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Genesis Quiz #4 ~ Circle the right answer:

1. On which day did God rest after creating everything?
 - A. Fifth
 - B. Fourth
 - C. Sixth
 - D. Seventh
2. God formed man from the _____ of the ground.
 - A. Bones
 - B. Dust
 - C. Grass
 - D. Animals
3. The Lord made clothes out of _____ for Adam and Eve.
 - A. Denim
 - B. Leaves
 - C. Cotton
 - D. Skin
4. Who was NOT the son of Adam and Eve?
 - A. Isaac
 - B. Cain
 - C. Abel
 - D. Seth
5. Adam and Eve's first child was named _____.
 - A. Abel
 - B. Cain
 - C. Seth
 - D. Enoch
6. Who was the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth?
 - A. Adam
 - B. Moses
 - C. Abraham
 - D. Noah
7. Where did Noah's ark finally come to rest?
 - A. Zion
 - B. Sinai
 - C. Ararat
 - D. Pisgah
8. What is the sign of the covenant God made with Noah?
 - A. A unicorn
 - B. A rainbow
 - C. Baptism
 - D. Stone tablets
9. God confused the languages of mankind at _____.
 - A. Ur
 - B. Eden
 - C. Babel
 - D. Nineveh
10. How many children did Abram and his wife have when they set out for Canaan?
 - A. Twelve
 - B. Two
 - C. None
 - D. Three
11. The Lord commanded _____ to leave home and go to a new country, and that all peoples on earth would be blessed through him.
 - A. Joseph
 - B. Noah
 - C. Enoch
 - D. Abram
12. When there was a famine in Canaan, Abram went to live in _____.
 - A. Sodom
 - B. Egypt
 - C. Haran
 - D. Moab
13. Abram thought that the Egyptians would _____ him because of his beautiful wife.
 - A. Respect
 - B. Kill
 - C. Pay
 - D. Rob
14. Isaac expected food made out of wild game while he blessed his son. Instead, Jacob brought him food made from _____.
 - A. Chickens
 - B. Eggs
 - C. Grain
 - D. Goats
15. Esau was angry because _____ had stolen the blessing intended for him.
 - A. Joseph
 - B. Isaac
 - C. Jacob
 - D. Elijah
16. When Jacob had a dream about angels, he was using a _____ for a pillow.
 - A. Log
 - B. Stone
 - C. Goat
 - D. Dirt
17. Jacob had a dream of a ladder with _____ going up and down on it.
 - A. Angels
 - B. Monkeys
 - C. Soldiers
 - D. Children
18. The father of Rachel and Leah was _____.
 - A. Laban
 - B. Abram
 - C. Elijah
 - D. Joseph
19. Jacob's name was changed to _____ because he wrestled with God.
 - A. Judah
 - B. Hogan
 - C. Israel
 - D. Esau
20. The name, Israel, was a name given to a man who had been called _____.
 - A. Isaac
 - B. Judah
 - C. Samaria
 - D. Jacob
21. How many sons did Jacob have?
 - A. Seven
 - B. Two
 - C. Three
 - D. Twelve

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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

CAN GOD REALLY USE YOUR LIFE?

Acts 9:1-6

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Acts 9:10-16

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Every time I read this story, I stand amazed at the great grace of God. I see the Lord take this man Saul, save him by grace, and transform him into the great Apostle to the Gentiles and I realize that there is hope for people like you and me to be used of the Lord. The truth is, Saul was a very unlikely candidate for the service of the Lord. Here was a man who was feared and hated by Christians and one who did **everything** in his power to destroy the name of the Lord Jesus. Yet, God reached down in grace and took this man from where he was and used him to change the world. God used him in such a great manner that Paul's ministry is still reaping fruit today. Just the fact that we are talking about him and the impact he had on the world is a testimony to the way God used him then and is using his life now. When we look at Paul, we may be tempted to think that he was some kind of gilded "super saint." We may feel that there is no possible way that the Lord could use us like He did Paul, or that God could even use us at all. I suppose that we all feel inferior and unworthy to be used of the Lord in His work, but I am here today to tell you that Jesus can and will use you if you will make yourself available. Some of you may have asked the question, "Can God really use my life?"

Can God use teenagers? How old was David when he slew the giant? How old was Joseph when God used him?

I would like to answer this question today— **Can God use me?**

1. The shortest chapter in the Bible is *Psalms 117*.
2. The longest chapter in the Bible is *Psalms 119*.
3. The chapter in the center of the Bible is *Psalms 118*.
4. Fact: There are 594 chapters before *Psalms 118*.
Fact: There are 594 chapters after *Psalms 118*.
5. Add 594 + 594 and the answer is 1188.
The center verse of the Bible is *Psalms 118:8*.
6. Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives? The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His word.
Psalms 118:8 "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Now, isn't that odd how this worked out or was God in the center of it?

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The Duty Of A Nation (This has been forgotten)

In 1863, President Lincoln designated April 30th as a day of national humiliation, fasting, and prayer. Let me quote a portion of his proclamation on that occasion: "It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, who owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by a history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord. The awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has grown, but we have forgotten God."

Abraham Lincoln- "In regards to this great Book (the Bible), I have but to say it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this Book. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are found portrayed in it."

George Washington

"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

"I am sure that never was a people, who had more reason to acknowledge a Divine interposition in their affairs, than those of the United States; and I should be pained to believe that they have forgotten that agency, which was so often manifested during our Revolution, or that they failed to consider the omnipotence of that God who is alone able to protect them."

An excerpt from a letter to Thomas Jefferson:

"Without religion this world would be something not fit to be mentioned in polite company, I mean Hell." John Adams to Thomas Jefferson, April 19, 1817

John Adams and John Hancock:

We recognize no sovereign but God, and no king but

Jesus! April 18, 1775

Now I will avow, that I then believed, and now believe that those general Principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the Existence and Attributes of God."

- "July 4th ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty."

—John Adams in a letter written to Abigail on the day the

Declaration was approved by Congress -

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. **Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.**"

October 11, 1798

"I have examined all religions, as well as my narrow sphere, my straightened means, and my busy life, would allow; and the result is that the Bible is the best Book in the world. It contains more philosophy than all the libraries I have seen."

The End

I Cannot Go To School Today

"I cannot go to school today,"

Said little Peggy Ann McKay.

"I have the measles and the mumps,

A gash, a rash, and purple bumps.

My mouth is wet, my throat is dry,

I'm going blind in my right eye.

My tonsils are as big as rocks,

I've counted sixteen chicken pox.

And there's one more - that's seventeen!

And don't you think my face looks green?

My leg is cut, my eyes are blue-

It might be instamatic flu.

I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke

I'm sure that my left leg is broke.

My hip hurts when I move my chin,

My belly button's caving in,

My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,

My 'pendix pains each time it rains.

My nose is cold, my toes are numb,

I have a sliver in my thumb.

My neck is stiff, my spine is weak.

I hardly whisper when I speak.

My tongue is filling up my mouth,

I think my hair is falling out.

My elbow's bent - my spine ain't straight.

My temperature is one-o-eight.

My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,

There is a hole inside my ear.

I have a hangnail, and my heart is- WHAT!!!

What's that? What's that you say?

You say today is...Saturday?

Good 'bye, I'm going out to play!"

The End

Memory verse

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

YOUR PAST CONDITION IS NO OBSTACLE. According to Paul's own testimony, he was guilty of doing everything in his power to put Christianity to death.

Acts 22:4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

Acts 26:10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

Paul tells us something about his past. Paul was a murderer and a rebel against the Lord Jesus. Religiously, he was a man to be envied, but internally, he was as wicked as any man who had ever walked the face of the earth. **In Acts 7:58**, the Bible indicates that Saul/Paul gave his approval to the murder of Stephen, since he guarded the clothes of those who stoned the preaching deacon to death.

Paul was a wicked man, but this proved to be no obstacle to the grace and saving power of the Lord.

When Paul received Jesus, repented of His sin, and asked Jesus into his heart, he was changed forever by the grace of God!

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

Your past is no obstacle to your future in the Lord's work!

Regardless of what you did before you received Jesus as your Savior, it matters no longer. When He saved your soul, He washed your past away forever! It is just as though you got a brand new start - a "new birth," born into God's family.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

There are three records of your past deeds (sins) in the world today.

1st The sins you committed in the past are a record.

2nd There is the record carried by all those who knew what you were before.

3rd There is the record carried by Satan, and he will throw your past at you all the time.

But may I remind you today that even though I may remember my past sins, my friends and family may remember my past sins, and even though Satan surely remembers my past sins— God in Heaven has forgotten my past sins, and it is no obstacle to Him using me now or into the future!

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Isaiah 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

Isa. 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Throughout the Bible, God used people even after their greatest failures.

1. Simon Peter preached his greatest message and had his greatest ministry after he denied the Lord.

2. Moses was a murderer, yet God used him for His glory.

3. Samson sinned against God, yet he slew more Philistines in the end of his life than he had during his entire ministry.

4. Abraham lied, yet he was used of the Lord.

5. Jacob was a deceiver, yet the Lord transformed and used him greatly.

There are many others that could be named among these, but these are sufficient to show that the Lord can take those who have failed in the past and that He can still use them for His glory today and into the future!

The First Man in the Bible

A Sunday School teacher asked little Willie who the first man in the Bible was. "Hoss." said Willie. "Wrong," said the teacher. "It was Adam." "Aw, shucks!" Willie replied. "I knew it was one of those Cartwrights."

Riddle: #1

In the day or in the night
all people have seen this
sight,

On the ocean or on the
plain most people have
seen the same,

On this world and on no
other has been shown to
me by my brother,

Some leader once gener-
alized it but many things
have been called it. What
am I?

Riddle: #2

I have rivers without water,

Forests without trees,

Mountains without rocks,

Towns without houses.

What am I?

Riddle#3

Ten Men's Strength,

Ten Men's Length,

Ten Men can't break it,

Yet a young boy walks off
with it

What am I?

Riddle: #4

Hickory-Dickory-Dock!

The mouse ran up the
clock.

The clock struck one
and down did come.

Hickory-Dickory-Dock!
What am I?

Riddle: #5

I begin eternity,

And end space,

At the end of time,

And in every place,

Last in life,

Second to death,

Never alone,

Found in your breath,

Contained by earth,

Water or flame,

My grandeur so awesome,

Wind dare not tame,

Not in your mind,

Am in your dreams,

Vacant to Kings,

Present to Queens.

What am I?

Answer to Genesis Quiz #4

1. D. Seventh *Genesis 2:2*
2. B. Dust *Genesis 2:7*
3. D. Skin *Genesis 3:21*
4. A. Isaac *Genesis 4*
5. B. Cain *Genesis 4:1*
6. D. Noah *Genesis 6:10*
7. C. Ararat *Genesis 8:4*
8. B. Rainbow *Genesis 9:12-16*
9. C. Babel *Genesis 11:9*
10. C. None *Genesis 11:30-31*
11. D. Abram *Genesis 12:3*
12. B. Egypt *Genesis 12:10*
13. B. Kill *Genesis 12:12*
14. D. Goats *Genesis 27:9*
15. C. Jacob *Genesis 27:41*
16. B. Stone *Genesis 28:11*
17. A. Angels *Genesis 28:12*
18. A. Laban *Genesis 29:16*
19. C. Israel *Genesis 32:28*
20. D. Jacob *Genesis 32:28*
21. D. Twelve *Genesis 35:22*

ANSWERS to Riddles

- Riddle #1 A monster
 Riddle #2 A Map
 Riddle #3 A rope
 Riddle #4 A guillotine
 Riddle #5 Letter E

Taking It With You

There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven.

So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel hears his plea and appears to him.

"Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you."

The man implores the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules.

The man continues to pray that his wealth could follow him.

The angel reappears and informs the man that God has decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him.

Overjoyed, the man gathers his largest suitcase and fills it with pure gold bars and places it beside his bed.

Soon afterward the man dies and shows up at the Gates of Heaven to greet St. Peter.

St. Peter seeing the suitcase says, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!"

But, the man explains to St. Peter that he has permission and asks him to verify his story with the Lord.

Sure enough, St. Peter checks and comes back saying, "You're right.

You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

St. Peter opens the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaims,

"You brought pavement?!!!"

A Man Goes To Heaven

A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the pearly gates. St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in." "Okay," the man says, "I attended church every Sunday." "That's good," says St. Peter, "That's worth two points." "Two points?" he says. "Well, I gave 10% of all my earnings to the church." "Well, let's see," answers Peter, "that's worth another 2 points. Did you do anything else?" "Two points? Goodness! How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans." "Fantastic, that's certainly worth a point," he says. "Hmmm...", the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart." "That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "That's worth three points!" "THREE POINTS!!" the man cries, "At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Come on in!"

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: {9} Not of works, lest any man should boast

Truck Driver

A trucker came into a truck stop cafe and placed his order. He said, 'I want three flat tires, a pair of headlights, and a pair of running boards.' The brand new blonde waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, 'This guy out there just ordered three flat tires, a pair of headlights, and a pair of running boards. What does he think this place is, an auto parts store?' 'No,' the cook said. 'Three flat tires mean three pancakes, a pair of headlights is two eggs sunny side up, and running boards are 2 slices of crisp bacon.' 'Oh, OK!' said the blonde. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a bowl of beans and gave it to the customer. The trucker asked, 'What are the beans for, Blondie?' She replied, 'I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights, and running boards, you might as well gas up!'

Crossing The Bridge

Before our daughter went off to college, our family took a vacation in Colorado, flying to Denver and renting a car. We visited the Royal Gorge Bridge, which is more than 1,000 feet above the Arkansas River. Walking out onto the bridge, I noticed it swayed in the wind. Then a car went past us, and the wood-plank roadway moved beneath my feet. "I don't think I want to drive the car across this bridge," I finally said. "What are you worried about?" our blonde daughter replied. "It's a rental."