.

The gentleman in the first story may not have been distracted, perhaps he was not able to see as clearly as he thought, whereas I was so intent on getting a good look at that very attractive object in the shop window that I was unaware of the proximity of the glass until it interfaced with my head.

The truth is that there are many things which have been deliberately placed in our way to distract us from clearly seeing the things which God would have us learn and understand. Very often we see clearly what the Lord wants us to do but the distractions of this life, usually get in the way and displaces the sense of urgency which should be characteristics of everyone who believes that we are living in the last days of the history of the earth.

In the book of Isaiah, we read: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22 Pastor Taylor

Seven N's from God

A New Heart	-	Ezekiel 36:26
A New Commandment	-	John 13:34 & 1 John 2:8
A New Name	- Isa	aiah 62:2 & Revelation 2: 17
A New Testament	- Lu	ike 22:20 & 2Corinthians 3:6
A New heaven & New Earth	-	Isaiah 65:17 & 2 Peter 3:13
A New and living way	-	Hebrews 10:20
A New song	-	Revelation 14:3

Hello everyone

The thought came to me of just how dependant we are. We usually think of children as being dependant and say when they grow-up they will be independent, but are adults truly independent?

I have seen two or three episodes of a television programme where a person, so far only males, had gone off to a remote location to live alone. Even in such an extreme situation complete independence from other people still is not possible.

In the case of this programme the person may build a shelter singlehanded but at some point, may have to return to "civilisation" to find some paid employment even if only short term, and buy items necessary for comfort or even just for survival.

We depend on each other for companionship, social interaction, we need other human beings in order to maintain stable mental health. We were created to be social, to interact with other human beings and above all, to develop a personal relationship with God.

It would be impossible for anyone to live a truly independent life. We depend on others for food production, furniture, hardware, the manufacturing of clothing and textiles etc, etc.

Whereas we depend on God for life, every breath we take is from Him so we can never claim independence. We are a dependant race, dependant on each other and totally dependent on God.

In these uncertain days most of us have more time to consider our dependency on God and improving our personal relationship with Him.

"For in Him we live and move and have our being" Acts17: 28.

God invites us to depend on Him for His "strength is made perfect in weakness" 2 Corinthians 12:9

A Servant of God

The year 2020 has undoubtedly been a difficult year, so far, and in a few months time will be past history. What a year it has been with, the global pandemic Covid 19 and climate change etc..., and the unprecedented effect it has had on our lives, but as we reflect on it's soon passing, let us do it not with feelings of regret for unfulfilled expectations or sorrow for past sins. Let us reflect with a sense of hope in the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour, with an attitude of urgency to serve Him and to seek out souls for His Kingdom.

We are admonished in Philippians 3:14 to "press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".

God wants us to be forward-looking. He expects us to reach out to our fellow men and to be real servants for Him.

How, you may ask, do we know if we are real servants? Here are a few suggestions:

- 1. Real servants make themselves available.
- 2. Real servants do all their tasks with equal dedication.
- 3. Real servants are faithful.
- 4. Real servants do not serve for the approval of others.

Remember, God measures greatness in terms of service, not status or position. So "throw yourselves into the work of the master confident that nothing you do for Him is a waste of time or effort" (Revised from 1 Corinthians 15: 58 which says)

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

As we look forward toward the approaching New Year with new expectations let us bear in mind the true quality and value of service and what it means to be a real servant of God.

Prophecy at its best!

Daniel chapter eleven is one of the most detailed prophetic chapters in the bible. Like chapters 2, 7 and 8 succeeding ruling world empires are outlined, that effected God's people. Each of the chapters start from the point in history when Daniel was writing and continues the repeat end enlarge system with extra details until the end.

The second verse in this fourth vision starts in the kingdom of Medo-Persia prophesying that there would be three more kings, then a richer fourth king. After Cyrus, the three kings of Persia were Cambyses, false or pseudo Smerdes and Darius Hystapes. The fourth king mentioned in this verse was Xeres who was far richer than all the others and was the first to try to conquer Greece but was defeated.

Verse 3 mentions the appearance of a mighty king which would rule. This was Alexander the Great who represented Greece. As prophesied, at the height of his rule he died and eventually four of his generals divided the kingdom. Just as the bible said none of Alexanders sons reigned.

From verse 5 onwards in this chapter there are references to the king of the North and the king of the South. The king of the North refers to the one who rules Babylon (Syria) and the king of the South refers to the one who rules over Egypt.

Verses 6 to 15 describes the various wars and alliances between the kings of the North and South. There was also a push at that time to force Greek culture and religion on all people.

In this chapter from verse 16 onwards Rome began to rise as a major empire. Rome conquered Syria and by an alliance it then became involved in the Holy lands and with the Jews (God's people). As Rome expanded it increased the size of the empire. Some other key information in chapter 11 refers to some of the rulers of Rome. In verse 20 it was prophesied that one Roman ruler would tax the people. From history and in Luke 2 we read about the time when Caesar Augustus decreed that all the world should be taxed. It was during this time that Jesus was born.

From the gospels we also read about the crucifixion of Jesus which occurred under the reign of Caesar Tiberius. This was prophesied in Daniel 11:22.

In Daniel 11:23 onwards we see fighting, wars, leagues and alliances between Rome and the various nations including Egypt. Just as prophesied in verses 23 to 25 there was a league forged between Rome and the Jews until the Romans became an empire that had dominated the world.

After the domination of the world by pagan Rome, there was then an amalgamation of paganism and Christianity. This was once again covered in detail in the prophecy. The outcome of this amalgamation was that of Papal Rome.

Generally, the parts of the chapter outlined in this summary are only some of the major points of the chapter. There are other numerous details which are significant and worth exploring if you want to understand the various transitions of kingdoms from Medo-Persia until the end of time.

Daniel chapter 11 can best be summarised by Daniel 2:20-22 in which we are told that God raises up and removes kings. Everything is done in His time and in His way. Another important point about this chapter is that although the things prophesied in this chapter were extremely detailed, history has proved how accurate and true God is.

John 14:29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. What a mighty God we serve (KJV).

I Don't Believe God Exists

"I don't believe God exists" Mike the barber said in a matter of fact way. It started As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation, telling stories as usual. They talked about politics and the elections, the state of the economy, their families and kids. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, Mike said: 'I don't believe that God exists.'

"Why do you say that?" asked Bill.

"Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me Bill, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things."

Bill thought for a moment but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. Mike finished his barbering job and Bill left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt.

Bill turned back and entered the barbershop again, and he said to Mike, the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?' asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"

"No!" Bill exclaimed! 'Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me."

"Exactly!' Bill affirmed.

"That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! And that's what happens when people do not come to God"

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matt. 11:28-30

Did you Know.....?

1. Hagar arranged Ishmael's first marriage with an Egyptian. Genesis 21:21

2. King Abimelech's servants violently stole a well from Abraham. Gen 21:25

3. God sent Abraham to the land of Moriah to sacrifice Isaac on a mountain

4. Abraham chopped the wood for the sacrifice before leaving home.

5. After journeying three days Abraham saw the place of sacrifice far away.

6. He left the two young men and the donkey and gave the wood to Isaac.

7. He told them to wait whilst he and Isaac went to worship and returned.

FLAWS 2

As we have already met Abraham and Elijah, let us continue with our journey in exploring other bible characters.

SAMSON

A Nazarite by birth, as instructed to his parents by God. Judges 13:1-5. The parents did their best to raise the child to be a judge in his adulthood.

Samson was solely dedicated to be the man to rescue his nation from the bullies, the Philistines. God made it II possible for the lad to grow in the stature fit for the purpose.

The physical strength embedded in the man was so enormous that it was unfathomable to humanity. It has never been matched by any man since. He was a superhero to his own kind.

In all his dealings with physical challenges and at one point a lion, (Judges 14:5-6), he depended on God for strength. He fought many battles and was never defeated. Imagine the jaw bone of an ass with which he slew the1000 Philistines.

The Israelites were spared from slavery as he stood up for them until the day he slipped!. Judges 16:4. Delilah was the cause of his downfall. Beauty? Charm?. Were there no charming beauties among the Israelites? Judge 14 : 1-3.

After being tricked by this precious woman of his, (Judges 16:5-17), he gave in and sold out his secret. His hair was shaved and he became like straw.

He suffered the consequences of his disobedience but God is full of compassion. In the end he killed more of his rivals on his death than he did when alive. Judges 16; 30-31.

DAVID

A man after God's own heart. Acts13:22. King David was much favoured by God in so many ways. Although his background was not so impressive, (1Samuel 17:15,34) a shepherd, God's mercies followed him wherever he went and in whatever his hands found to do.

As a good musician, he was chosen to play for the king before he became king himself. 1 Samuel 16:16 -19.

In King David's palace nothing was missing except contentment. Being a king chosen by God means more than one can anticipate, for all his needs were readily available. He had livestock mansions, wives, concubines you name it. He still wanted more!. 2 Samuel 12:7-9.

At one point, David chose to take matters into his own hands. He decided to make provision for himself using his authority misusing the honour given to him. Lust brought him down. BATHSHEBA!.

A married woman and the wife of his faithful soldier Uriah (2 Samuel 11:11) was brought to his chamber at his command merely to fulfil his heart's desires? 2 Samuel 11: 2-5. 1 Kings 1:28 Blood was shed to cover up the mess he got himself into, Uriah was killed mercilessly. 2 Samuel 11:15 - 17.

Punishment was announced by God's prophet Nathan. The baby of Bathsheba died and the sword never departed from David's household. 2 Samuel 12: 10 - 12.

The God of forgiveness did it again. He forgave David. 2 Samuel 12: 24 -25. Solomon was born to him, a consolation and a sign of God's forgiveness and mercy.

SOLOMON

The wisest and richest king who ever lived. 1 Kings 10:1 - 7. He was chosen by God to build the temple. 1Chronicles 28: 6.

Kings and queens came from afar to admire his glory and to learn from him.

Solomon's parents' history did not hold him back. He started very well in his spiritual journey. His apparel was of a distinct class, it's only the lilies that could out dress him. Matthew 6:28 - 29.

The most difficult cases were brought to him and he needed not to consult the soothsayers. He had God to mentor him. The case of the two women who shared accommodation and both had babies but one baby died and the other lady wanted to steal the live baby, was judged as plainly as one can see a reflection in the mirror. 1 kings 3: 16 - 27.

He was a good poet as well, Songs of Solomon and other chapters in the bible testify to this. He was familiar with love and sweet talking too. Songs of Solomon 1:15.

As the others he too missed a point in life. He fell in the hands of women to the extent that idols were permitted in his household. At this point he was unable to discern evil and good. Women, women and more women, this was Solomon's life. 1 Kings 11: 1- 5.

God is always merciful. Today we still study Solomon's good works and history in the Holy Bible.

Beloved, if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgiveand cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.

Stages of Man

Created perfect	Genesis 1:31
Flawed by sin	Genesis 3:11
Will regain perfection through Jesus our Redeemer	1 John 1:7

Bible Hangman

Below are some commonly used phrases that originated in the bible. Read the clue given, see the letters that have been inserted and try to complete the phrase.

1. Clue: Don't' do this. Too good for this kind

_____S_____S_____ S_____.

2. Clue: This is what people like to do especially at Christmas.

e_____e__e_e___.

3. Clue: We don't want to see this creature in this sticky situation.

A_____.

4. Clue: To many people claim they have had one of these.

A____e__ea__.

5. Clue: Maybe this is the only way to fit in.

A e a a a e

__ _ _ _ _ _ _

6. Clue: This definitely is not a new invention, or is it?

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Children's page

Memory Verse

"One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" (John 9:25, NIV).

Jesus heals a man who has been blind all his life. Now the man can see for the first time. He is so happy that he tells everyone what Jesus has done for him. Even when people tell him to be quiet, he keeps telling them about Jesus. He tells his neighbours, and some of them take him to the Jewish rulers, who don't want to believe Jesus can heal. His parents are questioned and are afraid. But the man tells everyone Jesus healed him.

Words to remember...

We serve God when we tell others what He has done for us.

Sing this song

Sing this to the tune of "Three Blind Mice": "One blind man, one blind man, He couldn't see, he couldn't see. Then Jesus came and opened his eyes, He saw new things, what a big surprise! He shared the news of Jesus' love! One happy man, one happy man."



On the candle, draw a picture that shows something Jesus has done for you this week. It should be something that you can tell someone

To Make You will need:

Paper plate, bag, or cup Scissors Google eyes Markers or decorating materials Glue and/or tape Lolly sticks



Procedure:

Decorate a paper plate, cup, or bag, whatever you prefer to make your puppet.

Create a face, making one side of the plate "blind" with closed eyes.

On the other side of the plate (or cup or inside the flap of the bag), glue or draw eyes, making the man able to "see" again.

Alternatively, you can place just one face on the paper item, and apply a blindfold or "mud pack" that is lifted.

Glue a stick to one side of the plate or cup, if you'd like to hold the puppet up.

Attach a verse or caption, and use the puppet to act out the story!

Think

What is something that Jesus has done for you or your family this week? did Jesus help you not to be afraid of the dark, help you to find something that was lost, etc

Samson and Delilah - Part Two

Delilah continued to ask Samson for the secret of his strength. He said that if bound in new rope he would lose his strength. Delilah bound him with new rope when he was asleep.



You

have

mocked

When Delilah said to him, "The Philistines be upon thee Samson" Samson broke the ropes off his arms like

me and told me lies so far. Now tell me how von



Samson next told Delilah that if his hair was woven on the loom, he would lose his strength. Delilah wove his hair and fastened it with a weaver's pin while he slept. When Delilah sounded the alarm "Samson, the Philistines be upon thee." Samson awoke and took away the weaver's pin and the loom still attached to his hair.



Delilah continued to press Samson daily.

My hair has never been cut. God instructed my parents before my birth that I should be a Nazarite. If I was shaved then I would be as weak as any other man. How can you say you love me when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me three times now and not told me the secret of your strength.



Delilah called for the Lords of the Philistines to come, saying "He has shown me all his heart". The Philistines came and brought the money they had promised Delilah.



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TO BE CONTINUED

Who or what am I

c. My father chose my name. My grandfather said we should go to him. My parents hadn't done what was required. My mother used an unusual tool to make things right

d. How unusual. I had never been used like this before. It was very noisy. What am I walking on? Who is he, he must be very special

e. We had all had to go into hiding This request was very dangerous I wasn't sure if to believe what I was being told I was given assurance that it would safe I had to trust and go with it.

Fear of the Lord

The Bible dictionary informs us that our modern word "fear" is the translation from various Greek and Hebrew words which, must have originally emphasized varying degrees of fear, the exact shade or degree of which, would need to be determined from the context.

For example the Hebrew words "yara" which means "to fear", or "pachad" "to tremble" "to dread" . Similarly, the Greek word "phobeomai" "to fear" with the noun "phobos". (that sounds to me as though that could be the root word for our word phobia – an extreme, abnormal, intense and irrational fear of a given situation, organism, or object. Collins English Dictionary)

Fear of the Lord - refers to a specific sense of respect, awe, and submission to a deity.

It is suggested that the term could mean fear of God's Judgment, but an additional thought is that it encompasses much more than simple fear, embracing, awe, reverence, adoration, honour, worship, confidence, thankfulness and love.

The bible KJV - in Proverbs 8:13 says "The Fear of The Lord is to hate evil: pride and arrogancy and the evil way and the forward mouth do I hate." In Proverbs 9: 10 we are told, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding.

Reviewing these two bible verses in the light of the above information it would appear that we could accept that "The Fear of The Lord" is in fact not fear as we know it, but more to do with shunning the wrong and loving the right. Righteousness – The state in which a right relationship exists between man and God.

We could then look at the following bible text and see if we could come up with a satisfactory answer by using two other bible texts. Psalm 34:11 Come ye children harken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

We would then teach the children using the following texts, telling them HOW to fear the Lord. That is by loving Him and keeping His commandments, obeying Him.

Deuteronomy 11:1 Therefore, thou shall love the Lord thy God, and keep His charge, and His statutes, and His judgements, and His commandments, alway.

Then we would need to explain WHY we should "Fear The Lord" (Love and Serve Him) and that is because He first loved us, to the extent of sending His Son to die for us while we were yet sinners.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

There are many more texts on this subject but Deuteronomy 6:2 and 8:6 are also worthy of attention.

Giving Thanks

In all things give thanks1 ThPeople appointed to give thanksNehAngels give thanks continuallyRevGood to give thanks to the LordPsaGive thanks for others2 CoGive thanks even in adversityDanJesus gave thanksMatt

1 Thessalonians 5: 18 Nehemiah 12: 31 Revelation 7: 11 & 12 Psalm 92: 1 & 50: 14 2 Corinthians 1:11& 12 Daniel 6: 10 Matthew 15:36

Sweet Corn Fritters

 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Chickpea flour

1/2 Cup Rice Flour

1ts Baking Powder

1/2 Cup Frozen Sweet Corn if Canned pat dry

1/2 Cup Onion finely chopped

1 tsp Parsley

1 vegetable Oxo Cube

Salt pepper and seasonings to taste

Non stick frying pan, wire rack

 \cdot Mix all dry ingredients together including herbs and spices.

· Add the onion and sweet corn and mix thoroughly

• Let this mixture sit for 10 minutes then add cold water 1 tbs at a time until the mix just holds together.

- \cdot Preheat the frying pan and wipe round with 1 tsp cooking oil
- Place separated table spoons of the mixture in the frying pan.
- . Cook on a medium heat.
- · Fry until golden brown and flip over
- Remove from the frying pan and place on the cooling wire, to preserve crisp texture

Try using different vegetables like mixed vegetables, peas Serve as a side dish or as a part of a light meal

Enjoy!!!

Answer to Identify the Hymns

620 O Brother Be faithful.O, soon we shall enter our glorious home.
600 Hold fast till I come....We know He is near, but know not the day
598 Watch, Ye Saints.....While the seventh trump is sounding.
323 O for a Heart to Praise My God...Write thy new name upon my heart,
248 O, How I Love Jesus....Who in each sorrow bears a part
246 Worthy, Worthy Is the Lamb....Now the power of sin consume
243 King of Glory, King of Peace....And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.

227 Jesus Shall Reign.....And infant voices shall proclaim
223 Crown Him With Many Crowns....Those wounds, yet visible above,
216 When the Roll Is Called Up,,,. And the glory of His resurrection share;
193 Saviour, Teach Me....Prompt to serve and follow thee,
189 All That Thrills My Soul.... Every need His Hand Supplying,

Answers to Bible Hangman

- 1. Clue: The time when we should not be working. At the eleventh hour
- 2. Clue: Puzzled or perplexed. Not knowing what to do. At your wits end
- 3. Clue: The wrong people to follow. The blind leading the blind

4. Clue: This describes a situation from which one has barely managed to escape. - By the skin of your teeth

Answers to Bible books hidden in last Word Search

Amos Joel Hosea Micah Jonah James

Answers to Food on the mind

Eight people ate these items, put the correct person to the correct item.

Roll-Ezekiel Parched corn-Ruth Locust-John the Baptist Book-John Venison-Isaac Pottage-Esau Honey-Samson Fruit – Adam & Eve