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Swordsman Teen Newsletter



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1. God promised to bring his people out of Egypt to a land flowing with milk and _____.
A. Honey
B. Cream
C. Olive oil
D. Gold
2. When God told Moses that he should speak to Pharaoh and Moses protested, God gave him _____ to help him.
A. Angels
B. Aaron
C. Courage
D. Joshua
3. The first plague that God brought on Egypt was to turn the _____ River to blood.
A. Amazon
B. Jordan
C. Euphrates
D. Nile
4. How were the Israelites commanded to cook the Passover lamb?
A. Over easy
B. Roasted
C. Oiled
D. Sautéed
5. For seven days before the Passover the Israelites were to eat bread without _____.
A. Salt
B. Stopping
C. Wheat
D. Yeast
6. After Israel left Egypt, the Lord guided them in a pillar of _____ by day and a pillar of fire by night.
A. Light
B. Cloud
C. Salt
D. Gold
7. At Meribah the Israelites quarreled with Moses, and God gave them water out of a _____.
A. Rock
B. River
C. Tree
D. Canteen
8. The nation of Israel was commanded to be holy because _____.
A. Moses said so
B. It was nice
C. God is holy
D. Society approved
9. When Moses died, the Lord appointed _____ to be the leader of Israel.
A. David
B. Samuel
C. Joshua
D. Aaron
10. The Lord told Joshua that the key to his success would be to meditate on the _____.
A. Moon and stars
B. Book of the Law
C. Promised land
D. Rules of war
11. Rahab's life would be saved if she put a _____ in her window.
A. Palm branch
B. Golden calf
C. Red rope
D. Bright light
12. The story of the fall of Jericho is found in the book of _____.
A. Ruth
B. Exodus
C. Nehemiah
D. Joshua
13. After she arrived in Israel, Ruth planned to make a living by _____.
A. Sewing
B. Picking up grain
C. Raising sheep
D. Selling olive oil
14. Ruth found herself working in a field which belonged to a man named _____.
A. Abimelech
B. Nabal
C. Joash
D. Boaz
15. The most romantic scene in the book of Ruth takes place on a _____.
A. Threshing floor
B. Moonlit beach
C. City street
D. Friday night
16. Ruth got married to _____ and they lived happily ever after.
A. Obed
B. David
C. Boaz
D. Barak
17. The occupation of Eli was _____.
A. Priest
B. King
C. Farmer
D. Fireman
18. Eli, the priest, saw _____ praying and thought she was drunk.
A. Abigail
B. Miriam
C. Hannah
D. Bathsheba
19. The mother of Samuel was _____.
A. Naomi
B. Elizabeth
C. Hannah
D. Peninnah
20. When he was a boy he only saw his mother once a year, at the time of the annual sacrifices.
A. Samuel
B. Joseph
C. Gideon
D. Isaac

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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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God Can

When you feel unlovable, unworthy and unclean,
When you think that no one can heal you,
Remember, Friend,
God Can.

When you think that you are unforgivable
For your guilt and your shame
Remember, Friend,
God Can.

When you think that all is hidden
And no one can see within
Remember, Friend,
God Can.

And when you have reached the bottom
And you think that no one can hear
Remember my dear Friend
God Can.

And when you think that no one can love
The real person deep inside of you
Remember my dear Friend,
God Does.

The most important thing you can know...

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to HEAVEN? Yes ___ No ___?

If you answered no to the question above, could you honestly say the following to Jesus Christ??

"I am just as good as you. I have never **lusted** in my heart. I have never **lied**, never **cheated**, never **stolen** anything, never **hated** anyone, never thought a **dirty thought**, never said **anything wrong**, never **lost my temper**. I am just as good as you are, Jesus. **I** have never sinned."

Now, if you are truly honest with yourself, you know that somewhere, somehow, you have sinned. You know that you could not compare yourself to the Holy Son of God, Jesus Christ.

BECAUSE OF THE ABOVE, THE BIBLE SAYS THAT YOU ARE SEPARATED FROM GOD.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have **separated** between you and your God,

YOU HAVE BROKEN THE LAWS OF GOD.

1 John 3:4 Whosoever **committeth sin** transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Romans 3:23a For the wages of sin is death...

YOU ARE CONDEMNED BY GOD AT THIS MOMENT.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

BUT JESUS CHRIST LOVES YOU AND DIED FOR YOU.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT.

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

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Dear

Most people get married believing a myth that marriage is a beautiful box full of all the things they have longed for: companionship, intimacy, sexual fulfillment, and friendship.

The truth is, that marriage at the start is an empty box. You must put something in before you can take anything out. There is no love in marriage; love is in people, and people put it into marriage. There is no romance in marriage; people have to infuse it into their marriages.

A couple must learn the art and form the habit of giving, loving, serving, praising -- keeping the box full. If you take out more than you put in, the box will be empty.

(The above was found written in the front cover of a book on marriage.)

The Potter

There was a couple who used to go to England to shop in the beautiful stores. They both liked antiques and pottery and especially teacups. This was their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

One day in a shop they saw a beautiful teacup. They said, "May we see that? We've never seen one quite so beautiful."

As the lady handed it to them, suddenly the teacup spoke. "You don't understand," it said. "I haven't always been a teacup. There was a time when I was red, and I was clay. My master took me and rolled me and patted me over and over and I yelled out, 'let me alone,' but he only smiled, 'not yet.'"

"Then I was placed on a spinning wheel," the teacup said, "and suddenly I was spun around and around and around. 'Stop it! I'm getting dizzy!' I screamed. But the master only nodded and said, 'not yet.'"

"Then he put me in the oven. I never felt such heat. I wondered why he wanted to burn me, and I yelled and knocked at the door. I could see him through the opening, and I could read his lips as he shook his head, 'not yet.'"

Finally the door opened, he put me on the shelf, and I began to cool.

"There, that's better," I said. And he brushed and painted me all over. The fumes were horrible. I thought I would gag. 'Stop it, stop it!' I cried. He only nodded, 'Not yet.' Then suddenly he put me back into the oven, not like the first one.

"This was twice as hot, and I knew I would suffocate. I begged. I pleaded. I screamed. I cried. All the time I could see him through the opening, nodding his head saying, 'Not yet.'"

"Then I knew there wasn't any hope. I would never make it. I was ready to give up. But the door opened and he took me out and placed me on the shelf. One hour later he handed me a mirror and said, 'Look at yourself.' And I did. I said, 'That's not me; that couldn't be me. It's beautiful. I'm beautiful!'"

"I want you to remember, then," he said. "I know it hurts to be rolled and patted, but if I had left you alone, you'd have dried up. I know it made you dizzy to spin around on the wheel, but if I had stopped, you would have crumbled. I know it hurt and was hot and disagreeable in the oven, but if I hadn't put you there, you would have cracked. I know the fumes were bad when I brushed and painted you all over, but if I hadn't done that, you never would have hardened; you would not have had any color in your life. And if I hadn't put you back in that second oven, you wouldn't survive for very long because the hardness would not have held. Now you are a finished product. You are what I had in mind when I first began with you."

Jeremiah 18:4 *And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it .*

Isaiah 64:8 *But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.*

Affliction

In the Christian life we may acquire some wisdom in times of prosperity, but oh, the deeper lessons we can learn in the school of tribulation and sorrow! A.B. Simpson declared. "You will have no test of faith that will not fit you to be a blessing if you are obedient to the Lord. I never had a trial but when I got out of the deep river I found some poor pilgrim on the bank that I was able to help by that very experience."

Romans 5:3-5 *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

1 Corinthians 1:3-7 *Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Memory Verse

Romans 10:9 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

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WILL YOU REPENT?

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

Acts 3:19 *Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;*

Repentance is when a person admits his guilt to God and sincerely desires in his heart to get right with God.

Acts 20:21 *Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

WILL YOU TRUST JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR?

Romans 10:13 *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose again from the dead. He paid for your sins on the cross. That is why He is called the Savior. You cannot save yourself by good works - baptism, church attendance, sacraments, going to confession, giving money, praying to Mary and the saints, or trying to live a good life. In order to be saved, you must completely put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

CAN YOU AFFORD TO WAIT?

The most important decision that you will make in this life will be that of either trusting or rejecting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Don't take a chance! Call on God now! You might not be alive tomorrow!

1 Thessalonians 4:17 *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

Meet you there!**A Child's Question**

At the Henry Street Hebrew School, the Rabbi finished the day's lesson. It was now time for the usual question period.

"Rabbi?" asked little Melvin. "There's something I need to know." "What's that my child?" asked the Rabbi.

"Well, according to the Scriptures, the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?" "Right." "And the Children of Israel beat up the Philistines, right?" "Uh--right." "And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?" "Again, you are correct." "And the Children of Israel fought the Egyptians, and the Children of Israel fought the Romans, and the Children of Israel were always doing something important, right?" "All that is correct," agreed the Rabbi.

"So what's your question?" "What I need to know is this," demanded Melvin. "What were all the grown-ups doing???"

The Pulpit Committee

A Pulpit committee went to hear a prospective minister preach. The best thing they liked about his sermon is that it was only 10 minutes long. They immediately called him as their new Pastor. His first week in the new church he preached a 30 minute sermon. The next week his sermon was almost 2 hours. The Deacons met with him and asked him to explain. His response was, that the first time the committee heard him preach, he had a new set of dentures in his mouth that hurt him terribly so he could barely preach 10 minutes and had to stop talking because of the pain. The second time he preached, he said that his dentures felt fine so he preached a normal 30 minute sermon.

They said, "That explains those 2 sermons, but please explain to us this last sermon that was 2 hours long."

He said, "That's easy, I got up that particular morning and accidentally put my wife's dentures in my mouth, and when I started talking, I couldn't shut up!"

Live Too Long

God created the donkey and told him, "You will work tirelessly from sun up to sun down, carrying heavy bags on your back, you'll eat grass, you will not have intelligence and you will live 50 years. You will be a DONKEY!"

The donkey answered, "I'll be a donkey, but living 50 years is too much, give me only 20 years."

And God gave him 20 years.

God created the dog and told him, "You will look after the man's house, you will be his best friend, you will eat whatever they give you and you will live 25 years. You will be a DOG!"

The dog answered, "God, living 25 years is too much, give only 10."

God gave him 10 years.

God created the monkey and told him, "You will jump from branch to branch, you will do silly things, you will be amusing and you will live 20 years."

The monkey answered, "God, living 20 years is too much, give me only 10 years."

And God agreed.

Finally, God created man, and told him, "You will be Man, the only rational being on this earth, you will use your intelligence to control other animals, you will dominate the world and you will live for 20 years."

The man answered, "God, I'll be man, but living 20 years is not enough, why don't you give me the 30 years that the donkey refused, the 20 years that the dog did not want and the 10 years that the monkey refused."

That was what God did, and since then, Men live 20 years like a man, then he enters adulthood and spends 30 years like a donkey, working and carrying the load on his back, then when his children leave home, spends 15 years like a dog, looking after the house and eating whatever is given to him, then he gets into retirement, and spends 10 years like a monkey, jumping from house to house or from children to children, doing silly things to amuse the grandchildren.

Answers to Joshua and Ruth Quiz

1. A – Honey (Ex. 3:8)
2. B –Aaron (Ex. 4:14-16)
3. B –Jordan (Ex. 7:17)
4. B –Roasted (Ex. 12:8-9)
5. D –Yeast (Ex. 12:14-20)
6. B –Cloud (Ex. 13:21)
7. A –Rock (Ex. 17:5-7)
8. C–God is holy (Lev. 19:1)
9. C – Joshua (Josh. 1:1-5)
10. B – book of the Law (Josh. 1:8)
11. C –Red rope (Josh 2:17-21)
12. D –Joshua (Josh. 6)
13. B –Picking up grain (Ruth 2:2)
14. D–Boaz (Ruth 2:23)
15. A –Threshing floor (Ruth 3:1-17)
16. C– Boaz (Ruth 4:13)
17. A–Priest (1 Sam. 1:9)
18. C–Hannah (1 Sam. 1:13)
19. C–Hannah (1 Sam. 1:20)
20. A–Samuel (1 Sam. 2:18-19)

A Blonde Goes for a Job Interview

A blonde goes for a job interview in an office. The interviewer ask the basics. 'So, miss, can you tell us your age, please?'

The blonde counts carefully on her fingers for about 30 seconds before replying 'Ehhhh... 22!'

The interviewer tries another straightforward one to break the ice. 'And can you tell us your height, please?'

The young lady stands up and produces a measuring tape from her handbag. She then traps one end under her foot and extends the tape to the top of her head. She checks the measurement and announces, 'Five foot two!'

This isn't looking good, so the interviewer goes for the real basics. 'And, eh, just to confirm for our records, your name, please?'

The blonde bobs her head from side to side for about twenty seconds, mouthing something silently to herself, before replying, 'Mandy!'

The interviewer is completely baffled at this stage, so he asks, 'Just out of curiosity, miss. We can understand your counting on your fingers to work out your age, and the measuring tape for your height is obvious, but what were you doing when we asked you your name?'

Ohh, that,' replies the blonde, 'I was just running through 'Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you...'

Clocks In Heaven

A man died and went to Heaven. As he stood in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates, he saw a huge wall of clocks behind him.

He asked, "What are all those clocks?"

St. Peter answered, "Those are Lie-Clocks. Everyone on Earth has a Lie-Clock. Every time you lie, the hands on your clock will move."

"Oh," said the man, "whose clock is that?"



"That's Mother Teresa's. The hands have never moved, indicating that she never told a lie."

"Incredible," said the man. "And whose clock is that one?" St. Peter responded, "That's Abraham Lincoln's clock. The hands have moved twice, telling us that Abe told only two lies in his entire life."

"Where's President Obama's clock?" asked the man.

"Obama's clock is in Jesus' office. He's using it as a ceiling fan."

Blonde 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 painting the porch already?" he asked.

"Yes," the blonde answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats."

The man reached into his wallet to pay her.

"And by the way," said the blonde. "that's not a Porsche. It's a Ferrari."

Sing Theses Song to Yourself

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

A Young Man Preaching

A young man preaching for the first time stood before the people as the moments passed. At last opening his mouth, slowly he began to speak, "On the way here this morning, only God and I knew what I was to share with you,...and now only God knows!"

The end