



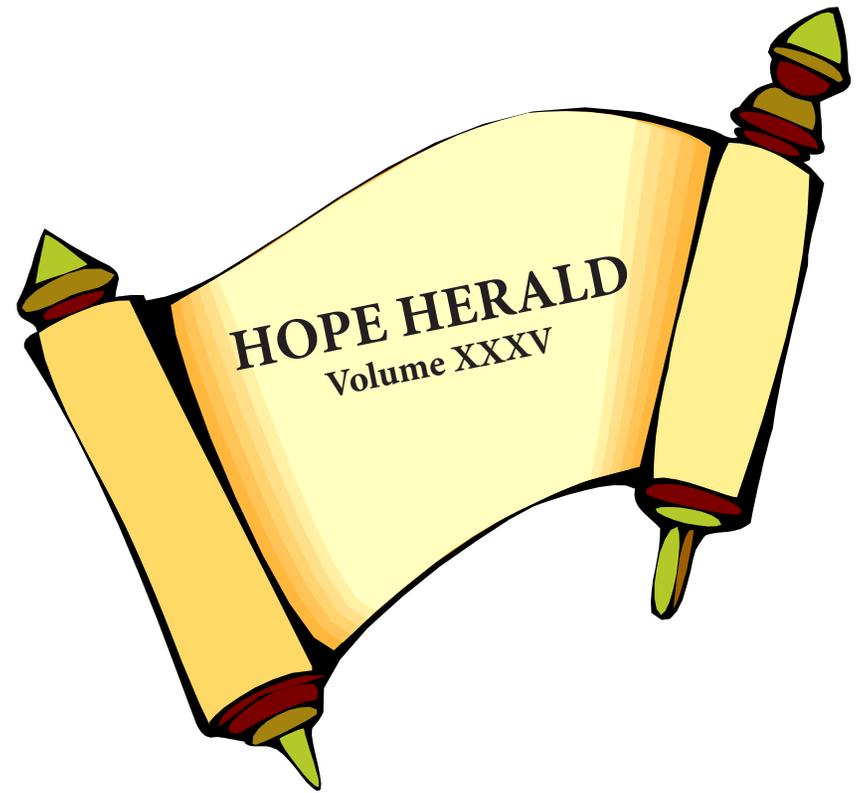
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I. English - "Hope For Today"

Radio Africa - West Africa	15190khz	22:15UTC	Fri
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TWR-Swaziland Central Africa	9500khz	8:30UTC	Sun
TWR-Swaziland South Africa	3200khz	21:30UTC	Sun
TWR-Swaziland South Africa	4775khz	9:30UTC	Sun
TWR-Swaziland South Africa	6120khz	9:30UTC	Sun
Bible Voice India	13740khz	15:15UTC	Sat
WWCR Africa	15.825mhz	14:30UTC	Tue

II. Other Languages

West Africa <u>Hausa</u> TWR - Benin	1566AM	4:45UTC	Sun
Ethiopia TWR - Johannesburg			
<u>Amharic</u> "Telling News of Hope by Radio"	7215khz	18:30UTC	Sun
<u>Oromo</u> "Voice of Hope"	7215khz	18:30UTC	Tue
India TWR - CIS <u>Hindi</u> "Light of Hope"	7320khz	20:00UTC	M-F
Kenya <u>Swahili</u> TWR - Sifa FM "Hope for Today"			
Lodwar	101.9FM	19:45UTC	M-F
Garissa, Marsabit, and Voi	101.1FM	19:45UTC	M-F
Lamu	101.3FM	19:45UTC	M-F
Wajir	101.7FM	19:45UTC	M-F
China <u>Mandarin</u> KTWR - Guam Asia	9901khz	12:00UTC	Sun



"I Hope in Thy word." Psalm 119:81



We Believe

1. There is only One True Holy God
2. The Bible is the Self-revelation of God to mankind
3. The Triune God is the Creator of all things, visible and invisible
4. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary
5. The Holy Spirit was sent at Pentecost
6. The Church is composed of all who truly repent of sins
7. The Christian Life is total commitment to the Lordship of Christ
8. There is a personal Devil who is the arch-enemy of God
9. There will be a bodily return of Jesus Christ
10. There will be the final Judgment

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19. **Praise the Lord for the blessed Hope--Resurrection or Rapture!** Seek His Spirit to keep His faithful remnant serving while they wait and watch.
20. **Thank God for those willing to suffer persecution for the sake of the Gospel!** Intercede for them and their families as they endure isolation and separation.
21. **Praise the Lord that our Jesus is stronger than the enemy!** Pray for the power of Jesus' blood to break demonic strongholds in this continuing spiritual conflict.
22. **Thank God for brave believers in Jesus among Arab Muslims.** Pray that witnesses to Muslims may lift up the Son of God as the only way of salvation.
23. **Thank God that He does know all our needs and can supply!** Pray for Gospel ministries needing literature, equipment, buildings, funds, and personnel.
24. **Thank God for all national outreaches with the Gospel!** Pray for their workers and claim victory in the conflict with ignorance and evil.
25. **Thank God for open doors of education in emerging countries!** Ask God to put genuinely Christian teachers in schools, colleges, and universities.
26. **Thank God for the 13 languages in which we currently air Gospel programs!** Ask God to define the audiences and bring them to an understanding of the Truth.
27. **Bless God for freedom of worship and witness!** Intercede for the Christians who are not utilizing these blessings to their fullest potential.
28. **Rejoice in the Gospel ministry of Heralds of Hope.** Ask the Lord to provide daily grace and discernment.
29. **Bless the Lord for Hope translated into Mandarin Chinese.** Pray for the translator and listeners hearing from TWR-Guam.
30. **Thank God for our Hausa language broadcasts in Nigeria!** Intercede for our suffering Brothers and Sisters in the northern states living under "sharia" law.
31. **Praise God He speaks man's language!** Pray for the ongoing development of our language specific websites that will enable many more people to be impacted by the ministries of Heralds of Hope.

Yours for the Asking!

"How to Gain Assurance of Your Salvation"

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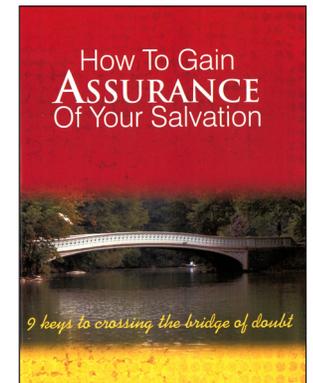
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PRAYER and PRAISE

Please unite with us in prayer with fasting the first Monday of each month.

1. **Magnify the Lord for His abundant and effective grace!** Ask God to use this booklet for spiritual nurture.
2. **Thank God that He is saving fathers, mothers, and children!** Pray that fathers may be the spiritual leaders in their homes, that mothers may be strong, that both may be understanding partners, loving the children.
3. **Magnify the Lord for the blessing of our Spanish programs.** Ask Him to meet needs of listeners tuning in to “Secure Hope” in the Caribbean, Latin America, and the US.
4. **Magnify the Lord for the miracle of electronic media!** Ask Him to lead more people to our website where they can listen to and download the teaching of God’s Word.
5. **Bless the Lord for the way He is providing Bibles!** Ask God to protect Bibles in the mails and bless Bible recipients with a desire to understand and obey the Word.
6. **Rejoice that the Heavenly Father loves people of all races.** Pray for the cessation of conflicts between peoples around the world - often based on misunderstanding and fear.
7. **Bless God that He grants grace for complete victory over sin!** Intercede for people struggling to be free from sinful habits and to overcome the deception of idolatry.
8. **Thank God that the Gospel light has come to you!** Pray God to send Light into every city, village, and hamlet of the world.
9. **Thank God for the follow-up of brave workers in hostile areas.** Pray for Trans World Radio personnel as they meet with and encourage suffering Believers.
10. **Bless the Lord that His sovereign hand rules over all!** Intercede for the leaders of your government. Pray they will rule justly in the fear of the Lord.
11. **Magnify the Lord for the opportunity of radio!** Ask Him to lead more people to listen to “Hope For Today” in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.
19. **Magnify the Lord for the blessings of the printed page!** Pray Holy Spirit anointing on tracts, sermons, and periodicals in various languages for spiritual blessing.
13. **Praise the Lord for Christian young people studying the Bible!** Pray that all Bible teachers may teach the truth of the Word, exemplified by their faith and obedience.
14. **Rejoice in the preaching gift God has given Bro. J. Mark Horst!** Ask Holy Spirit guidance and strength in his ministry and in administration of Heralds of Hope.
15. **Praise the Lord that Jewish people are finding the Messiah!** Pray for all witnessing Jewish believers to be “as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.”
16. **Thank God for local Christian radio stations broadcasting the Gospel.** Pray for all dedicated national workers who help produce our international language programs.
17. **Thank God for courageous Evangelists and Gospel Teams!** Pray for their outreach all over Africa via preaching/teaching, “the Jesus Film,” literature distribution, etc.
18. **Rejoice that the Gospel by radio reaches into prisons!** Pray for prison witnesses to have favor with prison officials so they can share about true freedom in Jesus.

With The President

GIVE ATTENDANCE TO READING



Dear Fellow Witness:

As children, Joyce and I had the privilege of growing up in godly, stable, two-parent homes. Since our parents made the decision (long before we were born) not to have a television, our homes had many books. Like our parents, we decided against owning a TV and we passed on the love of books to our children. Most of them are avid readers.

One of the down-sides of our media-saturated, entertainment-driven culture is its impact on reading. Even secular educators bemoan the lack of interest in reading. Reading is active, engaging the mind and imagination, stimulating creativity. Conversely, viewing is mostly passive, imagination is almost unnecessary, and creativity is stifled by uniformity.

While the skill of reading is very important for personal success, the choice of reading material is critical to spiritual development. God’s Word stands at the head of the reading list! In our family, some of our earliest efforts at “helping” our children to read were in our family devotional time. By example and word we encouraged them to begin reading the Bible regularly. Most of them began doing this between the ages of 9-12 and continue to this day.

The title of this column is Paul’s instruction to Timothy in First Timothy 4:13. Here, Paul’s focus is on the public reading of the Scripture. Since people did not have personal copies of the Scripture, public reading of them was very important. Times have changed, but the public reading of the Word is just as important today; not because of lack of access, but because of the multitude of distractions.

It is especially critical for leaders in the church to be well-read. I believe this applies to both subject matter and mechanics. The qualifications for pastor/teachers given in Paul’s writings imply this fact. Since it is God’s Word we are communicating, it needs to be done with thoughtfulness and deliberation. I recall hearing Bro. J. Otis Yoder say, “The speed with which some preachers hurry through the reading of the Scripture implies that what they have to say is more important than what God has to say.”

I acknowledge variation in individual ability. But with the Bible and literary helps available today, there is simply no excuse for a pastor/teacher to read poorly in the pulpit! Years ago I was blessed by a pastor who publicly commended his wife for her assistance in helping him improve his reading skills. If you're a leader needing help in this area, there are good readers in your congregation willing to help; if you're humble enough to ask them.

As leaders in our homes and in our churches, we need to encourage, honor, and reward the development of good reading skills. As we "...give attendance to reading," we will benefit and so will those under our leadership.

Sincerely in the Hope of the Gospel,



J. Mark Horst, President

HERALDS OF HOPE, INC.

“HATH GOD SAID...?”

Here are three most effective words to plant blasphemous doubt in the mind. They were first spoken by the Serpent to Eve in the Garden. Since then they have often been used with equally effective devastation. They have shattered the faith of the unsuspecting with more impact than any other device. For centuries the Serpent has been using men on the inside of the church to use those words with sneaky design, and under the guise of being objective scholars of God's Word!

Some years ago, I corresponded with a group of university students in Cairo, Egypt. They had been listening to "Hope For Today," our 15 minute broadcast on Trans World Radio from Cyprus. My correspondents, in rejecting the Bible as God's Word, quoted the unbelievers who have been in the church: Renan, Straus, Schleiermacher, Welhausen and others. If the battle for truth would be contained within the church, some reason might be found for it. However, when that battle has so completely blunted the cutting edge of the Gospel in the salvation of the lost, those who have cast doubt upon the Word of God ought to carry the blame through the hottest fires of hell!

not the product of human planning. Men wrote as the Holy Spirit moved them. Please be careful that you understand what Peter told us, The Bible did not come by the will of men but holy men of God spoke as they were moved or carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Now it is true that the writers came from a wide range of backgrounds. Some were kings, some were mere herdsmen, some were fishermen. These men came from a wide range of backgrounds, but when they were writing the Holy Bible they all came under the direction of the Holy Spirit. He was the One who moved them. He was the One who guided them so that what they wrote is the word and will of God.

I want you to see that God willed to give us the Bible and only through the Bible do we have the knowledge of God. People can seek everywhere and anywhere they wish but they will not find God if they do not come to the Bible to find God.

Again let me refer to Eta Linnemann's book, *Historical Criticism of the Bible*. I am quoting now from page 19. These are her own words, her testimony of what happened to her as a student and teacher:

“Suddenly I was convinced that God's promises are a reality, that God is a living God, and that he reigns. ‘For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm’ (Ps. 33:9). All that I have heard from testimonies in recent months fell into place at that moment. I became aware of what folly it is, given what God is doing today, to maintain that the miracles reported in the New Testament never took place. Suddenly it was clear to me that my teaching was a case of the blind leading the blind. I repented for the way I had misled my students.”

Oh, praise God!

So, friend, submit to the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Rejoice and walk in the Light of the Bible. Rejoice and accept the unity of the Bible. Rejoice and submit yourself to the inspiration of the Bible. Yes, Amen.

The way of the wicked is dark. They need a penetrating light to pierce the darkness. The Bible is that light. “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path,” Psalm 119:105. God intends the Word to be light to us.

The wise man in Proverbs 6:20-23 instructed his son to live with the law of God, “For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.”

The Apostle Peter then instructed us to keep that light, to follow that light until the day dawn and the day star arises! You know, friend, the Bible is our light until we stand in the presence of Jesus who is Himself the WORD and the Light. That will be a face to face meeting. I urge you, walk in the Light of the Bible.

IT IS A UNIT OF INTERPRETATION, the second explanation. Now that is a basic fact that we must accept and follow. The Bible is a unit. It is made up of 66 separate parts or books, as we call them. Yet the Bible is a unit for interpretation. It begins with the beginning in the book of Genesis and ends with the end in the book of Revelation. In between these two books the beginning and the end, is contained all that pertains to life and godliness. No interpreter has the right to try to make the Bible contradict itself. It is a unit of revelation from the first book, Genesis, to the last book, the Revelation.

Mark it down that Peter said, “It is of no private interpretation.” No prophecy or Scripture can be privately interpreted. I think that means that all of it must be related to the rest of it. Any and every Scripture must be taken in its context and related to the rest of the Scripture.

Eta Linnemann, in her book, *Historical Criticism of the Bible*, sought to put theologians back into a committed faith in the Bible. I would like to quote from Robert W. Yarbrough in his introduction. This is what he wrote on page 11 of the book.

“In the modern world,” as Linnemann rightly notes, “God is unknowable and revelation in its traditional definition is no longer acceptable or valid. The focus of theology is instead human experience as defined by the theories of modern social science, philosophy, historiography, and other ‘scientific’ disciplines. ‘God,’ as understood in historic orthodox Christian thought, is systematically ruled out of consideration and is replaced by human self-awareness and purely immanent forces; as the historical theology textbooks put it, anthropology replaces theology.”

So friend, I beg you, accept the Bible for what it is, a unit of interpretation.

IT IS THE PRODUCT OF INSPIRATION, the third explanation. Prophecy did not come as a product of human planning. The Bible is

We have reached another serious crisis in the church. Men of discernment, Francis Schaeffer, Harold Lindsell and the late Wilbur Smith, saw it coming and tried repeatedly to warn us. Much of what they said not only fell on deaf ears, but evoked from certain “evangelicals” a rain of protest which may well open the flood gates of unbelief even farther. The hour is here to declare ourselves anew. The Bible is God’s Word; inerrant and infallible in all matters which are contained therein whether they have to do with science, history, geography, prophecy or redemption.

With this fully in mind we submit the following points which we believe must be considered when interpreting the Word of God.

1. The Bible is the revelation of God to men.

In the present-day world this basic truth must be asserted again. Christian people must be encouraged to ground their faith on this statement. Every other so-called revelation must be tested by the claims of the Bible.

2. The eternal God can reveal and cause to be recorded with accuracy both events of the past, called history, and events of the future, called prophecy.

Records of history can be verified by documents of various kinds. Records of prophecy must await fulfillment for verification. But finding history and prophecy in the Bible, and especially when some prophecy has been fulfilled, should mean that the student is brought to face the fact that when he accepts God’s right and ability to record history he must also accept His right and ability to record prophecy.

3. The Holy Spirit superintended the writing of Scripture to accomplish the true communication of God to man.

We must depend upon the Holy Spirit for the understanding of the Scripture. A simple believer can see farther on his knees than a rationalist on his tip-toes.

4. The Bible is a unit of revelation.

All its parts fit into one whole unit giving to man the mind of God in a historical framework.

Here emphasis is laid on the unity and historicity of the Bible. No passage of Scripture may be isolated from its context. It must be remembered that the Bible came to man in history. God acted in history.

5. The language of Scripture has the meaning of common language in the age in which it was written.

If the Bible is to be the revelation of God to man then it must be communicated in the language understood by man. The rules of human language apply to the Bible. Meanings of words must be seen in the light of

their usage and context.

6. The Bible has the right to interpret its own figures of speech. When it does, no student has liberty to re-interpret them.

In interpreting the parables of Jesus, some commentators have used a free hand to give a re-interpretation of what the Lord said. Some would say the “field” in the parable of the Wheat and Tares is the “church,” not the “world” as Jesus said

7. The direct, immediate and primary purpose or thrust of the Divine Scriptures is to bring about the redemption and restoration of man and the creation for the fellowship and presence of God.

This is the goal toward which the Bible continually beams its light of truth. God once dwelt with man. He will do so again.

J. Otis Yoder

HOW SHALL THEY HEAR?

Groping in the shadows of haunting fear,
Sensing demonic spirits lurking near,
Slipping in the darkness of deep'ning night,
Longing for the comfort of shining light,
We must ask, “How shall they hear?”
Hidden in the vastness of milling throngs,
Deafened by the madness of beating gongs,
Engulfed in debates of jumbling thought,
Deadened to the essence of binding ought,
Again we ask, “How shall they hear?”
Enforcing the constraint of curbing acts,
Forbidding the preaching of saving facts,
Demanding the control of common cues,
Censoring the release of worthy news,
Still we ask, “How shall they hear?”
Discov'ring the air-waves for sending light,
Broadcasting the Gospel with living might,
Heralding true Hope to dying men,
Gathering the Bride for her heav'nly train,
By God's grace, They can hear!

J. Otis Yoder 1989

mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. He said, “I will give you all of these if you will fall down and worship me.” But Jesus refused to do it. Thank God.

The Bible strongly condemns such practices even as early as when Moses was lecturing to the people of Israel before they entered into the land of promise. He said to them: “There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.” Deuteronomy 18:10-12.

Study the meaning of those various terms. God had prohibited to Israel any of those exercises.

Well, let's praise God because we are not left to find God by such means. We have a revelation from God! The Bible is that valid source of communication or contact with God. In II Peter 1:19-21 Peter explains how the Word is verified.

19. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

20. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

By several clear EXPLANATIONS Peter authenticated the Bible for us.

IT IS A LIGHT FOR ILLUMINATION, the first explanation. Peter wrote about a more sure word of prophecy. So Peter understood that the Bible is crystal clear. It is more enduring. It is more authenticated than sight or hearing! I believe when he used the term, “a more sure word of prophecy,” he was referring to the immediate preceding context where he talked about being on the holy mount with Jesus and hearing the voice from heaven and seeing His glory. That more sure word of prophecy is the Holy Bible, the Bible which we have. It is better, my friend, than sight or hearing.

It pierces the darkness. He compares it to a light, a light that shines in a dark place. It pierces the darkness of the befogged human mind! Unbelief is sadly in darkness because it is out of connection with God. The Psalmist in Psalm 35:4-6 makes a most graphic description of the dark slippery way of the confused wicked.

ever God is, wherever Jesus is, it is holy ground.

Peter said we were with Him on that holy mountain and we saw Him being transfigured, we saw Him being glorified, we saw Him getting the honor and glory from God. We heard the voice. There can't be much question about that, can there? Peter honestly testified we were there with Him. We saw the glory. We heard the voice.

The Lord Jesus Christ is present with us now, friend. Oh yes. He said to the disciples after His resurrection, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." Isn't that great? I rejoice in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, don't you? Peter testified to the presence of Jesus. We can testify to the presence of Jesus. Our faith can rest on the presence of Jesus. He is here now with us. Praise God!

So friend, nothing else will do. No other foundation will do for your faith. The foundation of your faith must be on our Lord Jesus Christ. That's where our faith must rest.

Think about these qualities and build your faith on Him. Think of His power, complete control. Think of His preeminence, the only begotten of God, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess He is Lord to the glory of the Father. Think about His presence. Rejoice in His presence. Be encouraged by His presence. He is here now with us. O praise God!

Our foundation is sure and steadfast when we understand how Jesus Christ in His power, His pre-eminence, and His presence becomes the foundation of our faith.

THE AUTHENTICATION OF THE BIBLE

Every human being wishes in some way to make contact with God or with the Spirit World. That is not surprising because we are made in the image of God. In our spirits we connect to the spiritual world. It is a drive that is present in the human personality. To contact the spirit world some play around with Ouija boards or visit the soothsayers and fortune-tellers. Some even worship Satan.

A Nigerian friend told me one time that all of the traditional religions in Africa are satanic. They have their frame of reference around the adversary, Satan.

You can be sure that pleases Satan well. Well, yes, he even tempted our Lord Jesus to fall down and worship him when he took Him up on a high

Rightly Dividing

Part I

LAW AND GRACE

Having the Bible in the English language has been a wonderful blessing to many people. There was much conflict among the theologians before the King James Version was finalized and printed. The high quality of the translation is evident on almost every page. But our use of the English language has changed over the years so that now we may find certain verses somewhat confusing. A careful study of the original languages of the Bible yields a deeper understanding of the real meaning of God's Word.

Let us study Romans 10:1-4, and observe how word order controls meaning.

- 1. Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.*
- 2. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.*
- 3. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*
- 4. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

We take up verse four. Many Gentiles teach that this verse means the Law ended with the coming of Jesus, that is we have no further need of the Law. It is argued that the Law has completed its purpose which is, I submit, contrary to what Paul here teaches. Jesus clearly explains His relation to the Law in Matthew 5:17-18.

- 17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.*
- 18. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

His coming is not to destroy the Law, He says. The word destroy carries a strong meaning: demolish, annul, render useless. Rather He says He came to fulfill the Law, that is, to do all that the Law requires. Remember: the Law defines God's standard of holiness. Jesus met that standard fully by perfect obedience to the will of the Father. While He was tempted in all points like we are, He never sinned!

Now then we must ask how is Christ the end of the Law? When we look

carefully at the order of the words as given in the Greek New Testament we find a wonderful truth. The word end, meaning goal, comes first in the sentence. We should read the verse like this: “For the goal of the law is Christ for righteousness.”

In other words, God gave the Law to show us that by our personal efforts we are not able to attain a righteousness commendable to God.

Here is where Christ comes in. Since He perfectly obeyed the Law, He attained to the righteous standard God has defined in the Law. God’s plan for righteousness always had Christ’s work as the goal. He knew from eternity that no human being with the depraved human nature of Adam would be able to live up to the requirements of God’s holiness. But Christ, born of the virgin, without an earthly father, had a perfect human nature and by perfect obedience fulfilled the demands of God’s Law.

The Law then becomes the foundation for grace. We must not destroy, demolish, the foundation in order to magnify the building of grace. Any secular builder knows the importance of a solid foundation in order to have a sturdy and lasting building.

A clearer understanding of God’s intention in giving us the holy standard of the Law will show us how impossible it is for us to commend ourselves to God by good works alone. “By the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin” Romans 3:20. The Law provides us with the knowledge of sin but not justification. Jesus Christ provides justification for us. The Law condemns us. “The soul that sinneth, it must die.” Christ, who fulfilled the Law, saves us. “I am come that they might have life.”

At the bar of God’s justice each one must plead guilty. By confessing our guilt we can appeal to God’s grace for forgiveness. Only by confession of our sin and guilt can we ever experience the grace and forgiveness of God which He has made possible by the sacrifice and shed blood of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Now we come to that blessed truth in II Corinthians 5:20, 21.

20. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

In this outstanding verse (21), we learn more of the plan of God for us. We must be careful to read what Paul wrote. We need to move, “who knew no sin,” to follow the word him. We need to understand the phrase, “made him to be sin for us,” to be, “made him to be a sin offering for us.” In the Greek the verse reads, “The one not having sin, for us (in behalf of

power by healing the sick. He showed His power by raising the dead. He showed His power by calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee.

Peter said he made known unto them the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peter testified to that power. Peter understood that the power that Jesus demonstrated was majestic power. He said, “We were eye witnesses of His majesty.”

My friend, our faith can rest upon that power. We build into the foundation of our faith, the power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRE-EMINENCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST is the second quality of Jesus upon which we build our faith. Jesus received from God the Father honor and glory. Well, yes, when Jesus was here he said, “I do always those things that please the Father . . . I am doing the will of the Father.” He said, “The words that I speak are not mine. They are the Father’s.” So He always did the will of the father. He honored God the Father so God the Father honored Him.

Peter testified we heard that voice in the mountain. We heard the voice say, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” No one else has such an identification. There is only one who can be called or identified in this way. His name is Jesus. Jesus is the unique Son of God. He is referred to several times in the Bible as the only begotten of the Father. That means He is the unique Son of God. No one else has that identification. He is the pre-eminent One.

Now we are sons of God, alright, but we are adopted sons of God. He is the begotten Son of God, the only one of His kind. Peter testified to the pre-eminence of Jesus. He said they heard the voice on the mount when it happened. So our faith can rest on that pre-eminence. Praise God!

THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST is the third quality of Jesus upon which faith is built. The physical presence of Jesus was on that mountain. Peter calls it the holy mount. You know the record in the Gospel tells us there were three disciples there on the mount. Jesus took them along to the mountain of transfiguration, we call it. They were Peter, James and John. They were on an exceedingly high mountain, Peter calls it the holy mount. Now we should remember that the presence of Jesus hallows any place. He makes it holy.

Let us recall that when God called Moses on the back side of the desert and that bush was burning without being consumed that the voice of God came out of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses, take the shoes from off your feet for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” So wher-

be concerned then to build our faith upon the right foundation so that the direction of our life will go the way it should. I am speaking about THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH in the spiritual world.

Faith can be meaningless, you know. James, in writing his epistle, said the demons believe and tremble. They don't benefit from faith. In fact when Jesus was ministering near the Lake of Galilee one time, a man met Him who was possessed with a legion of demons. They cried out and said, "Hast thou come to destroy us?" So they believed but it was meaningless for them.

For us as we build upon Jesus, our faith must use the right qualities. In II Peter 1:15-18 we will learn much about THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH, Jesus Christ.

15. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

16. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

Here, then, we learn there are several QUALITIES about Jesus which we must build into the foundation of our faith.

THE POWER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST is the first quality of Jesus upon which faith is built. Peter said his message contained no cunningly devised fables, no myths, no fantasies. It is surprising how theologians and supposed scholars treat the Bible as myths and cunningly devised fables.

But Peter says it was not that way when he brought the message to them. He made known unto them the pure message of Jesus. He spoke directly to them with no fantasies, no cunningly devised fables but gave them the facts of Gospel truth.

When Peter told them about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Jesus was always in charge. That must be what Peter meant when he referred to the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus showed His power when He was here by controlling the demons. He showed His

us) a sin-offering he made, in order that we should be made righteousness of God in him."

Follow my explanation. Jesus did not have a depraved, sinful, human nature like all of us have. He had a perfect human nature like Adam, the first man, had before he sinned. God created Adam perfect. After Adam sinned, his nature was depraved. Every child born to a human father and mother since Adam has a depraved, sinful, human nature transmitted from parents to child all these thousands of years.

In order for that chain of depravity to be broken, God miraculously brought His Son Jesus Christ into the world by the virgin birth. Mary, Jesus' mother, was overshadowed by the power of the Highest. The Holy Spirit came upon her and she became pregnant to bear the Son of God!! In that way the inevitable transmission of Adam's depraved, sinful, human nature was broken. Jesus had the true perfect human nature unspoiled by sin or sinful tendencies.

All His temptations, though like ours, came from without. He resisted every one. He never sinned. Many of our temptations come from within as James explains.

13. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death," James 1:13-15.

So then Jesus never knew sin. He was born with a perfect, sinless, human nature, the only one so born. He lived a sinless life by total and perfect obedience to the will of God.

Because of His sinlessness He could become the sacrifice, the sin-offering, for us. From the Hebrew Old Testament we learn a beautiful truth. One word for sin is *asham* (and there are 95 words for sin in the Old Testament). This same root word is used to designate an offering for sin.

The translators of the Hebrew Old Testament into the Greek language did the same with the Greek word *armatia* used twice in II Corinthians 5:21. We should understand Paul with his strong Jewish background as saying, "the one having no sin (*asham*, Hebrew, *armatia*, Greek) for us a sin offering (*asham*, Hebrew, *armatia*, Greek) he made, in order that we should be made righteousness of God in him."

From the logical Biblical view it is impossible to atone for sin by sin. For that basic, eternal, divine reason it was necessary that a sinless sacrifice be made to atone for the sins of the human race applied to whomsoever believes.

Paul concludes our verse with a wonderful teaching. God means for us believers to be made the righteousness of God. His righteousness is without flaw. His righteousness is complete. Let us rejoice in this wonderful plan of God that we have been made the righteousness of God.

In all of this we must pay attention to a scriptural caution. While God has a perfect plan in place, we often miserably fail to reach our potential. We daily need to come to Him for cleansing. We must never presume upon the grace of God and sin knowingly. God has arranged for our perfection in Jesus as long as we seek and do His will.

Having been delivered from the sentence of death by the wonderful grace of God let us now remember we are to live for Him. "...because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again," II Corinthians 5:14, 15.

We are no longer under the sentence of death which the Law pronounces. We are under the forgiveness which God's grace provides. Praise God, we have forgiveness and victory in Jesus. Amen!

J. Otis Yoder

Stewardship

“THOU OUGHTEST THEREFORE...”

During the last night, shortly before His betrayal, Jesus taught us the parable of the talents. It was about a man who was going to travel “into a far country.” To insure care of his goods, he delivered them to his servants according to each one's ability--to one, as the story goes, he gave five talents; to another, two; and to another, one. Those talents were entrustments. Nothing was said, however, as to expected results, or what to do with the goods while the master was gone. That seems to have been assumed.

The ones with five and two got busy at once and put their talents to work. He who had the one wrapped it up and stored it away in a safe place: he said later, “I . . . hid thy talent in the earth.” Time went on and the lord came back to settle accounts with his servants.

First came the five-talented servant: he had gained five more. Then came the two-talented: he had gained two more. Both of them received warm commendation, “Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things:

ingly great and precious.” Just remember, God never makes a promise He does not intend to keep. His promises are sure and steadfast.

A great preacher of the last century has some beautiful thoughts about those exceeding great and precious promises. He first defines a promise as an assurance on the part of another of some good for which we are dependent on Him. Peter had in mind all the promises which contemplated the salvation of the people of God. They refer to pardon for sin, strength, comfort, and support in trial. They include a glorious resurrection and a joyous immortality. These promises have a distinct value in supporting and elevating the soul.

“The promises go beyond our reasoning powers; enter a field which we could not otherwise penetrate—the distant future; and relate to what we could not otherwise obtain. All that we need in trial is the simple promise of God that He will sustain us; all that we need in the hour of death is the assurance of our God that we shall be happy for ever.”

We should be very grateful for the promises of God. In the trials of life we can cling to them with unwavering confidence to be an anchor to the soul. If we are to understand to any degree what it means to be a partaker of the divine nature, we must claim the promises of God with all the blessings they hold.

God has purposed that as believers in Jesus Christ we are to receive and become partakers of the divine nature. Friend, to obtain this level of living with God we must understand that God shares of Himself to impart to us His divine nature. We do not attain it, but He imparts it to us: by His righteousness which is unsullied, by His knowledge which is all comprehensive, by His promises which are exceedingly great and precious. All this becomes ours by faith.

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH

There is an aspect of faith in all human life. Even the most elite person living in his mansion exercises some faith. He can't live without it. The crudest man of the forest living in his hut exercises some faith, too. He can't live without it. Everybody exercises some faith because no one lives without it.

Life will take on its direction depending on which foundation faith is built. People have two connections. We are connected to this world, the physical, and to that world, the spiritual. We are connected to both of them. It has been that way ever since God made the first man. We should

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sins. That demonstrates without question how the righteousness of God is to be applied to us.

The Apostle Peter brought together two great concepts in the second verse. He said, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord." Think about this a moment. God's grace pardons us. Yes, Amen. And God's peace possesses us. Yes, praise God! So it is through the knowledge of God's righteousness. That's the first means through which God intends to bring us to the high position of being partakers of His divine nature.

If we are to understand in any degree what it means to be a partaker of the divine nature, we must accept the fact of God's righteousness to replace our unrighteousness. By this we come into the like precious faith. Amen.

Then, GOD SHARES HIS KNOWLEDGE in making us partakers of His divine nature. Let us reflect on God's knowledge a moment. God has full knowledge. His knowledge is all-comprehensive. That is a concept which is difficult for us to measure because we are limited in our knowledge. Some know more than others. Yet the more one knows, the more he understands there is much more to know.

God is what we call omniscient. That means He is all-knowing. He knows everything actual and possible. I say that is difficult for us to comprehend because we are limited by our lifespan, our circumstances and our capacity. But God has all-knowledge. In that knowledge He "hath called us to glory and virtue."

In God's knowledge, He has determined to give to us all that leads to life and godliness. God knows exactly what we need to live a godly life. He knows exactly what we need on our way to receiving the divine nature. In His full knowledge His divine dynamic power releases these things to us. They are now available to us, my friend. We don't need to research because God in His full knowledge and in His divine power has made all these things available. O praise God! Isn't it marvelous what God has done for us through His full knowledge?

If we are to understand in any degree what it means to be a partaker of the divine nature, we must open our minds to the knowledge of God which surrounds us and confronts us so He can provide us with all that we need for life and godliness. Praise God!

Finally, GOD SHARES HIS PROMISES in making us partakers of His divine nature. The Apostle Peter describes His promises as being, "exceed-

enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Then all the hard work and anxiety were amply repaid.

At last came the one-talented servant. He had not wasted or risked his lord's goods, but neither had he gained anything. Because he didn't care and simply salted the talent away, his lord judged him harshly, "Thou wicked and slothful servant . . . thou oughtest therefore..."

It must be that the Lord's harshest judgment will be reserved for those who do nothing. In this parable to do nothing is to be wicked and slothful.

Your unused money can be put to work for the Lord. Why not use your "talents" for Gospel work? I am quite sure the Lord will then say, "Well done."

J. Otis Yoder

You Asked?

HOW SHOULD A BELIEVER BE BAPTIZED?

The Bible is the believer's handbook in every detail of life. The Holy Spirit guides through the Word. The Bible plainly teaches that believers should be baptized but strangely enough there is no direct instruction as to how.

Believers should be baptized, applying water to the body to symbolize that cleansing has taken place on the inside in the heart. That cleansing is by the blood, and covers all sin. No amount of washing on the outside, the body, can bring inner cleansing or forgiveness of sin. Thus, baptism is a ceremonial act which testifies to the inner experience of being born again.

John the Baptist applied water to people who repented of their sins. Jesus' last instruction to the Apostles was to make disciples and to seal that discipleship with baptism in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This suggests that since all three persons have a part in one's salvation, it honors them to be baptized in their Name.

When one reviews the baptisms mentioned in the book of Acts it is a logical conclusion that people were baptized in the water available at the time and place. When the Apostles baptized those thousands at Pentecost it isn't necessary to conclude they were immersed. Cornelius and his family seem to have been baptized in his house.

If the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was a baptism, He was poured down from above. Jesus spoke about the carefulness of the Pharisees washing cups and pots and the same word, baptize, is used.

Surely, God knows our hearts and accepts whatever method of baptism is available. A believer should be baptized with water either by immersion, pouring or sprinkling. The covenant he makes with God is in his heart and by confession in words will strengthen his Christian life and honor the LORD.

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The Apostle Peter has a particular place in the development of the church. We remember Peter as an apostle, chosen by the Lord. He was a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus called him and said, "Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men."

We often look at Peter as an unkempt fisherman rough in body and spirit. We find him one of the leading disciples of Jesus. He often spoke out while the others were still thinking. That in some measure was a credit to him because he was a ready spokesman but sometimes it got him into difficulty.

After Pentecost the Apostle Peter emerged as a leader among the apostles. His restoration by the Lord on the shore of Galilee after the resurrection commissioned him to feed the sheep and lambs. As he matured in his leadership role, he became more humble, I believe, because he understood that his ability was not his own. He had been anointed with the Holy Spirit and when he began his second letter to the strangers scattered abroad, he introduced himself as a servant.

In fact the word servant in this context carries with it the idea of being a bond slave. He had committed his life totally to serve the Lord. Then he adds "and an apostle." The word apostle means one who has been sent with a mission. So Peter considered himself bound to Jesus as a slave but commissioned by Jesus as a sent one.

He addressed the people who would receive this letter as fellow believers. He called them, "them that have obtained like precious faith." We need to ponder that a moment: precious faith, costly faith. Yes, Peter understood that his faith cost him something. It is also equally shared, "like precious faith." He was addressing those who were in the same family, shall we say family of God. What a joy! What a blessing! Praise God!

The Apostle Peter is leading us to understand what it means to be a partaker of God's nature. PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE is the ultimate. That is when we get to the highest level of the Christian lives. Our natures have been tarnished by sin. When Eve and Adam sinned the nature of God in them was tarnished resulting in a sinful nature. Every human being today has a depraved human nature. That nature cannot be remodeled. It must be replaced. II Peter 1:1-4 tells us how.

1. Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2. Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of

57. He said, "She is my sister."
58. An hundredfold
59. Flocks, herds and many servants
60. Digging wells
61. Built an altar, called on the Lord
62. Made them a feast
63. Judith - Bashemath (Hittites)
64. It was a grief of mind to them
65. A blessing
66. Venison
67. Make savory meat for Isaac so Jacob would be blessed
68. Esau is hairy and I am smooth
69. Rebekah
70. Skins of kids of goats
71. Voice is Jacob's, hands are Esau's
72. I am
73. Kiss and blessing
74. He came with subtilty and took away thy blessing
75. He lifted his voice and wept
76. By the sword, serving his brother
77. Hate
78. Flee to Laban in Haran
79. Padanaram, house of Bethuel
80. Obeyed
81. Stones
82. Ladder with angels ascending and descending
83. All families of the earth
84. The Lord is in this place and I knew it not
85. The house of God, gate of heaven
86. Bethel
87. One tenth
88. Haran
89. A month
90. Rachel and Leah
91. Leah was tender eyed, Rachel was beautiful (well favored)
92. Seven years
93. But a few days
94. Must give the firstborn in marriage first
95. Seven more years
96. She was hated by Jacob
97. Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah
98. Increased exceedingly, cattle, maid and men servants, camels, asses
99. His countenance was not toward him as before
100. Return to the land of thy fathers
101. We are strangers, he hath sold us, devoured our money
102. His images
103. The third day
104. Speak not to Jacob, good or bad
105. Offered sacrifice, ate bread, stayed all night
106. Kissed and blessed them
107. Grace
108. 400
109. 200 she goats, 20 he goats, 200 ewes, 20 rams, 30 milk camels with colts, 40 kine, 10 bulls, 20 female donkeys, 10 foals
110. Israel
111. Peniel
112. Embraced, hugged, kissed and wept
113. God has been gracious to me, I have enough
114. Lay with her and defiled her
115. Go to Bethel and make an altar
116. Put away strange gods, be clean, change your garments
117. The terror of God was
118. Bethel
119. She died
120. Hundred and fourscore years (180 years)

116. What 3 things did Jacob tell his household to do? (35:2)
117. Why did Jacob's enemies not pursue after them? (35:5)
118. At what place did God speak again to Jacob? (35:15)
119. What happened to Rachel when Benjamin was born? (35:19)
120. How old was Isaac when he died? (35:28)

Answers for Genesis Chapters 20-36

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| 1. She is my sister | 29. Abraham's country and kindred |
| 2. Sarah is a man's wife | 30. God of heaven--His angel |
| 3. He was afraid they would kill him for her | 31. Ten camels, all the goods of his master |
| 4. Sheep, oxen, menservants, women servants | 32. Drink and I will give thy camels drink also |
| 5. Healed Abimelech and his wife | 33. Rebekah |
| 6. Conceived, bare a son | 34. Very fair to look at, virgin (pure) |
| 7. Circumcised his son at 8 days old | 35. Bethuel |
| 8. 100 years old | 36. The Lord God to my master, Abraham |
| 9. Made a great feast | 37. He would not eat |
| 10. Mocking him | 38. Bowed his head and worshipped the Lord |
| 11. Wilderness of Beersheba | 39. Gold and silver jewels and raiment |
| 12. Fear not, God hath heard thy voice, I will make of your son a great nation | 40. I will go |
| 13. Beersheba | 41. Jumped off the camel and veiled herself |
| 14. Take Isaac to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice | 42. Comfort after his mother's death |
| 15. Arose early, took supplies and people and went | 43. Keturah |
| 16. Where is the lamb for a burnt offering? | 44. Six |
| 17. My son, God will provide a lamb | 45. 175 years, one hundred (100) three score (60) and fifteen (15) |
| 18. Abraham, Abraham | 46. Lahairoi |
| 19. He was willing to offer his only son | 47. 40 years old |
| 20. A ram | 48. Entreated the Lord (prayed) |
| 21. Jehovah-jireh (I saw the Lord) | 49. Esau |
| 22. All nations of the earth | 50. Jacob |
| 23. 127 years old | 51. 20 years |
| 24. Kirjatharba (Hebron) | 52. Esau--cunning hunter; Jacob--tent dweller |
| 25. Sons of Heth | 53. Sold his birthright to Jacob |
| 26. You may have your choice of the best ones | 54. Bread and soup (pottage of lentils) |
| 27. Cave of Machpelah | 55. I will make thy seed multiply as the stars of heaven, in thy seed all nations of earth will be blessed. |
| 28. Eldest servant | 56. Gerar |

God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3. According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

My burden and concern is that we together might understand the several MEANS God uses, how God shares of Himself, to bring us to the high position of being partakers of His divine nature.

First, GOD SHARES HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS to make us partakers of His divine nature. God's righteousness is absolutely perfect, unsullied. God's righteousness has no defect in it. The Bible makes it very clear that God's actions are always right. He has never done wrong. The Almighty cannot sin. So I say His righteousness is without fault, without any fault at all.

Our precious faith then is the result of His righteous act at Calvary when He offered His Son, His only Son to become the sacrifice for our

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We Must HEAR From YOU!!



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Study Questions for GENESIS

Genesis is a book of beginnings. It is a book of origins. Moses was the author of Genesis written between 1450-1410 BC. Genesis is the first of five books that make up the Pentateuch. It is the only source that we can trust as an authentic record of divine creation. The only one who was there in the beginning (God) tells us what happened through His servant Moses.

Genesis is quoted more than 60 times in the New Testament in 17 of the 27 books. The foundation of all further revelation begins here.

We hope you will enjoy exploring the treasures of Genesis as you go through the questions. We trust the Spirit of God will direct you to a better understanding of the Word as you study these questions: alone, with a friend, or in a group setting.

The following outline of the book may be helpful.

I. The Creation of the World - Chapters 1-2

II. Man's Separation from God - Chapter 3-5

III. God's Judgment on Rebellious Man - Chapters 6-8

IV. New Beginnings for Man - Chapters 9-11

V. Abram--Father of the Faithful - Chapters 12-21

VI. Isaac--God's Special Son - Chapter 22-26

VII. Jacob--Chosen by God - Chapters 27-36

VIII. Joseph--Faithful and Forgiving - Chapters 37-50

May your love for God's Word grow as you study these questions.

Please do **NOT** mail these lessons to Heralds of Hope. We can NOT return them to you. Study and answer the questions. Check your answers from page 15. The chapters and verses are in (20-36).

93. How long did this period seem to Jacob? (29:20)
94. Why did Laban give Jacob Leah instead of Rachel? (29:26)
95. How much longer did Jacob serve Laban for Rachel? (29:30)
96. Why was Leah's womb opened? (29:31)
97. Who were Jacob's first four sons by Leah? (29:32-35)
98. How was Jacob doing financially? (30:43)
99. How did Laban feel toward Jacob? (31:2)
100. What did the Lord tell Jacob to do? (31:3)
101. How did Jacob's wives view their father? (31:15)
102. What did Rachel steal from her father? (31:19)
103. When did Laban find out Jacob had gone? (31:22)
104. What did God tell Laban in his dream? (31:24)
105. What did Jacob do on the mount after meeting Laban? (31:54)
106. How did Laban leave his sons and daughters? (31:55)
107. What response did Jacob hope to find in Esau? (32:5)
108. How many of Esau's men came to meet Jacob? (32:6)
109. What did Jacob give Esau as a present? (32:14,15)
110. What was Jacob's new name after wrestling with the angel? (32:28)
111. What did Jacob name the place after seeing God face to face and living? (32:30)
112. What did Jacob and Esau do when they met? (33:4)
113. Why did Jacob give Esau such a generous gift? (33:11)
114. What did the Hivite do to Leah's daughter? (34:2)
115. What did God ask Jacob to do? (35:1)

70. How did Rebekah make Jacob feel like Esau? (27:16)
71. How did Isaac feel about this situation? (27:22)
72. How did Jacob answer the question, “Art thou my very son Esau?” (27:24)
73. What two things did Isaac give to Jacob? (27:27)
74. How did Isaac understand what Jacob had done? (27:35)
75. How did Esau respond to this news? (27:38)
76. How was Esau going to live? (27:40)
77. What feelings did Esau have toward Jacob? (27:41)
78. What did Rebekah urge Jacob to do? (27:43)
79. Where did Isaac tell Jacob to get his wife? (28:2)
80. How did Jacob respond to his father and mother? (28:7)
81. What did Jacob use for a pillow? (28:11)
82. What did Jacob see in his dream? (28:12)
83. Who would be blessed by Jacob’s seed? (28:14)
84. How did Jacob feel when he woke up? (28:16)
85. What two details characterize where Jacob slept? (28:17)
86. What was the sanctified name for where Jacob slept? (28:19)
87. How much did Jacob promise to give to God? (28:22)
88. Where were the shepherds from that Jacob met? (29:4)
89. How long did Jacob stay at Laban’s home? (29:14)
90. Who were Laban’s two daughters? (29:16)
91. What was the difference in the two physically? (29:17)
92. How long was Jacob willing to work for Rachel? (29:18)

Genesis Chapters 20-36

1. What lie did Abraham tell King Abimelech? (20:2)
2. What did God reveal to Abimelech in a dream? (20:3)
3. Why did Abraham tell this lie? (20:11)
4. What did Abimelech give to Abram with Sarah? (20:14)
5. What did God do in response to Abram’s prayer? (20:17)
6. What did Sarah do after a visit from the Lord? (21:2)
7. What did Abraham do when God commanded him? (21:4)
8. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? (21:5)
9. What did Abraham do the day Isaac was weaned? (21:8)
10. What was Ishmael doing that grieved Abraham? (21:9)
11. Where did Abraham send Hagar and Ishmael? (21:14)
12. What did God say to Hagar in her time of desperation? (21:17)
13. Where did Abraham plant trees and call on the Lord? (21:33)
14. What test did God bring to Abraham? (22:2)
15. How did Abraham respond to God’s instructions? (22:3)
16. What piercing question did Isaac ask Abraham? (22:7)
17. What answer did Abraham give to his son? (22:8)
18. What did the angel call as Abraham prepared to slay Isaac? (22:11)
19. What proved Abraham’s commitment to obedience? (22:12)
20. What was caught in the bushes that Abraham offered instead of Isaac? (22:13)
21. What did Abraham call the name of that place? (22:14)
22. Who would God bless because Abraham obeyed? (22:18)
23. How old was Sarah when she died? (23:1)

24. Where did Sarah die? (23:2)
25. Who did Abraham speak to about burying Sarah? (23:3)
26. How did they respond to Abraham's request? (23:6)
27. What cave did Abraham choose for burial? (23:9)
28. Who did Abram command regarding Isaac's wife? (24:2,3)
29. Where was the servant to find a wife for Isaac? (24:4)
30. Who did Abraham know would guide his servant? (24:7)
31. How much of Abram's goods did the servant take? (24:10)
32. What answer did he want from the girl? (24:14)
33. Who was the first girl at the watering trough? (24:15)
34. What two traits of Rebekah were very pleasing? (24:16)
35. Who was Rebekah's father? (24:24)
36. Who did the servant thank for prospering his journey? (24:27)
37. What did the servant refuse to do until he told why he came? (24:33)
38. What did the servant do when he realized God had led him? (24:48)
39. What did the servant give to Rebekah? (24:53)
40. How did Rebekah respond to the question, "Will you go with him?" (24:58)
41. What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac? (24:64, 65)
42. What did Rebekah bring to Isaac that he needed? (24:67)
43. Who was Abraham's second wife? (25:1)
44. How many children did Keturah bear for Abraham? (25:2)
45. How old was Abraham when he died? (25:7)
46. Where did Isaac live after Abraham's death? (25:11)

47. How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah? (25:20)
48. What did Isaac and Rebekah do when they were childless? (25:21)
49. Who was the first son of Isaac and Rebekah? (25:25)
50. Who was the second son? (25:26)
51. How many years between their marriage and first sons? (25:20, 26)
52. What occupations did the boys choose? (25:27)
53. What did Esau do when he thought he was dying of hunger? (25:33)
54. What did Jacob give to Esau for his birthright? (25:34)
55. What message did God have for Isaac? (26:4)
56. Where did Isaac live? (26:6)
57. What response did Isaac have to a question about Rebekah? (26:7)
58. How much did Isaac receive, because the Lord blessed him? (26:12)
59. What did Isaac have for possessions? (26:14)
60. What did Isaac keep doing when pressed by neighbors? (26:22)
61. What did Isaac do after meeting the Lord at Beersheba? (26:25)
62. What did Isaac do for Abimelech after their meeting? (26:30)
63. Who did Esau choose for his wives? (26:34)
64. How did Isaac and Rebekah feel about Esau's wives? (26:35)
65. What did Isaac want to give Esau before he died? (27:1-4)
66. What did Esau go to the field to hunt? (27:5)
67. What did Rebekah do after hearing Isaac speak to Esau? (27:9)
68. What objection did Jacob raise about the plan? (27:11)
69. Who would take the curse if the plan didn't work? (27:13)