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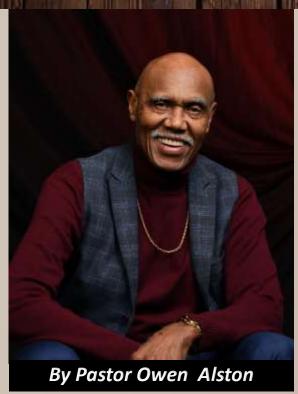
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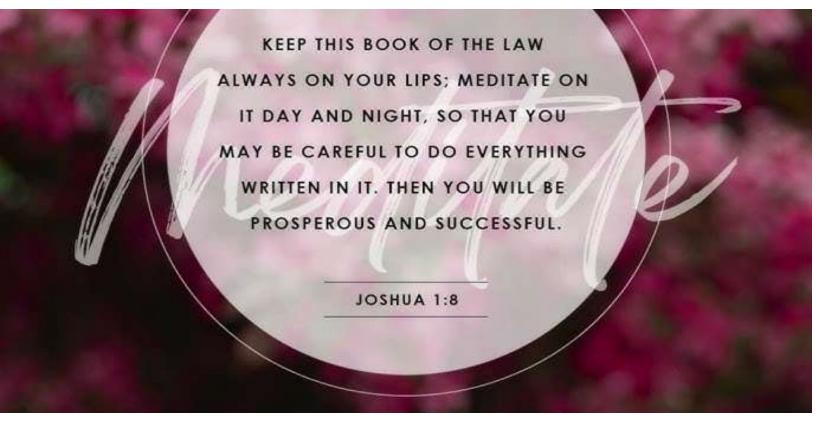


"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." Joshua 1:8



I don't believe that God's plan for us is to be up and down like a basketball, but to be consistently growing and fulfilling the purpose and plans He has designed for us. I believe this text is the perfect design and plan God has for us to be successful. "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth." This book of the law is an allencompassing term depicting God's directions for our lives. All

that I believe, all that I say, and all that I do should be determined by the word of God which is this book of the law. For this to be, the word of God must be first and foremost in my life. There are two things that should be evident in our daily lives: the word of God and prayer. I believe one of the great mistakes we make is to try to accomplish the purpose and plans of God through human effort. The power



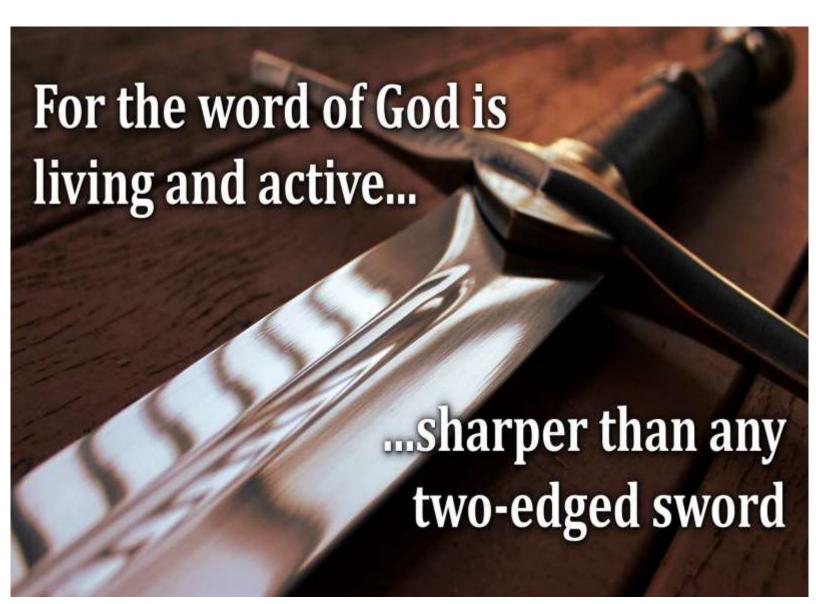
for our success is in the word of God. In Hebrews 4:12, the Bible says that the word of God is "living and powerful." I can assure you that God's word can fulfill and produce a lot more than you can with human effort. Notice in our text "this book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall medin i t day itate and night." That means the word of God must be first and foremost and in everything we say, everything we think, everything we do. We must receive these instructions God has given us and then allow them to grow in us. This must become a way of life for us; we must give attention to the word of God and allow the word of God to develop us into God's way of thinking. Notice what it says

here, "we meditate in the word of God, day and night" and then we do what the Word says. My actions should be the result of what the word of God says and when I allow God's word to grow and develop in me, success is without question.

Again, look at what God's word says, "for then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good SUCcess." Now that's very different from the way we often think and act. Many times we are praying and asking God to do things; well, if we stop and look at this text, God says for us to give attention to His word and as a result of our giving attention to the word of God, we creor allow the power ate of the word of God to be released inside of us to produce what our heart has desired. The Bible says in Psalm 37:4, "delight yourselves also in the Lord and he shall give you the desires of your heart." God has given us his word. The word of God will produce anything your heart desires that's aligned with his word. Here again notice what He says, "for then you will make your way prosperous." When will you make your way prosperous? You will make your way prosperous

when you allow the word of God to be first and foremost in your life.

Let us back away and take a good look at what God is saying here. My job is to allow God's word to be first and foremost in my life. When I decide to allow God's word to be first in my life, that is on an ongoing basis attending, listening, meditating and reading the word of God, then the power for my life comes out of the



Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart.

PSALM 37:4



Notice what He says here: He says when you attend to His word, when you allow the word of God to be first and foremost, then you will make your way prosperous. Now these are principles we must just stop and apply ourselves to. Many times, we will get frustrated when we have a desire for something and we'll start praying and begging God and then we'll say, well, if God gives it to me, it's his will and if not, then it's not his will. Well, that's not really the way it works. If you listen to the text in which God is speaking to us, He says you're going to make your way prosperous when you give yourself to the word of God and recognize that the power for us to live a successful life is in the word of God and when we apply our-

selves to the Word then we will get the result the word of God promises. Now I think one of the things that happens is we become overly anxious about these things. This is not something that's going to happen overnight. We apply ourselves to His word and then the word of God will work in us all the time. These are the principles God has designed for us to live by. We live in an earth environment where all kinds of things are happening. They call them accidents, but they have no right to come near us according to the word of God. If you'll notice in Psalm 91. there is total success and peace that God has designed for all His children. He has given his angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways; they will bear us up in their hands

lest we dash our foot against the stone; no evil shall befall us; no plague shall come near our dwelling.

Now we are going to have to decide whether we're going to believe God or just believe the environment

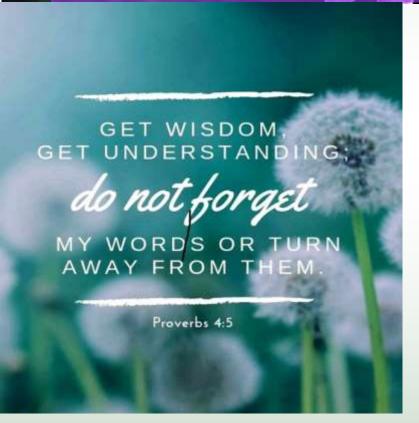
that surrounds us. I highly recommend that you take the word of God and allow God's word to be first and foremost in your life. As He said to Joshua, "This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night that you

may observe to do according to all that is written therein. For then you will make your way prosperous, then you will have good success." My dear friend, I challenge you to just simply get your Bible and sit down and read it and allow the word of God to guide, direct and orchestrate your life and then you will have the desires of your heart and you will fulfill the purpose and plans that God has designed for you.

Pastor Alston







The Bible tells us that acquiring wisdom is the wisest thing one could do. Once acquired, wisdom will take good care of you. However, "God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish" (I Corinthians 1:20b). He said, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent" (I Corinthians 1:19). He is making a

clear distinction between Godly wisdom and worldly wisdom. One can be smart by any worldly measure, but "no flesh should glory in His presence" (I Corinthians 1:29 NKJV).

Mankind did not come to Christ by way of worldly wisdom. "For the Jews constantly demand to see miraculous signs, while those who are not Jews constantly cling to the world's wisdom, but we preach the crucified Messiah. The Jews stumble over him and the rest of the world sees him as foolishness" (I Corinthians 1:22, 23 TPT). Therefore, salvation is a supernatural thing, a spiritual thing and one acquires wisdom spiritually" But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God" (I Corinthians 1:24 NLT). So in all thy getting, get Christ.

In Christ, we become one with Him. "But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him" (I Corinthians 6:17 NKJV). Only then do we have the mind of Christ and access to His spiritual gifts. "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all... A spiritual gift is given



heart" (Luke 6:45c). "Be filled with the knowledge and of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9-10 NKJV).

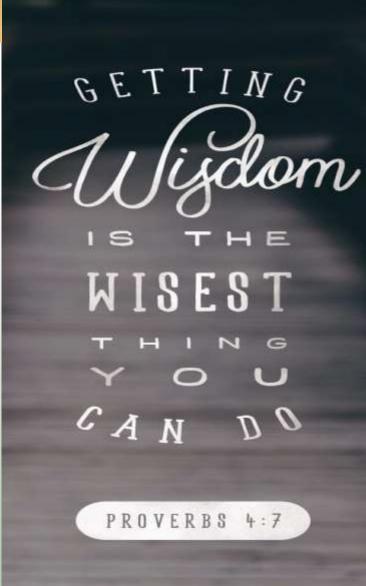
In Christ, you've become a new creation and each day you get to decide how you will live that day. Walk in the wisdom of God knowing it is the smartest thing you can do.

to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge" (I Corinthians 12: 4, 7-8 NLT).

So, how do we get the wisdom of God? It is a gift, but like faith or should I say in faith, we can grow in wisdom. James tells us to ask for it. "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking" (James 1:5). King

Solomon asked for wisdom, and God gave it to him. We know what He does for one, He will do for all. However, James goes on to say, "But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone" (James 1:6a).

Remember, His word is wisdom, so meditate on the word while you wait for wisdom to grow. Spend some time in Proverbs and then back in the New Testament epistles because "what you say flows from what is in your





As I was coming out of the library, she approached me. She offered me a little plastic canvas cross edged with purple yarn in a little plastic canvas pocket she had crafted. I thanked her and she began to tell me how her sister had been critically ill and how God had healed her. As we both began to praise God, she handed me a folded piece of paper and said this was her testimony. I was honored to receive it and after reading it, I knew it was not meant for me alone.

This is her story. "I was raised in the church, but I was still searching for answers. I was depending on the church to do what Jesus had already done over 2,000 years ago to forgive my sins and prevent me from going to hell. My husband and his family were very devout. I thought I'd get to heaven with their

faith! I started reading the Bible, God's word, for answers, to know what's it all about. Where am I going? Why am I here? Praise God! I opened my heart to Jesus and accepted Him as my Lord and Savior. I shared Him with my parents and they accepted Jesus! I now know God loves me and loves you and the world (John 3:16). This is my experience and my testimony: It's not about a religion; it's about a relationship with Jesus!"

People want to go to heaven when it's their time to leave this earth. Sometimes they feel they can get to heaven because mother was very religious or grandmother was a praying woman and is surely saving a place for them. Some think because they go to church every Sunday, they are good Christians and are guaranteed a place in heaven. As Evan-

gelist Joyce Meyer once said, "Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, just like standing in a garage doesn't make you a car!" Others think they can earn a ticket to heaven by doing good deeds such as volunteering in church or giving money to charity. Some people feel they deserve to go to heaven because they are nice. They are good people. They don't hurt anyone. The truth is Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life" and no one can come to the Father in heaven except through Him (John 14:6). It's

not enough to know about Jesus; we must know Him through a personal relationship with Him. That means we get to know Him through His word and prayer. We talk to Him, worship Him, sing to Him and include Him in the moments of our everyday lives.

If heaven is your ultimate destination, you need to know Jesus as your Lord and Savior. He must be a vital part of your life. As this dear lady said in her testimony, "It's not about a religion; it's about a relationship with Jesus."



A Mandate for Justice

By Cindy T. Brown

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of thy throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before thy face.

Psalm 89:14 (ASV)

Justice is a theme throughout the Bible and was given to God's children as a mandate that we can obey and, thereby, have eternal life in His kingdom. Today in America and around the world, we are seeing lawlessness manifest in many leaders and communities; however, those with a Spirit of Discernment understand that this is a sign of the

[End] times and Christians must not be discouraged by this but instead must diligently hold fast to the knowledge that the Lord we serve is a God of justice, and His justice will be done. In 2 Thessalonians 2:8, we are informed that when the Lord reveals the man of lawlessness, He will breathe upon him and destroy him with His coming!

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

-Psalm 100:3



DEFEND the weak and the fatherless;

UPHOLD

the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

RESCUE

the weak and the needy;

DELIVER them FROM the hand of the wicked.

Psulm n=3-4

As Christians, we are each called to be leaders, whether a leader in our community or simply a leader in our home. The Lord has instructed us in Matthew 5:14-16 to be beacons for others so that they will see us as role models and be encouraged to worship the Lord, for that is the purpose for which God created us (Psalm 100:2-3).

In His word, the Lord has granted us every tool needed for Christians to successfully execute His mandate and He does not intend to lose even one of us who belong to him (John 6:39). Throughout scripture, God has defined the characteristics of true

Christian role models so that His children can continuously check themselves against these attributes and make necessary corrections and so that we do not become stumbling blocks to others (Matthew 18:6). In Zechariah 7:9 and Proverbs 31:8-9, we learn that a good role model "renders true judgments" by showing kindness and mercy toward others and speaking up for the voiceless and less fortunate to protect and defend the rights of these people. Proverbs 17:23 and 29:7 contrast righteous people who care for the less fortunate, with evil people who call wrong things right, pervert justice and



accept bribes, and make it obvious that they do not care at all about others. In fact, the righteous are given a call to action to "rescue" the less fortunate from evil people who would do them harm

(Psalm 82:3-4)!

Christians have a mandate from God, and the clock is ticking. Now is the time for true Christians to stand atop the hill and beam their lights far and wide for the glory of God, for we are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14-16). As hateful, divisive, and discriminatory actions and rhetoric are ramped up, Christian voices must

drown that out. Corporate prayer must increase, and we must put our faith into action. Christians must actively and boldly make their voices heard, show their Godgiven power, and not stand silently by while injustice is perpetrated and goes unchecked throughout the land and around the world.

In service of the Lord, I fervently pray in the mighty name of Jesus, that a spirit of boldness, truth, peace, and justice come upon all my brothers and sisters in Christ! AMEN!



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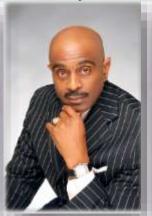
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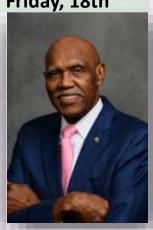
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1 Peter 5:6 NKJV Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,

CRANK IT UP!

Pastor Steven Pereira

Mat 20:29 — Mat 20:33

As Jesus and the disciples left the town of Jericho, a large crowd followed behind. Two blind men were sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was coming that way, they began shouting, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" "Be quiet!" the crowd yelled at them. But they only shouted louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" When Jesus heard them, he stopped and called, "What do you want me to do for you?". "Lord," they said, "we want to see!"

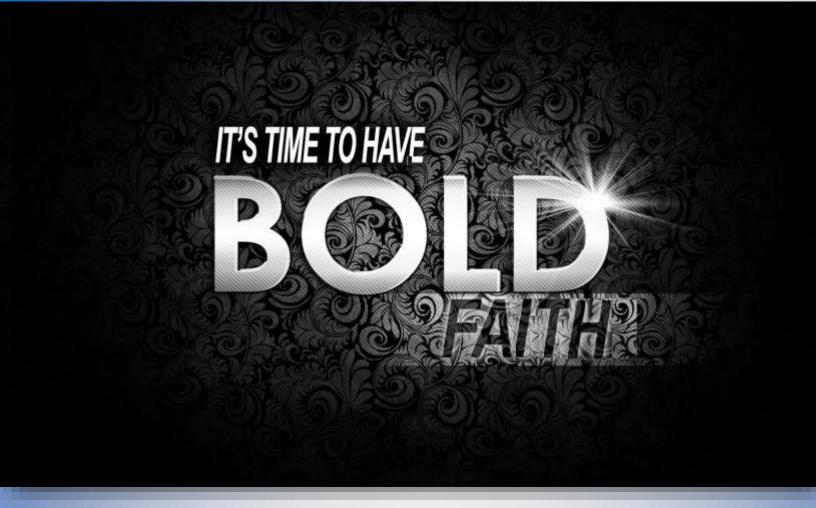
This scripture is not just a nice story about Jesus healing two blind guys, but it also speaks of the bold intensity we need to have as believers.

At this point in history, Jesus was the talk of the town. The faith of the people had been stirred up. The blind men knew opportunity was coming their way because they "heard." Heard defined means: to perceive sound; to listen with attention; to be informed of; to take testimony from and make a legal decision. This alone constitutes a huge lesson plan about hearing. These guys heard. What did they hear? They heard about a righteous teacher; they heard about the healing of a Gentile woman's daughter who was demon possessed who received healing! They heard

about His visit to the land of Gennesaret where He performed a massive healing service where He healed all those who touched Him! They heard about the one who walks on water! Yes, He walked on water! Or how about the demon possessed man? He was blind and speechless, Jesus healed the man "so that he could both speak and see!" (Matthew 12:22). Is your faith getting stirred up yet? Are you making a decision in your heart that you have a "legal decision" to make regarding your situation? These two guys did.

They listened with attention to the talk about Jesus; they got informed about Jesus and they





made a legal decision about Jesus that got them shouting!

How many times has opportunity come your way and you didn't act on it? Don't ever let a God opportunity pass you by! Don't think that God is not interested in helping you!

Forget the doubters in your life; they are represented by the crowd. The world and Satan are going to tell you to shut up. They tell you why it can't be done. Back in those days it was believed that people were born blind or those who went blind did so because of some kind of sin in their lives. Even today some people believe that. What shallow thinking! This type of stinking thinking is an insult to Jesus. Why would God or Jesus our healer put sickness on anyone? There is no scripture to support that kind of thinking!

Our two guys made a legal decision based on what they heard! See that's how faith operates. We **hear**, **then we** push through the sea of doubt no matter where or who the criticism comes from! The crowd told them to shut up, but instead they turned up the heat of boldness

by faith!

We are living in a day and age where many voices are telling the believer to shut up! There is opportunity coming your way, friends. Forget the criticism; it's time to crank up the volume. Back in the day in the Bronx, we hung out and I had this big ghetto boom box. When my friends' songs came on, my friends would say crank it up!

Right now, I sense the Spirit saying "it's time for the body of Christ to crank up its voice; no more do we allow the voice of the world and doubt to silence us. Speak up, church, you have the message the world needs. You have the legal right to access all that God has for you. Don't let the world dictate your life, put them in their place!"

Have a blessed day and Crank it up people! Pastor Steven

Games

In the Beginning Was the Word

Complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

- 3 Bartholomew
- 4 John did this with water.
- 6 What the darkness could not comprehend.
- 7 What John saw descending from Heaven like a dove.
- 10 Andrew and Philip were this to John.
- 15 Ladder upon which Jacob saw angels ascending and descending.
- 16 The son of Jonah.
- 17 Jesus' hometown.
- 18 Born by the will of God.
- 20 When the Word was with God.
- 22 Region of northern Palestine.
- 25 What the Word was to men.

- 26 John unworthy to loose this.
- 27 Jesus' legal father.
- 28 Hebrew equivalent of Peter.
- 29 Animal Messiah is like.

Down

- Master or teacher.
- 2 Who has power to become a son of God?
- 5 John gave this concerning the Word.
- 8 Probably Nathanael's brother (Lk. 6:14).
- 9 A river in Palestine.
- 11 Moses said Messiah would be one of these like himself.
- 12 Work the Word performed in the beginning.

- 13 Hometown of Philip, Andrew and Peter.
- 14 Made by the Word.
- 19 Jesus saw Nathanael sitting under this kind of tree.
- 20 One of the places where John baptized.
- 21 Nathanael had none.
- 23 Prophet that wore a leather girdle.
- 24 Andrew's brother.

FUN PAGES

ALABASTER JAR

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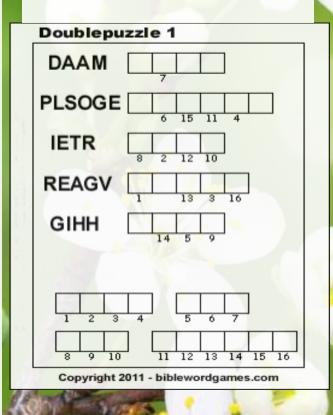
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*** PRAYER OF SALVATION *** DO YOU KNOW...?

GOD LOVES YOU

JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS

YOU CAN RECEIVE JESUS NOW AND KNOW GOD'S LOVE

The basis of the Prayer of Salvation comes from Romans 10:9-10, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."

However, I would like to direct you to Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by Grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Grace is mentioned over 100 times in the Bible. Grace is God's unmerited favor and because of God's grace, we receive eternal life and a promise of heaven. Grace is necessary for salvation as we cannot do enough good works or make enough right choices to earn our salvation. The Bible teaches that we are justified by the grace of God (Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7). Justified means declared not guilty. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, all charges against us are dropped and we are free from sin. When God forgives our sins, the record is wiped clean. It is as if we had never sinned.

A preacher once explained grace with this acronym:

God's - Riches - At - Christ's - Expense

PRAY THIS PRAYER OUT LOUD:

Heavenly Father, In Jesus' name I repent of my sins and open my heart to let Jesus come inside of me. Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank you Father, for saving me in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you've prayed this prayer of salvation with true conviction, you are now a follower of Jesus.

Welcome to the family of God! We encourage you now to find a local church where you can be baptized and grow in the knowledge of God through His Word, the Bible.

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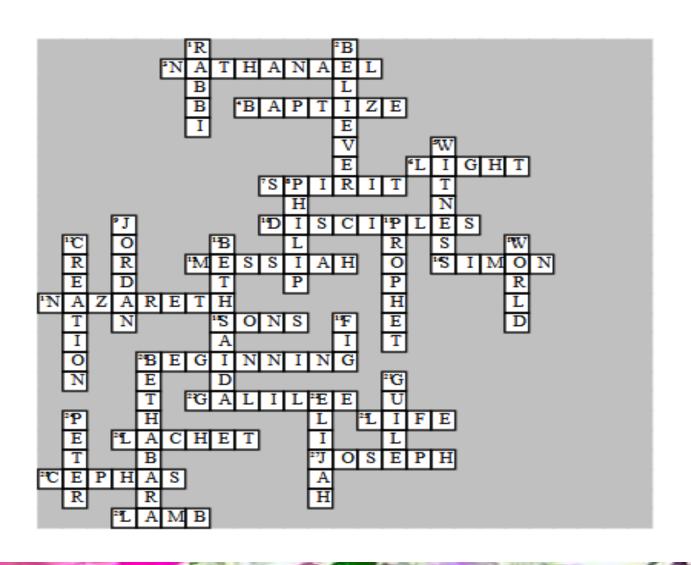
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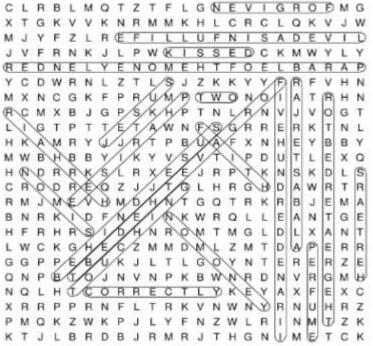
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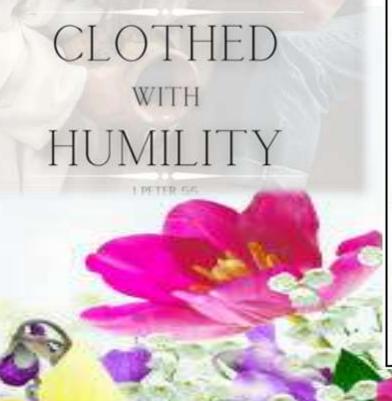
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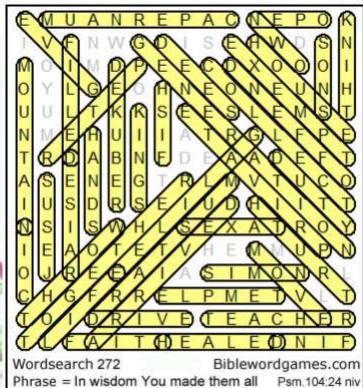


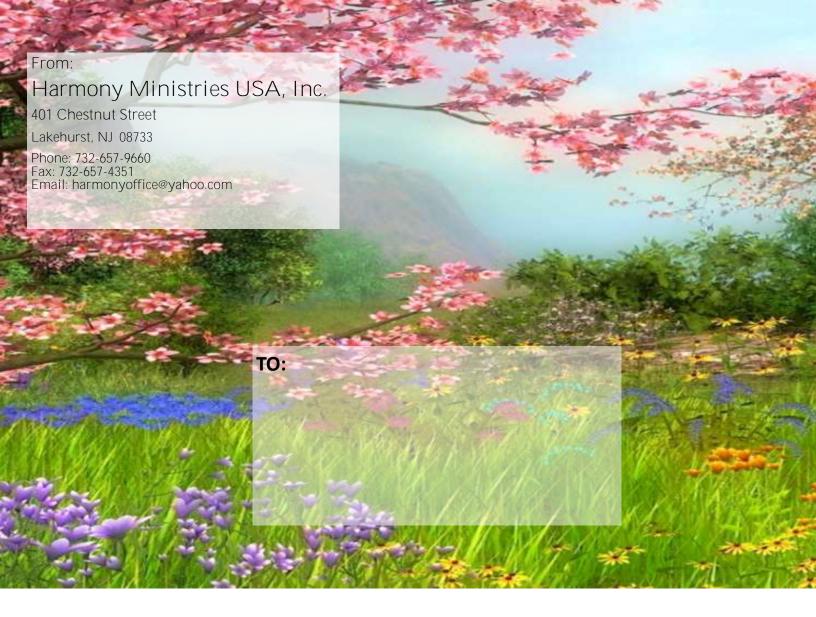
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GIVE GOD THE PRAISE (John 9:24) KJV







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