

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 91:9-10

If **you say**, "The **LORD** is my **refuge**," and you **make** the **Most High** your **dwelling**, no **harm will overtake** you, no **disaster** will **come** near **your tent**.

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Bible Word Search Answer on Page 12

M R A H R A E N D I
E P K A E U Y R W R
F K D L C M E D E W
N N A M O T O F L I
A T O T S R U C L L
Y S E A R G D E I L
T B S N E E K E N H
P I S Q T A V E G I
D A C R M D N O Q G
Y O A U O Y V I Z H

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

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

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

2. In Matthew 12:9-14, what does Jesus tell the Pharisees it is lawful to do on the Sabbath? Tend to sick, Pray out loud, Feast together, Do good (well)

3. What did Saul use a couple of times in at-

tempts to kill David? Poison, Spear, Mallet, Sling

4. From Judges 8, which city refused to give food to Gideon's army? Succoth, Thessalonica, Tarsus, Gaza

5. Why did David meet Goliath without armor? Faith in God, Not used to wearing, Too poor to buy, Size not handy

6. Who was the mother of Gad and Asher? Jezebel, Anna, Rachel, Zilpah

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.

Seeds of Hope



Not long ago I was stopped by a police officer who motioned to me to pull to the side of the street. When I looked up to see what was going on I saw two large trucks coming toward me with a home that had been cut in half and placed on two trailers. The two halves were slowly being moved to a new location where they would be joined together and the home would look the same as it had in the past.

It was almost unnerving as I waited patiently for them to pass by. For years it rested comfortably on a corner across from an elementary school. Soon it would have a new address in a new neighborhood and perhaps new owners.

How things have changed. Years ago people rarely moved from one home to another. There was a certain permanence in life that brought a sense of security to families. Now, moving from one place to another is a routine part of life that seems to go with the turmoil in the world.

Everywhere we look, we see signs of instability. We awaken each morning wondering what devastating news awaits us. What once was a world that made sense is now a world that longs for the "good old days."

Psalm 93, however, gives comfort to the Christian. It begins with a burst of hope and assurance, a promise of peace and predictability. "The LORD reigns."

And it ends with a reminder of His faithfulness: "Your statues stand firm...for endless days!"

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Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS (sic)
by Terry Stickels

A plural 18-letter word is scrambled below. See how long it takes to find it.

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R	T	O	E	
A	C	O	I	
V	A	N	I	
S	S	N	S	
T				

Stickler's Answer on Page 12



by Dawn Reed
Eastern Ky. Columnist

Vacation Bible School was last week and I'm over the moon. Morning coffee in hand, I'm reflecting and relishing many memories we made.

COVID squelched all children's activities last year. Stupid COVID. The months since it came to town have lasted dog years. We were anxious to get on with "normal"! Finally, with no VBS since 2019, it was time to get the party started-literally.

The week launched with inflatable, popcorn, cotton candy, and a shaved ice truck. The smells screamed "Carnival!" The snacks were great but the best part was the laughter. And it was contagious! Kids of all ages, including me, hit the water slides time after time. Children were running, skipping. It was just like the old days! (When I entered the sanctuary before it started, tears came to my eyes. Kids were everywhere! It had been so long since it was full

Over The Moon about VBS

of children.)

That was just the first night!

On day two, it was the VBS we knew: meeting in the sanctuary with peppy songs, then groups being led to Bible stories, crafts, music, recreation, and snacks. Forget the days of red Kool-Aid and two Hydrox cookies. We had scrumptious meals each night, prepped and served by an army of kind volunteers.

Our theme verse was Jeremiah 29:13: "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." LifeWay's music in "Destination Dig" was kickin'! We sang the verse again and again. Even the youngest knew it by the end of the week.

My role is Preschool Music Leader. Our team sang and danced with two through five-year-olds each night. Little fingers making a fountain as they learned "Deep and Wide" melted my heart. Four's and five's sang "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" for the first time.

We had classics like "If You're Happy and You Know It", plus other fun songs about the love of God. My very favorite was "My God is so Big". When they threw their arms wide singing with all their hearts... Shew! I'm getting choked up as I type. Those are truths they can keep forever!

Though exhausted afterward, I could barely get to sleep each night, rethinking each class and the precious kiddies.

VBS is a big deal! Many of our local Baptist churches in Pike and Floyd Counties started with VBS's held by a missionary named Annie Allen in the early to mid-1900's. VBS is still crucial and relative today. It is the biggest evangelistic opportunity each year inviting children and adults to come have a good time at the church and hear about Jesus. Stories (and songs) are all based on God's Word-Scriptures that can seep into their hearts to last a lifetime. I know it for a fact!

One of my first times at VBS, I learned a verse that I STILL cling to 50 years later and share often with kids: "When I am afraid, I will trust in God," (Psalm 56:3). Things were ugly at my house back then and would continue to get worse for the next 10 years. Countless times I quoted myself to sleep with that verse.

On one of the last nights of VBS, our pastors shared the plan of salvation with the kindergarten-adults. Three children asked Jesus to come into their hearts! PtL!

Vacation Bible School is one of my favorite weeks of the year. With COVID cases rising, I am so thankful that we were able to have a week of "normal" and learn important truths we can hold in our hearts through the next months of crisis.

If you have ever worked in VBS, thank you. God bless you! You might not think you made a difference but I'm pretty sure you did!

Keep the Truth and the Truth Shall Keep Thee

by BOB CASEY, preacher
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It is written in **John 18:36-37**, "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence." ³⁷Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Also, in **Mark 14:61-62**, "But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? ⁶²And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

This is the good confession that our Lord made before Pilate. He indeed was the Christ, and his kingdom was not of this world, that they would see him coming in the clouds of Heaven; plus, he would judge the living and the dead at his return. This Paul says to Timothy in 6:14, "That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ." ¹ Timothy 6:14

I believe that every person desiring to be a true preacher of Christ should do so! That all the Gospel regarding one's eternal salvation should be believed and preached entirely. That the life of the preacher should be agreeable to this doctrine; keeping it without spot that there should be no blot on the Sacred Book. Add nothing to it, nor take from it; change nothing in it, always delivering the truths in every sermon preached; always remember that you are passing it down to your successors.

Notice, Paul is telling to Timothy to live an "un-

rebukeable" manner of life. How can this be accomplished? By having nothing in our conduct or spiritual life that would be contrary to the truth. Again, 'keep the truth, and the truth shall keep thee.'

Again, if anyone professing to be a preacher of the Gospel of Christ denies, speaks or writes against the written word, he only gives proof to the Church how utterly unqualified that he is for this sacred function. If he does, he is not sent by God and therefore he shall not profit one soul to enter into Heaven.

How sad it is to take not of all the religious endeavors that are going on in our area, but most do not preach nor practice even the first principles of the truth. "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Hebrews 6:12

By learning, a man may acquire knowledge, through knowledge reduced to practice, gives experience; thereby wisdom is derived. But of all the learning that can be obtained by books of secondary history or ancient languages, it cannot be of little use unless it agrees to the book of God, the Bible! Only through practicing its teachings can we gain the purpose of this life. "... if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." ^{John 8:31-32}

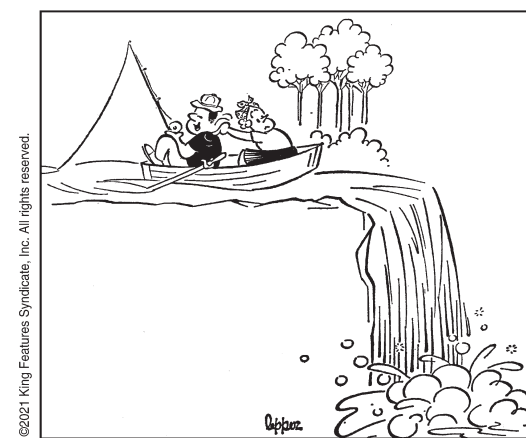
I ask, 'are you free from all your past sins?' Again, 'Do you desire to be free?' Then, there is nothing to hinder you from obeying the truth. But, let me warn you that half truths have never, nor will ever, save one person.

In **Romans 6:17-18**, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. ¹⁸Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

So, you see, it does make all the difference pertaining to salvation in which form of doctrine you were taught. Are you sure of your salvation? Take note, you are depending upon your hope of Heaven by being sure.

Visit with us, we talk about these things in church. Call 1-859-369-4165.

Sincerely, Bob Casey



"A what? Who you kidding, dear?"

Rivers don't have _____."

Scrambler's Answer on Page 12

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!

Stew

SHAH

Concede

IDELY

Berate

CLODS

Remove

TEELED

TODAY'S WORD