

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

John 6:51

"I am the the **living** bread **that came down from heaven**. **Whoever eats** this **bread**, will **live forever**. **This** bread is my **flesh**, **which I will give for** the **life** of the **world**."

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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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It could have been a different story. Times were hard; there was no food. The man worried for his family. The tale could have gone: "He prayed and the Lord provided."

But that's not how this true story unfolded...

Times were definitely tough-for everybody. Everything had dried up: crops, hopes, dreams. No one knows if the man turned to God in the crisis. It was never told if he did. But as it happened, the man grew tired of waiting. Of worrying. Of not providing. Taking matters into his own hands, he loaded his family and left his homeland.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? It's happened before in the mountains. Decades ago, locals migrated to Michigan and Ohio finding work in the automobile industry.

A Sad Story in Moab

(One of my great-grandfathers went north in the 1940's.) Over the years here, the coal mines shut down or laid off leading countless families to re-locate. Most recently, COVID caused the loss of numerous jobs. My family has been there. Years ago, my husband was laid off from Leslie Mining Company (what would become Sidney Coal). My kids and I were all furloughed during COVID. Desperate circumstances make people desperate. Many has been the time when my family was in need and we prayed for God to provide. I've heard stories of missionaries who have done the same.

The man's name was Elimelech. His life is read in only a few verses in the first chapter of Ruth. There was a famine in the land with no end in sight. Elimelech led his wife, Naomi, and sons-Mahlon and Chilion, from their home in Bethlehem to Moab-a place he knew they should not go.

Israel had a history with Moab and it wasn't a good one (Numbers 22). In Deuteronomy 23:3-4, God decreed that no Moabite was even allowed to enter the assembly of the LORD-to the 10th generation. Elimelech would have heard the stories. Surely there were other places he could have gone. Still, he forged ahead, setting up house in an ungodly land. When we cross

the border from God's will/God's instruction, heartache will soon follow. Such was the case of Elimelech. In this unholy place, he died.

Ruth 1:1 tells us that Elimelech only planned to live in Moab "for a while". He hadn't planned to be there forever, just for a bit. Yet, that "while" ended up being his last days.

The story of Elimelech is one we can all relate to. When times get tough, the tough can want to get going, but that's not always the best move. Prayer, waiting and then following God's leading is the wisest way. His directions will always be in agreement with His Word.

I'm not judging Elimelech. My heart hurts for him. His decisions affected his family. He set a precedent for being out of God's will. While in Moab, his boys married Moabite women-another thing God had discouraged (Exodus 34:15-16). Ten years passed and they too went the way of their father.

Elimelech left behind a widow, as did Mahlon and Chilion. It was the time of decision...again. And so begins the book of Ruth.

Precious Father, when life is hard, help us to trust You and never plan to be out of Your will even for "a while".

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ye all"? Samson, Goliath, Devil, Job

4. From the Beatitudes, who shall be called the sons of God? Hungry, Peacemakers, Merciful, Lonely

5. What Jewish lady became queen of Persia? Abigail, Sarah, Esther, Ruth

6. Whose biblical name means "God is judge"? Titus, Festus, David, Daniel

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"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

1. Is the book of Habbakkuk in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From 2 Samuel, who asked, "How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished?" Saul, Simeon, David, Peter

3. Who said, "I have heard many such things; miserable comforters are

seeds of Hope



A comedian was known to have a quick mind and could turn any subject into a joke. On one occasion he said to his audience, "I can make a joke on any subject. Try me!"

A gentleman stood up and shouted, "The subject is The King."

Quickly he replied, "The King can never be a subject!"

There is a Psalm that reflects this truth. The people of Israel had an unpredictable relationship with God. There were times when He was indeed their Lord and there were times when they refused to allow Him to be their King. They wanted their own way. They wanted Him to be subject to them.

Psalm was different. He said, "But God is my King from long ago; He brings salvation to the earth." He wanted God to be His Ruler - His King.

Jesus was born to be King. There were twelve whom He chose to become His disciples. And there were many who followed Him, listened to Him, believed in Him - yet never fully surrendered their hearts and lives to Him. They did not allow Him to be their King and refused to become His subjects. One day they shouted: "We will not have this Man rule over us!" And they crucified Him.

Many years ago hundreds of college students from around the world met in London before going to their mission fields. The group from Japan could not attend but sent a message that read, "Make Jesus King!"

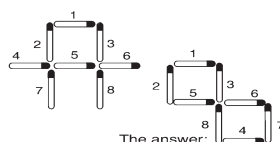
We can change the world if Jesus is King in our lives.

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Stickeler's Puzzle



This is a well-known puzzle that asks you to move two of the eight matchsticks in the configuration below to create two squares.



The answer:

See if you can take these same eight matchsticks and create three squares. The squares can be of any size, and you can move as many matchsticks as you choose.

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Anxiety, Troubles and Fears

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In the Gospel of John, chapters 13 and 14, we find here that Simon Peter asked the Lord, "Lord, whither goest thou?"³⁶ To the which, Jesus said, "Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards,"³⁶ speaking of his arrest, trial and crucifixion that was to follow in just a few days. This caused Peter to say, "I will lay down my life for thy sake."³⁷ Then Jesus said, "The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice."³⁸

This statement caused great consternation among the rest of the Apostles. Then, he began to console them not to be afflicted at his leaving them, nor to be discouraged because of what he said to Peter about denying him, but if they rested their confidence in God, he would protect them. Then, in verse 27, he went on to say to them, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." The original Greek writing says it this way, "Let not your heart shrink back through fear of any approaching evil."

My question is this, "How can one not help to be filled with anxiety, troubles or fears, while living in such a time as we are presently faced with? We as Bible-believing Christians can clearly see all the things that are going on within our country, state, county; even within our family. If one is listening to the news, or even reading the local paper, we see the actions and deeds of many are continually repeating themselves, over and over again. Yes, I will admit that I have great concern for our nation because I can see for myself that most all of our troubles are being brought about because people are turning away

from hearing, believing, and obeying the Word of God.

David wrote in Psalm 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Still, many persist within the attitude that "this will never happen here." I am afraid that we may be reaching the point where fear is not part of our mind set. Yes, I will freely admit that I am worrisome concerning my own immediate family; also for the Church and for all the corrupt political shenanigans that are taking place. I will admit that I feel a sense of uneasiness among our county when I see the lack of interest among self-proclaiming Christians. Many do not even attend the meetings of the Church, and if they do come, it is usually late! So, I will admit that I am quite apprehensive regarding their eternal salvation when the Lord calls us all to his Judgment Seat.

So, I ask myself, where do you stand in the midst of all the sinful activity? I will gladly answer this for myself, I stand resting on the fact that our Saviour is still in charge of everything that is ongoing in the world. I rest within his peace, because his promises of salvation are still being offered to those that are obeying him. See Hebrews 5:8-90. That his plan for the formation, name, plan of worship has not changed because he said that he changes not.

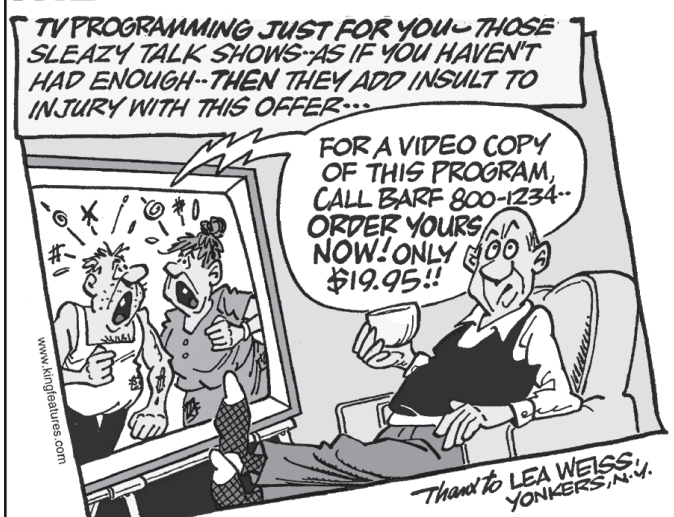
So, what should my actions be in these fearful times? 1 Peter 5:8-9 says, "Be sober, (under self-control) be vigilant (ever watching); because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

Until our days are over and done, we should take heed the words of the Lord to the church at Smyrna, "... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Revelations 2:10

P.S. -- I hope to see you this very next Lord's Day. Phone 1-859-369-4165.

Sincerely, Bob Casey

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



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