### **BIBLE WORD SEARCH**

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

#### Psalm 33:4-5

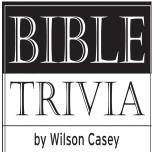
For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

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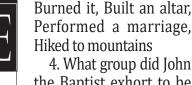
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1. Is the book of Balaam in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. How did the paralyzed man's friends present him through the crowds to get to Jesus? Donkey-pulled cart, Lowered through roof, Pulled up stairs, Trumpets blaring

3. From Genesis 8, what was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark?



the Baptist exhort to be content with their pay? Priests, Zealots, Judges, Soldiers

5. Which king of Israel had a reputation as a wild chariot driver? Jehoahaz, Jehoash, Jehu, Jehoram

6. Whose biblical name means "eagle"? Nehemiah, Timothy, Aquila, Miriam

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



#### by Dawn Reed Eastern Ky. Columnist

lake," I quietly informed my beloved.

"Uh, oh," he responded, "are you OK?"

"Yes. My brain just needs a break."

the lake here in Floyd County has been my tension reliever. A decade ago, during a difficult (non-family related) time, I drove it several times each week. Stopping at a favorite picnic area right on the water, I took a seat at the table, and prayed/cried out my anguish to my Heavenly Father.

The Lord was faithful, as always. It took years along with many tearful prayers at the lake, but He parted the Red Sea for me. It was more difficult than I could was wonderfully sweet.

# **A Drive Around The Lake**

longer, I remember it well. I prayed mind. and had to wait for God to move.

answers; I need direction. And I prayer, the smartest thing I can do is to wait on God to answer-moving for me or directing me to move. Oh, that doesn't mean doing nothing. Actually, it's just the opposite. needed to "Be still!"-with an excla-I'm inviting my Heavenly Father into the situation. I pour out my anguish aloud to Him and then step back, watching and listening.

While waiting on God's answer, "I need to drive around the I immerse myself in His Word mentions that the words "silent" every day. I pray and ask Him to speak. I listen to messages or podcasts by godly leaders, and praise and worship music (K-Love is my fave). I remember the valleys He has already brought me through, For many years, a drive around His faithfulness and goodness. I need to be still (hardest part!)... and wait.

> In answer to my need to go around the lake today, my beloved grabbed his keys.

I had already read God's Word. I'd presented to Him the new crisis. I had sung, "Yes He Can" by Cain 'til my head hurt and might though, I need to BE STILL at least have even lifted my hands. I had for a few minutes. thanked Him that He hears and would give me direction and an answer. I told myself continuously have imagined, but the victory that He was able. I just couldn't shut up in my head! A drive around While I live in that valley no the lake would surely clear my loved the lake, you know.

When Jesus quieted the storm A new crisis has come. I need in Mark 4, He didn't whisper. The wind and the waves were making know where to turn. After much a big racket. He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves: "Quiet! Be still!"-with an exclamation point.

That's where I was that day. I mation point. I needed the storm in my brain and heart to be calmed with peace that only comes from the presence of Jesus.

In "Flooded", Nicki Koziarz and "listen" have the same letters. In essence, we can't hear if we're not quiet. She encouraged readers to set a timer for 10 minutes to sit in silence, being still and listening to God. I got halfway through. #workingonit

You may be like me: a work in progress. I DO trust the Lord. I KNOW what He can do. I REMEM-BER all that He has done. But, if said, "Well, I will take you." He I am turning it over and over in my head, am I really turning it over to Him? I need to let go and let God take care of it and lead or shove me through it. To hear Him,

Isaiah 40:31 reads, "Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength..."(KJV). PtL!

Today, they shall also go for a quiet ride around the lake. Jesus

## The Importance of the Word of God

by BOB CASEY, preacher **Cornerstone Church of Christ** 70 Bond Street at Camp Avenue in West Irvine

The term "Word" is from Savar, meaning "a thing said." Then Logos stresses "the thought of mind" from the speaker. Then Rhema, "the expression." But, the choice, is often one of the "emphases" rather than the meaning.

Logos is used of Jesus as the Revelation of God in John 1:1. He is noted as supreme and definitive before he came into the world. In **John 1:14**, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us ..." Before his coming, the Word was revealed through the

heard him." So, through the Word we clearly see that this Great Salvation, and the plans of it, are outlined through the Gospel which is the Word of our Lord who gave it unto us.

So, the power of God is unto Salvation to all those who will hear it, believe it, and obey it. Romans 2:16 savs so!

So, in Acts 2, we can see The Word penetrating the hearts of many who had helped in the deaths of our Lord. Then, we can see that the Word has power to convince and to convict the sinner or "gainsayers." Titus 1:14 Also, the Word of God reveals the day therein "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ."<sup>2</sup> Corinthians 5:10 Then, in the same chapter, verse 11, the Word reveals that the Lord also had a day of terror from Heaven to be levied upon the unrepented. See Romans 20:11-15 Then, in John 12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and (Exodus 4:30) and through the Prophets (Numbers receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." In Philippians 2:15-16, Paul instructs the Christians to remain "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; <sup>16</sup>Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ." So today, all who attempt to teach or preach should take heed unto Paul's admonition to 2 Timothy 4:2-5, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." Closing, in **1 John 2:5**, it is written, "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God per*fected: hereby know we that we are in him.*" I hope you are one of them.



the same statements every

4. What group did John

Quite frequently a dear, young friend who is very concerned about my health comes to my office to visit me. Each time we meet he "reviews" my work schedule and responsibilities in great detail. He wants to know what time I get to what I did on each Saturday and Sunday since we last talked. He wants to know the last time I preached at a church, where it was and how long it took me to drive to and from it. His questions are not meant to be invasive or abusive. He is concerned about my health and wants to know whether or not I am taking proper care of myself.

After we conclude his lengthy interrogation, he looks at me and makes

go on a vacation or you will kill yourself. Why do you work so hard? Do you want to die?"

time we visit: "You're work-

ing too hard. You're work-

ing too much. You need to

Each time we have this discussion I give him the same answer: "Dear friend, I am going to die. But I do not know when. So, I want to get as much done for the Lord as I possibly can. But I promise I will care for myself."

And then I remind him work and what time I leave; of Psalm 103:15-16: "As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more."

> Our days may be few or they may be many. But one thing is for certain: We have fewer days to serve Him after today than we did yesterday. We must make each one count for our Lord.

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Patriarchs (Genesis 15:1), also the lawgiver Moses 22:18). Hebrews 4:12 says, "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 dis*cerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*" Then in Genesis 1-2, we see the Creative Word at work as with his "Word," God spoke this world into existence. The Word of God is sure, "settled in heaven," Psalms 119:89 and is forever, and cannot be broken (John 10:35.) Also the Word of God is to be done as well as heard or talked about (James 1:22-25).

How sad, it seems, that the Bible, the Book of God is the most widely printed book in the world but the least studied than most others. Most have their own personal copy but hardly open it. So, its contents are hidden from them through their own choice. He**brews 2:1-3** says, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.<sup>2</sup>For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of *reward;* <sup>3</sup>*How shall we escape, if we neglect so great* salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that

P.S. -- Please visit with us the next Lord's Day. Sincerely, Bob Casey

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"Why, we'd love to go		TODAY'S WORD
, Jill!"		

**Stickeler's Puzzle** What letter comes next? POIUYTR? HINT: Think right to left. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Stickeler's Answer on Page 12