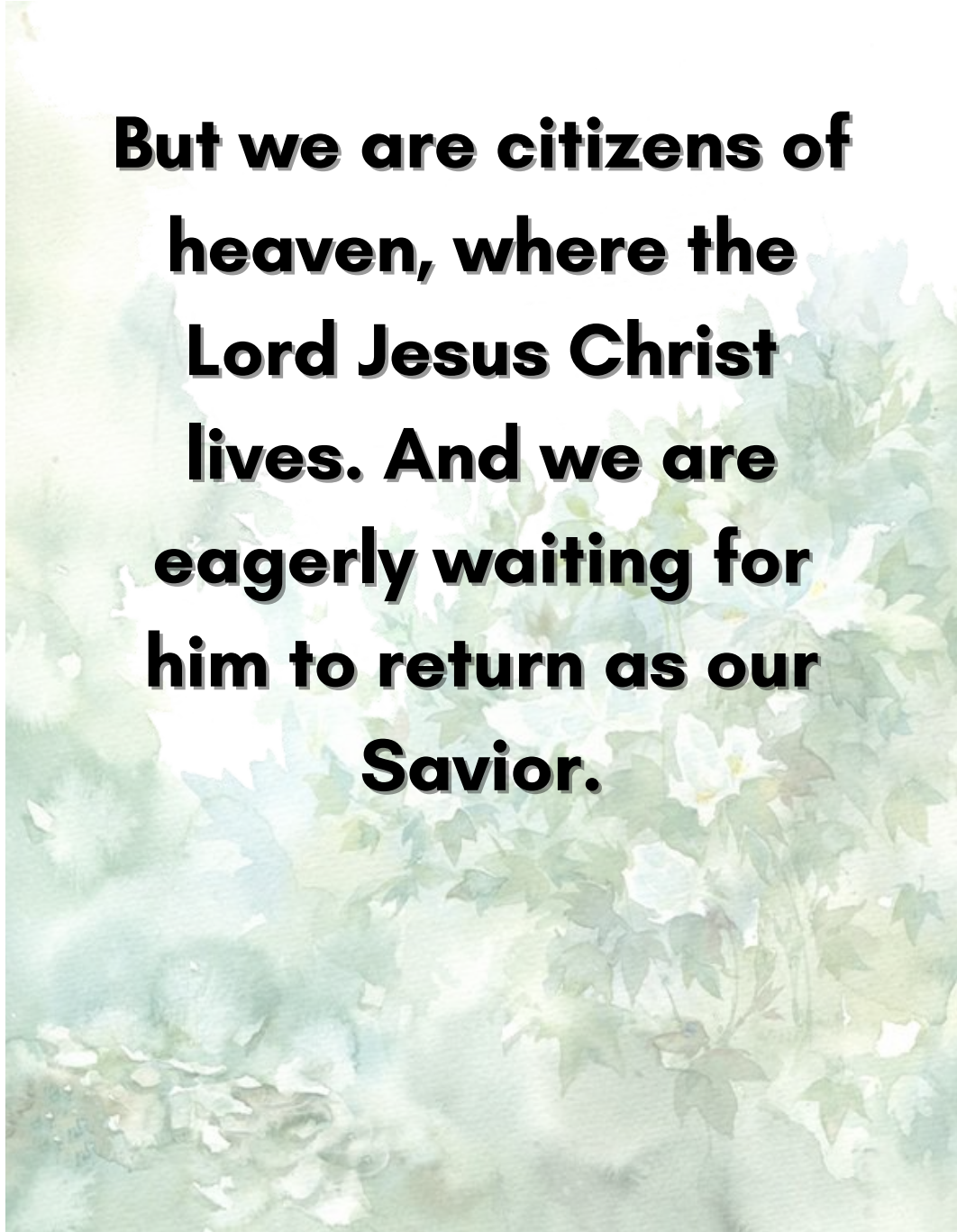


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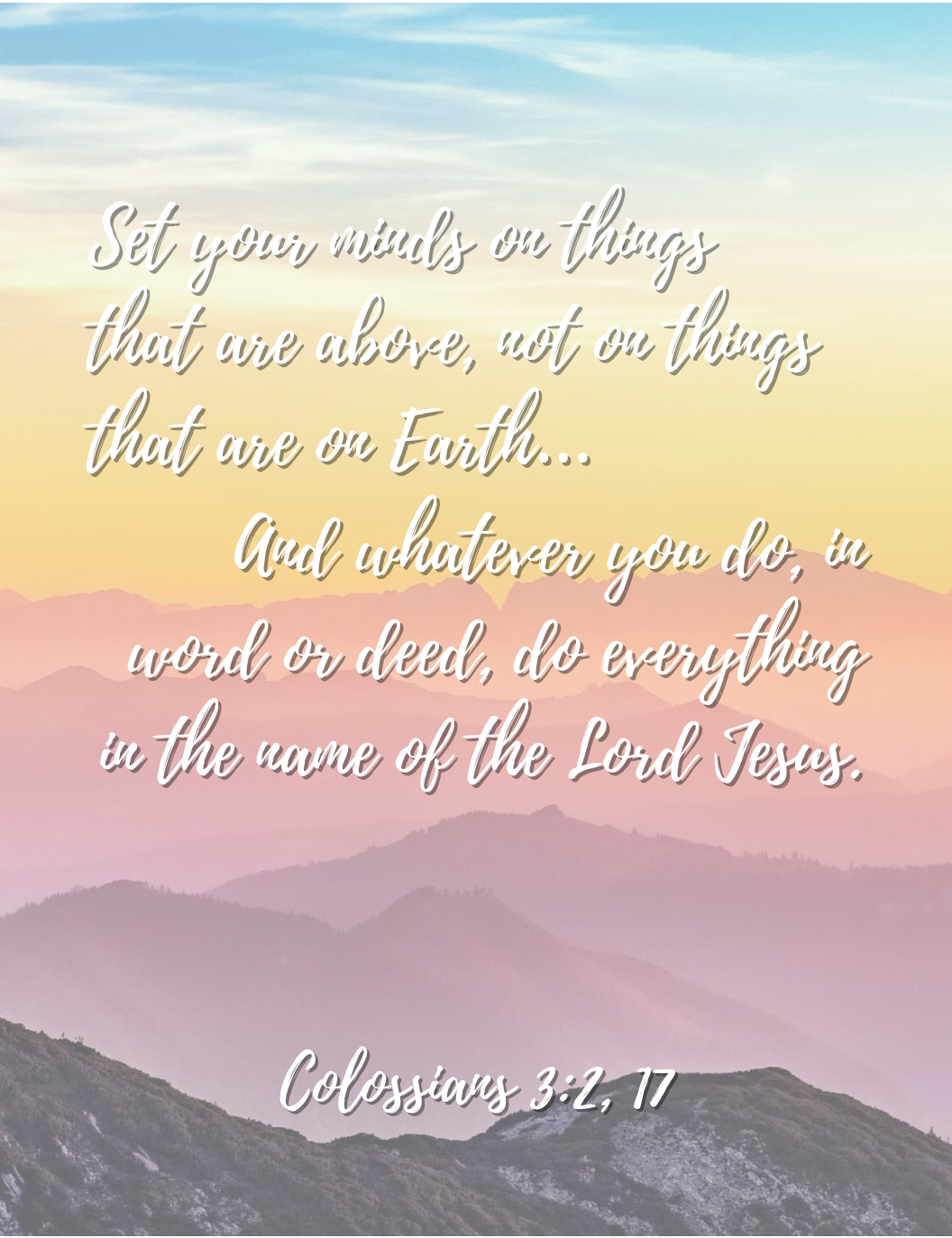
**But we are citizens of  
heaven, where the  
Lord Jesus Christ  
lives. And we are  
eagerly waiting for  
him to return as our  
Savior.**





# Philippians

3:20



*Set your minds on things  
that are above, not on things  
that are on Earth...*

*And whatever you do, in  
word or deed, do everything  
in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

*Colossians 3:2, 17*



## *Week Eight Wrap Up!*

What seemed most odd, or stood out the most to question?

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What verse (or verses) made you feel convicted or moved most?

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What's a question you have for God this week?

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What's an issue you're struggling with this week?

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How do you feel about this week's studies?

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What would you like to see- in school work or your family in general- that would help you to learn and grow in the Lord?

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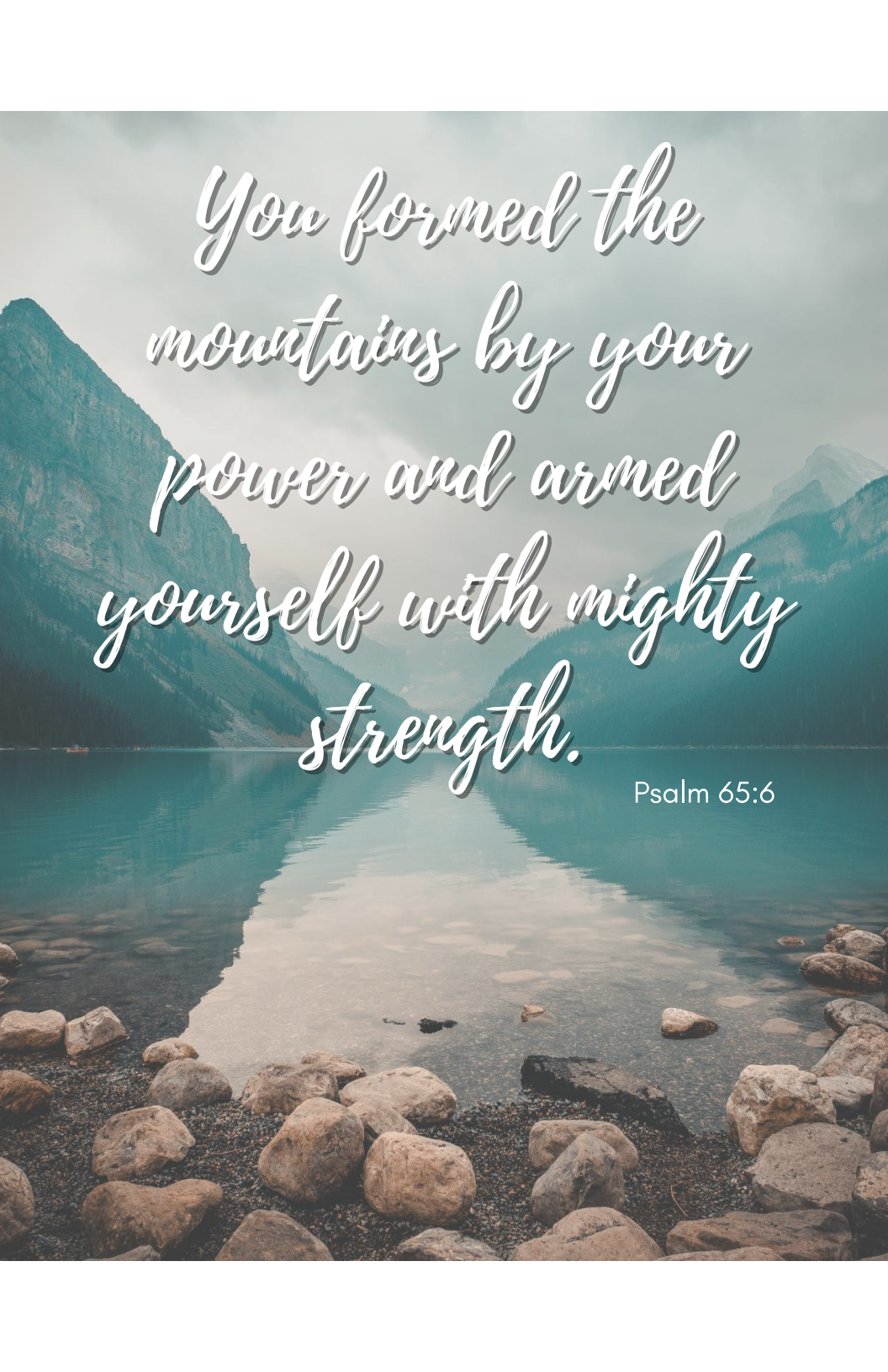
Our free, Bible based, homeschool plans are here for this purpose only- to teach us the ways of the Lord so that we may walk in His ways.

When we are born again IN Christ we become official citizens- not of this world any longer, but of Heaven. As such, we must live differently than the citizens of this world as our focus and longing is on the ETERNAL things to come.

Each month, over the next 4 years, our plans will work through the Bible, spending time in the Old Testament and New Testament, each day as we read- and study- our Bibles from cover to cover.

These plans are encouraged to be used as a whole family, training up the smaller children along side of the older children, and digging into each topic as the child's maturity and interest allow.

Our prayer as that this truly blesses your family and can be a tool of great help as you grow in Biblical literacy and Spiritual maturity.  
All glory to God, Amen!



*You formed the  
mountains by your  
power and armed  
yourself with mighty  
strength.*

Psalm 65:6

## *Week 8 - Day 40*

**Search** "Heart Cry Curriculum" on YouTube and be sure to Subscribe.

### **Today we will watch**

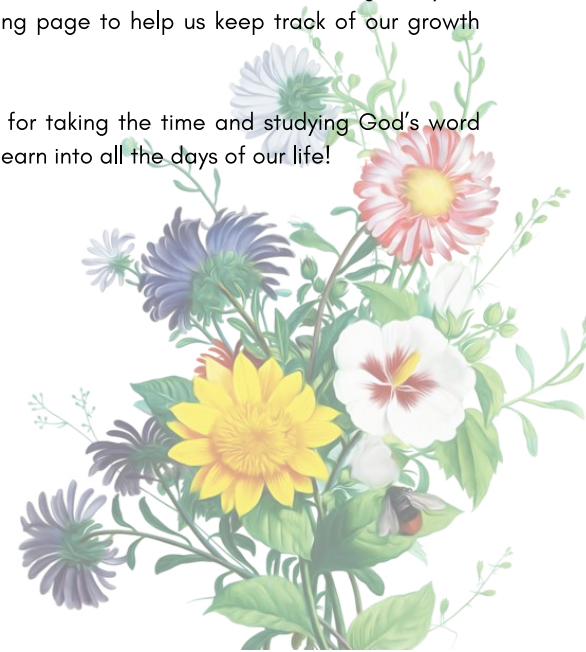
**Studies in Proverbs: Lesson 8 (Job 28:12-28) | Paul Washer**

**Discuss** these videos as a family each week- what did you learn? How are these things impacting your daily lives? How is this applying when it comes to your walk with Christ?

There are many other great videos on YouTube from Pastor Paul Washer- you will be at no shortage of great, Godly wisdom and conviction than from his teachings.

Catch up on anything you need to from this week - how did this week go for you? Each week we'll fill out the following page to help us keep track of our growth throughout the school year.

Have a great weekend! Thank you for taking the time and studying God's word this month! May we carry what we learn into all the days of our life!



## Read Matthew Chapter 9.

### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) We've been working through these passages- go back and cover any you are not truly understanding and need to review.

2.) Look at the final verses,

*He said to his disciples, "The harvest is \_\_\_\_\_, but the workers are \_\_\_\_\_. So pray to the \_\_\_\_\_ who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send \_\_\_\_\_ workers into his fields."*

There is **no** shortage of people to serve in this world. There is **no** shortage of ways to love others and show the example of Christ to through our lives. Do you realize that as a follower of Christ that you have this task assigned to you each and every day?

3.) How can you be a worker in the field of the Lord today?

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## Month 2 - Bible Reading Plan

DAY	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Week 5 -Day 21 - Monday	Job 8	John 5
22 - Tuesday	Job 9-10	Matthew 12:1-21
23 - Wednesday	Job 11	Mark 3
24 - Thursday	Job 12-14	Luke 6
25 - Friday	Proverbs 1 - Video Study	
Week 6 - Day 26 - Monday	Job 15	Matthew 5
27 - Tuesday	Job 16-17	Matthew 6
28 - Wednesday	Job 18	Matthew 7
29 - Thursday	Job 19	Matthew 8:1-13 & Luke 7
30 - Friday	Proverbs 1 - Video Study	
Week 7 - Day 31 - Monday	Job 20	Matthew 11
32 - Tuesday	Job 21	Matthew 12:22-50
33 - Wednesday	Job 22	Luke 11
34 - Thursday	Job 23-24	Matthew 13
35 - Friday	Job 28 - Video Study	
Week 8 -Day 36 - Monday	Job 25	Luke 8
37 - Tuesday	Job 26-27	Matthew 8:14-34
38 - Wednesday	Job 28-29	Mark 4-5
39 - Thursday	Job 30-31	Matthew 9
40 - Friday	Job 28 - Video	



Your time (teachers **AND** students) every single day should be prioritized with studying God's word **ABOVE** all else. This is where the bulk of our instruction time should be.

In order to know God and walk in His ways- we must know who He is and what His ways are. We must read God's word, study His word, discuss these things, ask questions, write them out.

If our current priorities are not in line with this- we need to work on that! To take it to prayer, to ask the Lord to help us put our focus and attention on Him, and to be on guard so that we're not being easily distracted and pulled away from our time with the Lord and instead focusing on the things this world has to offer.



Use the chart from Month 1 to continue tracking your Bible reading!

We give a **BIG** thanks to sources like Yeshua Elohim Bible Church's study Bible (YEBC.net), GotQuestions.org, and Middletown Bible Church for their wonderful free, online resources!

*Day 39 - Job 30-31 & Matthew 9*

**Read Job Chapters 30-31.**

**Answer and discuss the following questions:**

1.) Job ended his words with a challenge to God. The point of his arguments was to force God to break his silence. If Job was innocent, then God would be required by the current human legal law of that day to speak up and declares his innocence. If Job was guilty, then God would be required by this same legal law to bring down the imprecations against Job. However, God is above all human law. He will not allow His creation to pressure Him and back Him into a corner. He will answer only if and when He desires to answer. As a result of Job's challenge, he received more silence from God.

2.) We're seeing here it's become Job's word against his friends' words. There used to be a time when a person's word meant something. If you told someone something- they could hold you to it. If you said something- you spoke truth, and people could depend on that.

Look at Matthew 5:37: *Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one.*

Is your 'yes' a yes, and your 'no' a no? Can people depend on you to speak truthfully and hold up to your word?

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## *Week 5 - Day 21 - Job 8 & John 5*

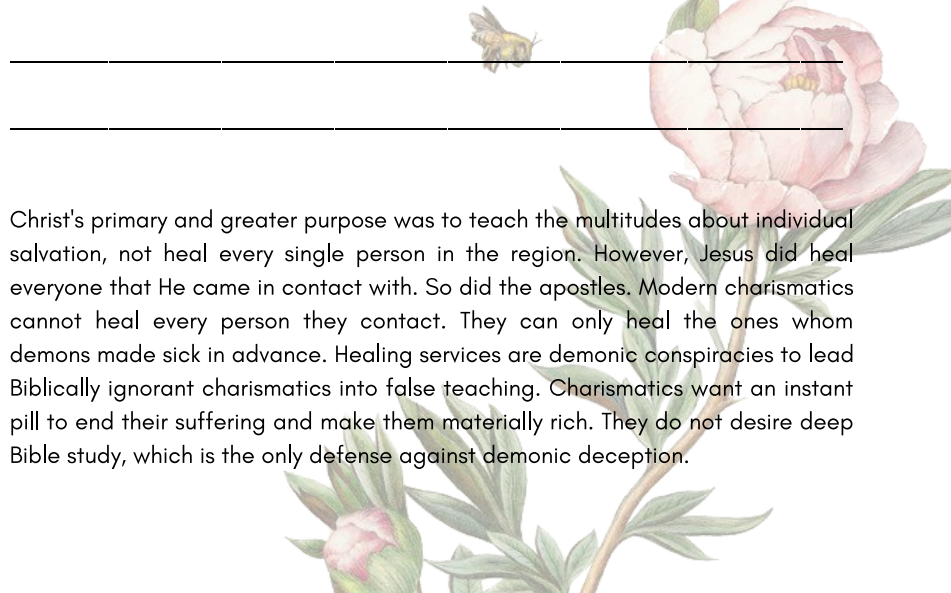
### **Read Mark Chapters 4-5.**

#### **Answer and discuss the following questions:**

1.) Explain the Parable of the Sower to your parent (or even call your pastor, a grandparent, etc...) and re-tell this example Christ gives. A great way to see how well we understand something is to see if we can re-tell and teach the information we've learned. (You can make notes and use your Bible if you need to- but don't just read the scriptures-explain this parable Christ gives.)

2.) We learned about how Satan will work his way into the church and distort the truth- so much so that it becomes this monstrous mustard tree. Today, especially for the older students (younger students can discuss false teachings with their parents), look up Justin Peters on False Teachings and review some of these teachings. It is important to be aware of the false teachings going on around us.

What are some signs of false teachings that you need to be aware of?



Christ's primary and greater purpose was to teach the multitudes about individual salvation, not heal every single person in the region. However, Jesus did heal everyone that He came in contact with. So did the apostles. Modern charismatics cannot heal every person they contact. They can only heal the ones whom demons made sick in advance. Healing services are demonic conspiracies to lead Biblically ignorant charismatics into false teaching. Charismatics want an instant pill to end their suffering and make them materially rich. They do not desire deep Bible study, which is the only defense against demonic deception.

### **Read Job Chapter 8.**

#### **Answer and discuss the following questions:**

1.) Bildad means "son of contention." A Shuhite was a descendant of Abraham and Keturah. This is more internal evidence that the historical time period of this book was during the life time of the patriarchs, at least after Abraham.

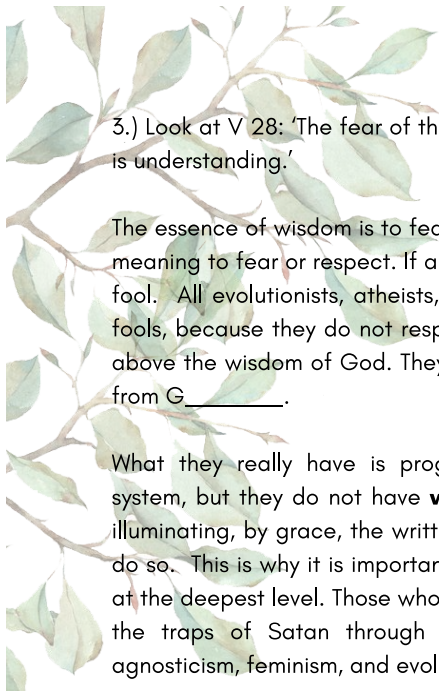
What were some character traits of Bildad?

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Bildad is mean, brutal, blunt and crude. Satan often uses these kinds of enemies against believers who are strong in their knowledge of God's word. When we don't want to hold the mirror up and look at our sin first, we tend to attack others and point out all we see as wrong with them instead.





2.) Take turns sharing as a family about a time when you were eager- or quick- to point out sin or problems you saw with someone else. How did that make that person feel? Or at least, how do you think they felt? How did it make you feel? Were you quick to be a Bildad to your friend, Job?

Share your responses below, if you'd like.

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3.) We see Bildad try to prove his point using non-scriptural points. Can you list the verses below where Bildad sought to use worldly influences as his proof of what he "knew" to be happening to Job?

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Bildad is a traditionalist. He thinks that by reason and science, he is smart enough to know how the world began and how it operates. He was telling Job the same thing that Eliphaz told him. Basically, Job had come to nothing because he was a great sinner. This is the best that the godless man can do. Bildad did not know God, Job, or himself. A man devoid of Bible doctrine cannot see the truth or give beneficial advice to others who may be suffering.

3.) Look at V 28: 'The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'

The essence of wisdom is to fear God. The Hebrew word for "fear" is יָרָא (yiah), meaning to fear or respect. If any man does not fear or respect God, then he is a fool. All evolutionists, atheists, agnostics, feminists, liberals, cults, and isms are fools, because they do not respect God. They elevate their own human opinions above the wisdom of God. They think that they are wise, but wisdom only comes from G\_\_\_\_\_.

What they really have is programmed brainwashing from the satanic world system, but they do not have **wisdom**. Wisdom only comes from the Holy Spirit illuminating, by grace, the written Word of God to those in whom He chooses to do so. This is why it is important to study the **entire** counsel of the Word of God at the deepest level. Those who do not study the complete Scriptures will fall into the traps of Satan through his charismatic prophets, cults, isms, atheism, agnosticism, feminism, and evolutionism.

4.) Spend some time today observing God at work in the skies above you. Draw (or pull out some paint) a picture of God's mighty hand at work in the sky above:



## Day 38 - Job 28-29 & Mark 4-5

### Read Job Chapters 28-29.

#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) Chapter 28 continues Job discourse from chapters 26-27. He is now addressing all three of his friends. In the first 11 verses Job is saying what?

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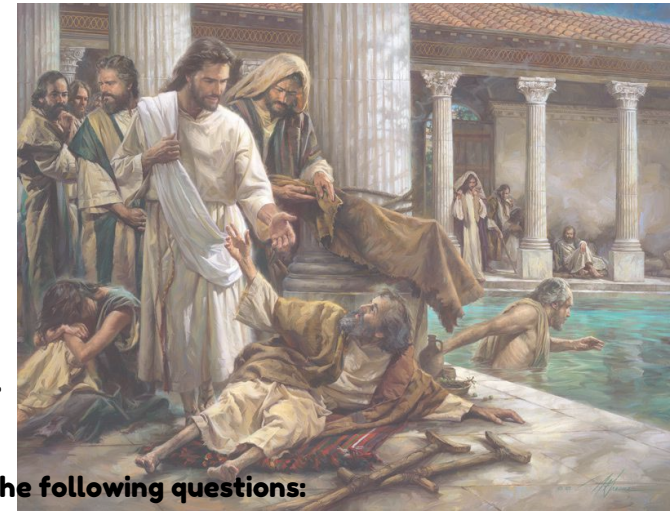
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In spite of all of man's technological endeavors, he cannot find wisdom on his own. Wisdom is available to all who truly desire it (Proverbs 2). So- we may advance, look, build... but where does wisdom **TRULY** come from?

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2.) Look at 28:25-26. About 300 years ago, scientists discovered that wind possessed weight. The Holy Spirit mentioned this scientific fact through Job 3500 years earlier! When God created the universe, he determined the force of the wind and the gauge of the waters to work perfectly in unison upon the earth. Without this precise functioning of the hydrologic cycle, no life could be sustained on earth.

God determined the amount of water for the rains and thunderstorms. Notice that the Holy Spirit through Job mentioned the "path" of the thunderstorm. It is now known scientifically that lightning is a manifestation of electrical energy. When it suddenly arcs across the sky, then it heats up the air along its "path." This path must be filled by air rushing in to fill the vacuum which was created. This causes a loud thunderclap to be heard upon the earth.



### Read John Chapter 5.

#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) **Question:** "What happened at the Pool of Bethesda?"

**Answer:** The Pool of Bethesda was "in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate" (John 5:2), which places it north of the temple, near Fort Antonia. John gives the additional detail that the pool was "surrounded by five covered colonnades." During Jesus' time, the Pool of Bethesda lay outside the city walls. It was at this pool that Jesus performed a miracle showing that He is greater than any human malady and that superstition and religious folklore are foolish and feeble substitutes for faith in God.

The Pool of Bethesda was used in ancient times to provide water for the temple. The mention of the "Upper Pool" in 2 Kings 18:17 may be a reference to the Pool of Bethesda. The name of the pool, "Bethesda," is Aramaic. It means "House of Mercy." John tells us that "a great number of disabled people used to lie [there]—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed" (John 5:3). The covered colonnades would have provided shade for the disabled who gathered there, but there was another reason for the popularity of the Pool of Bethesda. Legend had it that an angel would come down into the pool and "stir up the water." The first person into the pool after the stirring of the water "was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted" (John 5:4, NAS). The Bible does not teach that this actually happened rather, the superstitious belief probably arose because of the pool's association with the nearby temple.

On the day that Jesus visited the Pool of Bethesda, there was a man there who “had been an invalid for thirty-eight years” (John 5:5). Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be healed. The man replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me” (verse 7). Obviously, the man believed the urban legend about the stirring of the water. He blamed the fact that he was never healed on his tardiness in getting into the water.

Jesus swept aside all superstition and bypassed altogether the need for magic water with one command: “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk” (John 5:8). The man was instantly cured, and “he picked up his mat and walked” (verse 9). The man did not need quicker reflexes or beneficent angels or enchanted water. The man needed Jesus.

Amazingly, not everyone was happy about the man’s miraculous healing. The day Jesus healed the man at the poolside happened to be a Sabbath. As the man left Bethesda, the Jewish leaders saw him carrying his mat, and they stopped him: “It is the Sabbath,” they said. “The law forbids you to carry your mat” (John 5:10). The man told them that he was simply obeying orders: “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk’” (verse 11). The Jews inquired who would so brazenly promote Law-breaking, but “the man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd” (verse 13).

The reaction of the Jewish leaders shows that, no matter how much proof God provides, there will be some people who refuse to see the truth. Jesus was a bona fide Miracle Worker, but the religious leaders couldn’t see the miracle. **All they could see was that someone had violated a rule.** The issue was not the breaking of God’s command, for Jesus fulfilled the Law and was completely subject to it (Matthew 5:17). The only thing being broken was a pharisaical interpretation of one of God’s laws. So, a blessing meant to increase faith only increased the blindness of those who refused to acknowledge the blessing.

The Pool of Bethesda was the focus of a local legend about healing, but Jesus showed that faith in legends and superstition is misplaced. In contrast, faith in Jesus Christ—the One who can heal with a simple word, the Savior who can forgive any sin, the true Master of the “House of Mercy”—is never misplaced.

## Read Matthew Chapter 8, Verses 14-34.

### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) In V 17 it said: This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet I \_\_\_\_\_, who said, “He took our \_\_\_\_\_ and removed our \_\_\_\_\_.”

Now go to Isaiah 53:4, complete the verse:

Yet it was our \_\_\_\_\_ he carried; it was our \_\_\_\_\_ that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a \_\_\_\_\_ from God, a punishment for his \_\_\_\_\_ sins!

Was Christ's punishments for His own sins? What was this punishment for?

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2.) Look at V 21-22. What did Jesus say there? Does he sound very loving to respond to someone that way? Often times, understanding the cultural context can help us to better understand these things that sound mean or not right—let’s look deeper at this:

*21 Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”*

Another disciple wanted to follow Jesus, but he wanted to wait until his father died. This did not mean that the father was going to die in the next year or so. This meant that the disciple wanted to serve his father until he died, which might be fifty years later, **inherit** his fortune, and **then** serve Jesus.

*22 But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”*

Jesus was only going to be around for about two more years. If the disciple really loved God, he should have followed Jesus **immediately**. He should have given up his father’s inheritance in order to follow Jesus. He lost an opportunity to become a disciple of Jesus and affect the eternal kingdom.

## Day 37 - Job 26-27 & Matthew 8:14-34

### Read Job Chapters 26-27.

#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) We see many examples of science throughout the Bible- especially in the book of Job. Which is amazing considering this book is thousands of years old!

In 26:7- The Hebrew word for "empty space" is תֹהוּ (tohu), meaning waste. The earth was wasted sometime after the fall of Satan and somewhere between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. The northern skies were defined when the earth began rotating about its axis. The Hebrew word for "spreads out" is נָטָה (nakah), a qal perfect third masculine singular verb, meaning "he stretched out." The northern sky was "stretched out" by God without limit, far into the infinite heavens. The earth was suspended from the sun by "nothing" except for the mysterious and invisible force of gravity. This verse was written at least 3,500 years before Isaac Newton identified and described this mysterious and invisible force. It is important to note that the Bible is not a science book, but it does not make any errors regarding science. It often recorded great scientific principles thousands of years before their discovery by modern scientists.

2.) Something gaining popularity within the Christian circles these days is the Flat Earth theory. Let's look at 26:10

*He marks out the horizon on the surface of the waters as a boundary between light and darkness.*

The Hebrew word for "horizon" is חֹךְ (chug), meaning circle or sphere. Nowhere does the Bible teach a flat earth. It was the Greeks during their "Golden Age" who came around and flattened the earth with their secular humanism. The boundary between day and night is a great circle through the center of the earth, with light on one side and darkness on the other. The spherical shape of the earth causes this separation of light and darkness.

2.) Knowing Jesus is the **SINGLE MOST** important thing that we can do with our lives. Without it- EVERYTHING is meaningless. You could be the most popular, smartest, best athlete, super celebrity, richest person in the world. *BUT*, if you do not know Christ, it is all for **NOTHING**. What a promise we have in the Lord, that through Christ's sacrifice we can have **ETERNAL** life! Look at what Jesus says in Chapter 5, Verse 24 and fill in the blanks:

I tell you the t\_\_\_\_\_, those who listen to my message and  
b\_\_\_\_\_ in God who sent me have e\_\_\_\_\_  
life. They will never be c\_\_\_\_\_ for their sins, but  
they have already passed from d\_\_\_\_\_ into life.

3.) According to the Mosaic Law (Deuteronomy 17:6), there needed to be two or three witnesses to validate the legal truth. Two was enough, three was better. In verse 31 Jesus was going to give them four witnesses to prove His testimony.

Look at the verses to know what each witness was and fill in the blanks:

1. Verse 33: The first witness was \_\_\_\_\_.  
He claimed that Jesus was "the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world".
2. Verse 36: The second witness was the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus was performing. For example, the rabbi themselves were teaching that only the Messiah could heal a leper. Jesus healed the leper to prove that He was the Messiah. This miracle of healing the leper, plus all of the other miracles which authenticated His claims, was His second witness. Jesus was performing the miracles that the Old Testament predicted that would accompany the person of the Messiah.
3. Verse 37: The third witness of Jesus was the F\_\_\_\_\_ Himself.  
When Jesus was baptized, many heard the voice of God testify that Jesus was his Son.
4. Verse 39: The fourth witness is the S\_\_\_\_\_. The Word of God testifies that Jesus is the Messianic God-man. The Pharisees searched the Scriptures, thinking that the study of these words would bring them eternal life. However, these words pointed to Jesus. Jesus is the one who provides eternal life.



## Day 22 - Job 9-10 & Matthew 12:1-21

### Read Job Chapters 9-10.

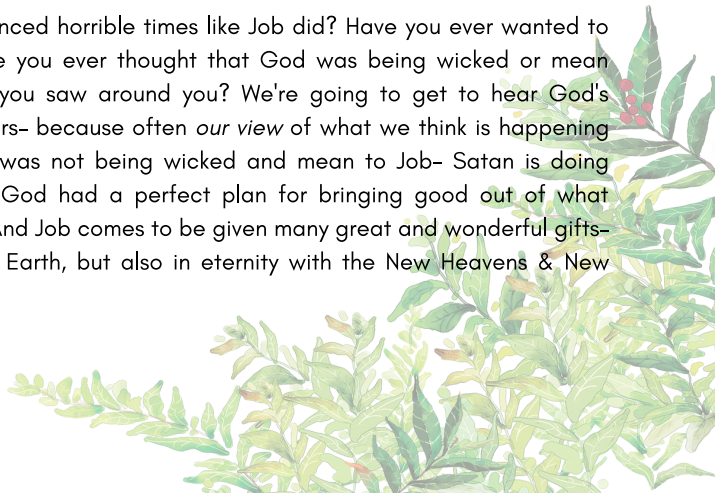
#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) Job answered Bildad. According to God, Job was the most righteous man in all of the world. However, Job knew that he came short of God's standard. He needed some kind of assistance to become "justified with God."

2.) In Verse 33- what do we see Job asking for? \_\_\_\_\_  
He's asking for a mediator. For God to send someone, who is God, but also Human, to be able to present our case to. A mediator to be able to connect us to God. Who would that be? \_\_\_\_\_

3.) We see Job's desperation here- he's suffered unimaginable loss, his "friends" are proving to be no help at all, and now we see him crying out - even wishing to have never been born instead of being left in this misery he finds himself in.

Have you ever experienced horrible times like Job did? Have you ever wanted to ask God "Why?!" Have you ever thought that God was being wicked or mean because of suffering you saw around you? We're going to get to hear God's answer in later chapters- because often *our* view of what we think is happening is not the truth. God was not being wicked and mean to Job- Satan is *doing* these horrible things. God had a perfect plan for bringing good out of what Satan meant for evil. And Job comes to be given many great and wonderful gifts- not just in him life on Earth, but also in eternity with the New Heavens & New Earth!



2.) Locate the area of the Gerasenes on the map:

(V26 for a hint)

*Gerasene was the area in which the tribe of Gad chose way back in the days of Joshua. Gerasene was on the wrong side of the Jordan.*

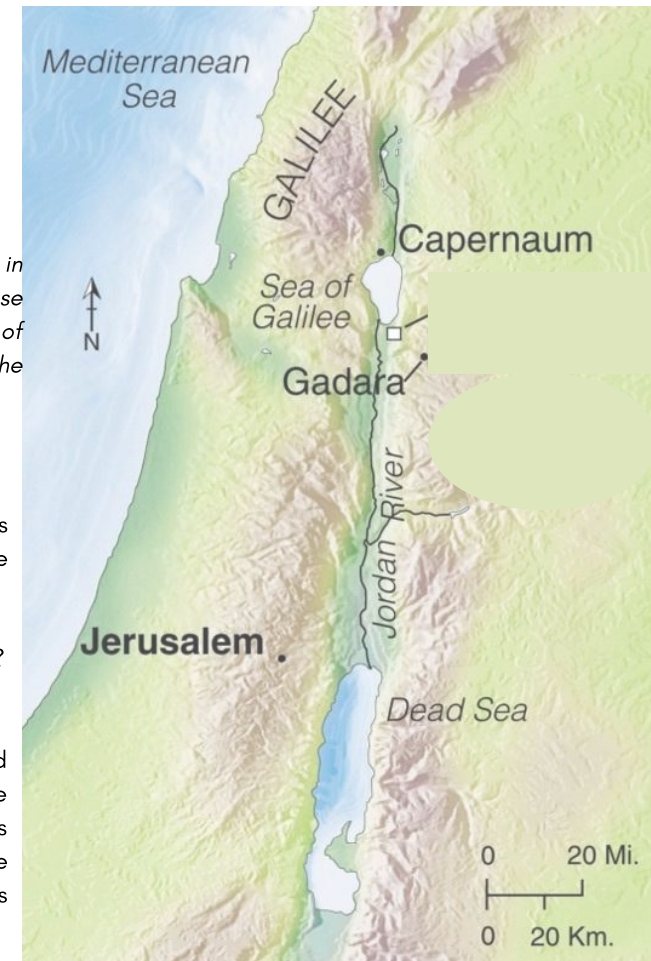
3.) V40-56, Why did Jesus bring the girl back from the dead?

Does this still happen today?

Jesus did not want a crowd of miracle seekers at the bed of the little girl. Jesus was not like a magician. He did not show off His miracles in public to awe the crowd.

Professional mourners were at the funeral. They were very superstitious. They were crying and wailing to the dead. Jesus told them to stop the superstition wailing- the girl was alive! The body without the spirit is dead. Jesus returned her spirit to her physical body. The girl sat up immediately and was hungry. Only **God** can raise the dead- Jesus displayed an attribute of deity.

Jesus did not need any more miracle-seekers as they **hindered** His ministry. Many modern charismatics are like miracle-seekers. They are interested in seeing miracles, but they are **not** interested in hearing the Word of God.



**Answer and discuss the following questions:**

#\_\_\_ SEED ON GOOD SOIL    #\_\_\_ SEED ON ROCK    #\_\_\_SEED ON THE PATH  
#     SEED AMONG THE THORNS

The first seed is who? \_\_\_\_\_

The second seed is who?

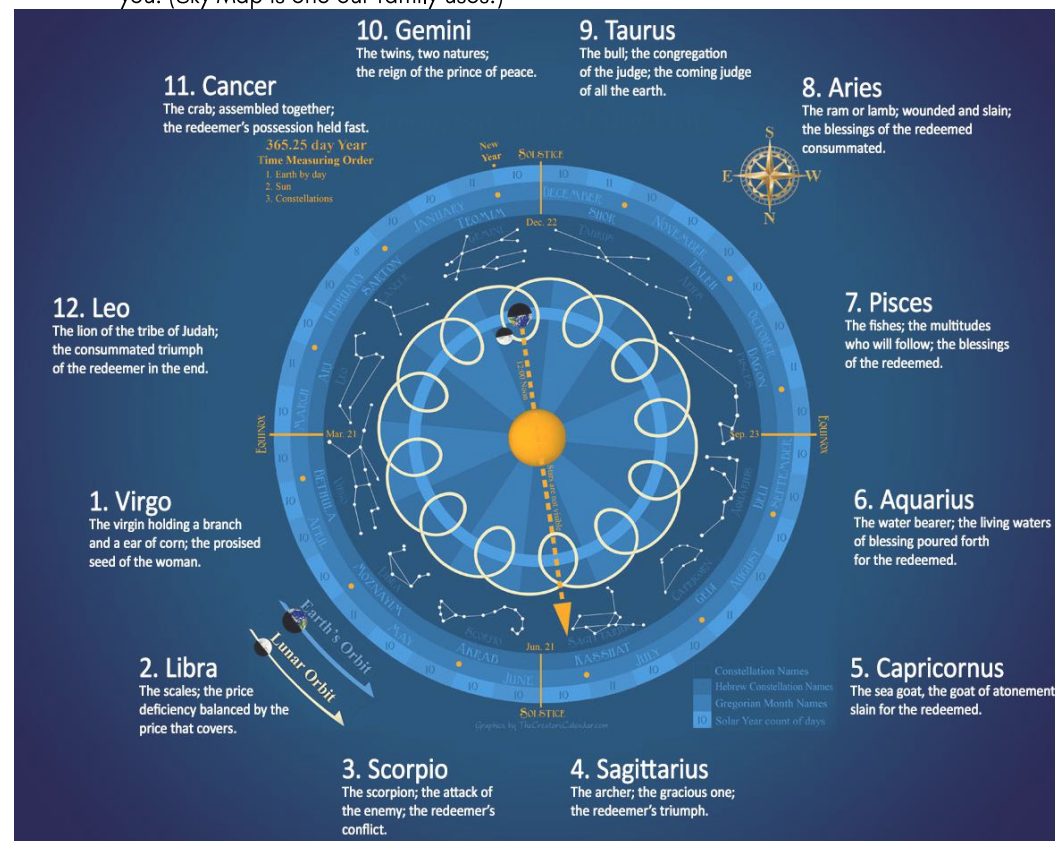
The third seed is who?

The fourth seed is who? \_\_\_\_\_

**HINT:** The **first** seed was unbelievers who never believe the gospel. Satan takes the truth out of their hearts. The **second** seed was believers who hear the Word of God and are saved. However, they never root themselves into deep Bible study. They remain baby Christians their entire life, producing no fruit. The **third** seed was believers who hear the Word of God and are saved, but they are choked out by the satanic world system. They do not have enough Bible doctrine to mature past their carnal stage. They remain as carnal Christians and never produce any fruit. The **fourth** seed was the believers who hear the gospel, believe, study Bible doctrine, apply Bible doctrine, and they produce large crops of other believers.

The original zodiac began with Virgo, not Sagittarius. The original Virgo announced the virgin birth of the Messiah. The original Zodiac ended with Leo, or Judah the Lion. Judah the Lion is a picture of the Second Coming of Christ. The original Zodiac was probably perverted by Satan after the Tower of Babel.

Go outside tonight and see if you can identify some of the constellations! There are many great apps you can download on your phone or tablet to help guide you. (Sky Map is one our family uses!)



**Read Matthew 12:1-21.**

**Answer and discuss the following questions:**

1.) In Verse 1- were Jesus & the disciples stealing? \_\_\_\_\_  
Go to Leviticus 23:22 to check your answer.

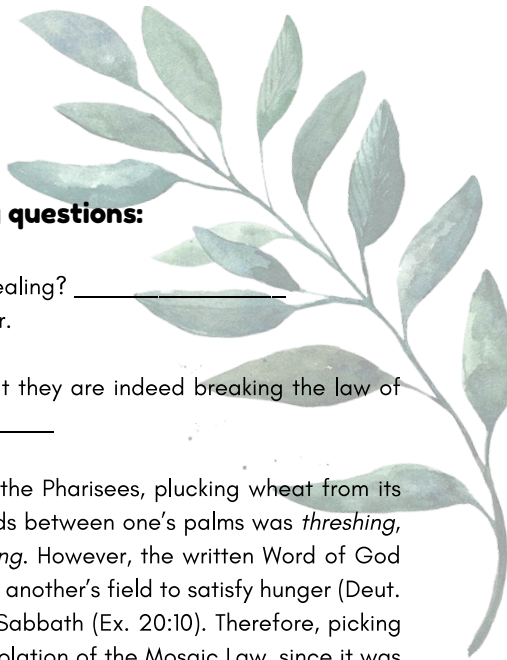
In Verse 2 the Pharisee's go on to say that they are indeed breaking the law of the Sabbath. Is that true? \_\_\_\_\_

According to the man-made Oral Law of the Pharisees, plucking wheat from its stem was *reaping*, rubbing the wheat heads between one's palms was *threshing*, and blowing away the chaff was *winnowing*. However, the written Word of God stated that It was lawful to pick grain from another's field to satisfy hunger (Deut. 23:25) but not to do regular work on the Sabbath (Ex. 20:10). Therefore, picking grain on the Sabbath was \_\_\_\_\_ a violation of the Mosaic Law, since it was not regular work.

2.) What is really important here though? Look at Verse 7, what does Jesus- THE Messiah, THE prophet, priest AND king, say? Then look at Hosea 6:6:

I want you to show \_\_\_\_\_, not offer sacrifices. I want you  
to \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ than I want burnt offerings.

3.) Starting in Verse 15 we see Jesus healing more people. Have you heard of people that claim to heal today? You probably have- many out there are deceiving people into believing that they are "apostles" or have "the power of Jesus" to heal. Charismatics, as they're typically called, cannot heal every single person who comes to them. They can only heal those in which demons make sick. The demons simply remove the sickness to make it appear as though the charismatic is performing a miracle. Whoever attends a healing service is trafficking with demons.



*Week 8 - Day 16 - Job 25 & Luke 8*

**Read Job Chapter 25.**

**Answer and discuss the following questions:**

1.) Job's three friends were very poor counselors. They did not pray, show sympathy, encourage, or listen to Job. Instead, they ignored him, condemned him, belittled him, insulted him, became defensive and argumentative, and gave inappropriate solutions to his problem. When believers become counselors to other believers, then they need to study the Bible doctrine recorded in this Book of Job so that they do not make the same mistakes.

If you had a friend in a hard situation, what are some ways you would comfort them?

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2.) What are some scriptures you might share?

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## Week Seven Wrap Up!

What seemed most odd, or stood out the most to question?

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What would you like to see- in school work or your family in general- that would help you to learn and grow in the Lord?

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## Day 23 - Job 11 & Mark 3

### Read Job Chapter 11.

#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) Who's talking today? \_\_\_\_\_

Zophar is a know-it-all legalist with a mean tongue. His argument is similar to that of an atheist. He believed in a law of the universe, but not in the law of God.

2.) Go to Matthew 7:5- What does Jesus instruct?

First get rid of the \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the \_\_\_\_\_ in your friend's eye.

Do you think Zophar had dealt with all these areas in his life that he was accusing Job of being so wrong about?

3.) Zophar reminded Job that if he did not confess his sins, and if he continued in his evil ways, then Job would fall. Job would attempt to escape from danger, but escape would be impossible. Job's only hope from suffering would be death.

This is the advice of the know-it-all atheist. Like the other two "friends" of Job, Zophar did not know God, Job, himself, or the situation. As a know-it-all, he told Job that his suffering was caused by his own sin.

Have you been guilty of being the "know-it-all" in a situation before? Sometimes we can all slip into that role, especially if it is a topic we're very knowledgeable on. But we are wise to be aware and humble so as not to be full of our worldly wisdom but open and eager to learn and rely on the Lord and His wisdom.

## Read Mark Chapter 3.

### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) Today we see Jesus breaking not God's law, but M\_\_\_\_\_ 's law. These Pharisee's were very religious on the outside- in how they behaved and showed others, but were they truly following the Lord God?

Jesus healed on the Sabbath, meaning that He intentionally broke the Oral Law in front of the Jewish leaders and their followers. In Verse 6, the Pharisees joined with the Herodians. The Pharisees and Herodians were natural enemies. The Pharisees did not believe any Roman should rule in Jerusalem. The Herodians believed that only the Herod family should rule, since they were Edomites, who originated from Esau, who originated from Abraham. According to the Abrahamic Covenant, the Messianic King was to come from Abraham, Isaac, and **Jacob**, not Abraham, Isaac, and *Esau*. Do you know the story of Jacob & Esau? We'll study that this year, it's later in Genesis. You can go read that- or even watch the Superbook episode on it if you'd like!

2.) The message of Jesus spread outside of Jewish territory. It spread from Jerusalem, Judea, and Galilee, all the way to Idumea, Tyre, Sidon, and beyond the Jordan River. Idumea was former Edomite territory, but by the time of Jesus, many Jews were living in this area. Tyre and Sidon were two Phoenician cities on the Mediterranean coast North of Galilee. The region East of the Jordan River was called Perea. It was ruled by Herod Antipas. Its population contained a large number of Jews.

Identify these areas on the map, then look up pictures of what they look like today.



*Week 7 - Day 35*

Search "Heart Cry Curriculum" on YouTube and be sure to Subscribe.

### Today we will watch

**Studies in Proverbs: Lesson 7 (Job 28:1-11) | Paul Washer**

**Discuss together as a family after you watch. What are 3 points you can take away from today's teaching?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Catch up on anything you need to from this week - how did this week go for you?

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May we carry what we learn into all the days of our life!

The correct interpretation, as in the previous parable, sees the man as Christ. Who then does the pearl represent? The pearl represents the true church. The pearl is not listed among the Jewish precious stones. It is never mentioned in the Old Testament (see the list of precious stones in Exodus 28:17-20 and Ezekiel 28:13; etc.).

The pearl is found on the inside of an oyster, a living organism. Thus a pearl is a product of a living organism (such cannot be said of any other gemstone). A grain of sand or some kind of foreign substance finds its way into the opening of the oyster. It is at once an irritant and becomes an annoyance to the oyster. It really bothers and disturbs him. To get relief the oyster throws off a secretion (a slimy substance called "nacre") which forms around the irritant. This process is repeated again and again, and eventually forms a pearl. Thus the pearl forms slowly and gradually, layer upon layer of secretion. Consider also the unity of the pearl—it is always one pearl. Thus it is a fitting symbol of the Church which is so precious to the Saviour that He gave Himself for it. The Church is a living organism, a body that is pulsating with the very life of God (1 Corinthians chapter 12). Just as a pearl forms gradually, so God is gradually adding to His Church daily those who should be saved (Acts 2:41; 5:14). During this present church age, the Spirit of God is forming this precious pearl, for by one Spirit are all believers baptized (placed) into one body (1 Cor. 12:13).

The man sold all that he had. The traditional interpretation sees the sinner as giving up anything and everything to find Christ; but it is really Christ, not the sinner who made the great sacrifice that resulted in salvation. How poor did Christ become in order to purchase this pearl? See 2 Cor. 8:9 and Philippians 2:5-8; etc. May we never forget that we are bought with a great price (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Pearls are to be exhibited! Thus, Christ will exhibit and show off His pearl in the ages to come (Eph. 2:7).

8.) V 47-50 speak of the Parable of the Fishing Net. Review this to make sure you're understanding- The "end of the age" means the completion of the age. This present age will end with the second coming of Christ to this earth (following the seven year tribulation and the rapture of the church before that). The fish gathered in the net do not represent all humans that have ever lived. This net does not sweep the sea throughout all of human history. No, the ones gathered are only those who are "in the sea" at the end of the age, at the time of harvest. It only includes people who are alive on Planet Earth at one point in history, namely at the completion of this present age. It is the same event that the Lord already described as "the harvest" (v. 39). Note how the term "end of the age" is used elsewhere in Matthew: 13:40; 24:3; 28:20.

2.) Next we see Jesus select 12 men out of his followers to be his apostles. Many men, and women, followed Jesus and were his disciples (those who learn) but only these appointed 12 are His apostles (Apostles were those who were sent by God.) during His ministry.

Review and discuss the appointed twelve. What questions are you looking forward to asking these men in Heaven? Are there any of them that you think might NOT be in Heaven? Why or why not?

### *Simon Peter*

Simon possessed three different names. His Hebrew name was Simon. His Greek name was Peter. His Aramaic name was Cephas. Peter would become the leader of the apostles.

### *Andrew*

Andrew was the brother of Peter.

### *Philip*

Philip meant "lover of horses".

### *Thaddeus*

Thaddeus meant "to die".

### *James*

The Hebrew name for James was "Jacob".

### *Simon*

Simon was a zealot. A zealot was a Jewish Pharisee who wanted to actively oust Rome from power. They would sneak in crowds, pull out their daggers, and assassinate those who were favorable to Rome. They did kill tax collectors, so Simon and Matthew would have been natural enemies before their apostolic call.

### *James & John*

James was the Latinized name of the Hebrew Jacob. Jonathan was a Hebrew name, meaning "gift of God". They were called "sons of thunder", because they wanted Jesus to rain down fire and brimstone on some of the other cities which rejected Jesus.

### *Nathaniel*

Nathaniel was the same person as Bartholomew, which was a hellinized title, meaning "son of Talmi".

### *Matthew*

Matthew was the Hebrew word Levi. Matthew was a tax collector.

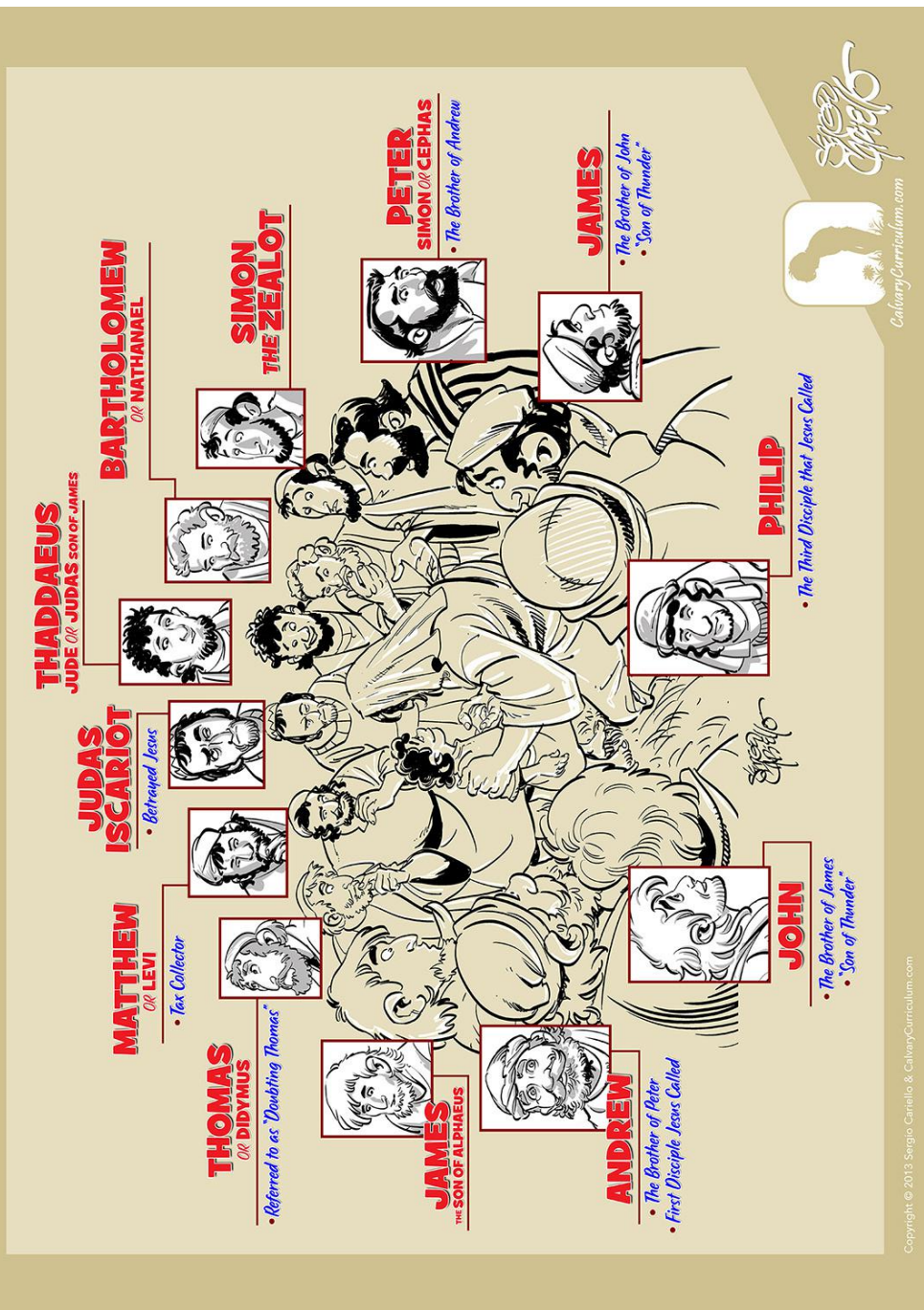
### *Judas*

Judas was a man who came from the city of Cariot. He was the one who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

### *Thomas*

Thomas was the Hebrew form. He had another Greek form, which was Didymus. Both names meant "twin", meaning that Thomas was most likely a twin. Thomas doubted the resurrection of Christ until he saw the risen Jesus himself.





5.) V 33 tells us the Parable of the Yeast. What do you think He means by the yeast in the dough?

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If we've just been talking about the \_\_\_\_\_ creeping into the church, then the yeast is what? Yes, EVIL. This is the false teachers, false doctrines, false gospel being spread throughout the church. This is everywhere!

6.) V 44 tells us the Parable of the Hidden Treasure. What do you think He means by this parable? Let's look at Middletown Bible Church again:

The man is Christ and the treasure is the nation Israel (see Exodus 19:5; Psalm 135:4; compare Deut. 14:2). Israel was lost (Matt. 10:5-6) but Christ came to find it! Notice that Christ bought the entire field (representing the entire world—v.38) so that He could have Israel as a special possession. This seems to be a reference to unlimited atonement: Christ died for the whole world (2 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 2:2; John 1:29; etc.), in which is His special treasure.

Today Israel is hidden in the world. They are scattered throughout the world and often are persecuted and afflicted; yet in God's sight the nation is precious. When the King returns, the nation Israel will be given its prominent place in the kingdom and all the world will know that God has a precious treasure, namely Israel. But meanwhile, during this present age between the two comings of Christ, Israel is hidden in the world.

7.) V 45-46 show us the Parable of the Pearl. Keeping the context of what we've been reading, and the last parable of similar topic- what do you think He means here?

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**Application:** How can you tell a true church from a false church? A true believer who is a part of the true church believes in four things:

1. He believes in Christ as the **only** way of salvation. The true believer who is part of the true church believes in Christ only, not Mary, not the Pope, not human priests, not the saints, but Christ only. He is the only way (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

2. He believes in the Bible as the only infallible authority. His faith is not in church tradition, nor in apocryphal books, nor in the decisions of church councils, nor in what priests might teach, nor in what the Pope says, nor in what the church fathers wrote. His faith is in the Bible only (Matthew 4:4; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

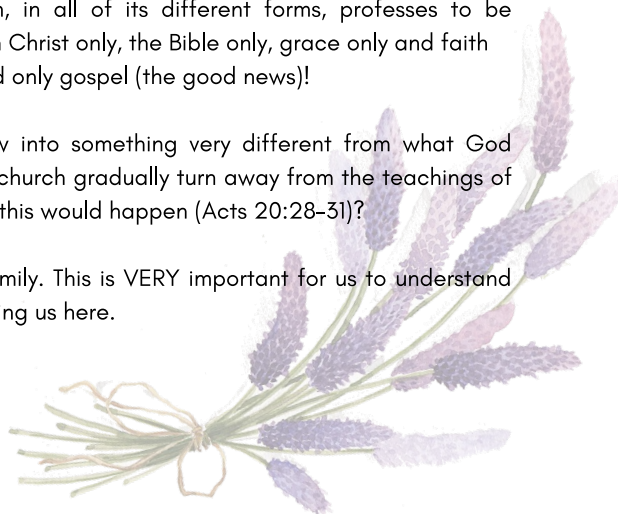
3. He believes in grace as the only means of salvation. He believes that salvation is not by sacraments, not by baptism, not by formalism, not by ritualism, not by confessions, not by indulgences, not by prayers, not by observing the mass, not by giving money to the poor, but by grace alone (Acts 15:11; Eph. 2:8-9).

4. He believes in faith alone. Salvation is not by man's good works, not by man's good deeds, not by man's strivings to keep the law, not by man's feeble attempts to live a righteous life, not by man's good deeds, not by man's religious performances, not by man's self effort, but by faith alone (Rom. 3:28; Gal. 2:16).

This monstrous religious system, in all of its different forms, professes to be Christian but does not believe in Christ only, the Bible only, grace only and faith only! It has rejected the true and only gospel (the good news)!

How did the early church grow into something very different from what God intended it to be? How did the church gradually turn away from the teachings of the Bible? Did Paul predict that this would happen (Acts 20:28-31)?

Discuss these questions as a family. This is VERY important for us to understand these warnings that Christ is giving us here.



## Day 24 - Job 12-14 & Luke 6

### Read Job Chapters 12-14.

(Today is a lot to read, break up as needed!)

### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) We're going to see Job respond to the accusations his "friends" had been saying about him. Job was a very sick man, but he was also one of the most righteous men who has ever lived. Instead of receiving prayers and encouragement from his friends, he was being mocked and labeled as a terrible sinner. How do you think Job was feeling by now- not just physically, but emotionally now too?

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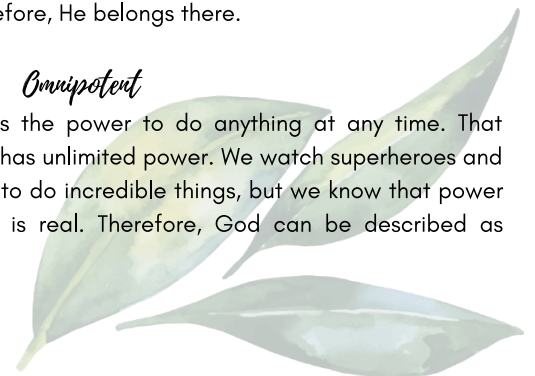
2.) In Chapter 12 we see Job reveal the truth that God is OMNIPRESENT, OMNIPOTENT, and OMNISCIENT. These are theological terms which explain three main areas that we see scripture reveal about God.

#### *Omnipresent*

This term explains that God is **everywhere**. There is no running away or hiding from God because He is everywhere, according to Psalm 139:7-12. God is the Creator of time and space. Therefore, He belongs there.

#### *Omnipotent*

This term explains that God has the power to do anything at any time. That quality belongs to someone who has unlimited power. We watch superheroes and admire their strength and ability to do incredible things, but we know that power is not real. The power of God is real. Therefore, God can be described as omnipotent.



### *Omniscient*

This term explains that God has all wisdom, all knowledge. There may be people that are very, very smart by the world's standards... but they aren't all knowing. Only God has that attribute. God knows what we think even before our thoughts are formed in our mind. God knows what we will say before the words are on our tongue, according to Psalm 139:1-6 and 13-16.

Look at 12:13-25- Which 'OMNI' term explains each of Job's statements?

3.) Look at 13:15-16- What is Job talking about here?

*God might kill me, but I have no other hope. I am going to argue my case with him. But this is what will save me—I am not godless. If I were, I could not stand before him.*

Even if God slays Job, then Job will still place his hope in God. He completely trusts God in what He is doing. This is a strong statement of faith.

If God did appear, then Job thinks that he can defend himself against God. This is Job's biggest mistake. When anyone stands in front of God, then no slick lawyer or soft-hearted judge can help him out. He is standing in front of the God of the universes who knows all things. The best thing to do is to plead guilty and rest upon the mercy of the court. God has lots of love, mercy, and compassion.

Before the Law of Moses, Job recognized that no godless man can stand before God. Job needs a **mediator**. He needs to come before a being who can judge like God but has the experience of a human.

Job is looking for someone to become his deliverer. The Hebrew word for "deliverance" is יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshua), meaning salvation. This is also the Hebrew name for **Jesus**.

4.) By then end of 14 we see that Job is utterly depressed and view death as his only reprieve. Unfortunately, many people have felt this way. God is all knowing, all powerful and always present- we should never, ever believe Satan's lie that we're all alone and life is not worth living. If God gave you a today- He did so on purpose!

was planted and it grew and became a tree, even a great tree with great branches. If you ever came across a mustard plant like the one described here, it would immediately qualify for the Guinness World Book of Records!

An herb growing into a tree is something unknown in the natural world. This is something unusual and abnormal and unnatural. This is a freak, an abnormality, a **monstrosity**! This is not natural, healthy growth; this is freakish, perverted growth. This is a perfect description of Christendom with its false greatness, ecumenism, influence, wealth, etc. It is the **devil's system** that is flourishing!

*That which Christ here describes is a monstrosity. "Herbs" are an entirely different specie from trees. That which distinguished them is that their stems never develop woody tissue, but live only long enough for the development of flowers and seeds. But this "herb" became a "tree"; that is to say, it developed into something entirely foreign to its very nature and constitution" (A. W. Pink).*

Christianity had very small beginnings (only 120 disciples were gathered together on the Day of Pentecost), but then the number of believers greatly multiplied. During the first three centuries the believers faced fierce persecution from the Romans, but in spite of that the Church continued to grow and Christianity spread. "The blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church." But in the days of the Emperor Constantine, at the beginning of the fourth century A.D., things began to change. The church became wedded to the world. When Satan discovered that he could not destroy Christianity, he tried a much more successful strategy: "If you can't beat it, join it!" Constantine declared that Christianity was the official religion and the persecution ceased. Thousands of unsaved people were baptized even though their hearts had not been changed by God's grace. Pagan idols were given Christian names and worshiped. Christianity began to develop into a large and wealthy religious system, embracing much false doctrine, and it turned into a monster!

Christendom today is the resting place for evil men under demonic influences (1 Tim. 4:1), the roosting places for those who are the enemies of God. If we are consistent, then the birds should be agents of **evil**, as they were in the first parable. Also the tree corresponds very well to the tree described in Daniel 4:20-22 and Rev. 18:2,8 (the latter passage refers to Babylon, the final stage of this monster mustard tree).

which does not show an enormous growth of true Christianity. True believers have always been hated and persecuted. True Christians have always been in the minority and the amazing growth has always been in connection with the great religious systems such as Roman Catholicism (and that kind of growth is not something to be proud about!). Certainly today the world is not dominated by Christianity, and even among those who claim to be Christians, there may be many who have never been born again. They are Christians in name only.

We must admit, however, that the interpretation of this parable and the following parables is a little more difficult because the Lord does not supply us with the interpretation. Yet, we can assume that there is some degree of consistency between all seven of the parables in this chapter. With that assumption, let us proceed.

The mustard seed normally produces a herb (more like a bush), not a tree (verse 32). The Bible makes a clear distinction between herbs and trees (Gen. 1:11-12). But in this parable, we have a mustard seed apparently becoming much more than a great herb; it becomes a huge tree.

An actual mustard plant as found in Palestine may, under favorable conditions, reach as high as ten feet (as high as a basketball hoop). At the very most it might reach fifteen feet, but it rarely gets that tall. The Black Mustard plant may grow to a height of fifteen feet and have a thick main stem, with branches strong enough to bear the weight of a bird. This illustrates the difference between a herb and a tree. Tree branches have no problem supporting the weight of a bird. Indeed, a good sized tree can comfortably allow a hundred vultures to roost on its sturdy and sizable branches. No mustard plant could do this!

In the Lord's parable we have a very **unusual** mustard plant! Jesus said that this mustard plant became a tree (verse 32). Luke says that it became a great tree (13:19) and Mark says it had great branches (4:32). One authority said this: "the mustard plant does not get too big and it certainly doesn't become a great tree, so we can't really take the verse in Luke too seriously when it says it became a great tree." But this is the whole point of the parable! Jesus said that a tiny seed

## Read Luke Chapter 6.

### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) Each gospel account covers many of the same events and happenings, just from each writer's perspective as led by the Holy Spirit. Most days we will continue to look through the same events, just with additional details added. This is a wonderful way to study as it allows us to really grow in understanding of these events- that is one reason why multiple Gospel accounts are so wonderful!

2.) Look at 1 Samuel 21:6, when King David ate the bread he had actually broken the Mosaic Law. (The Mosaic Law was the law the Lord gave to Moses that we see in scripture. The Pharisees are most always referring to their Oral Law.) Leviticus 24:1-9 explains the Lord's regulations for how that bread was to be handled, as we see Christ explaining and rebuking the Pharisees.

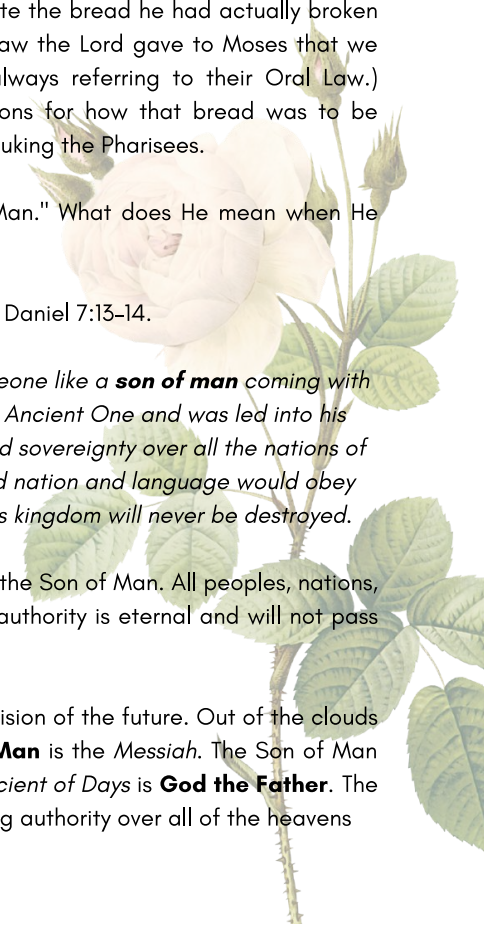
3.) Jesus often called Himself "the Son of Man." What does He mean when He calls Himself the Son of Man?

To understand this title, one must understand Daniel 7:13-14.

*As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a **son of man** coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.*

In Daniel 7:13-14, the prophet saw a vision of the Son of Man. All peoples, nations, and language groups were serving him. His authority is eternal and will not pass away. His kingdom will not be destroyed.

Daniel was watching in the night. He saw a vision of the future. Out of the clouds came one like the Son of Man. The **Son of Man** is the *Messiah*. The Son of Man was escorted to the Ancient of Days. The *Ancient of Days* is **God the Father**. The Ancient of Days gave the Son of Man all ruling authority over all of the heavens



and the earth.

The Ancient of Days (G\_\_\_\_\_) gave the Son of Man (J\_\_\_\_\_) all **honor**, even the honor that belongs to the Ancient of Days as being deity.

The Ancient of Days gave the Son of Man **sovereignty** over everything in heaven and earth. The Son of Man was in control of every single event which happens in history.

Every person in the world will **serve** the Son of Man. Every nation in the world will **serve** the Son of Man. Every language in the world will be used to **serve** the Son of Man.

When the Ancient of Days gives all of this authority to the Son of Man, then this authority will be eternal. **This authority will never pass away.**

4.) Can you list all twelve disciples?




Verses 21-49 are **incredibly** important- you may discuss as you read, but we will go into further study in the coming days.

3.) V 24-30 tell us the Parable of the Wheat and Weeds. Here Jesus is warning that although the sower has planted many good seeds (those who truly believe in the work of the Messiah Jesus and are living a life for him), Satan has also planted many weeds within the same space as the wheat. This warning shows us that we will indeed see the work of Satan (false teachers, false religion, false doctrines) coming out of the "church". It's explained in V 36-43.

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.

The field is the \_\_\_\_\_.

The good seeds are the \_\_\_\_\_.

The weeds are the \_\_\_\_\_.

The enemy is \_\_\_\_\_.

The harvest is the \_\_\_\_\_.

The harvesters are \_\_\_\_\_.

4.) V 31-32 tell us the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Middletown Bible Church has one of the best break downs of this parable, read below.

The common but false interpretation of this parable is that the mustard tree symbolizes the successful growth of the true church from its small beginning in the first century until the end of the age. It is assumed to show the amazing spread of true Christianity and the amazing success of the gospel. The growing church will someday flood the entire world, or so we are told.

However, such an interpretation carries with it great problems. It is contrary to the message of the first two parables where we saw that the world will not be very receptive to the message of the gospel and that the evil tares will be mixed with the wheat to the very end of the age. Also it is contrary to church history



## Read Matthew Chapter 13.

### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) We'll now look at some of the parables Jesus tells- what is a parable?

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2.) From YEBC Study Bible we will look at these parables. Read them, stop, discuss as needed. We will look at these parables from the other gospel accounts as we grow to really understand the messages given here.

Jesus began to speak in *parables*. Parables are stories that carry and teach a parallel doctrinal message. Chapter 13 starts with a parable about a sower who scatters seeds in his field, causing four different results.

**First**, the birds eat some of the seed, so they never grow.

**Second**, some fall on rocky ground, never taking sufficient root, so the sun scorches and kills the seed.

**Third**, some fall on thorny ground, so the weeds choke them out.

**Fourth**, some fall on good soil and produce crops that are 30, 60, and 100 times more bountiful.

Now look at V 19-23, what does each one of those examples refer to?

**First:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Third:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fourth:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Week 5 - Day 25

Each Friday we will be watching through a Proverbs Video Study by Paul Washer.

Paul is a well known teacher of the Bible, and has many great resources out there. It is VERY important that when we are learning and studying God's word that we have SOUND Bible teachers.

Watch these videos together as a family, preferably, and then discuss them as well. You can let Friday's be "movie" days and do the Proverbs study in addition to the weekly suggested family teaching video- whatever works best for your family in this season.

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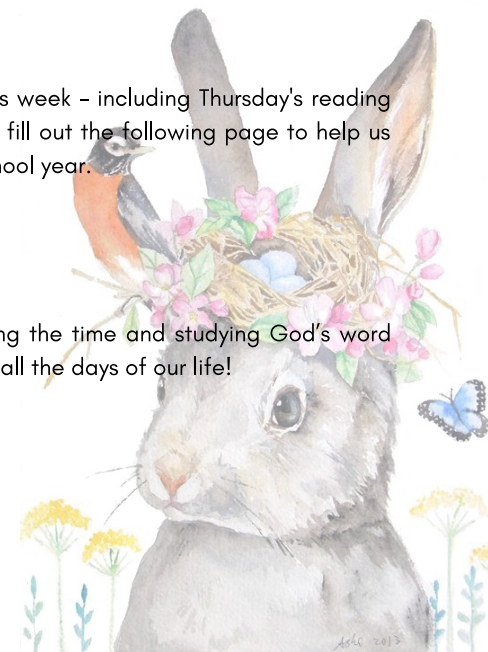
### Today we will watch

#### Studies in Proverbs: Lesson 5 (Prov. 1:4-5) | Paul Washer

**Discuss together as a family.**

Catch up on anything you need to from this week - including Thursday's reading and discussions if needed. Each week we'll fill out the following page to help us keep track of our growth throughout the school year.

Have a great weekend! Thank you for taking the time and studying God's word this week! May we carry what we learn into all the days of our life!



## Week Five Wrap Up!

What seemed most odd, or stood out the most to question?

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What verse (or verses) made you feel convicted or moved most?

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What's a question you have for God this week?

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What's an issue you're struggling with this week?

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## Day 34 - Job 23-24 & Matthew 13

**Read Job Chapters 23-24.**

**Answer and discuss the following questions:**

1.) Who is Job looking for? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Did Job feel he was a righteous or wicked man? What verses support your answer?

\_\_\_\_\_

Righteous men **fear God**. Job was terrified of God. He knew that God can give or take away life at anytime. He can give wealth or take away wealth at anytime. He can give power to whom He wishes, or He can take it away when He wishes. Good or bad health is controlled by God. Where one spends eternity is controlled by God. Not one squirrel can jump from one tree to another without God's pre-planning. God is the God of all of history, but He wrote the entire book in advance.

If Job is not telling the truth about the wicked, then who can prove him wrong? The truth is that the wicked do prosper in the satanic world system. They gain the most wealth, the most power, and the most fame. Satan rewards his own on this earth while God rewards His own in the **next** life. The rewards of Satan will not be taken into the next life. They will rust away or be eaten away by moths. **The rewards of God last for eternity**. The eternity of the wicked will be much worse than the eternity of the godly.

2.) In V17 it says that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ their thoughts! This is because he is OMNI\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is omniscient. He knew their thoughts even before the foundations of the world were created.

3.) Look at V23: "11:23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." Everyone must choose a side. No one can sit on the fence. There is no such thing as neutrality in the kingdom of God. God will knock neutrals off of the fence and force them to choose sides. What side are you on?

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4.) Lastly, let's look at V27: "As he said these things, a woman in the crowd spoke out to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts at which you nursed!"

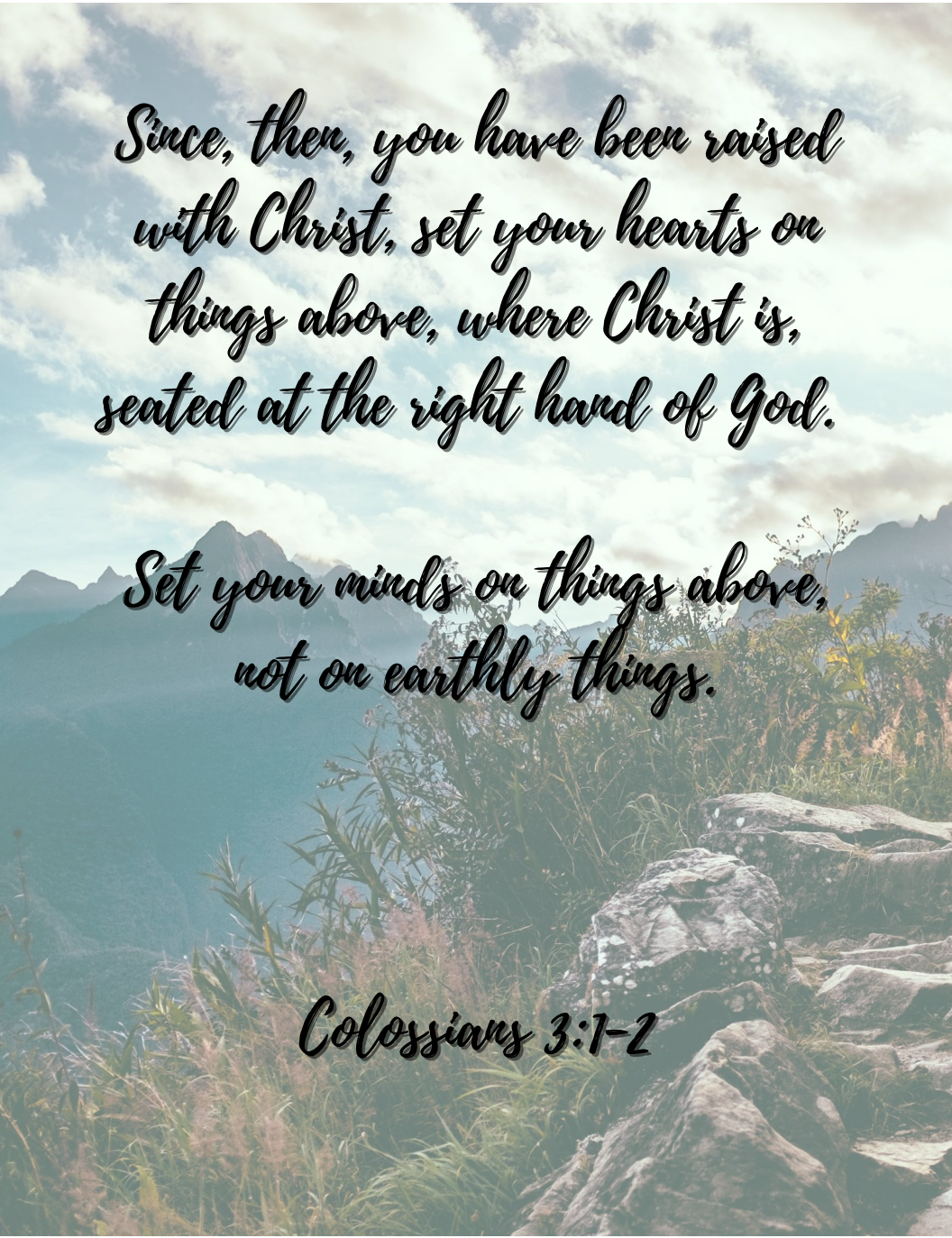
The worship of the Madonna mother and child cult was passed down from the Tower of Babel to the Greco-Roman mystery religious systems. This pagan woman was blessing Mary as the Madonna and Jesus as the child. Remember-often times we see people, and whole religions, get caught up and focused on many things OTHER THAN CHRIST. Mary was a normal, sinful human being like us-she is NOT to be worshiped. The cross is not a special symbol. A church building is not a magical building that does anything special.

In what ways have you seen the focus of professing believers go onto something or someone other than Christ? It is important to be aware and keep our focus on Christ alone!

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*Since, then, you have been raised  
with Christ, set your hearts on  
things above, where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God.*

*Set your minds on things above,  
not on earthly things.*

*Colossians 3:1-2*



## Week 6 - Day 26 - Job 15 & Matthew 5

### Read Job Chapter 15.

#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) All three friends have spoken and Job has answered them. Now, Eliphaz the spiritualist begins his second round. Eliphaz claimed earlier that he had a vision from God. One needs to be careful of people who claim that they hear from God. The written Word of God is currently the **only** resource of divine information. Where does true wisdom come from? Look at these verses:

*Psalms 19:7   Psalm 147:5   Proverbs 2:6   Daniel 2:20*

Eliphaz reminded Job that he and his two other friends have an advantage of maturity over him. Therefore, wisdom is on their side, because they were older. It is important to note that spiritual maturity comes **not by age**, but by the amount of *Bible doctrine* which is inhaled into the soul.

2.) Look at Verses 18-19. Notice that Eliphaz is not using the written Word of God as his final authority. He is using the traditions of the ancestors. Most ancient cultures receive their religion from satanic tradition rather than the written Word of God. Most of the ancient traditions came from Nimrod's Tower of Babel system. There may be things that we are **TOLD** are true, that we **FEEL** are true, or even feel some **EXPERIENCE** tells us are true- but if it *doesn't* line up with God's word, is it actual true knowledge and wisdom? \_\_\_\_\_

3.) We see Eliphaz assuming, with seemingly certain knowledge, that God only gives blessing to the righteous and punishment to the wicked. Is this true? How can we know? Well- we can look to Scripture, right? What does Romans 8:18-22 say? Does that line up with Eliphaz's knowledge? What does the Messiah say in John 15:20?

### Read Luke Chapter 11.

#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) Who do we pray to? Jesus? Holy Spirit? God the Father? All Three? Saints?

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**Question:** "To whom are we to pray, the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit?"

**Answer:** All prayer should be directed to our triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Bible allows for prayer to one or all three, because all three are one. To the Father we pray with the psalmist, "Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray" (Psalm 5:2). To the Lord Jesus, we pray as to the Father because they are equal. Prayer to one member of the Trinity is prayer to all. Stephen, as he was being martyred, prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59). We are also to pray in the name of Christ. Paul exhorted the Ephesian believers to always give "thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20). Jesus assured His disciples that whatever they asked in His name—meaning in His will—would be granted (John 15:16; 16:23).

We are told to pray in the Spirit and in His power. The Spirit helps us to pray, even when we do not know how or what to ask for (Romans 8:26; Jude 20). Perhaps the best way to understand the role of the Trinity in prayer is that we pray to the Father, through (or in the name of) the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. All three are active participants in the believer's prayer.

Equally important is whom we are not to pray to. Some non-Christian religions encourage their adherents to pray to a pantheon of gods, dead relatives, saints, and spirits. Roman Catholics are taught to pray to Mary and various saints. Such prayers are not scriptural and are, in fact, an insult to our heavenly Father. The problem with praying to anyone other than God is that He will not share His glory. In fact, praying to anyone or anything other than God is idolatry. "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols" (Isaiah 42:8).

When we consider all this, it is easy to see that praying to someone other than our triune God is unthinkable because prayer is a form of worship, and worship is reserved for God and God alone. Whom are we to pray to? The answer is God. Praying to God, and God alone, is far more important than to which Person of the Trinity we address our prayers.



## Day 33 - Job 22 & Luke 11

### Read Job Chapter 22.

### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) Who is speaking? \_\_\_\_\_

2.) What was the point of his response to Job? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3.) Where was he in the right in his response? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4.) Where was he in the wrong in his response? \_\_\_\_\_  
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As Christians, we not only should know that suffering during our time on this fallen, sin infested world is possible, it's probable. Most likely, guaranteed. If we love and live for the Lord- this world will despise us. How do we deal with this?

1. First, Christian workers need to examine their own hearts, searching for any sense of entitlement. As Paul advised Timothy, they need to be prepared to "share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God" (2 Tim. 1:8 ESV). They will do this, not by cultivating stoicism or asceticism, but by concentrating long and hard on "the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:8, ESV), who is better, more valuable, and more delightful than anything we lose by following him.
2. We need to share the gospel the way Jesus did, by making the cost of discipleship clear (Luke 9:57-62). People who have been given a realistic sense of what it means to follow Jesus, and who have counted the cost, will make much steadier disciples. And lest we fear that such a sobering presentation of the gospel will keep people from being saved, we need to realize two things. First, we are offering Jesus, not a cozy life, and Jesus really is better than all of the good things of this world combined. Second, it is the power of the Holy Spirit that draws people to Jesus, not our attractive packaging of the message.
3. We need to include the subject of suffering well in our immediate follow-up with new believers.
  - a. Followers of Jesus should not be surprised or caught off guard by suffering (1 Peter 4:12).
  - b. They need to endure suffering without compromising their integrity (2 Tim. 4:5; 1 Peter 2:19).
  - c. They must love their persecutors and pray for their welfare (Matt. 5:43-47).
  - d. They are to renounce any intention to take revenge (Rom. 12:14-21).
  - e. They are to trust God in the middle of their suffering and respond by proactively doing good (1 Peter 4:19).
  - f. They are to use their experiences of suffering as a basis for comforting others who suffer (2 Cor. 1:3-7).
  - g. They are to fix their eyes on Jesus (Heb. 12:1-3).
  - h. And they are commanded to rejoice. "Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings" (1 Peter 4:13).

As followers of Jesus, we **do not** rejoice in suffering because we enjoy pain, but because **Jesus is so worthy** in our eyes and hearts that we delight in being identified with him. All suffering is temporary. It isn't worth comparing with the glory that awaits us (2 Cor. 4:16). In that place of glory, all pain and suffering will be gone forever (Rev. 21:4).

*(Thank you International Mission Board for this write up!)*

## Read Matthew Chapter 5.

**Today will be full of discussion- break it up as needed and refer back to it often.**

Last week we read this account from Luke's Gospel account- today we will break this down. Read and discuss, ask questions, look to life examples- we can learn much through this teaching to the Jewish people.

*Yeshua Elohim Study Bible writes:*

Notice that Jesus "sat down." Rabbi stood when they read the Word of God, but they sat down when they interpreted it.

Many people were expecting the Messiah to come to establish a kingdom. Everyone knew that one must be righteous to enter the Kingdom. However, there were disagreements on these requirements of righteousness. For the last 400 years before the Messiah, the Pharisees taught that Abraham would sit at the entrance of Hell and save all Jews from eternal destruction. Therefore, according to rabbinic teaching, all Jews would enter the Messianic Kingdom. Gentiles had to earn their way into heaven by becoming Jewish proselytes and keeping the Mosaic Law.

At the Sermon of the Mount, Jesus was going to inform the Jews of these requirements of righteousness that were needed in order to enter into the Messianic Kingdom.

Jesus began to teach the Jews about how to enter the Messianic Kingdom. This Sermon of the Mount was not written to modern Christians in America in the 21st century. It was spoken to Jews who were living under the Mosaic Law in first century Rome. There is application for modern believers today, but it is not the way of salvation. The way of salvation is found in Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."

The Sermon of Mount is not to be Christian ethics for this modern age. There are certain specific things mentioned in this sermon for modern Christians, as many of these are repeated as modern church doctrine in Paul's letters. However, not every one of these commands is for the church age. The Sermon of the Mount is the true teaching of the righteousness of the Mosaic Law compared to the false teachings of the interpretation of the Jewish leaders' Oral Law. Jesus is going to give His interpretation on how the Mosaic Law should be kept.

## Read Matthew 12:22-50.

### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) This passage of scripture starts with Jesus giving the example of a strong man and a thief after he had cast demons out of a person.

**Satan** is the strong man. His house is the satanic world system.

**Jesus** entered into the house of Satan, which is the satanic world system.

He **tied** Satan up and plundered his house.

The **plunder** was the casting out of demons. The demons were controlling men in order to keep Satan in power.

2.) In V31 we see Jesus speak of a sin that can \_\_\_\_\_ be forgiven. What sin, or blasphemy, is he speaking of? \_\_\_\_\_

Blasphemy is calling good evil and evil good. The blasphemy of the Holy Spirit was hearing the teachings and seeing the miracles of Jesus, and then calling them works of demons. The blasphemy of the Holy Spirit was possible only for the Jewish eyewitnesses who were living in that day.

3.) Read the book of Jonah - what was the sign that Christ will give?

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4.) In the last few verses Jesus shares this importance of family being united through Christ Jesus. The strongest relationship today is the relationship between Christ and a believer. If a child of God has unsaved family members, then the believer is closer to the Lord Jesus Christ than one is to his own family. Believers are more closely related to other believers than they are to unsaved members of their family.

## Day 32 - Job 21 & Matthew 12:22-50

### Read Job Chapter 21.

#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) How can you serve those that are hurting? If Job's "friends" would just listen to Job, then they would offer him comforting words instead of abusive words. The Holy Spirit used this instance to remind believers that one who suffers needs a listening ear, not a condemning mouth.

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2.) Job responds here that often we see that wicked **DO** prosper here on Earth. They are wicked, yet good things still happen. What are some ways that you've seen this happen?

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3.) Look at the beginning of Matthew Chapter 6- what can we know about those who are wicked, even if it looks like their life is great now?

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In death, all of these men were alike. Worms will eat their bodies. Their bodies will turn to dust. Therefore, wealth or good health do not define the character of a man. The wicked and the godly both die young and old. These three men are not speaking truthfully when they claim that only the godly prosper and the godless are punished.

**Poor in Spirit:** Having a right and proper evaluation of oneself before God. This is the opposite of pride. One must see himself as a poor sinner who was headed to the Lake of Fire, but was saved by the kindness of God. Those who see themselves in this position of humility are not only happy, but they will enter the Kingdom of God.

**Those who Mourn:** Those who mourn over the sin of their life will be comforted, because this will lead to confession. Therefore, those who confess their sin will be happy.

**Meek:** Those who are meek have a quiet confidence that leads to submission under God's authority. Meekness is not cowardice, but a quiet confidence that God can bring the believer through any situation. These Jewish believers will not only be happy, but they will inherit the earth. They will co-reign with Christ during the Millennial Kingdom.

**Hunger & Thirst:** Jesus was speaking to Jews who were living under the Mosaic Law. The standard of righteousness for these Jewish believers was keeping the Mosaic Law. Those who hungered and thirsted for keeping the Mosaic Law would be happy and satisfied.

**Merciful:** The merciful are those who show compassion to others. Those who show compassion to others will be happy and they will receive compassion from God.

**Pure in Heart:** The merciful are those who show compassion to others. Those who show compassion to others will be happy and they will receive compassion from God.

**Peacemakers:** This has nothing to do with political peace. Those who make peace with other fellow-believers will be happy. They will also be called the children of God, because they will one day be princes who will inherit their Father's kingdom.

**Persecuted:** Whenever a Jewish believer follows God's will by keeping the Mosaic Law, then he will be persecuted by unbelievers. Jewish believers need to expect this kind of lifestyle. Those Jewish believers who are persecuted for keeping the Mosaic Law will be happy. They will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Notice that Jesus was not speaking to modern Christians in this passage. He was speaking to Jews who were under the Law. Their standard of righteousness at this time in history was keeping the Mosaic Law. This verse has similar application for the modern Christians, but the audience was Jews living under the Mosaic Law in 30 A.D.

**Insulted:** The believing messianic Jews gained another problem when they believed on Jesus. Many from their own Jewish nation and family would insult them, persecute them, and say evil things about them, just because they had believed in Jesus. Jesus warned these first century Jews that there was a steep price for following Him as the Messiah.



## Salt & Light

13 *"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its flavor, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people."*

Jesus was **not** speaking to modern Christians. He was speaking to believing Jews of the first century. It was the believing Jewish Remnant, not the church, who was the salt of the earth.

Salt was used for two things. It was used for seasoning and preservation. The Jews bring flavor to the world, as they recorded and preserved the Scriptures so that all men could learn of God.

The Jewish Remnant also preserved the world from being destroyed by God. As long as there was a Jewish Remnant on earth, God would preserve the Jews and Gentiles. The Jews must exist to cry out "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Jesus will not return and establish his Messianic Kingdom until the Jews make this call. Therefore, the Jewish Remnant must exist, or Satan will remain in control of this world. This is why modern Israel continues to have victory over those who want to exterminate them. Modern Israel thinks it is their armed forces that are keeping them from extermination. However, it is Jesus the Messiah (whom they rejected) who is actually preserving them like salt. He is preserving the entire nation of Israel for the sake of the believing Jewish Remnant.

14 *You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden.*

The Jewish Remnant was the light of the world. The Jews will point all of the pagan Gentiles to the one true God. The Book of Acts recorded the historical record of this event.

## Fulfillment of the Law & Prophets

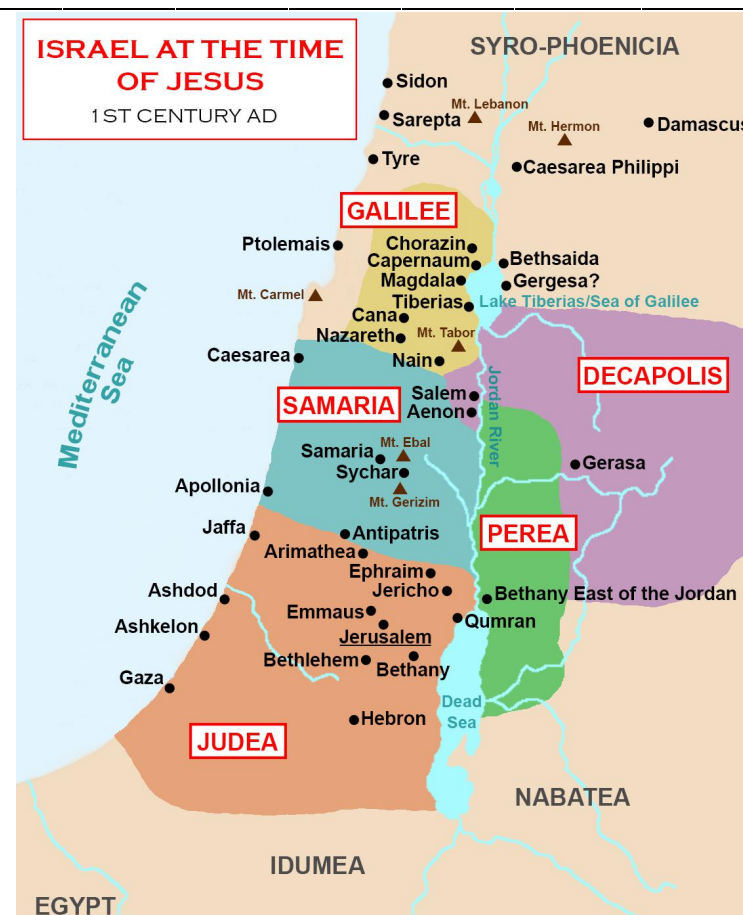
17 *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have not come to abolish these things but to fulfill them."*

Jesus told the Jewish believing Remnant of 30 A.D. that He did not come to destroy the Mosaic Law. He came to fulfill it. To fulfill this Law, He had to die. Once Jesus died, then the Mosaic Law was dead also.

The Mosaic Law was not just the Ten Commandments, but it was 613 specific laws. Until Jesus died, the Jews had to keep all 613 Laws. They did not have to keep the Mosaic

3.) Jesus calls out 'woes' to cities that failed to repent of their sins after hearing His message. What is a woe?

This map includes the cities we see Christ give a woe to. Look up each city to see images of what these locations look like today. On the day of Christ's return-what does He say will happen?



## Read Matthew Chapter 11.

### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) Look at V4- These were all prophecies that only the Messiah could perform. Since Jesus had performed all of these prophecies, then He was communicating to John that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. John's ministry had not been in vain. John had introduced the true Messianic King to Israel.

Share an example from scripture for each of the following fulfillments of prophecy:

The blind see: \_\_\_\_\_

The lame walk: \_\_\_\_\_

Lepers are cleansed: \_\_\_\_\_

The deaf hear: \_\_\_\_\_

The dead are raised: \_\_\_\_\_

The poor have good news proclaimed to them: \_\_\_\_\_

2.) If the Jews would have turned from the satanic world system and accepted Jesus as their Messiah, then John the Baptist would have completed the ministry of Elijah. Since the nation rejected Jesus, then Elijah will return before the second coming of Christ. It is the ministry of Elijah who will lead Israel back to their Messiah. Do you know when the Bible tells us Elijah will return? (*Hint: Look at Malachi 4:5 and Revelation 11:3-12*)

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Law for salvation because that would be impossible. The Mosaic Law was a school teacher that showed man that he was a sinner who could never work his way into heaven. The Law kills, but it does not give salvation to anyone. After Jesus died, the Law was **completed**. These Jewish Messianic believers simply had to believe in Jesus.

*18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth pass away not the smallest letter or stroke of a letter will pass from the law until everything takes place.*

The smallest letter of the Hebrew alphabet is the yod. It is similar in size and shape to an apostrophe. The smallest stroke is called the tittle. It is the shape and size of a period. Jesus told these Jewish Messianic believers that He Himself will fulfill every single letter and every single stroke of THE WRITTEN LAW. Jesus will not fulfill the rabbinic Oral Law because it was man-made.

*19 So anyone who breaks one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever obeys them and teaches others to do so will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

These commandments are not just the Ten Commandments but it is all 613 commandments. If any man breaks just one of these 613 commandments, then he is guilty of breaking every one of them. The only one who kept all 613 commandments was Jesus Himself. The message that Jesus sent to these Jewish Messianic believers was that for them to be righteous enough to enter heaven, they must keep all 613 laws. Therefore, the rabbi were wrong when they were teaching the Jews that Abraham would sit at the gates of death and save them out of Hell.

*20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness goes beyond that of the experts in the law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

This is the doctrinal truth which is really going to get Jesus in trouble. What He was saying is that the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees were not teaching sound Bible doctrine. He was telling these multitudes of Jewish people that they could not enter the Messianic Kingdom based upon the teachings of their Jewish religious leaders. He was telling the people that if they continued to listen to these Jewish religious leaders and their teachings upon righteousness, then they will never enter the Messianic Kingdom. In this one sentence, Jesus closed the door to Judaism as a false system of salvation.

## Day 27 - Job 16-17 & Matthew 6

### Read Job Chapters 16-17.

### Discuss the following scriptures:

1.) Job 16:19-22 is very important- what do you see here? Look at these notes with the scriptures:

*16:19 Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high.*

Verse 19 is a key verse of the Bible. Since God was God and had never suffered as a man, then Job felt that God could not understand his sufferings. Unless God becomes a man, then this predicament exists in all religions. Allah, Krishna, Zeus, and all of the other so-called gods have never become a man, so they will never understand suffering. Therefore, Job desired a mediator who would be both God and man. Job did recognize that he had an advocate in heaven. This advocate is the Lord Jesus Christ. He became man and suffered even greater than Job. He is both God and man. Therefore, the Lord can understand the holiness of God and the suffering and temptations of man.

*16:20 My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God;*

Job was confident that he had an intercessor in heaven who listened to the tears of his eyes.

*16:21 and he contends with God on behalf of man as a man pleads for his friend.*

Job was confident that this intercessor was pleading to God the Father on his behalf. Job lived after the flood during the time of the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob). He possessed tremendous insight into the identity of the future Messiah to come.

*16:22 For the years that lie ahead are few, and then I will go on the way of no return.*

Since Job felt that he had very little of life left inside of him, he needed this intercessor right away.

4) Bad things happen to good people, and the worst things happened to the best Person. Jesus was the only truly Righteous One, yet He suffered more than we can imagine. We follow in His footsteps: "If you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly" (1 Peter 2:20-23). Jesus is no stranger to our pain.

Romans 5:8 declares, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Despite the sinful nature of the people of this world, God still loves us. Jesus loved us enough to die to take the penalty for our sins (Romans 6:23). If we receive Jesus Christ as Savior (John 3:16; Romans 10:9), we will be forgiven and promised an eternal home in heaven (Romans 8:1).

God allows things to happen for a reason. Whether or not we understand His reasons, we must remember that **God is good, just, loving, and merciful** (Psalm 135:3). Often, bad things happen to us that we simply cannot understand. Instead of doubting God's goodness, our reaction should be to trust Him.

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight"*

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

We walk by faith, not by sight.

The book of Job deals with the issue of why God allows bad things to happen to good people. Job was a righteous man (Job 1:1), yet he suffered in ways that are almost beyond belief. God allowed Satan to do everything he wanted to Job except kill him, and Satan did his worst. What was Job's reaction? "Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him" (Job 13:15). "The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised" (Job 1:21). Job did not understand why God had allowed the things He did, but he knew God was good and therefore continued to trust in Him. Ultimately, that should be our reaction as well.

Why do bad things happen to good people? As hard as it is to acknowledge, we must remember that **there are no "good" people**, in the absolute sense of the word. All of us are tainted by and infected with sin (Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8). As Jesus said, "No one is good—except God alone" (Luke 18:19). All of us feel the effects of sin in one way or another. Sometimes it's our own personal sin; other times, it's the sins of others. We live in a fallen world, and we experience the effects of the fall. One of those effects is injustice and seemingly senseless suffering. When wondering why God would allow bad things to happen to good people, it's also good to consider these four things about the bad things that happen:

1) Bad things may happen to good people in this world, but this world is not the end. Christians have an eternal perspective: "We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). We will have a reward some day, and it will be glorious.

2) Bad things happen to good people, but God uses those bad things for an ultimate, lasting good. "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). When Joseph, innocent of wrongdoing, finally came through his horrific sufferings, he was able to see God's good plan in it all (see Genesis 50:19-21).

3) Bad things happen to good people, but those bad things equip believers for deeper ministry. "Praise be to . . . the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:3-5). Those with battle scars can better help those going through the battles.

## Read Matthew Chapter 6.

### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) According to V 1-4, when (not *if*, but *WHEN*) we give to others in need- how should we do it? What would be a right way? What would be a wrong way?

2.) What does Verses 5-15 teach us about prayer? This prayer, known as "The Lord's Prayer" is not meant to be one we memorize and repeat over and over (as the Jews so often did with their prayer books) but is meant to be a model for us to see an example of how to pray and communicate with God.

What is the purpose of prayer? Is prayer for us to give God our wish-list like a Holy Santa Clause? Is it to tell God what He needs to do and what we expect? What do you think prayer is?

Prayer is often a way for the Lord to reveal His will, and change us. Not a way of our making Him conform to our wants and desires. George Mueller is one great example of a strong prayer life, and the results of taking the Lord at His word and trusting him completely. George Muller said:

1. *I SEEK AT THE BEGINNING* to get my heart into such a state that it has **no will of its own** in regard to a given matter. Nine-tenths of the trouble with people is just here. **Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be.** When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His will is.

2. *HAVING DONE THIS*, I do not leave the result to feeling of simple impression. If I do so, I make myself liable to great delusions.

3. *I SEEK THE WILL* of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the Word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will



do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.

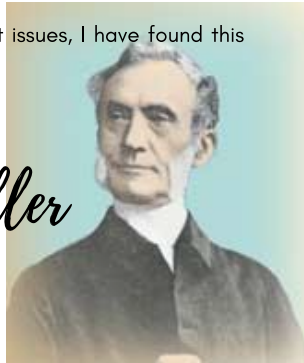
4. *NEXT I TAKE* into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit.

5. *I ASK GOD* in prayer to reveal His will to me aright.

6. *THUS, THROUGH PRAYER* to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly.

In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.

*George Muller*  
1805-1898



**Question:** "Why pray? What is the point of prayer when God knows the future and is already in control of everything? If we cannot change God's mind, why should we pray?"

**Answer:** For the Christian, praying is supposed to be like breathing, easier to do than to not do. We pray for a variety of reasons. For one thing, prayer is a form of serving God (Luke 2:36-38) and obeying Him. We pray because God commands us to pray (Philippians 4:6-7). Prayer is exemplified for us by Christ and the early church (Mark 1:35; Acts 1:14; 2:42; 3:1; 4:23-31; 6:4; 13:1-3). If Jesus thought it was worthwhile to pray, we should also.

Another reason to pray is that God intends prayer to be the means of obtaining His solutions in a number of situations. We pray in preparation for major decisions (Luke 6:12-13); to overcome demonic barriers (Matthew 17:14-21); to gather workers for the spiritual harvest (Luke 10:2); to gain strength to overcome temptation (Matthew 26:41); and to obtain the means of strengthening others spiritually (Ephesians 6:18-19).



*Week 7 - Day 31 - Job 20 & Matthew 11*

**Read Job Chapter 20.**

**Answer and discuss the following questions:**

1.) We see Zophar accusing Job of oppressing and abandoning the poor in order to better himself. He accused Job of taking away their property in order to make himself more prosperous. How else is Job being accused?

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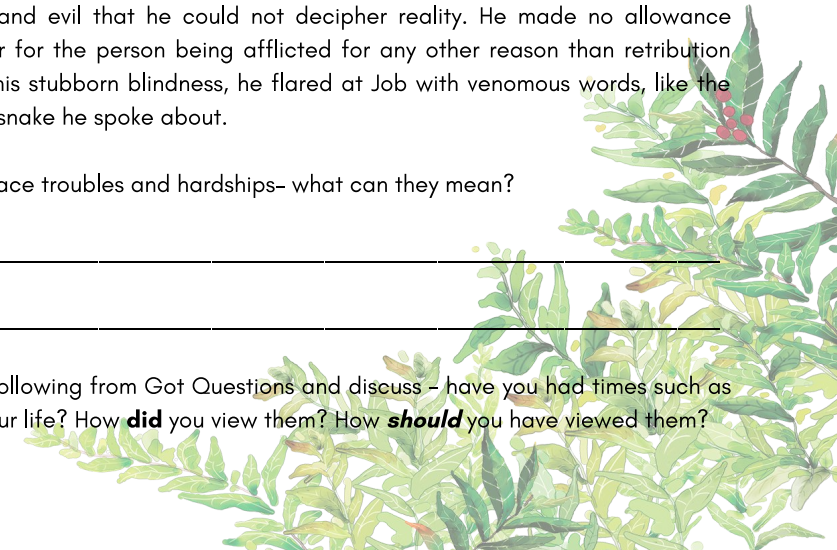
2.) Zophar's conclusion is that Job is wicked and he is being punished by God. He did not bring any new information to Job. He did not have enough Bible doctrine to understand the spiritual warfare which was the center of this angelic conflict. Like many stubborn and unenlightened philosophers of today (atheists, evolutionists, Marxists, agnostics, feminists, liberals, etc.), Zophar was so totally depraved and evil that he could not decipher reality. He made no allowance whatsoever for the person being afflicted for any other reason than retribution for sin. In his stubborn blindness, he flared at Job with venomous words, like the poisonous snake he spoke about.

When we face troubles and hardships- what can they mean?

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Read the following from Got Questions and discuss - have you had times such as these in your life? How **did** you view them? How **should** you have viewed them?



## Week Six Wrap Up!

What seemed most odd, or stood out the most to question?

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What verse (or verses) made you feel convicted or moved most?

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What's a question you have for God this week?

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What's an issue you're struggling with this week?

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How do you feel about this week's studies?

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What would you like to see- in school work or your family in general- that would help you to learn and grow in the Lord?

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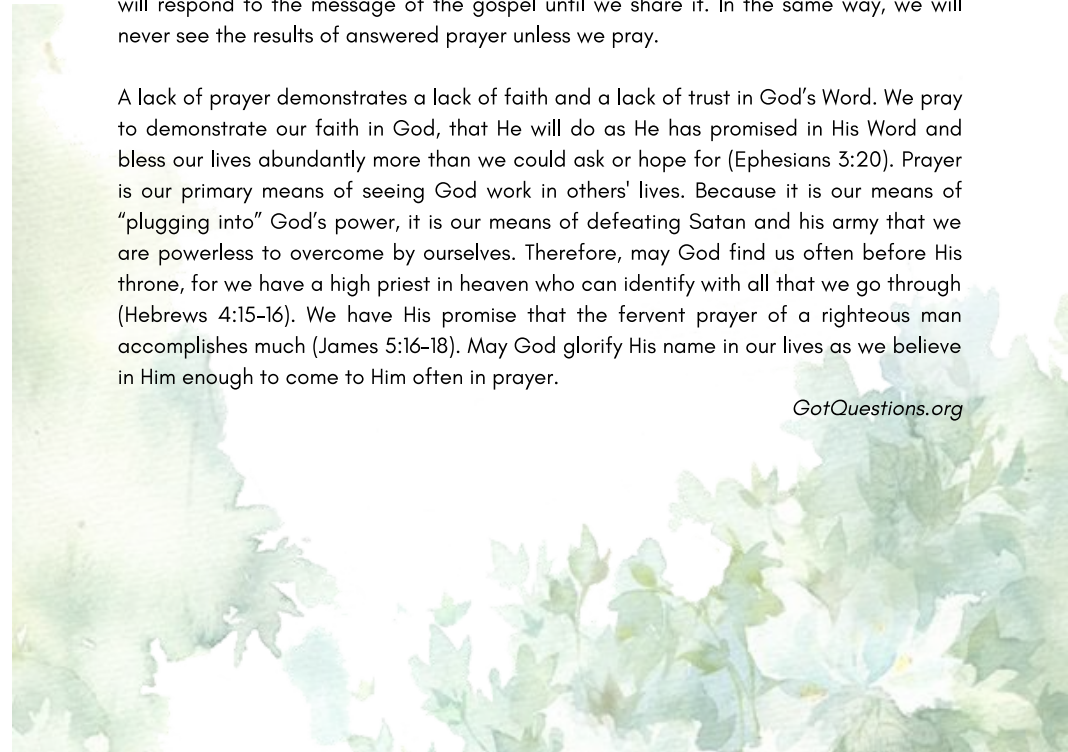
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We come to God with our specific requests, and we have God's promise that our prayers are not in vain, even if we do not receive specifically what we asked for (Matthew 6:6; Romans 8:26-27). He has promised that when we ask for things that are in **accordance with His will**, He will give us what we ask for (1 John 5:14-15). Sometimes He delays His answers according to His wisdom and for our benefit. In these situations, we are to be diligent and persistent in prayer (Matthew 7:7; Luke 18:1-8). Prayer should not be seen as our means of getting God to do our will on earth, but rather as a means of getting God's will done on earth. God's wisdom far exceeds our own.

For situations in which we do not know God's will specifically, prayer is a means of discerning His will. If the Syrian woman with the demon-influenced daughter had not prayed to Christ, her daughter would not have been made whole (Mark 7:26-30). If the blind man outside Jericho had not called out to Christ, he would have remained blind (Luke 18:35-43). God has said that we often go without because we do not ask (James 4:2). In one sense, prayer is like sharing the gospel with people. We do not know who will respond to the message of the gospel until we share it. In the same way, we will never see the results of answered prayer unless we pray.

A lack of prayer demonstrates a lack of faith and a lack of trust in God's Word. We pray to demonstrate our faith in God, that He will do as He has promised in His Word and bless our lives abundantly more than we could ask or hope for (Ephesians 3:20). Prayer is our primary means of seeing God work in others' lives. Because it is our means of "plugging into" God's power, it is our means of defeating Satan and his army that we are powerless to overcome by ourselves. Therefore, may God find us often before His throne, for we have a high priest in heaven who can identify with all that we go through (Hebrews 4:15-16). We have His promise that the fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much (James 5:16-18). May God glorify His name in our lives as we believe in Him enough to come to Him often in prayer.

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Yeshua Elohim Study Bible breaks down The Lord's Prayer with these notes:

*9 So pray this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored, 10 may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Jesus prayed for the kingdom program. He prayed that the will of the Father would be done on earth as it was in heaven. The goal of God the Father is to bring the kingdom of heaven directly down upon the earth. Part of this kingdom program today is calling out and building up the church. The church is the "called-out" ones. They are to be called out of the world, secured for eternity, and sanctified by study of the Word of God.

*11 Give us today our daily bread,*

Jesus prayed for His daily needs. Christian application would be praying for a job, money, food, gas, clothing, and shelter. All of these things are needed for the believer to perform the service that God requires for them to accomplish.

*12 and forgive us our debts, as we ourselves have forgiven our debtors.*

Many teach that prayer should begin with asking for forgiveness of sins, according to 1 John 1:9. However, this is not the order which Jesus used in His model prayer. 1 John 1:9 actually teaches one to continually confess his sins, not just to ask for forgiveness. The believer's past, present, and future sins have already been forgiven at the cross.

*13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

The Jewish believer was to pray for victory in spiritual warfare. If a believer is doing what God wants him to do, then he will need to be delivered from the evil one.

*14 "For if you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

The "others" are human and they will sin. The Jewish believers were to forgive their sins, just as the Father forgave these Jewish believers of their sins.

*15 But if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive you your sins.*

If these Jewish believers want to be forgiven by the Father, then they have to be spiritually mature enough to forgive those who sin against them.

## *Week 6 - Day 30*

Watch these videos together as a family, preferably, and then discuss them as well. You can let Friday's be "movie" days and do the Proverbs study in addition to the weekly suggested family teaching video- whatever works best for your family in this season.

**Search** "Heart Cry Curriculum" on YouTube and be sure to Subscribe.

### **Today we will watch**

#### **Studies in Proverbs: Lesson 6 (Prov. 1:6) | Paul Washer**

**Discuss this together as a family. What are three key points you can take away from this lesson?**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Catch up on anything you need to from this week – how did Week 6 go for you? Each week we'll fill out the following page to help us keep track of our growth throughout the school year.

**Read Luke Chapter 7.**

**Answer and discuss the following questions:**

1.) What has the response to Jesus from the Jews so far?

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While he has been perfectly fulfilling scripture exactly as the Old Testament scriptures said He would- the Jews are largely in disbelief still. Here we see a Gentile, a Roman Officer, who believes in the Messiah and trusts in His power.

The Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 12 promised that those who blessed Israel would be blessed and those who cursed Israel would be cursed. The centurion blessed Israel, so he was blessed. Jesus healed the centurion's servant with just a thought. Can you imagine?

2.) In V 11-17 we see Jesus do a mighty miracle. What does He do?

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Go to 2 Kings 4 - What happens there?

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3.) At the end of the chapter we see Jesus give the example of two men who have their debt forgiven. This is what Jesus does for us- he takes our debt- our sin, and forgives it so that we too may be free- free to come to the Lord in righteousness not by our OWN works, but by what Jesus accomplished! AMEN!

4.) What is fasting?

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There is no command in the Bible for believers to fast. There was no command in the Mosaic Law for the Jewish believers to fast. The Oral Law taught everyone to fast on Mondays and Thursdays. Therefore, these Jewish believers and modern day Christians have freedom to fast or not to fast. If you do choose to fast, as we see many do throughout scripture, what is the purpose and focus of fasting the correct way?

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5.) In light of what we're learning in Job, what does V 19-24 mean?

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6.) From V 19 through the end of Chapter 6 we can learn some very valuable lessons for life. Bottom line being, If a believer pursues the kingdom of God, then God will provide him with every need. Read these scriptures, discuss, and share below ways that you can literally apply these to your & your family's lives each and every day:

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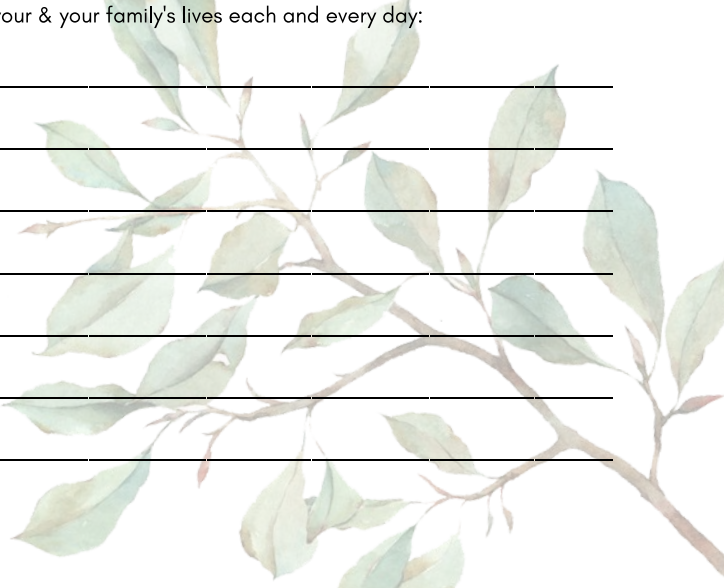
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## Day 28 - Job 18 & Matthew 7

### Read Job Chapter 18.

#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) Bildad is back responding to Job. Bildad was saying that Job will get what is coming to him. He will receive the residence that an evil man deserves. He also claimed that Job did not know God.

Job's friends do not understand the situation. Instead of comforting Job, they attacked him. If God allows, then Satan will cripple a god-fearing man and bring friends and family members to attack him.

Where some things Bildad said generally true?

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What things were wrong that Bildad said?

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### Read Matthew Chapter 8, Verses 1-13.

#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) What is leprosy? Do an online search to learn and see examples.

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Leprosy was contagious. This leper had most likely never been touched since he was diagnosed with this fatal skin disease. Jesus touched him, which most likely shocked the crowds. The leprosy was cured instantly. According to Dr. Luke, this was an advanced stage of leprosy, meaning that the leper was close to death.

There was a Mosaic offering that was supposed to be made for the healing of a leper. However, all throughout history, this offering had **never** been made, because never was a leper healed. The Levitical priest had to ask three questions. The first question was "Did you have leprosy?" The answer would be yes. The second question would be "Were you healed?" The answer would be yes. The third question would be "Who healed you?" The answer would be "**Jesus of Nazareth**". The priest would have to report this incident to the Jewish leadership. The Jewish leadership would have to announce to the people that Jesus was the Messiah. However, the leper did not follow the interactions of Jesus. He went and told all of the people that Jesus had healed them. This incident made Jesus even more of a celebrity, but the people were now coming out not to hear him teach about the kingdom, but to see him perform miracles. This situation is very similar to that of the modern day charismatics. They do not go to church to hear the Word of God. They go to church to observe miracles.

2.) What can we learn in V 5-13 about the Roman Officer's request and the response from Jesus? Most of all we've read has to do with Jesus coming to the Jews to announce himself as their promised Messiah. But this Roman officer was not a Jew, he was a Gentile. Many Gentiles in Rome at this time believed in God and knew of the Messiah. How was the Roman Officer's servant healed?

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## Day 29 - Job 19 & Matthew 8:1-13 - Luke 7

### Read Job Chapter 19.

#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) While we certainly sympathize with Job's despair, we see where he is wrong in the following verses:

You think you're better than I am, using my humiliation as evidence of my sin. But it is God who has wronged me, capturing me in his net.

Is God punishing him? \_\_\_\_\_

This is Job's biggest sin. He does not know all of the details. He is unaware of the spiritual warfare surrounding him. He blames his predicament upon God.

2.) What things do we see Job go on to accuse God of?

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3.) In Verse 25 we see a great change in Job's words- from blaming God for all his despair, to calling out for and knowing that there is one to redeem us. Who is that? Who is the ONLY ONE that can redeem us? \_\_\_\_\_

The Hebrew word for "redeemer" is **גֹּאֵל** (gael), meaning a near relative who pays off the debt of one who is in slavery. Job believed that God was attacking him, but he also believed that God would redeem him and vindicate his innocence. This redeemer must be human and a near relative. Therefore, the Redeemer must be God and man simultaneously. Job lived during the time period of the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), but he possessed advanced knowledge of a coming Savior.

### Read Matthew Chapter 7.

#### Answer and discuss the following questions:

1.) Do Not Judge - Does Jesus tell us here to never judge? To never expose and call out evil? \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible does command that evil is to be exposed. Also, the elders of the church are required to judge those in their congregation who are living in sin. Therefore, believers are to judge those who are committing evil. Believers are to judge other believers who are living in sin. However, there is a way that they are to be judged, and a way that they are not to be judged. The details are given in verse 7.

2.) In verses 7-12 we learn about the importance of relying on the Lord for what we need, and trusting that He will indeed give us what we need. Man is totally depraved and evil, but even in this condition, he will give good gifts to his children. If God is good, then he will give even more to His children. Therefore, the Jewish believers were to talk to God in prayer like His little children. They were to ask for things that they needed. If they ask for a fish, **and if it is in the will of God**, then God will be happy to give it to them. God loves His children and wants to give them gifts.

Have you ever gone to the Lord in prayer for something you needed? What happened? Remember- He ALWAYS answers. It's a YES, NO, or NOT RIGHT NOW. What has He told you before?

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### 3.) The Narrow Gate – What is Jesus telling us in V 13-14?

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Yes– he's telling us that the path to follow Him– to live a true life for God– is a narrow, hard path of life, and not many are going to find it. The broad road, the easy path, is one that will always be the path of evil.

When Jesus mentions the "narrow gate" it could be that he was using examples of the gates around the temple that they would have been familiar with. The narrowest gate of them all was Sha'ar Ha'ashpot, now known as "the Dung Gate". And yes, it was a tiny little gate that was used to remove waste– it would not be the gate you would choose to use when entering the temple.

The Dung Gate in Jerusalem:



### 4.) A Tree & It's Fruit – What do you learn in V 15-20?

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What are YOU producing? Is your fruit good or bad? Look not only at your words, but also your actions, thoughts, plans. What type of tree are you?

### 5.) V 21-23 are some of the most terrifying scriptures of the whole Bible.

“Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! *We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.*’

But I will reply, **‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’**

None of us want to be the one the Messiah responds to with those words. That is something we can judge ourselves on– are we following God's laws? We must study His word to know His ways– and then we submit and obey.

Look at the end of the chapter– we want to follow in the wisdom of the man who built his home on the rock. That rock is Jesus Christ. Those who do not build upon the foundation of the teachings of Jesus are foolish men. They will build upon the foundations of sand, which in this example is the Oral Law.

Reflect on these scriptures and share– where do you need help to align your life with Christ's teaching?

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