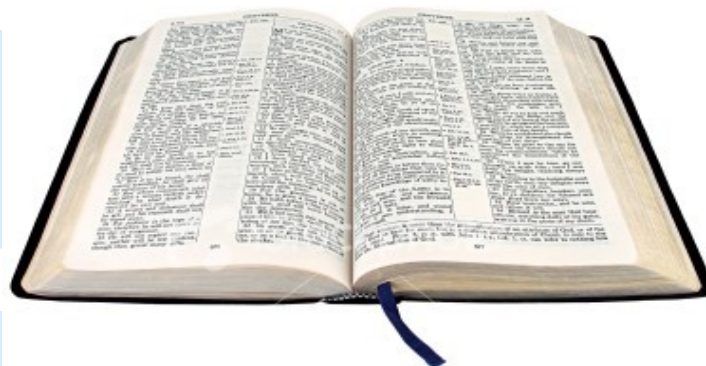


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# Swordsman Teen Newsletter



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## What Do You Know About The Devil?

1. According to Jude's epistle, who disputed with Satan over the body of Moses?
  - A. Aaron
  - B. Joshua
  - C. The archangel Michael
  - D. Jesus
2. What animal does First Peter compare Satan to?
  - A. A tame lion
  - B. A roaring Lion
  - C. A snake
  - D. A wolf
3. In what epistle does Paul refer to Satan as "the god of this world"?
  - A. 2 Corinthians
  - B. 1 Corinthians
  - C. Acts
  - D. Hebrews
4. What, according to the New Testament, is the final place for Satan?
  - A. In a Prison
  - B. A lake of fire and brimstone
  - C. In chains at bottomless pit
  - D. In the center of the earth
5. In what Gospel does Jesus refer to Satan as "the prince of this world"?
  - A. Matthew
  - B. Mark
  - C. Like
  - D. John
6. What is Satan the father of?
  - A. Man
  - B. Lies
  - C. Murder
  - D. Fornication
7. What prophet spoke of the fallen Lucifer, usually taken to refer to Satan as a fallen angel?
  - A. Jeremiah
  - B. Samuel
  - C. Isaiah
  - D. Daniel
8. According to the parable of the sower, what happens when someone hears the Word of the kingdom and doesn't understand it?
  - A. Lies to you about it
  - B. Says the Scriptures is not true
  - C. Catcheth it away from you
  - D. Does nothing
9. According to John's Gospel, Satan was from the very beginning both a liar and a\_\_\_\_\_.
10. In what epistle does Paul call Satan the "spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience"?
  - A. Colossian
  - B. Ephesians
  - C. Galatians
  - D. Philippians
11. What Gospel uses the name Beelzebub?
  - A. Matthew
  - B. Mark
  - C. Luke
  - D. John
12. What book of the Bible speaks of a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit speaks of Abaddon and Apollyon, both names for Satan?
  - A. Daniel
  - B. Isaiah
  - C. Third John
  - D. Revelation
13. What apostle spoke of the contrast between Christ and Belial (presumably another name for the devil)?
  - A. John
  - B. Paul
  - C. Simon
  - D. Thomas
14. What prophet spoke of "weeping for the king of Tyre" in a passage that has traditionally been interpreted as referring to Satan instead of a human king?
  - A. Ezekiel
  - B. Jeremiah
  - C. Daniel
  - D. Nehemiah
15. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus refers to seeing the fall of Satan. What does he compare the fall to?
  - A. Star
  - B. Smoke
  - C. Fire
  - D. Lighting
16. Who did Satan provoke to do a census in Israel?
  - A. Solomon
  - B. Joab
  - C. David
  - D. Benjamin
17. What disciple did Satan enter into?
  - A. Simon Peter
  - B. Judas Iscariot
  - C. James
  - D. Thomas
18. What disciple was told by Jesus that Satan wanted to sift him like wheat?
  - A. Thomas
  - B. Andrew
  - C. James
  - D. Simon
19. What New Testament man did Satan provoke to lie to the Holy Ghost?
  - A. Ananias
  - B. Judas
  - C. Peter
  - D. Thomas
20. Who had seven sons that were overcome by an evil spirit they were trying to cast out of a man?
  - A. Elioenai
  - B. Jesse
  - C. Sceva
  - D. Bilhah

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*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*

## Memory Verse for the Month

**Mark 16:6** *And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.*

**Put this verse into your heart.**



## What Does The Resurrection of Christ Mean?

**"Easter Sunday"** is an annual holiday celebrated by many. Millions of people commemorate the resurrection of Jesus on this day. Many consider it as "the most holy" of religious holidays. For some, it marks the only time they attend church services. (Christmas runs a close second.) Christians in the first century did not have an annual observance of this event. The word **"Easter"** is found only once in the KJV Bible.

**Acts 12:4** *And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people.*

The word in the Greek is actually **"Passover,"** and is so translated elsewhere in the KJV. "It is reasonably certain that the NT contains no reference to a yearly celebration of the resurrection of Christ." The annual observance is a human tradition, introduced in the second and third centuries. **Many churches today who follow the New Testament pattern do not celebrate "Easter" per-say. What does Easter mean to you and I if we are saved?**

**If Christ was not raised from the dead, the gospel preaching would be in vain.**

**1 Corinthians 15:14** *And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.*

The preaching of the apostles would have been empty and meaningless if Jesus was still dead in a tomb because they would be proclaiming nothing more than a fairy tale, a story of fiction.

**Our faith would be in vain.**

Our belief in Christ would also be empty and without meaning if our faith was based on a lie, a story of make believe, not truth. The apostles would have been false witnesses.

**1 Corinthians 15:15** *Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.*

**They swore that God raised Jesus from the dead.**

**Acts 2:32** *This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.*

They claimed to spend 40 days with Him after the resurrection, eating and drinking with Him. **(Acts 10:39-41)** There is no way they could have been deceived or mistaken; either they told the truth or they were deliberate liars, deceivers, and frauds!

**We would still be in our sins.**

**1 Corinthians 15:17** *And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*

If it would have been a liar or lunatic that died on the cross, we would not have had a sacrifice that was holy and without blemish. Without the perfect sacrifice (Jesus) then all believers in Jesus would perish at death.

Editor's Note: "Thank the Lord we serve a risen Savior."

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### **Brooklyn Bridge**

A blonde and a redhead met for dinner after work and were watching the 6 o'clock news. A man was shown threatening to jump from the Brooklyn Bridge. The blonde bet the redhead \$50 that he wouldn't jump, and the redhead replied, "I'll take that bet!" Anyway, sure enough, he jumped, so the blonde gave the redhead the \$50 she owed. The redhead said, "I can't take this, you're my friend." The blonde said, "No. A bet's a bet." So the redhead said, "Listen, I have to admit, I saw this one on the 5 o'clock news, so I can't take your money." The blonde replied, "Well, so did I, but I never thought he'd jump again!"

### **The Old Fisherman**

Our house was directly across the street from the clinic entrance of John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. We lived downstairs and rented the upstairs rooms to patients at the clinic. One summer evening as I was fixing supper, there was a knock at the door. I opened it to see a truly awful looking man. "Why, he's hardly taller than my eight-year-old," I thought as I stared at the stooped, shriveled body. But the appalling thing was his face - lopsided from swelling, red and raw.

Yet his voice was pleasant as he said, "Good evening. I've come to see if you've a room for just one night. I came for a treatment this morning from the eastern shore, and there's no bus till morning." He told me he'd been hunting for a room since noon but with no success, no one seemed to have a room. "I guess it's my face: I know it looks terrible, but my doctor says with a few more treatments. . ."

For a moment I hesitated, but his next words convinced me. "I could sleep in this rocking chair on the porch. My bus leaves early in the morning."

I told him we would find him a bed, but to rest on the porch. I went inside and finished getting supper. When we were ready, I asked the old man if he would join us. "No thank you. I have plenty." And he held up a brown paper bag.

When I had finished the dishes, I went out on the porch to talk with him a few minutes. It didn't take a long time to see that this old man had an oversized heart crowded into that tiny body. He told me he fished for a living to support his daughter, her five children, and her husband, who was hopelessly crippled from a back injury. He didn't tell it by way of complaint; in fact, every other sentence was prefaced with a thanks to God for a blessing. He was grateful that no pain accompanied his disease which was apparently a form of skin cancer. He thanked God for giving him the strength to keep going.

At bedtime, we put a camp cot in the children's room for him. When I got up in the morning, the bed linens were neatly folded and the little man was out on the porch. He refused breakfast, but just before he left for his bus, haltingly, as if asking a great favor, he said, "Could I please come back and stay the next time I have a treatment? I won't put you out a bit. I can sleep fine in a chair." He paused a moment and then added, "Your children made me feel at home. Grownups are bothered by my face, but children don't seem to mind."

I told him he was welcome to come again and on his next trip he arrived a little after seven in the morning. As a gift, he brought a big fish and a quart of the largest oysters I had ever seen. He said he had shucked them that morning before he left so that they'd be nice and fresh. I knew his bus left at 4:00 a.m. and I wondered what time he had to get up

in order to do this for us.

In the years he came to stay overnight with us, there was never a time that he did not bring us fish or oysters or vegetables from his garden. Other times we received packages in the mail, always by special delivery; fish and oysters packed in a box of fresh young spinach or kale, every leaf carefully washed. Knowing that he must walk three miles to mail these and knowing how little money he had made the gifts doubly precious.

When I received these little remembrances, I often thought of a comment our next-door neighbor made after he left that first morning. "Did you keep that awful looking man last night? I turned him away! You can lose roomers by putting up such people!" Maybe we did lose roomers once or twice. But oh! If only they could have known him, perhaps their illnesses would have been easier to bear. I know our family always will be grateful to have known him; from him we learned what it was to accept the bad without complaint and the good with gratitude to God.

Recently I was visiting a friend who has a greenhouse. As she showed me her flowers, we came to the most beautiful one of all, a golden chrysanthemum, bursting with blooms. But to my great surprise, it was growing in an old dented, rusty bucket. I thought to myself, "If this were my plant, I'd put it in the loveliest container I had!" My friend changed my mind. "I ran short of pots," she explained, "and knowing how beautiful this one would be, I thought it wouldn't mind starting out in this old pail. It's just for a little while, till I can put it out in the garden."

She must have wondered why I laughed so delightedly, but I was imagining just such a scene in heaven. "Here's an especially beautiful one," God might have said when he came to the soul of the sweet old fisherman. "He won't mind starting in this small body."

All this happened long ago-and now, in God's garden, how tall this lovely soul must stand.

### **Dirty Money**

Timmy didn't want to put his money in the offering plate Sunday morning, so his mother decided to use some hurried creative reasoning with him.

"You don't want that money, honey," she whispered in his ear. "Quick! Drop it in the plate. It's tainted!"

Horrified, the little boy obeyed.

After a few seconds he whispered, "But, mommy, why was the money tainted? Was it dirty?"

"Oh, no dear," she replied. "It's not really dirty. It just 'taint yours, and it 'taint mine," she replied. "It's God's."

### **A Sheepish Recovery**

A devout old shepherd lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

### **A Day**

God is talking to one of his angels and says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?"

The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?"

God says, "I think I'll call it a day."

What Does The Resurrection of Christ Mean?

**1 Corinthians 15:18** Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

Their faith would have been in a false Savior. They would have had no atonement for their sins. Dying in their sins, there would be no hope for eternal life.

Jesus declares He arose. It verifies our justification.

**Romans 4:24-25** But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; **25** Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Jesus declares His blood would be adequate.

**Matthew 26:28** For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

By raising Jesus from the dead, God demonstrated His acceptance of Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins!

**Romans 8:33-34** Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. **34** Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Power is available at our conversion

**Colossians 2:11-12** In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: **12** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

**1 Peter 3:21** The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Power is available to live the Christian life

**Romans 8:11-13** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. **12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

**Philippians 2:12-13** Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. **13** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. **(Eph 3:20; 6:10)**

It gives us hope concerning our own resurrection.

**1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Editor's note: This is an extensive Bible study and would take up many pages if I printed out all the verses. Please take the time to look up the verses on your own.

Will He Hurt Us?

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

A New Preacher

A new preacher came to his first church, a little old country church. The first Sunday, only one person showed up for the morning service, a little old man in bib-over-alls. The Preacher said to the man, "Brother, you seem to be the only one to show up this morning, should I preach or what?" The little old man replied, "Well Sir, I ain't no preacher, I'm just an old farmer, but if I had a truck load of hay, and I went to the pasture and only one cow showed up, I'd feed that cow!" The Preacher, inspired by these words of wisdom, began to preach like he never had before, he preached every thing he had learned or heard and then began to make up stuff, finally after 2-hours, he finished. He looked to the little old man and said, "Well brother, what did you think of my first sermon here?" The little old man replied, "Well Sir, I ain't no preacher, I'm just a little old farmer, but if I had a truck load of hay and I went to the pasture and only one cow showed up, I wouldn't dump the whole load on him!"

Lawyer at The Pearly Gates

One day, a teacher, a garbage collector, and a lawyer wound up together at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter informed them that in order to get into Heaven, they would each have to answer one question. St. Peter addressed the teacher and asked, "What was the name of the ship that crashed into an iceberg? They just made a movie about it." The teacher answered quickly, "That would be the Titanic." St. Peter let him through the gate. St. Peter turned to the garbage man and decided to make the question a little harder, "How many people died on the ship?" Fortunately for him, the trash man had just seen the movie and answered, "About 1,500." "That's right! You may enter." St. Peter then turned to the lawyer. "Name them."

Three Wise Women

You know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you?

They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

Matthew 28:6 (KJV) He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

**Answers to: What Do You Know About The Devil?**

1. **C** - The archangel Michael *Jude 9*
2. **B** -A roaring lion *1 Peter 5:8*
3. **A** - *2 Corinthians 4:4*
4. **B** -A lake of fire and brimstone *Revelation 20:10*
5. **D** -*John 14:30; 16:11*
6. **B** -Lies *John 8:44*
7. **C** -*Isaiah 14:1*
8. **C**-The wicked one (Satan) catcheth away that which was sown in the heart *Matthew 13:19*
9. **A** -murderer *John 8:44*
10. **B** - *Ephesians 2:2*
11. **A** - *Matthew 12:24*
12. **D** - *Revelation 9:11*
13. **B** - Paul *2 Corinthians 6:15*
14. **A** -*Ezekiel 28:11-19*
15. **D** -Lightning *Luke 10:*
16. **C** -David *1 Chronicles 21:1*
17. **B** -Judas Iscariot *Luke 22:3-4*
18. **D** -Simon *Luke 22:31*
19. **A** -Ananias *Acts 5:3*
20. **C** -Sceva *Acts 19:14-16*

**What Happens in Heaven When We Pray?**

This is one of the nicest e-mails I have seen and is so true: I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received" I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world. Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section. The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them." I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth. Finally! At the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section," my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed. "How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked. "So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments." "How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord." "What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked "If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy." "And if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity." "If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day." "If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 700 million people in the world." "If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are envied by and more blessed than three billion people in the world." "If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare." "If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm. You're unique to all those in doubt and despair." "Okay. What now? How can I start?" If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special, and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all. Have a good day. Count your blessings. And if you care too, pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

**ATTN: Acknowledge Department**

"Thank you Lord for giving me the ability to share this message and for giving me so many wonderful people with whom to share it."

**The Hand of God**

Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday worship. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid double rainbow in the sky.

"Doesn't it look like an artist painted this rainbow?" his mother exclaimed. "I bet God painted this just for you!"

"Yes," replied Philip, "God did it, and he did it left handed."

Confused, his mother asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Philip, "we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

**Ask and You Shall Receive**

Pastor Larson and his council president, Sven Johnson ended up in a heated argument over a seemingly minor worship detail. "I suggest we go home and pray to God to grant us peaceful hearts," said Pastor Larson as Sven stormed past him into the churchyard. After worship the next Sunday morning, Sven greeted Pastor Larson warmly. "I took your advice," he said. "I went home and said a prayer." "Great!" said Pastor Larson. "So did I! I prayed that God would grant us both peaceful hearts and a fresh start." "That's not what I prayed," said Sven. "I asked God to help me put up with you."

**That's all for this month**