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I don't know about you, but when I read something familiar, I tend to scan it or overview it. So, when I began reading the book of Genesis again at the first of the year, I asked God to open my heart and mind to new truths. I wanted to dive deep into the well-known stories hoping they wouldn't sound like Charlie Brown's teacher in my head. God has answered my prayer. It's been good stuff. Last week I came across something that completely blew my mind!

In chapter five, the listing of Adam's descendants began. I took a breath and began to read the names. Bear with me as I give you the short version:  
From Genesis 5:  
3. When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son...and he named him Seth...

# A surprise about Noah

6. When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh.  
9. When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan.  
12. When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel.  
15. When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared.  
18. When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch.  
21. When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah.  
25. When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech.  
28-29. When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. He named him Noah.  
32. After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.

Did you see it? For generation after generation, the oldest any of the men had ever been when they became a father was 187 years old. That was Methuselah. Until...Noah. Verse 32 doesn't say he was already a father at 500, but AFTER he was 500. Genesis 6:9 reveals that "Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with

God." That's significant. Though he hadn't had children-boys to carry on the family name, he still walked faithfully with God in spite of the world being corrupt all around him. Though he was soooo much older (by 313 years!) than all the other men of his family had been when they became fathers, he still trusted in God. Had he wondered about his worth? Had he pondered his purpose? Had he prayed for a family?

The saga of Noah began hundreds of years BEFORE the ark! I had pictured him suddenly trusting God when he was given the titanic responsibility of building a ship, but that faith and trust had sprouted centuries earlier. He had trusted God with his life, walking with him in difficult times when he didn't know the outcome. During perilous days when the world was evil, he lived as a light in the dark.

What a story! What an example! Before the blueprint for the ark was announced, before the first animal arrived, God knew He could count on NOAH because Noah knew HE could count on God! Mind. Blown.

During COVID season, my beloved and I are taking vitamins D, B, C and Zinc but we also need a regular dose of GW. That's God's Word. It's crucial for daily life!

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Mark 1:10-11

**Just** as **Jesus** was **coming** up **out** of the **water**, he **saw** heaven **being torn open** and the **Spirit** descending on him **like** a **dove**. And a **voice** **came** from **heaven**: "**You are** my **Son**, **whom** I **love**; **with** you I am **well pleased**."

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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### Bible Word Search Answer on Page 12

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Ruth 1, who called herself Marah, a name meaning "bitter"? Priscilla, Miriam, Naomi, Deborah
3. What did Malachi say the people of Judah were stealing from God? Servants, Unrighteous

teous miracles, Holy Grail, Owed tithes

4. Which was a city of Ephraim and home of the Ark of the Covenant? Ai, Sardis, Gaza, Shiloh
5. What Old Testament word means "anointed"? Bishop, Messiah, Jehovah, Salvation
6. Ahasuerus was also known as ...? No-adiah, Agrippa, Joash, Xerxes

**Answers on bottom of Page 12**  
"Test Your Bible knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

## How Important is the Truth?

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How important is Biblical truth? Consider these verses in **John 8:31-32, 36**, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; <sup>32</sup>And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free . . . <sup>36</sup>If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

So, by this, we can clearly see that following the truth is all-important; plus, only the truth that comes through and from Jesus Christ is the only path that will lead one to Eternal Life. Our Lord said at the beginning, during his contention with the devil in **Matthew 4:4** and **Luke 4:4**, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." And Paul added in **2 Timothy 3:16**, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." Then Jesus said to the Jews also, in **Luke 6:46**, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

How sad it is that in many times when this present religious world is confronted with plain, simple truths, many will recoil in anger when the truth may fly in the face of what they may believe in. So, in examining the Holy Text, as they should, many will reject it to remain in the false concepts of what they have been previously taught. This is not a safe way to live. An honest person desiring to go to Heaven will accept the truth and make adjustments to their faith in order to do so.

Jesus said in **John 14:6**, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." So, I conclude that any teaching or belief that does not fully comply with what our Lord says, is fruitless and unable to save one's soul from eternal death.

The Apostle Paul, much like our Lord, loved his

people so much so that the said in **Romans 9:3**, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren." Have you ever heard anyone express such love that he would give up his home in Heaven if it would save his brethren? Then again, in **Galatians 4:11**, after scolding them for observing a mixture of Holy days, months, times and years; incorporating them into their worship, caused Paul to say, "I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain." This reprimand infuriated them because he said, "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" <sup>Galatians 4:16</sup>

One on the saddest commentaries upon this is found in **Romans 10:1** when Paul said his "heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." So, this means at this present state, they were outside the will of God. What was wrong? First, they had a zeal or very active practice of their religion, but Paul said it was not according to knowledge or truth. What had and were they doing? They had willingly rejected God's truth and had replaced it with their own plans and ideas; therefore, not submitting themselves to God's plan. This, My Friend, sadly is the basis for every religious denomination that adds a man's teachings with the simple truths of the Gospel; by changing the name of the Lord's church, and by accepting a different plan of salvation by attempting to worship without a weekly observance of the Lord's Supper; by (not) singing praises without an invention of man, and many other things that deviate from the simplicity of Godly worship.

You may think that I enjoy writing this type of article, if you are (like that). Then, let me say, you are entirely wrong. I love the Lord, and I love people. I want to go to Heaven, and I want you to go also. So, I write so as to wake you up to see and obey the truth. This is the only thing that will save us. Paul wrote in **2 Timothy 2:24-25**, "the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup>In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth."

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It's not unusual to hear someone say, "But I don't want to be a role model." But that's not the way it is. All of us are, at one time or another, a model who someone will try to imitate for one reason or another. David made this observation a long time ago.

"My eyes will be on the faithful in the land," he said. When David looked for a role model he did not look for one who was famous or powerful, one who had wealth or riches, he looked for one who was "faithful to the Lord." He was committed to build his life on God's principles - principles that were eternal and everlasting. So, he searched for those who had God's purposes and plans in their minds and hearts,

those were obedient to God. And when he found them he surrounded himself with them and even invited them to "dwell" with him.

Someone once asked John Rockefeller, "How did you become so successful?" He looked at him sternly and said, "Because I surround myself with successful people!"

Here we find a great lesson for life: If we want to achieve great things for God, we must surround ourselves with people who have done or are doing great things for God. We cannot become more than we are for God if we associate with and follow the examples of those who do not care much for God or do not have loving and serving God at the very center of their lives.

David expressed his need for being surrounded by the "faithful." He knew that "He whose walk is blameless will minister to me."

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Heave

**CRUHL** \_\_\_\_\_

Shake

**MORTER** \_\_\_\_\_

Hitch

**RECUSE** \_\_\_\_\_

Meld

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**TODAY'S WORD**

## Stickeler's Puzzle

- 1) Where is the highest waterfall in the world?
- 2) The world's deepest lake is in what country?
- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ River is the longest river in the world. It is 4,130 miles long and flows into the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea.
- 4) Where is the world's tallest tree?

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