



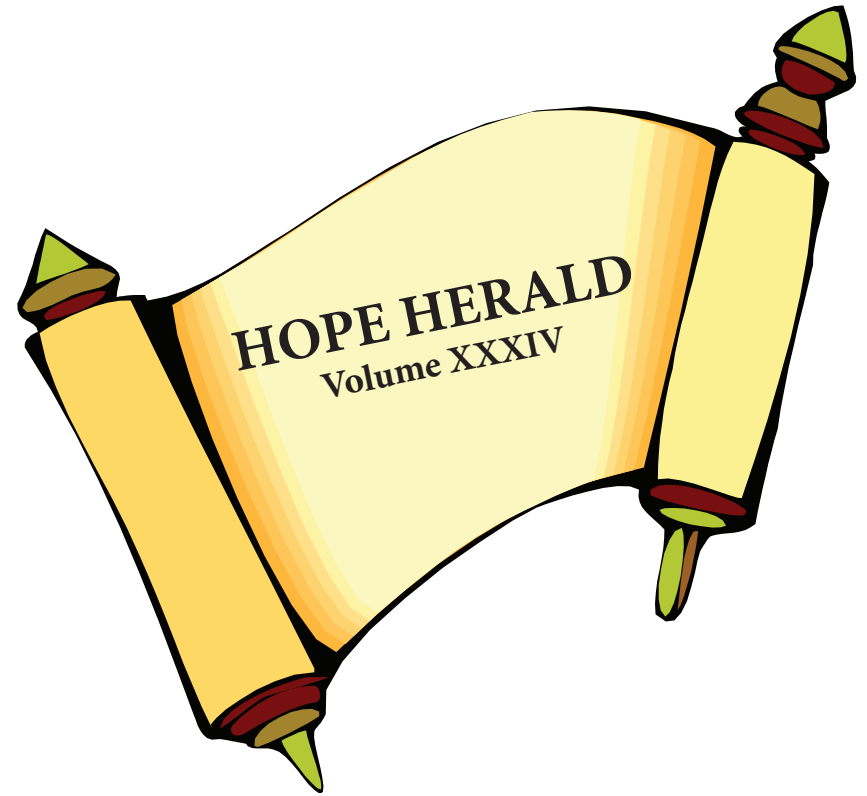
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I. English - "Hope For Today"

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TWR-Swaziland South Africa	3200khz	21:30UTC	Sun
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II. Other Languages

West Africa <u>Hausa</u> TWR - Benin	1566AM	4:45UTC	Sun
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<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
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Lodwar	101.9FM	19:45UTC	M-F
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Lamu	101.3FM	19:45UTC	M-F
Wajir	101.7FM	19:45UTC	M-F



"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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23. Bless God for Jesus' promise to build His church!

Intercede for pastors and leaders as they face the challenges of shepherding the flock, protecting us from error and deception.

24. Thank God for courageous Believers in Jesus in the Arab world.

Pray that He will lead them to those who are sincerely seeking the truth.

25. Praise the Lord for our English language programs in Africa!

Thank God for the many testimonies of changed lives. Pray for growth in understanding and deepening of commitment to Christ.

26. Thank God that He has promised to supply all our needs!

Pray for Gospel ministries around the world in their need for personnel, funding, equipment, and buildings.

27. Thank God for the legacy left us by Dr. and Mrs. J. Otis Yoder!

Praise God for His faithfulness to this ministry in the past 43 years.

28. Ask God's Spirit to encourage Christian families around the world.

Pray these important societal foundations will produce godly, mature, followers of Jesus who can make a positive impact on their world.

29. Bless God for our website that expands ministry!

Pray that God will use our website, www.heraldsofhope.org to bring the Gospel to those who otherwise are unable to hear our broadcasts.

30. Pray the Father to bless our partnership with "Torch Ministries" in Ghana, Africa.

Thank Him for the thousands of Junior High School students enrolled in Bible classes in the public schools!

31. Thank God for His amazing grace!

Rejoice in His promise that "where sin abounds, grace abounds even more! Pray that millions will experience that grace as they tune into our radio broadcasts each week.

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Expositions of Genesis, by Dr. J. Otis Yoder

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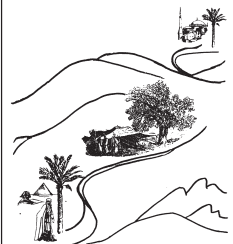
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unreached people group is predominately Muslim.

13. Rejoice in the ministry of the Heralds of Hope, Inc.

Praise God for continuing to direct and expand this ministry which He called into existence in 1967! Praise God for the Yoders who heard and answered His call, and faithfully served for many years.

14. Praise God for our Swahili language broadcasts in Africa.

Pray that this daily broadcast will be effective in reaching many Swahili speaking people with the Gospel.

15. Thank God for Christian relief agency showing the compassion of Christ!

Pray for all the dedicated workers in various areas of the world who are giving time and treasure to be the “hands and feet” of Jesus.

16. Pray for suffering Christians in China to be steadfast in suffering and bold in witness.

Thank God our “Hope for Today” broadcasts in Mandarin can help to sustain them in their trials.

17. Rejoice that the Heavenly Father loves ALL races of people!

Ask God to bring an end to racial and ethnic hatred and violence in many areas of the world. Pray for the power of the Gospel to bring reconciliation and healing to individuals, families, and communities.

18. Pray for our weekly English program in Bethlehem, Israel.

Pray for the safety of the station and station personnel in light of threats from the Palestinian Authority officials who govern the town.

19. Bless God for TWR-Johannesburg!

Pray that our weekly broadcasts to Ethiopia, in the Amharic and Oromo languages, will bring the HOPE of the Gospel to many seekers. Praise Him for the hundreds of responses we receive from these programs!

20. Bless God for generous donors who make possible the Bible distribution ministry of Heralds of Hope, Inc.

Pray that Bibles in English, Nepali, and Telegu will bless many hearts and result in personal spiritual growth.

21. Praise God for a secure HOPE in Jesus!

Pray the Holy Spirit blessing on our Spanish language broadcast to Latin America, “Esperanza Segura = Secure Hope.”

22. Bless the Lord for His comforting presence to those who are grieving the passing of a loved one!

Pray that the comfort and consolation of the Holy Spirit will fill the hearts of the sorrowing with peace.

With The Former President



Dear Fellow Witness:

We are so often like the disciples. They were asleep while Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. When He found them sleeping, He asked Peter, “*What, could you not watch with me one hour?*” Then He warned them and us, “*Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak,*” Matthew 26: 40b, 41.

Jesus went away and prayed again. And His disciples fell asleep. When He came back to them He said, “*Sleep on now and take your rest: behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.*” Matthew 26: 45.

What they should have done they could now never do. The hour for watching had passed. Oh what a lesson rings out to us. One said long ago, “Procrastination is the thief of time.” In other words DO NOW WHAT YOU SHOULD DO. Every time we put off doing what we should the hour passes never to return.

All of us need to learn this lesson, especially as conditions around the world seem to tell us the coming of the Lord is near.

While Jesus was answering the questions the disciples asked Him regarding the sign of His coming (Matthew 24, 25) several times He urged upon them to watch. (See Matthew 24: 42, 25: 13) The word Jesus used and translated “watch” means “Keep awake.” “Be vigilant,” we can say. “Let nothing divert your attention.”

Our Lord instructs us wakefully to look for His return. THE LORD IS COMING! Jesus compared His return to the time of the flood of Noah’s day. He said they were busily doing their regular activities, “*And knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then two shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*” Matthew 24: 39-42

Keep awake, the time for His coming is drawing near. Do not fall asleep. Do not become so busy with your daily activities that you will miss the hour of His coming!

In the parable of the young women Matthew 25:1-13, Jesus told how five were ready and five were not ready. None knew the hour of the bride-

groom's coming. So while they waited they all slept until the cry was made, "Behold the bridegroom cometh: go ye out to meet him," Matthew 25: 6.

The wise women, lamps all trimmed with necessary oil, were ready to welcome the bridegroom and went with Him to the wedding. The foolish women had no oil. They were not ready. While they went to buy oil the bridegroom came. When they knocked on the door asking to enter they were turned away.

Jesus closed the story with these words, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh," Matthew 20: 13. Jesus again used the word, watch; "keep awake!" Be ready!

The need for wakefulness is clearly stated by the words, "ye know neither the day nor the hour." This means we must be awake all the time for the Lord's return at any time.

I therefore urge you to make all needful preparation now. When the cry goes forth, "The Bridegroom cometh, go out to meet Him" you will not have time to get ready. He will not wait for you. So keep awake! Be Ready! Amen.

Sincerely in the Hope of the Gospel,

J. Otis Yoder

Treasures of Truth

Peace

We often use the word peace. In searching out the meaning we discover a word of special beauty. People in Old Testament times used the Hebrew word *shalom*. Today in Israel and among people in other countries this word is used as a greeting. When they meet they say, *Shalom*.

Shalom in the Old Testament has a basic meaning of wholeness or completeness. It can also mean finish. As it is used with reference to personal feelings, it means the absence of trouble.

We learn the meaning of any word by how it is used in the language. Shalom is first used as a greeting when the brothers of Joseph had come to Egypt to buy more food, and Joseph tested them by putting their money back into their sacks. When they came the second time to purchase grain, they were very much afraid. The steward wanted to quiet their fears, so he said, "Peace be to you, fear not" Genesis 43: 23. Here is a beautiful picture of peace, the absence of fear.

In the writing of the wise man, Solomon, in Proverbs 3:17 reference is made to wisdom as a person. "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace." The man who finds wisdom is happy because she is

PRAYER and PRAISE

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

1. Thank God for the liberating Gospel!

Thank Him for all those finding freedom in Christ in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North America, and every island.

2. Rejoice in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Pray that He would prepare the hearts of radio listeners to receive the Word and bring conviction of sin upon the ungodly.

3. Bless God for the impact of the printed page.

Ask God to protect each Bible and literature piece mailed to those who seek to know Jesus better.

4. Praise the Lord for our Albanian language broadcasts to Albania!

Pray that many Muslims, athiests, and nominal Christians will be reconciled to God through Jesus.

5. Thank God for open doors of ministry in Nepal!

Ask God to bless our radio broadcasts and indigenous ministry partner, "Hope Children's Ministry."

6. Magnify the Lord for the reach of electronic media!

Praise God for the technology He's reserved for our time - internet, satellite, smartphones, and more are all carrying the Gospel message.

7. Praise God for giving us His Word!

Pray God to bless all ministries involved in providing copies of God's Word to those who do not have a copy.

8. Bless God for our faithful brethren in the persecuted church.

Intercede for those who suffer and remember to pray for them as though you were imprisoned with them.

9. Rejoice that Gospel radio reaches the Guarani people!

Pray for the Believers in Paraguay who are being disciplined by our daily Guarani language broadcasts.

10. Thank God for courageous evangelists in Muslim countries!

Pray for the protection of the translators and producers of our Arabic language programs which air in Baghdad, Iraq.

11. Bless God for Hope Bible Training Institute in India!

Pray that this training institute will be effective in training many godly, committed, and passionate pastors, teachers, and evangelists.

12. Bless God that He desires all mankind to know Him personally!

Intercede for listeners to our Hausa language broadcasts in Africa. This

shall not precede them who are asleep.” By the fact that we shall not precede them means that we are going to have a part with them. We can be absolutely confident of this. Present reality is absolutely trustworthy.

That means we shall join the host of believers from all over the world through all the centuries. What a glorious meeting that will be! Because we believe this present reality we can be absolutely confident that we shall be caught up together with those who are resurrected.

We can ground our hope on the present reality of His promise. There is no other equally trustworthy message from anybody than the Word of the Lord. That is the present reality. Isn't that encouraging? Doesn't that build your faith? Can't you see that this is an absolutely sure foundation upon which we can build our hope of the coming of Christ?

THE FUTURE ANTICIPATION is an indisputable foundation to build hope in Christ's return. Watch closely in the remaining verses for what will yet happen! *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God.”*

What a trio! The Lord himself with a shout! We are told in the book of Revelation that when the glorified Saviour talked it sounded to John as of a voice like a trumpet, a piercing sound: *“I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, Lam Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.”*

The Lord Himself shall descend with a shout and then the voice of the archangel. We are told also in Revelation that when the archangel spoke it sounded like the roar of a lion. Here is the shout of the Lord and the voice of the archangel and the trump of God! What a glorious trio of sound! Every believer will hear it. When that trio sounds, the dead in Christ shall rise first. Praise God!

We have hope. We need not be hopeless as those without hope! Here we have the order described: *“The dead in Christ shall rise first; then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord.”*

You see, Jesus is not coming back to earth on this particular trip. He is coming in the clouds. We are going to meet Him in the clouds and we are going to be with Him forever.

Here is our future anticipation: the tremendous sound of the shout of the Lord, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God; the dead in Christ arising out of their graves and we who are alive and remain being suddenly translated, caught up together with them in the clouds of Shekinah glory to meet the Lord and to be with Him forever! What a comfort!

able to bring to him pleasantness and peace, the absence of fear and dread. Wholeness and completeness come to the one who follows wisdom.

In the Psalms even though David knew so much trouble, he also knew a great deal about peace: *“The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.”* Praise the Lord! Psalm 29 gives a beautiful description of the power of God. How the voice of the Lord can thunder and how powerful the Lord is that He gives strength to his people and blesses His people with peace. In the presence of this great power of God, there is tranquility, quietness.

In Psalm 37: 37, 38, there is a marked contrast between the ends of the wicked and the righteous: *“Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.”* Certainly the one who truly walks with the Lord can be confident that his end will be without trouble. It will be peaceful.

We find in Psalm 119: 165, a beautiful verse: *“Great peace have they who love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.”* This is a wonderful consolation. He who loves the law of God has a sense of quietness, a great feeling of peace, which the world knows nothing about. As we hold to the divine Word of God nothing should trouble us. This promise is good to use against worry and fear.

The Prophet Isaiah touches upon peace in chapter 26, verse 3. I really appreciate this text, *“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”* In the Hebrew this verse reads: *“Thou wilt keep him in peace,”* perfect peace, total quietness, in rest, without trouble, without difficulty. How we praise the Lord for this great promise!

In Isaiah 57: 21 we see in contrast the tragedy of the wicked: *“There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.”* They are like the troubled sea. It cannot rest. But those who are anchored by faith in God are not restless and troubled; they have peace.

We can't overlook the Prophet Isaiah's description of the coming Messiah. In Isaiah 9:6 one of the names given to Him is, “the Prince of Peace.”

We turn to the New Testament to see how this idea of the absence of trouble is developed. The Greek people pronounce the word peace, *eiene*. It also means the absence of trouble, quietness, and rest.

In Luke's account of the birth of Jesus the angel announced to the shepherds that the Saviour was born and the heavenly hosts said, *“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men,”* Luke 2:14.

Jesus sent out the disciples with this instruction to say, *“Peace be to this*

house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again”, Luke 10: 5, 6.

Before He was crucified, Jesus spoke to the disciples with deep feeling and meaning: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid,” John 14:27. Surely our Lord was a perfect example of one who could live without restlessness even in the midst of great trial of affliction.

After His resurrection He came to the disciples unexpectedly in the upper room and greeted them, “Peace be unto you.” This is especially significant because John 20:19 informs us that they had gathered in the room with closed doors because they were afraid.

In the messages of the disciples as they went out to preach the Gospel, peace was on their lips. Peter spoke to Cornelius at his invitation: “The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)” Acts 10:36.

The Apostle Paul writing to believers in Romans 5:1 makes it so clear. “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” We have rest and quiet through Him.

A further citation is Ephesians 2:14, 15, a most precious text, “For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace.”

We need to praise the Lord that every reason for distress, for restlessness, has been abolished. Jesus Christ by His death on the cross and His precious blood will bring peace to those who trust Him.

There are many other Scripture texts explaining what it means to be at peace with God and at peace with one’s fellowmen. Surely God desires for us first of all to be at peace with Him and then in our families, with our neighbors and in our communities. We are to live peaceably as much as possible, with all men. We praise the Lord that through the cross of Jesus Christ God has made possible tranquility, wholeness, quietness. It is finished. Praise God!

And so with the Apostle Paul we say “Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you” II Corinthians 13:11.

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**Great peace have they who love thy law:
and nothing shall offend them. Psalm 119: 165**

it all. We have ample evidence in the Bible based on this historical truth that death is not the end.

The Apostle says Jesus’ experience proves there is more. He says upon the basis that “...we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” The historical evidence is clear: Jesus died and rose again. This puts content into our hope. This puts body into our faith. We ground our hope and faith on the historical happening.

Therefore we assuredly say, death does not end life. We have hope for those who are asleep in Jesus. We know that because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ they also will rise. And if indeed we shall be among those who shall die we also shall rise. “Even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” That is beautiful! The historical doctrine is a foundation on which we build our hope of Christ’s coming.

It is most important that we are sure about these basics. Any weakness regarding such fundamentals will leave us doubting at every other point. We must take the Bible record as it is, all the critics notwithstanding - and there are many. Some argue that Jesus never died. Some wonder if He ever lived at all. But, if He never lived, then He never died and if He never died, He never arose, so He will never come back! But Paul is clear on this point: He died and rose again.

THE PRESENT REALITY is a sure foundation for believing Christ will return. Take a careful look in verse 15 at what the Apostle Paul wrote: “We say unto you by the word of the Lord...” We have that word of the Lord now. It is a present reality. It is our possession. God has given that Word to us. We can ground our hope on that Word. It can be trusted. Where will you go for anything more trustworthy than the Word of the Lord?

Jesus Himself said to the disciples before He was crucified, “I am going away, and if I go away I will come again.” That statement means more than His appearance after the resurrection because He said, “I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself...” That is the Word of the Lord and that is a present reality for us. We can be sure. We can be absolutely sure.

Let there be no question in your mind about the “Word of the Lord.” The devil has successfully raised doubts in many minds by the same question which he threw at Mother Eve in the garden of Eden. He has come again and again with the same words, “Did God say...?” It never pays to argue with the devil. No amount of argument will convince him. We must hold to the Word of the Lord!

Now notice further what he said in verse 15: “This we know by the word of the Lord that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord

A Call to Hope

Have you wondered recently about the return of Jesus? Will He really come back? When will He return? Some people have set dates. They were sure He was going to come, but they were wrong. Jesus warned us not to set the time because, when He was here, He Himself did not know. But He also warned us not to go to sleep; because He is coming.

Isn't it thrilling to see how God is getting ready for the Lord Jesus to come back? It is exciting to me. Events in the world as predicted in the Bible are pointing to the soon return of Jesus Christ. Does the thought quicken your heartbeat? Believers have looked for the coming of the Lord in every age. Paul surely did as he wrote the first letter to the Thessalonians because at the end of every chapter he mention the return of Christ. He is really specific about it here in **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**.

13. But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

These verses contain the FOUNDATIONS upon which we build our hope of Christ's coming for us. I want to bring them out for you because they are essential.

THE HISTORICAL DOCTRINE is an important foundation for hope in Christ's return. It is true, death is the door that closes all decision regarding your eternal condition. Yet in one way, death is only the beginning. The Bible clearly informs us that there is life after death, and that it is eternal. So we know from God's word that death does not end it all.

We ought not to sorrow as though death were the end of everything. There are those who have no hope but even with them death does not end

A Chosen Vessel

The Apostle Paul is a great character to study. Paul contributed to much of the New Testament. He was the author of 13 books from Romans to Philemon. Many think he also authored the book of Hebrews though we can't be sure. Much of the book of Acts describes Paul's life and ministry.

But he was not always a model for us. In Philippians 3: 2-10 Paul described his early life as a Pharisee in Judaism. He was totally dedicated to God and Judaism and committed to wiping out this new sect called Christians. In his mind they were heretics of the first degree.

Paul before his conversion was called Saul. The name Saul is a grand title meaning "asked for." No doubt he was named after the great King Saul, Israel's first king. Saul was born in Tarsus in the region of Cilicia, and he was educated in Jerusalem in the school of Gamaliel (Acts 22: 3). In Acts 5: 34-39 we hear from Gamaliel, Paul's teacher, regarding the growing church. Gamaliel said, "If it's not of God it will fall apart, and if it is of God we are foolish to fight it."

But after Stephen's death Saul turned against the church with fierce persecution. He may have been doing it earlier, but it seems that Stephen's sermon convinced Saul that this new Lord Jesus worship needed to be stopped immediately.

Saul was trained like all Jewish boys in a trade. Jewish thought at that time said that the nobility of manual labor and intellectual skill go hand in hand. Saul learned the art of tent making which would serve him well throughout his life. Jewish education sought to produce a man who could both think and act. That should be the goal of a good education today.

Saul no doubt came from one of the upper levels of society in a fairly well to do family. His vernacular tongue was Greek, but because he lived in Palestine he most likely also knew Hebrew. As he zealously promoted Judaism, he zealously opposed Christianity.

He was greatly feared by all the church as he wreaked havoc on the church committing men and women to prison (Acts 8: 3). Saul was very happy about Stephen's death and set out to destroy all Christians, and stamp out this movement before it went any further. Because of this persecution the church scattered to avoid being killed.

He suspected some may have escaped even to Damascus more than 200 kilometers from Jerusalem. So he set out for Damascus to "look for any of this Jesus way men or women and bring them bound to Jerusalem" (Acts 9: 2). Let's look now in detail at Acts 9:1-28 which is the account of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus.

Saul was intent on getting the job done properly. But as he and his traveling companions drew near Damascus suddenly a light from heaven surrounded him. Saul fell to the earth and heard a voice saying, “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?” Saul’s response was, “Who art thou Lord?” Saul was confused because he thought he had been doing what God wanted. The Lord’s response to Saul’s question was, “I am Jesus whom thou persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.” The resurrected, ascended Jesus had a direct encounter with one of His worst enemies.

A voice from heaven had a special significance for any Jew. God had spoken directly with Noah, Abraham and Moses, and here was another direct encounter with the Lord of heaven. The phrase, “to kick against the pricks” or goads as some translations say, was a phrase for opposition to deity. It was as if Saul concluded that Jesus was truly God, He was deity--a revelation to one who moments before was opposed to this God. Two words in verse 6 describe Saul’s reaction to Jesus’ words: trembling and astonished. His body shook and his mind was overwhelmed as he encountered first hand the one he had been persecuting.

Saul’s question came, “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” Saul had a change of heart and the One he was persecuting he suddenly began to call Lord, as the glory of God shone around him. It was similar to the shepherd’s seeing the glory of God in Bethlehem at Jesus’ birth, but this glory was directed toward one man, Saul of Tarsus.

The Lord answered Saul, “Arise, and go unto the city and it shall be told thee what thou must do.” The directions were clear. The men who traveled with Paul heard the voice but saw no man. Whether they understood the voice or if Saul was the only one to understand we cannot be sure. But the men saw no man. They were “speechless” the Bible says. When God shows His power, we stand before Him with nothing to say, totally in awe of His power and authority.

When Saul came up from the ground he was struck with blindness. The light of God’s presence had been too much for Saul’s earthly eyes. The men with Saul led him by the hand to Damascus. For three days he did not eat or drink! I’m sure it was a very intense time of soul searching.

So the Lord was working in Saul’s life, while He called another disciple to go minister to Him. His name was Ananias. The Lord came to Ananias in a vision and called him by name. The Lord told Ananias exactly where to go to find Saul. The street and the house were detailed.

Understandably Ananias was not too thrilled. Ananias had heard how much evil Saul had done in Jerusalem. He evidently knew Saul was coming to Damascus to devour the church as he had done in Jerusalem. The

tion...”, your holiness. Now, my friend, how long are you going to wait to accept and adopt God’s standard? How long are you going to continue in the wickedness that He abhors and still claim to be a child of God? The will of God is your holiness. The will of God is your sanctification. When you deliberately defy the will of God you are under His judgment, not His mercy. Keep that in mind.

In verse seven we understand that His call is to holiness, “For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.” Mark that. The Greek word for holiness is a positive verb. God will cause you to be holy. He will do the cleansing. You can scrub yourself with soap, you can scrub yourself with any detergent, you may bring up your good works, your intentions, but that will not be sufficient. He will do the cleansing because the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. But you must yield yourself to Him. You must adopt God’s standard. You must confess that His will is your sanctification and His call is the life of holiness.

Don’t be misled by those teachers who tell you you can do whatever you like. You can conduct yourself as you wish. God is not like that. He would not have given us the Bible if He had not intended for us to follow His instructions. His standard is a standard of holiness. How much tolerance do you think God will allow? That is the wrong question. The right question is, How can I please the Lord? That is it. His will is our sanctification.

So the call to holiness issues to us in three imperatives: one, abound in God’s will; two, abstain from evil; three, adopt God’s standard. That is the only route that will bring you to the goal of holiness. Have you even started on that route? Have you even taken the first step? The first step is to confess Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Admit that you are a sinner and that you need the blood of Jesus to clean you up. Have you heard the call? Are you walking in truth? Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour?

**But as he which hath called you is holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; I Peter 1: 15**

have no other choice. When you are a believer in Jesus Christ there is no option for you except that you shall by the very nature of your claim abstain from evil. In this text the Apostle Paul is pointing to the sexual sins. If you will examine the thirteen lists in his various letters you will find that sexual sins rank high in his lists as he wrote for God.

First of all he takes up the matter of fornication. He says “*Abstain from fornication...*” What does that mean? Fornication is sexual acts of the unmarried. It is the general word in the New Testament. It is also specific when it means adultery, sexual acts of the married outside of marriage.

Today the freedom in society must come under God’s divine judgment because nowhere in the Bible is it ever suggested that one can be free and loose in sexual relationships. No, the Bible condemns fornication and all improper sexual relations whether they be homosexual or heterosexual. It is all an abomination to God.

Then you will also notice that the abstinence from evil includes the lust of sensuality. Modern emphasis on sexuality is trying to wipe out and erase the differences between the sexes so that there will be no discrimination in any way. There is, however, a basic distinction because God made male and female. He prepared a woman to be the complement for the man. Therefore any movement that seeks to erase sex distinctions is anti-God and anti-scriptural. It cannot be right.

Thus the Apostle Paul urges the Thessalonian believers not to lust in sensuality because that is the way the other Gentiles do. I believe this text includes the nudity and immodesty that is increasing everywhere today. Unfortunately even in some churches this sin is tolerated! It can’t be right because the Apostle Paul makes it clear in this message that they are to abstain from evil, from the lust of sensuality.

Then to abstain from evil is reflected by the word defraud, “*Do not defraud.*” I wonder whether the way in which the courts grind out the divorce permissions is not an indication of fraudulent conduct: when a man has defrauded his neighbor by stealing his wife or a woman has given her affection to a man other than her husband. There is no room for this in holy living, my friend.

Abstain from evil is the second imperative that is laid upon us in this call to holiness. You can’t claim holiness and continue to live in wickedness. God does not operate like that in any one’s life and He won’t tolerate sin in your life. The call to holiness imposes upon us the imperative to abstain from evil.

ADOPT GOD’S STANDARD is the positive imperative for holy living. Let’s confess it now and forever that His will is supreme. What is His will? You will find it in verse three, “*This is the will of God, even your sanctifica-*

church had their guard up to avoid this criminal at all costs. But the Lord said. “*Ananias this man is a chosen vessel for me to take my name to the Gentiles.*” God had chosen Saul for a unique purpose. And with Saul’s choosing there was also to be some suffering for God.

God wants disciples today who are willing to serve Him no matter what the cost. God knew Saul was sold out to persecution and that when he would meet the truth he would be sold out for Jesus Christ.

Ananias’ response is so refreshing. The Lord spoke to him, Ananias raised his objection, then in verse 17, “*Ananias went his way and entered the house.*” He walked in and laid his hand on Saul and said, “Brother Saul.” I’m sure the emotion and feeling ran deep for both of them as he said those simple words. Saul had not yet seen Ananias. Saul heard him say that the same Lord who had appeared to Saul had sent him so he could receive his sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. What faith is demonstrated by Brother Ananias!

Immediately those scales of blindness fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see. When he rose up he submitted to water baptism immediately. Saul somehow knew that this was required of a new believer and he immediately received it.

Stewardship

Plans Cut Short

That rich farmer Jesus told about in Luke 12:16-21 was glad that his fields bore such a good harvest. He knew that by building larger barns to store his crops he would have enough for a life of comfort and ease.

And had he been able to work his plans for larger barns his life of comfort and ease would have come true. But he was not able to keep on living when God told him his time to die had come.

It is important for you to plan for death at any time. So, do not neglect to think of that. Whether you have much or little you should plan to be a faithful steward of that which God has blessed you with.

In his fine plans the farmer had not thought of death as coming any time soon. He planned on having enough for many years. But God said, “Tonight you will die,” and the farmer’s plans were cut short.

Don’t you be caught by death unprepared and leave your plans cut short.

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Turn Around Religion

One of the great blessings of being a Christian is the hope it gives. We know that this life is not the end. We are looking forward to much more when Jesus comes again. And Jesus is coming again. Yes, praise the Lord, He is coming again. Are you ready for Him? Will you join us when He comes? You will if you have turned your heart to Jesus.

Listen to the Apostle Paul say how the Thessalonians turned from idols to serve the living and true God. Let me ask you, what has your religion done for you? Has it done anything for you?

Some say, "Let's not mix religion with business." Somebody else says, "Don't mix religion with politics." Others say, "Don't mix religion with education." Keep these things separate. When you do business, do business, not religion. When you are in politics, do politics, not religion. When you are in education, do education, not religion. Let me ask you, where do you think religion is practiced?

Some people practice their religion only on Sunday. Is that going to do any good? Suppose they die on Wednesday and they have never practiced any religion on Wednesday. Will it help them then?

There is much need for a turn-around religion, which will change you. That's right. What does your religion do for you? My religion will change you. It will get you going in the right direction. If you don't have God, you won't make it. In fact, the Bible talks about the end of the wicked as being a place of eternal torment. I don't want you to go there. I want you to get turned around now and going in the right direction. Paul had that same desire for the people of Macedonia when he wrote to them in **I Thessalonians 1: 5-10**.

5. "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

6. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit:

7. So that ye were examples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

8. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

9. For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and

4. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5. Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6. That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

The call to holiness is not an option we can take or leave. It contains IMPERATIVES of life we are bound to accept. In the Scripture there are three imperatives which will nurture holy living.

ABOUND IN GOD'S WILL is the first imperative which calls us to a life of holiness. "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more." The focus here is on sanctification. That is a complete change from the old life. Before it was pleasing yourself. It was creating a self image. It was looking always to make sure that everything came out to your advantage. But not anymore. No, the Apostle says now we are to please God.

The Thessalonians had their initial experience when they turned from idols to serve the true and living God. In chapter one, verse nine, he said that is exactly what happened to them. Now the focus was on pleasing God. They were to abound in God's will; they were to grow and expand and increase in their knowledge of God's will and in their joy in doing it.

When the focus was on pleasing God it must of necessity be on the commandments of the Lord Jesus. They were not expected to hack their own way through the forest, not when somebody else has gone before and marked out the path. That is what Jesus did. Once we become believers we do not have the freedom to ignore boundaries. That is a misconception of what Christian liberty means. Here the Apostle says we are to conduct ourselves by the commandments of Jesus Christ. You see, you can't disobey the Lord without consequences. It doesn't make any difference what your profession may be, how you live after all is the proof of it.

So the Apostle says here is one imperative we are bound to accept; it is the calling to holiness that we cannot dodge. We must listen to it: abound in God's will. Let me tell you what a tremendous field of pleasure is in this! Some people think it means there is a great restriction being laid upon them. No, you have the whole field of God's pleasure before you. So please God by abounding in God's will. That is the imperative calling to holiness.

ABSTAIN FROM EVIL is the negative side of the call to holiness. You

- 103. Abraham
- 104. in a cave
- 105. drink wine
- 106. preserve seed for family (children)
- 107. Lot
- 108. Moab
- 109. Benammi
- 101. Moabites, Ammonites

The Call to Holiness

Let me ask you several questions. How do you think a Christian should live? Do you think that believing in Jesus Christ should make any difference in how a person lives? If so, how does the difference express itself? Is a believer an odd-ball? Well, let's put it this way: is any part of life untouched when one becomes a believer? How much of life does one's faith effect?

My thesis is that all of life is affected by what a person believes. All of life is affected when one becomes a believer in Jesus Christ. You want proof for that? All right, here it is in II Corinthians 5:17, *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* My thesis is based on the Bible. All of life is affected when one becomes a believer in Jesus Christ. The reason is the heart of life has been affected.

Not only that but all goals have been adjusted. In fact, we could say goals have been changed. Nothing a believer does can come outside of his main commitment to Jesus Christ. To be a believer means to accept a totally new framework for thought and action.

As early as the call of Israel in the Old Testament when God set them apart to be a people peculiar unto Himself, He said, *"Be ye holy, for I am holy."* Do you think that now that Jesus Christ has died on the cross to forgive our sins that the requirements are any less or the challenge any lower? Of course not. THE CALL TO HOLINESS is clearly presented to believers in I Thessalonians 4:1-7.

1. Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God so ye would abound more and more.

2. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

true God;

10. And to wait for his Son from heaven whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."

This text explains about turning from idols to serve the living and true God. In these verses the Apostle Paul shows us the RESULTS that come from this turn-around religion: what it will do for you.

A NEW DETERMINATION is the result which came to these Thessalonian believers. Paul said, *"Our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance."* He came there with a message of power. He said, *"You know what kind of men we were among you for your sakes."*

The Apostle Paul says the Gospel is a Gospel of power. When you have Jesus you have the power. But you must have Jesus. You must have the Gospel. You must have the Holy Spirit. You will have the Holy Spirit once you have the Gospel because the Gospel is empowered by the Holy Spirit. This is what the Apostle Paul tells us right here.

So praise the Lord, that turn-around religion will give you a new determination because it is the Gospel of power. The Apostle said, *"You became followers of us and of the Lord."* That determination has carried you through much affliction accompanied with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

It is not an easy road, but it is a joyful road. It is a road full of pleasure and joy even if it isn't an easy road. Paul said the Thessalonians had come through much affliction with the joy of the Holy Spirit. There is a new determination. I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back. That is what turn-around religion will do for you.

A NEW DECLARATION is another result of turning from idols to the true and living God. The Apostle says they are examples to all who believe in Macedonia and Achaia. Geographically, Thessalonica is a seaport in the northern part of Greece known as Macedonia. It is the second city in which the Apostle stayed and preached when he came from Troas after seeing the vision of the Macedonian beckoning him to come. He went first to Philippi. From there he went west to Thessalonica, touching several other towns enroute.

But in Thessalonica the people began to follow the Lord. They were examples to all of Macedonia, northern Greece, and to Achaia, southern Greece. The Word of the Lord sounded out through the world, he said, not only there but in every place. And their faith toward God was spread abroad so that there was no need for Paul even to speak.

How the news traveled across the country! "The Thessalonian believers are really genuine believers." I never saw anything like it," people prob-

ably began to say among themselves. The Apostle says they really had an experience, so their new declaration sounded out and people everywhere learned about it.

Somebody asked me one time, “Do you think that a person can be a secret believer?” Well, I am not judging anybody but if one really has the joy of salvation there will be a declaration; people will learn about it. Of course they will. It says here they sounded out the word of the Lord so that people heard and were convinced that there is something to this message of the Gospel. Yes, indeed!

A NEW DELIVERANCE is the best result of this turn-around religion. It will change you. It surely will. What did it do for the Thessalonians? It turned them away from idols to serve the true and living God. That’s wonderful! The thing that is so baffling to me, so difficult for me to understand, is how anyone can make something and then call it his god. He makes it with his own hands, then bows down and worships it.

The Prophet Isaiah wrote about that. He said some people take a piece of wood, carve something out of part of it, and cook their food with the rest of it. They set up the carving and bow down to it. That’s difficult for me to understand. I want to be sympathetic. I want to be understanding. But the Apostle says his turn-around religion turned these people away from idols to serve the true and living God. Now that’s the kind of religion I want. I want a religion that turns you around and gets you on the right road and started toward heaven.

Wouldn’t you like to have a religion like that? Because the Apostle continues, “*And to wait for his Son from heaven whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus which delivered us from the wrath to come.*” That’s the kind of religion I want: a turn-around religion. It puts you on the right path; it puts you on the way to heaven; it puts you in the hope of being delivered from the wrath to come. That means the wrath of God.

There are some very interesting ideas put together here.

First of all, you turn from idols; then you wait for the Son; then you claim the promise of being delivered from the wrath to come. Isn’t it beautiful? Praise the Lord! Yes, a turn-around religion, that’s what you want. You want a religion that will put you on the right path; that takes your feet out of the slippery place and puts you on a solid foundation; sends you on your way, the right way, with a new determination, a new declaration, with a new deliverance.

Let us pause a little longer on this tenth verse “*...which delivered us from the wrath to come.*” I don’t think anybody really quite understands all that wrath might mean. But let me suggest to you, my friend, that it means whatever God is going to pour out upon the wicked. The godly will not

27. they were all stolen
28. he was captured, and all his goods
29. rescued Lot and many others, plus the goods
30. Melchizedek
31. Abram, most high God
32. not a thread of shoe latchet. only a portion for the three men with him
33. in a vision
34. a shield, exceeding great reward
35. Eliezer of Damascus
36. born in the house, (not an outsider)
37. the stars of heaven
38. believed in the Lord
39. declared Abram righteous
40. an heifer, she goat, ram (3 years old), turtledove, young pigeon
41. the birds
42. deep sleep. horror of great darkness
43. 400 years
44. smoking furnace, burning lamp
45. river of Egypt and Euphrates River
46. Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hephaims, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, Jebusites
47. Hagar
48. the Lord
49. Abram
50. hardly (cruelly)
51. by a fountain of water in the wilderness
52. her seed would multiply in number
53. Ishmael
54. wild, his hand against every man. every man’s hand against him, he will dwell in presence of his brethren
55. Beerlahairoi
56. 86 years old
57. 99 years old
58. fell on his face
59. father of many nations
60. Abraham
61. land of Canaan
62. circumcision
63. 8 days old
64. those born in the house or brought in
65. Sarah
66. Sarah
67. fell on his face and laughed
68. Abraham 100, Sarah 90
69. “Oh that Ishmael might live before thee”
70. Isaac
71. his covenant
72. circumcised him
73. in the plains of Mamre
74. three men
75. makes, young calf, butter and milk
76. laughed within herself
77. Is anything too hard for the Lord?
78. great and mighty
79. command his children and his household after God, keep the way of the Lord, do justice and judgment
80. Sodom and Gomorrah
81. wilt thou destroy the righteous with the wicked?
82. shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?
83. 50-45-40-30-20-10
84. because there were not 10 righteous people there
85. two angels
86. feast with unleavened bread
87. men of Sodom
88. know them (have homosexual relations with them)
89. his own virgin daughters
90. break it down
91. two angels in his house
92. smote with blindness
93. bring them out of the city
94. destroy the city
95. by the hand
96. his great mercy
97. to the mountain
98. Zoar
99. brimstone and fire
100. the cities, all the plain, inhabitants of the cities, what grew on ground
101. she became a pillar of salt
102. smoke of a furnace

99. What did the Lord send to Sodom and Gomorah when Lot escaped? (19:24)
100. What four things did God overthrow in this righteous destruction? (19:25)
101. What happened to Lot's wife when she looked back? (19:26)
102. How did the smoke look to Abraham when he looked toward Sodom? (19:28)
103. Who did God remember by rescuing Lot? (19:29)
104. Where did Lot and his daughters live? (19:30)
105. What did Lot's daughters do to cause Lot to commit sin? (19:32)
106. Why did the daughters want to lay with their father? (19:32)
107. Who fathered children to Lot's two daughters? (19:36)
108. What did Lot's oldest daughter name her son? (19:37)
109. What did the younger daughter name her son? (19:38)
110. Which two nations came from these children? (19:37-38)

Answers

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| 1. the Lord | 13. sheep, oxen, men and maid servants, asses, and camels |
| 2. country, kindred, father's house | 14. plagues |
| 3. I will make of you a great nation, I will bless thee, make thy name great, thou shalt be a blessing | 15. sent them away(Abram and Sarai, all they had) |
| 4. all families | 16. cattle, silver, gold |
| 5. he departed | 17. made an altar, called on the Lord |
| 6. 75 years old | 18. flocks, lands tents |
| 7. Sarai (wife), Lot (nephew), all their substance and souls of their families | 19. their substance was great |
| 8. built an altar to the Lord | 20. we are brethren |
| 9. built an altar unto the Lord | 21. it was well watered everywhere |
| 10. famine in Canaan | 22. Sodom |
| 11. she was beautiful, thought they would kill him for her | 23. wicked, sinners |
| 12. she was taken into Pharaoh's house | 24. north, south, east, west |
| | 25. dust of the earth |
| | 26. built an altar to the Lord |

experience God's wrath because he believes in Jesus Christ.

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I ask you again, what does your religion do for you? Has it done anything for you? I'm glad to tell you that there is a religion, there is a faith, that will turn you around and put you on the right track. It will guide your feet in the right path. It will give you a new determination. It will give you a new declaration. It will give you a new deliverance; a deliverance from the enslaving things of time and from the condemnation of eternity. Wouldn't you like to have it? Then accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour right now.



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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. This study is from Genesis 1-11. 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 ().

79. How was Abraham taking care of his family? (18:19)

80. Which two cities sins were very grievous to the Lord? (18:20)

81. What was the important question that Abraham asked God? (18:23)

82. What was Abraham's next important question of God? (18:25)

83. List all the numbers that Abraham pled to spare Sodom, from the largest to the smallest number. (18:24-32)

84. Why were Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed? (18:32)

85. Who came to Sodom to rescue Lot? (19:1)

86. What did Lot prepare for the men when they entered his home? (19:3)

87. Who surrounded Lot's house desiring to see these men? (19:4)

88. What was their intent to do to these two men? (19:5)

89. Who did Lot offer instead of these men? (19:8)

90. What did the men of the city almost do to the door after Lot's speech? (19:9)

91. Who rescued Lot from this wild mob? (19:10)

92. What happened to the men outside the door? (19:11)

93. What did the angels compel Lot to do with his family? (19:12)

94. What task did the Lord give these angels to do? (19:13)

95. How did the angels take Lot and his family out of the city? (19:16)

96. What did this show about God? (19:16)

97. Where did the angels tell Lot to escape to? (19:17)

98. What small city did Lot escape to? (19:22)

59. What did God promise Abram that he would be? (17:4)
60. What was Abram's new name to be? (17:5)
61. What land was promised to Abraham's descendants? (17:8)
62. What was going to be a sign of the covenant? (17:10)
63. How old was the boy child to be when he was circumcised? (17:12)
64. Who all were to be circumcised? (17:13-14)
65. What was the new name for Sarai? (17:15)
66. Who would be the mother of nations? (17:16)
67. How did Abraham respond to God's promise? (17:17)
68. How old were Abraham and Sarah at this time? (17:17)
69. What was Abraham's request to God? (17:18)
70. What was Abraham to name his son? (17:19)
71. What was God going to establish with Isaac? (17:21)
72. What did Abraham do with every male in his household that day? (17:23)
73. Where did the Lord next appear to Abraham? (18:1)
74. Who came to Abraham's tent? (18:2)
75. What delicious meal did Abraham prepare for his guests? (18:6-8)
76. What did Sarah do when the men promised that she would have a son? (18:12)
77. What question did the Lord ask Abraham that He asks us too? (18: 14).
78. What kind of nation would Abraham's descendants become? (18:18)

Genesis Chapters 12-19

1. Who came to Abram with a message to leave? (12:1)
2. In what three areas was Abram to experience separation? (12:1)
3. What four promises did God make to Abram? (12:2)
4. How much of the earth would be blessed through Abram? (12:3)
5. What did Abram do when the Lord gave his command? (12:4)
6. How old was Abram when he left Haran? (12:4)
7. Who traveled with Abram to the land of Canaan? (12:5)
8. What did Abram do when the Lord appeared the first time in Canaan? (12:7)
9. What did Abram do when he camped between Hai and Bethel? (12:8)
10. What happened to force Abram to go to Egypt? (12:10)
11. Why was Abram afraid to say Sarai was his wife? (12:11-13)
12. What happened to Sarai as a result of Abram's lie? (12:15)
13. What did Pharaoh give Abram in exchange for Sarai? (12:16)
14. What did the Lord send to Pharaoh's house? (12:17)
15. What did Pharaoh do when he found out Sarai was Abram's wife? (12:20)
16. What three things did Abram have that made him rich? (13:2)
17. What did Abram do again upon his return to Bethel? (13:4)
18. What did Lot, Abram's nephew have for possessions? (13:5)
19. Why were Abram and Lot not able to dwell together? (13:6)

20. Why was Abram so upset by the strife between their herdsmen? (13:8)
21. What looked so good to Lot about the plain of Jordan? (13:10)
22. What city did Lot pitch his tent toward? (13:12)
23. What two words describe the men of Sodom? (13:13)
24. Which direction did Abram look to see the land the Lord promised to him and his descendants? (13:14)
25. What does God compare Abram's seed to? (13:16)
26. What did Abram do when he arrived in Hebron after seeing all the land? (13:18)
27. Because of a war in the vale of Siddim what happened to the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah? (14:11)
28. What happened to Lot in this war? (14:12)
29. What did Abram do when he heard this news? (14:13-16)
30. Who was the priest who met Abram upon his return? (14:18).
31. Which two received blessings from Melchizedek? (14:19-20)
32. What portion of the spoil did Abram take? (14:23-24)
33. How did the Lord next appear to Abram? (15:1)
34. What did God provide for Abram? (15:1)
35. Who was presently the steward of Abram's house? (15:2)
36. How was one born a rightful heir? 15:3)
37. What did God compare Abram's descendants to? (15:5)
38. How did Abram respond to this promise? (15:6)

39. What did God count for Abram as a result of this? (15:6)
40. What all did Abram offer as sacrifice? (15:9)
41. Which of these were not killed? (15:10)
42. What two things fell upon Abram in verse twelve? (15:12)
43. How long would Abram's descendants be afflicted in Egypt? (15:13)
44. What passed between the pieces laying on the altar? (15:17)
45. What two rivers would border the promised land? (15:18)
46. List the groups whose land the children of Israel would possess. (15:19-21)
47. Who was the Egyptian handmaid of Sarai? (16:1)
48. Who did Sarai say kept her from bearing children? (16:2)
49. Who fathered a baby to the handmaid Hagar? (16:4)
50. How did Sarai deal with Hagar after she had conceived? (16:6)
51. Where did the angel of the Lord find Hagar? (16:7)
52. What did the angel promise to Hagar? (16:10)
53. What was Hagar to call her son? (16:11)
54. What four descriptions tell what Ishmael will be like? (16:12)
55. What was the well called where Hagar met the angel? (16:14)
56. How old was Abram when Ishmael was born? (16:16)
57. How old was Abram when the Lord appeared to Him again? (17:1)
58. How did Abram respond to God's voice? (17:3)