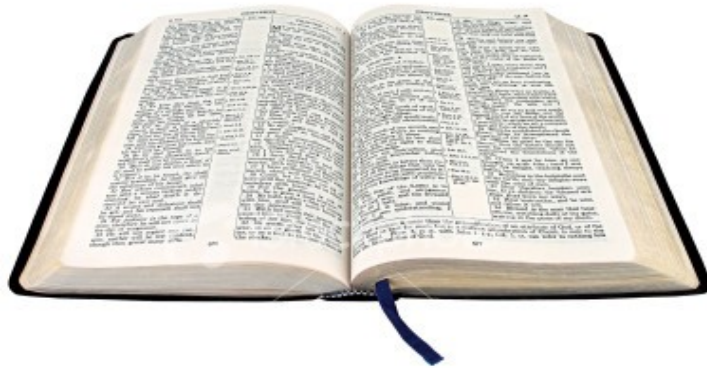


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# Swordsman Teen Newsletter

***Psalms 69:30** I will  
praise the name of  
God with a song, and  
will magnify him with  
thanksgiving.*

**Don't forget to give  
thanks unto the Lord!**



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- 1) **What animal was the first to be let out of Noah's ark?**  
A - A dove  
B - A raven  
C - An alligator  
D - A sparrow
- 2) **It is easier for this animal to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.**  
A - A camel  
B - A gnat  
C - A shrew  
D - A dog
- 3) **This animal was sacrificed instead of Isaac.**  
A - An ox  
B - A lamb  
C - A ram  
D - A wild donkey
- 4) **In the book of Revelation, Death rides this animal.**  
A - A dark horse  
B - A silent mule  
C - A pale horse  
D - A white horse
- 5) **This animal provided Jesus with money to pay taxes.**  
A - A donkey  
B - A cow  
C - A horse  
D - A fish
- 6) **These were some of the exotic animals that were brought to Solomon.**  
A - Peacocks  
B - Dodos  
C - Tigers  
D - Kangaroos
- 7) **These animals fed Elijah during the famine.**  
A - Dogs  
B - Doves  
C - Ravens  
D - Goats
- 8) **During the ten plagues, these animals came out of the River Nile.**  
A - Frogs  
B - Gnats  
C - Mites  
D - Locusts
- 9) **The prodigal son would have been happy to eat the food intended for this animal.**  
A - Cows  
B - Swine  
C - Dogs  
D - Sheep
- 10) **This judge lit 300 foxes' tails on fire.**  
A - Gideon  
B - Jephthah  
C - Ehud  
D - Samson
- 11) **Aaron made an image of this animal for the people of Israel.**  
A - Lion  
B - Serpent  
C - Calf  
D - Ox
- 12) **Moses made an image of this animal for the people of Israel.**  
A - Lion  
B - Serpent  
C - Calf  
D - Ox
- 13) **This animal made a disciple aware of his sin.**  
A - A Turkey  
B - A mule  
C - A raven  
D - A rooster
- 14) **Elisha set a pair of these animals loose on a gang of rowdies who were taunting him.**  
A - Bears  
B - Lions  
C - Tigers  
D - Wild Oxen
- 15) **This animal was killed by Samson, and he later found honey in the carcass.**  
A - Bear  
B - Lion  
C - Tiger  
D - Cow
- 16) **This animal is cursed above all cattle and above all wild animals.**  
A - An alligator  
B - An unclean goat  
C - A serpent  
D - A dung beetle
- 17) **This animal saved its master from the angel of God.**  
A - A dog  
B - A donkey  
C - A goat  
D - A horse
- 18) **This animal killed a prophet of the Lord, but did not eat him or his donkey.**  
A - A bear  
B - A fox  
C - A dog  
D - A lion
- 19) **These animals devoured Ahab's wife.**  
A - Bears  
B - Dogs  
C - Lions  
D - Vultures
- 20) **Samson used the jawbone of this animal to slay a thousand Philistines.**  
A - A donkey  
B - A fox  
C - A lion  
D - An ox

# THE SWORDSMAN TEEN NEWSLETTER

All Scripture in this publication is from the King James Bible.

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

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## Special points of interest:

- Thanksgiving is a very special time of the year for most of us. Family gets together to have a big meal: turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, apple pie, pumpkin pie and all the trimmings. We, as Americans, are getting away from the main reason Thanksgiving was started—to give thanks to a Holy God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us as a people and a country. This Thanksgiving, let's give thanks to our Lord and Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. I challenge you to take five minutes and read the article on Thanksgiving that starts on page 1 and is continued on page 3.

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## Thanksgiving

As we approach our wonderful American holiday of Thanksgiving, I pause to reflect on the importance of thanksgiving in our Christian lives. As I often do when studying a thought or word, I looked **thanksgiving** up in the Bible. The word is first used in the Bible in *Leviticus chapter 7*, in a description of "the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings" *Lev. 7:11 And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD.* I decided to find out what this passage (v.11-15) could teach us about thanksgiving.

**First**, the "sacrifice of thanksgiving" was not a separate offering, but was a kind of peace offering. The peace offering pictures how Christ satisfied the wrath of God against sin and made peace between God and every sinner who will trust in Jesus Christ. It also pictures the inner peace we have through Christ—*Phil. 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* As such, I understand that our inner peace of mind is connected to our practice of thanksgiving. *Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.* We cannot have this peace apart from a thankful heart. If we gripe and complain; if we always see our needs and ignore our blessings; then, we cannot have the peace of God. We will be troubled and continually distressed. To have peace, you must be thankful.

**Second**, the offering of thanksgiving is a multiple offering. It is to be made with unleavened cakes, unleavened wafers and cakes of fine flour (v.12). These differing forms of the sacrifice are not given as options but are all commanded to be offered together. Nothing was to be left out. In like manner, we are to be *Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (Ephesians 5:20).* We cannot choose our favorites and ignore the unpleasant items. We must learn to be thankful for all things. This too is the path to that blessed inner peace from God.

**Third**, God makes an unusual requirement for the sacrifice of thanksgiving. He commands, *Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings." (Lev 7:13)*

Leaven (that is, yeast), in Scripture, pictures that which is false, impure, sinful. It is consistently negative. How can leaven be a part of the thanksgiving offering? Well, remember that we are to give thanks for all things? Evidently that includes the bad as well as the good. We cannot judge God's purpose for the things in our lives. God works it out for good if we love Him. *Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.* Paul even learned to glory in tribulations... *Romans 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 2 Corinthians 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.* ...because he understood that God would turn it to His glory. He learned to be thankful for all things. How about you?

**Fourth**, a portion of the thanksgiving sacrifice was to be given as a "heave offering unto the LORD." *Lev 7:14 And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation for an heave offering unto the LORD, and it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace offerings.* A heave offering was lifted up toward heaven with extended arms as a type of presenting it to the Lord. This shows us that our thanksgiving goes directly up to God and is accepted by Him. Samuel was special because the Lord *"did let none of his words fall to the ground." (1 Samuel 3:19)*

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**RECALL NOTICE:**

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed "Sub-sequential Internal Non-Morality," or more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed. Some of the symptoms include:

**1. Loss of direction 2. Foul vocal emissions 3. Amnesia of origin 4. Lack of peace and joy 5. Selfish or violent behavior 6. Fearfulness 7. Idolatry 8. Rebellion**

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R.

Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

**1. Love 2. Joy 3. Peace 4. Patience 5. Kindness 6. Goodness 7. Faithfulness 8. Gentleness 9. Self control**

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (Believers' Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

**WARNING:** Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

**DANGER:** The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention!

- GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'. Because He Lives!

**Hunting Trip:**

A Pilgrim woman told her husband it would be nice to invite the Indians over for dinner to thank them for all their help since the arrival at Plymouth Rock. She asked him to go hunting and catch a nice big pheasant so they could have a celebration. The husband, having just gotten off the boat, wasn't much of a hunter, but he did his best and set a snare along a small path in the woods.

A short while later, a pheasant came down the path and noticed the circle of strings. "Oh my," it said, "That looks like a trap. Someone could get hurt in one of those." And the pheasant gingerly stepped around the trap.

Soon, another pheasant came down the path and saw the

snare. "Yikes!" it said. "A bird could get caught in one of those. These things shouldn't be left lying around!" The pheasant carefully stepped around the trap and went on its way. Then, a turkey came down the path. Upon seeing the snare, it said, "Wow! A trap! I wonder if it works ...

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus:**

A priest whose sermons were very long and boring, announced in the church on a Sunday that he had been transferred to another church and that it was Jesus' wish that he leave that week. The gathering in the church got up and sang: "What a Friend we have in Jesus!"

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*Proverbs 18:24 KJV A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*

**Painting the Porch**

A blonde, wanting to earn some money, decided to hire herself out as a handyman-type and started canvassing a wealthy neighborhood. She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for her to do. "Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?" "The blonde said, "How about 50 dollars?" The man agreed and told her that the paint and ladders she would need were in the garage. The man's wife, inside the house, heard the conversation and said to her husband, "Does she realize that the porch goes all the way around the house?" The man replied, "She should. She was standing on the porch." A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money. "You're finished already?" he asked. "Yes," the blonde answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats." Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the \$50. "And by the way," the blonde added, "that's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."

**THE CROSS**

The cross, the cross; what a sight to see,  
The cross, where the Christ died for me.  
The cross, the cross; an instrument of death,  
The cross, where Jesus gave up his breath.  
The cross, the cross of Mt. Calvary,  
The cross, where the Christ died for me.  
The cross, the cross; 'MY GOD' he cried,  
The cross, the cross; the Son of God died.  
The cross, the cross; oh what beauty I see,  
The cross of Christ - I am set free.  
The cross, the cross; His blood was shed,  
The cross, now I am alive, but I was dead.  
The cross, the cross; rugged and blood stained,  
The cross of Christ, new life I have gained.

*1 Corinthians 15:3 - 4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*



**Why did the turkey cross the road?**

Because he wasn't chicken!

**Why did the turkey cross the road?**

Because it was the chicken's day off!



**Thanksgiving**

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Unfortunately, many of our words probably never extend beyond our ceiling. God, knowing all things, knows that we said them, but He was untouched. However, words of thanksgiving go directly into the presence of God and are immediately accepted by Him. God calls the giving of thanks one of the sacrifices with which He is "well pleased."

*Hebrews 13:15-16* *By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.* Do you desire to speak words that go directly from your mouth to God's ears? Then speak words of thanksgiving.

**Fifth**, the sacrifice of thanksgiving was to be offered with the sprinkling of the blood of the peace offering. *Lev 7:14* *And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation for an heave offering unto the LORD, and it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace offerings.* This shows that all of our thanksgiving is based on the shed blood of Jesus Christ for our sins. My spirit of thanksgiving is possible because my sins have already been forgiven and because my soul's eternal destiny has been secured by the blood. I can say with Paul, *"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15)*. Because of that gift—Jesus Christ—I can be thankful for everything else that comes my way. God's gift of salvation makes it possible for me to endure and even be thankful for everything that God allows to come my way.

**Sixth**, the flesh of the animal offered with the thanksgiving sacrifice was to be eaten. *Lev 7:15* *And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.* Some sacrifices were to be burnt as wholly given to God, but this sacrifice was to be eaten. In addition, the peace offering seems to be the only sacrifice that was eaten, not only by the priests who offered it, but also by the Israelites who brought the sacrifice. It had the consequence of bringing priest, people and God all together for a meal of blessed fellowship. In like manner, thanksgiving brings God's people closer to each other and closer to their God. The psalmist declares, *"I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people."* (*Psalms 35:18*) Thanksgiving draws us into closer communion with God and with God's people.

**Seventh**, the sacrifice had to be eaten the same day it was offered. Nothing was to be left until the morning.

*Lev 7:15* *And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.* This shows us that yesterday's thankful heart will not suffice for today. Each day must have its own expression of thanksgiving or the day's opportunity will be lost forever. We must be thankful while it is today. Yesterday is gone and we have no promise of tomorrow. Will you be thankful this day for the goodness of God in your life? Will you offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving that reaps so many benefits to you and to others? Judge your heart in this matter. What would God have you to do? Will you be obedient to Him? Will you offer thanksgiving to your

great God? Perhaps this year, Thanksgiving can be more than just an annual holiday. Perhaps this year, it can become a way of life.

**Measuring a Flag Pole**

Bubba and Ray were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up when a woman walked by and asked what they were doing.

"We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Bubba, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman asked Bubba if he had a wrench which he quickly found and gave to her.

The woman loosened a few bolts, and asked Bubba and Ray to lay the pole down.

Then she took a tape measure from her pocket, took a measurement, announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches," and walked away.

Ray shook his head and laughed, "Ain't that just like a woman! We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"

**Reasonable Doubt**

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defense's closing statement, the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick. "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom." He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened. Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement, but you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not guilty."

The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty.

"But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door."

The jury foreman replied, "Oh, we looked, but your client didn't."

There is doubt for many things in life, but one thing you may never have to doubt is going to heaven if you really want to know.

**1 John 5:13** *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

If you are not 100% sure, contact me, go to my web page, ask your preacher, but do not put it off. This is the most **important** thing you will do in your life.

**Children: This turkey tastes like an old sofa!**

Mom: Well, you asked for something with plenty of stuffing!

## Answers to Animals of the Bible

- 1) B - A raven *Genesis 8:6, 7*
- 2) A - A camel *Matthew 19:24*
- 3) C - A ram *Genesis 22:13*
- 4) C - A pale horse *Revelation 6:8*
- 5) D - A fish *Matthew 17:27*
- 6) A - Peacocks *1 Kings 10:22*
- 7) C - Ravens *1 Kings 17:6*
- 8) A - Frogs *Exodus 8:5*
- 9) B - Swine *Luke 15:16*
- 10) D - Samson *Judges 15:3, 4*
- 11) C - Calf *Exodus 32:4*
- 12) B - Serpent *Numbers 21:9*
- 13) D - A rooster *Mark 14:72*
- 14) A - Bears *2 Kings 2:24*
- 15) B - Lion *Judges 14:5, 6, 8*
- 16) C - A serpent *Genesis 3:14*
- 17) B - A donkey *Numbers 22:30-31*
- 18) D - A lion *1 Kings 13:28*
- 19) B - Dogs *2 Kings 9:36*
- 20) A - A donkey *Judges 15:15*

## Turkey Trivia

- Q. What are unhappy cranberries called?  
**A. Blueberries!**
- Q. What's blue and covered with feathers?  
**A. A turkey holding its breath!**
- Q. What's the key to a good Thanksgiving dinner?  
**A. The turKEY!**
- Q. If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?  
**A. Pilgrims!**
- Q. What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede?  
**A. Lots of drumsticks!**
- Q. What would you call a pet squash?  
**A. Call it anything you want - it won't hear you!**
- Q. When the Pilgrims landed, where did they stand?  
**A. On their feet!**
- Q. Why didn't the turkey eat dessert?  
**A. He was stuffed!**



## Hot sauce

A minister who was very fond of pure, hot horseradish always kept a bottle of it on his dining room table. He offered some to a guest, who took a big spoonful. When the guest finally was able to speak, he gasped, "I've heard many ministers preach hellfire, but you are the first one I've met who passed out a sample of it."

## Sunday Dinner

A young couple invited their pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they



were having.

"Goat," the little boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the Pastor, "Are you sure about that?"

Yes," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'We might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'"

## Heart attack

An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a casket containing a mummy. After examining it, he called the (1) curator of the Israel museum in Jerusalem.

"I've just discovered a 3000-year old mummy of a man who died of heart failure! the excited scientist exclaimed. The curator replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out." A week later the curator called the archaeologist, "You were right about both the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?"

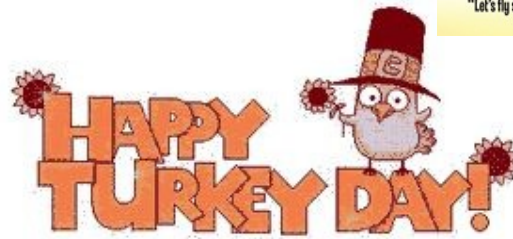
"Easy. There was a piece of paper in his hand that said '10,000 Shekels on Goliath'."

(1) The administrative head of a museum, gallery, or other collection.

**Josh:** Why did the farmer run a steamroller over his potato field on Thanksgiving Day?

**Phil:** Why?

**Josh:** He wanted to raise mashed potatoes.



MAY YOUR STUFFING BE TASTY,  
 MAY YOUR TURKEY BE PLUMP.  
 MAY YOUR POTATOES'N GRAVY...  
 HAVE NARY A LUMP,  
 MAY YOUR YAMS BE DELICIOUS,  
 MAY YOUR PIES TAKE THE PRIZE,  
 MAY YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER  
 STAY OFF OF YOUR THIGHS.

*Happy Thanksgiving*

**Romans 9:3** For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: **3 John 1:2** Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

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 End

