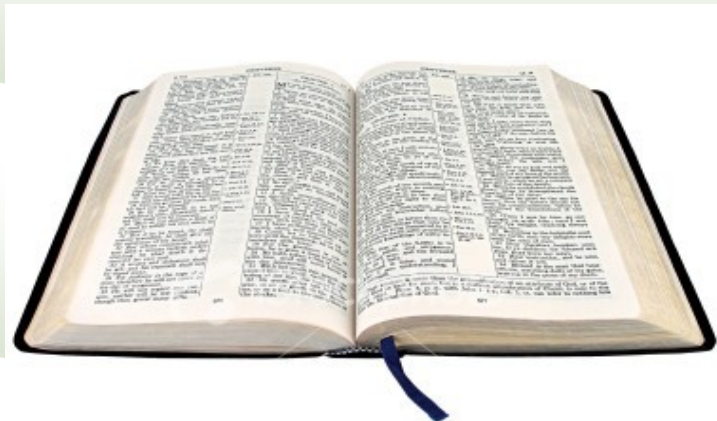


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General ~ Circle the right answer:

1) This man was stoned over a vineyard.

- A - Joseph
- B - Noah
- C - Naboth
- D - Jether

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?

2) This Israelite commander was murdered at the gates of Hebron.

- A - Amasa
- B - Abner
- C - Benaiah
- D - Joab

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

3) This fat king had a dagger driven through his stomach while in a private consultation.

- A - Absalom
- B - Nebuchadnezzar
- C - Xerxes
- D - Eglon

A. Nebuchadnezzar. He was on grass for seven years.

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury.

A. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.

A. Honda...because the

4) This man murdered his own brother.

- A - Cain
- B - David
- C - Ahab
- D - Obed

5) This man was stoned to death, after he claimed to have seen Christ in heaven.

- A - James
- B - Peter
- C - Paul
- D - Stephen

6) This general was murdered in his sleep by a woman who drove a tent peg through his head.

- A - Sisera
- B - Nebuzaradan
- C - Rabshakeh
- D - Darius

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

7) This man murdered 85 priests of the LORD.

- A - Adonijah
- B - Sheba, son of Bichri
- C - Doeg the Edomite
- D - Nethania

8) This son of David was murdered at a party.

- A - Amnon
- B - Adonijah
- C - Absalom
- D - Solomon

9) This foolish man's wife saved him from being murdered.

- A - Saul
- B - Moses
- C - Jeremiah
- D - Nabal

Q. Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?

A. In the big inning, Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel,

10) The children of this town were ruthlessly murdered by Herod.

- A - Bethlehem
- B - Jerusalem
- C - Nazareth
- D - Samaria

11) This man was betrayed to be murdered for 30 pieces of silver.

- A - David
- B - Joseph
- C - Jesus
- D - Lot

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?  
A. Joshua, son of Nun.

12) This man was murdered for not doing his duty, and he was left to wallow in his blood, while his murderer's brother stood guard.

- A - Jehoshaphat
- B - Amasa
- C - Abner
- D - Abishai

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew

13) This man murdered an Egyptian taskmaster and buried him in the sand.

- A - Abraham
- B - Moses
- C - Joseph
- D - Jacob

14) This woman murdered her whole family except one grandson.

- A - Jezebel
- B - Mishat
- C - Jehoiada
- D - Athaliah

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and

15) Two brothers slew all the men of Shechem, for the sake of this woman.

- A - Dinah
- B - Ruth
- C - Esther
- D - Abigail

16) This man killed 30 men, just to get their garments.

- A - David
- B - Saul
- C - Samson
- D - Gideon

Q. What is the first recorded case of constipation in the Bible?

A. It's in Kings, where it says that David sat on the Throne for forty

17) This man's army tried to convince him to kill his enemy in a cave.

- A - David
- B - Saul
- C - Samson
- D - Gideon

18) This king of Judah murdered his children by burning them before pagan gods.

- A - Jozadek
- B - Ahaz
- C - Hezekiah
- D - Zimri

19) This man's murder was carefully planned by someone having an affair with his wife.

- A - Uriah
- B - Azahel
- C - Jehoahaz
- D - Zedekiah

Q. Why was Goliath so surprised when David hit him with a slingshot?

A. The thought had never entered his head before.

20) This man's head was brought in on a platter.

- A - Joab
- B - Daniel
- C - Ezekiel
- D - John the Baptist

That's all folks!

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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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## Faith

Living by faith I can see Him  
 Listening by faith I can hear  
 Standing by faith I can feel Him  
 He'll wipe away every tear,  
 Living by faith I can trust Him  
 Give Him my sorrows and fears  
 Looking to my blessed Saviour  
 Loving words from His lips I can hear.

Walking by faith I can follow  
 Treading His footsteps divine  
 Yielding my all to His keeping  
 His grace all sufficient I'll find.  
 Faith comes to my heart as I study,  
 As I pore o'er the pages sublime  
 I trust Him and not self any longer  
 And commit to Him all that was mine.

## CAN GOD? (Part 2)

**Luke 16:19-31** *There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

## CAN GOD REALLY SAVE YOUR LOVED ONES?

There isn't a person reading this article that doesn't have someone whom they love that is lost. It may be a spouse, a child, a parent, or it may be a friend or some other relative, but there is someone you care deeply about that would be in Hell if they were to die today. If you are like me, you are deeply disturbed by that thought and would like to see them saved and have a strong relationship with the Lord. In fact, you would do everything in your power to see them come to know the Lord, wouldn't you? This is the predicament that the rich man found himself in when he realized that he would never be delivered from his own damnation in Hell. He remembered the fact that he had five brothers who were also headed to Hell and needed to be saved. With the terrible knowledge that they were doomed to join him in Hell, he tried to do something to change that fact. I believe that his greatest torment in Hell was the knowledge that those he cared about were on their way there to join him. Now, it is true that we all have loved ones headed to Hell. It is also true that we cannot save them. However, I would like to give you some hope concerning their salvation. We may often find ourselves confronted with the question, "Can God really save my loved ones?" That question may haunt us and burden our hearts, but the simple answer is this, "God can!" Allow me to give you some insight into the truth that God can save your loved ones. He can even save you if you are here today and have never been saved.

## GOD'S PAST EFFORTS TO SAVE YOUR LOVED ONES.

There are great gifts of God which are already in place to prove that He is concerned with the salvation of your loved ones. Let me to share three of them with you. ✨

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## Afflictions

I am writing in response to your request for additional information. In block number 3 of the accident reporting form, I put, "Poor Planning", as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully, and I trust that the following details will be sufficient:

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a ten-story building. When I completed my work, I discovered I had about 500 pounds of bricks left over. Rather than carry them down by hand, I decided to lower them to the ground in a barrel by using a pulley which, fortunately, was attached to the side of the building at the tenth floor.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the roof, loaded the 500 pounds of bricks, then went back down to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow descent of the 500 pounds of bricks. (You will note in block 11 of the accident reporting form that I weigh 135 pounds). Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forget to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the fifth floor, I met the barrel coming down. This explains the fractured skull and broken collarbone.

I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope in spite of my pain.

At approximately this same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground, and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the bricks, the barrel now weighed approximately 30 pounds.

I refer you again to my weight in block number 11 of the accident reporting form. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the fifth floor, I met that barrel coming up again! This accounts for the two fractured ankles and lacerations of my legs and lower body.

The second encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of bricks, and fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the bricks -- in pain and unable to stand -- watching the empty barrel ten stories above me -- I again lost my presence of mind -- I LET GO OF THE ROPE.

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9** *We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;*

## The Reverend Doctor Baptist Preacher

The Reverend Doctor Baptist preacher was holding revival at a rural church. After three inspired sermons one of the senior saints of the congregation commented as she shook his hand on her way out:

"Sir, when they told me we were having one of those professor types to preach our revival, I was not expecting to get much out of it. But may I say that for a PhD, you preach like a man with no education at all."

## Truck For Sale

*A sixteen year-old boy came home with a new Chevrolet truck and his parents began to yell and scream, "Where did you get that truck????!!!"*

*He calmly told them "I bought it today."*

*"With what money?" demanded his parents. They knew what a Chevrolet truck cost.*

*"Well," said the boy, "This one cost me just fifteen dollars. "So the parents began to yell even louder. "Who would sell a truck like that for fifteen dollars?" they said..*

*"It was the lady up the street," said the boy. I don't know her name -they just moved in. She saw me ride past on my bike and asked me if I wanted to buy a Chevrolet truck for fifteen dollars.'*

*"Oh my Goodness," moaned the mother, "she must be a child abuser. Who knows what she will do next? John, you go right up there and see what's going on." So the boy's father walked up the street to the house where the lady lived and found her out in the yard calmly planting petunias!*

*He introduced himself as the father of the boy to whom she had sold a new Chevrolet truck for fifteen dollars and demanded to know why she did it.*

*"Well," she said, "This morning I got a phone call from my husband. (I thought he was on a business trip, but learned from a friend he had run off to Hawaii with his mistress and really doesn't intend to come back)."*

*He claimed he was stranded and needed cash, and asked me to sell his new Chevrolet truck and send him the money" So I did."*

## Bible One-Liners

- Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?  
**A. No, just an apple.**
- Where was Solomon's temple located?  
**A. On the side of his head.**
- Why didn't Noah go fishing?  
**A. He only had two worms.**
- Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?  
**A. When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.**
- Who was the fastest runner in the race?  
**A. Adam, because he was first in the human race**
- Why did the unemployed man get excited while looking through his Bible?  
**A. He thought he saw a job.**
- Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?  
**A. Samson. He brought the house down**
- On the Ark, Noah probably got milk from the cows  
What did he get from the ducks?  
**A. Quackers**



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CAN GOD REALLY SAVE YOUR LOVED ONES?

**A. The Word Of God**

*John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

One of the greatest gifts ever given to man is the Bible! In the pages of this perfect Book, God gives a revelation of Himself to mankind. In the pages of the Bible, we are able to read of the love of God for sinners and the plan of God to save sinners. The Bible was given to man for the express purpose of revealing God to man. That is why I say that the Bible is proof positive that God has made efforts in the past to save those you love. He took 40 different authors, from various walks of life, who wrote over a 1,600 year period of time and brought it all together in this book we call the Bible. And, in its pages, men can see themselves (*James 1:23-25*) and they can see God.

**B. The Work Of God**

When we look back across the landscape of times past, we can see the hand of God reach out of eternity into time to perform His mighty works, all of which were and are designed to bring men to a saving knowledge of Himself. We can see in the great works of God the fact that He is interested in saving your loved ones.

**C. In Creation**

Even the creation that exists all around us stands as proof of God's great desire to bring your loved ones to himself.

*Psalms 19:1-4 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,*

All around us stands the proof of God's existence and love for men. God has done everything in His power to reveal Himself to man through His creation. Only those who would be willfully blind cannot see Him when they look around! Or, as the Psalmist says, perhaps they are simply fools.

**Darwinians and God**

One day a group of Darwinian scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one Darwinian to go and tell Him that they were done with Him. The Darwinian walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost." God listened very patiently and kindly to the man. After the Darwinian was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest." To which the Darwinian happily agreed. God added, "Now, we're going to

do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam." The Darwinian said, "Sure, no problem," and bent down to grab a handful of dirt. God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You get your own dirt!"

**Jesus Who?**

An old nun, who was living in a convent next to a construction site, noticed the coarse language of the workers and decided to spend some time with them to correct their ways. She decided she would take her lunch, sit with the workers, and talk with them. She put her sandwich in a brown bag and walked over to the spot where the men were eating. She walked up to the group and with a big smile said, "Do you men know Jesus Christ?" They shook their heads and looked at each other. One of the workers looked up into the steelwork and yelled, "Anybody up there know Jesus Christ?" One of the steelworkers asked why. The worker yelled, "His wife is here with his lunch."

**Jesus vs. Satan Computer Programmer**

Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better programmer. This goes on for a few hours until they come to an agreement to hold a contest with God as the judge. They set themselves before their computers and begin. They type furiously, lines of code streaming up the screen for several hours straight. Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes, taking out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show what he has come up with. Satan is visibly upset and cries he has nothing and lost it all when the power went out! God then says, "Let us see if Jesus fared any better." Jesus enters a command, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, and voices of angels pour forth from the speakers. Satan is astonished and stutters, "H-h-h-how?? I lost everything, yet Jesus' program is intact! How did he do it?" God chuckles and says, "Everybody knows . . . Jesus SAVES!!"

*Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

**Teaching My Granddaughter**

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and always she was correct. But it was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!"

**Gladly the cross I'd bear**

A child came home from Sunday School and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took his mother a while before she realized that the hymn was really "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear,"

**Answer to General Quiz.**

- 1) C - Naboth (*1 Kings 21*)
- 2) B - Abner (*2 Samuel 3:27*)
- 3) D - Eglon (*Judges 3:17,21*)
- 4) A - Cain (*Gen 4:8*)
- 5) D - Stephen (*Acts 7*)
- 6) A - Sisera (*Judges 4*)
- 7) C - Doeg the Edomite (*1 Samuel 22:18*)
- 8) A - Amnon (*2 Samuel 13:28*)
- 9) D - Nabal (*1 Samuel 25*)
- 10) A - Bethlehem (*Matthew 2:16*)
- 11) C - Jesus (*Matthew 27*)
- 12) B - Amasa (*2 Samuel 20:12*)
- 13) B - Moses (*Exodus 2*)
- 14) D - Athaliah (*2 Kings 11*)
- 15) A - Dinah (*Gen 34*)
- 16) C - Samson (*Judges 14*)
- 17) A - David (*1 Samuel 24*)
- 18) B - Ahaz (*2 Chronicles 28*)
- 19) A - Uriah (*2 Samuel 11*)
- 20) D - John the Baptist

**Tithes & offering**

Church finances were a little tight, so the pastor took extra time this particular Sunday to emphasize the importance of everyone giving their tithes and offerings. He went on to challenge the people to give enthusiastically because *II Corinthians 9:7* "says, *"God loves a cheerful giver."* As the plate was passed, a little boy in the second pew, quickly slipped off his neck tie and placed it into the offering plate. His mother, absolutely mortified, asked him what in the world he thought he was doing. The boy replied, "The pastor said put your ties in the offering plate and do it joyfully. I love that man!"

**Boyfriend**

A blonde suspects her boyfriend of cheating on her. She goes out and buys a gun. She goes to his apartment unexpectedly, and sure enough, she opens the door and finds him in the arms of a redhead.

The blonde gets very angry. She opens her purse to take out the gun but as she does, she is overcome with grief. She takes the gun and points to her head. The boyfriend yells, "NO, honey, don't do it!" The blonde replies "Shut up, you're next."

**Blind Driveway**

A blonde and her husband were driving down a Vermont country road when they past a sign that read "BLIND DRIVEWAY AHEAD".

The blonde then told her husband, "honey, isn't that wonderful that the government provides signs to let you know where someone blind lives!"

**Memory Verse:** *John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

**ALL THOSE THEE'S AND THOU'S**

Have you ever heard anyone say "I can't understand that ol' King James Bible with all those thee's and thou's. The young people really need something easier to understand." Sure, all of us King James Bible believers have heard such remarks. I think people who use such remarks highly under estimate the intelligence of our young people today. It is really not that complicated. If they can figure out all the high tech gadgets of modern society today then this ought to be as easy as falling when you jump out of an airplane. Unfortunately, many young people do not even try because an older generation has told them "it's hard to understand."

**A Mouse Story**

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it." The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers." The mouse turned to the cow and said "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose." So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house - like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them. The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember - when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another. Each of us is a vital thread in another person's tapestry. Our lives are woven together for a reason. One of the best things to hold onto in this world is a friend.