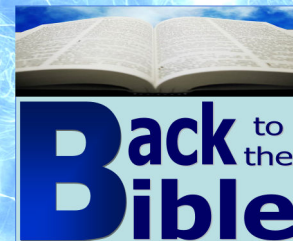


"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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**Joseph Teaches Us to Trust in God**

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One cannot help but be reminded of the Christ when he thinks of Joseph. Joseph's brethren sought to do him harm, but God's divine providence overruled their envy. We see God's providence overruling the evil intentions of the unbelieving Jews who sought to undermine the Master's plan. Joseph was hated because of his dreams, and the Lord was hated because he claimed to be God's Son and King. Joseph was tempted and remained pure, and Jesus was tempted and did not sin. Joseph was willing to forgive his brethren, and Jesus is willing to forgive those who sin against Him.

Both Joseph and Christ found the way of escape when faced with temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). Every trial endured for the cause of Christ will increase one's faith and make him stronger. Let us learn some things from Joseph about trusting in God.

Joseph was despised by his brethren but loved by his father. Upon sensing the partiality of Jacob to Joseph, the brothers hated Joseph and "could not speak peaceably unto him" (Genesis 37:4). Jacob, however, "loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors" (verse 3).

Christ "came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not" (John 1:11). Even those of his hometown of Nazareth would not accept him causing Christ to say, "No prophet is acceptable in his own country" (Luke 4:24).

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Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am  
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Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

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Sunday:.....7:30am  
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	HEAR THE GOSPEL	BELIEVE FAITH	REPENT OF SINS	CONFESS CHRIST	BAPTISM	
1	DAY OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:36-42	HEARD 2:37	BELIEVED 2:41	REPENT 2:37-38	BAPTIZED 2:38-41	
2	SAMARITANS ACTS 8:5-13	HEARD 8:6	BELIEVED 8:12		BAPTIZED 8:12	
3	SIMON ACTS 8:13	HEARD 8:6	BELIEVED 8:13		BAPTIZED 8:13	
4	ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH ACTS 8:36-41	HEARD 8:35	BELIEVED 8:37	CONFESSED 8:37	BAPTIZED 8:38	
5	SAUL - (PAUL) ACTS 9:1-9; 22:6-16; 26:12-19	HEARD 22:16	BELIEVED 22:16		BAPTIZED 9:18	
6	CORNELIUS ACTS 10:25-48	HEARD 10:33	BELIEVED 10:43		BAPTIZED 10:48	
7	LYDIA ACTS 16:13-15	HEARD 16:13-14	BELIEVED 16:14		BAPTIZED 16:15	
8	PHILIPPIAN JAILOR ACTS 16:34	HEARD 16:32	BELIEVED 16:31		BAPTIZED 16:33	
9	THE CORINTHIANS ACTS 18:8	HEARD 18:8	BELIEVED 18:8		BAPTIZED 18:8	
10	12 MEN AT EPHEBUS ACTS 19:1-7	HEARD 19:5	BELIEVED 19:5		BAPTIZED 19:5	
	<b>PREACHING</b> Romans 10:17 Galatians 1:8-9	<b>HEAR</b> Mark 4:23 Acts 10:22	<b>FAITH</b> Hebrews 11:6 Hebrews 5:8-9	<b>REPENTANCE</b> Luke 13:3, 5 Acts 2:38	<b>CONFESSION</b> Romans 10:10 Matthew 10:32-33	<b>BAPTISM</b> 1 Peter 3:21

James' Bible Charts

Those both within and without the Lord's church may persecute children of God today who stand firm for the truth. It may be that even their own physical family turns against them. But what a consolation to know that we are loved by the Heavenly Father for doing His will (Matthew 5:10)! Joseph was sold as a slave, but in reality he was a prosperous man. "And there passed by Midianites, merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they brought Joseph into Egypt" (Gen. 37:28). The brothers of Joseph did not care what happened to him, but the Heavenly Father did. They must have thought that Joseph would be forced to serve the remainder of his life as a humble and poor slave of men.

The Heavenly Father proves to all once again that the man who does His will prosper. "And Jehovah was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian" (Gen. 39:2). One lesson that all must learn is that it does not matter the value that the world places upon us. It does indeed matter, however, the value that Christ places upon us. One will be a prosperous man in the sight of God if he does His will.

Joseph was falsely accused, but God did not forsake him. Many today believe that when things go wrong in their lives it means that God is no longer with them. But to the faithful God has promised that He "will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). When things go wrong in this world it may very well be because one has chosen to do the honorable and right thing (2 Timothy 3:12; John 3:19-20). The pure in heart will not only see God (Matt. 5:8), but they will suffer for His sake.

If one's heart is hot with a zeal for God and His truths, men (and women) will falsely charge you. Joseph had found favor in Potiphar's eyes, but the devil was determined to bring ruin to Joseph. Mrs. Potiphar makes her move and says to Joseph, "Lie with me. But he refused, and said . . . how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. And it came to pass about this time, that he went into the house to do his work; and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, that she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in a Hebrew unto us to mock us: he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: and it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled, and got him out" (Gen. 39:7-15).

Joseph, even though he was cast unjustly into prison (Gen. 39:20), was rewarded for his faithful convictions as "Jehovah was with Joseph, and showed kindness unto him, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison" (Gen. 39:21). As Christians, let us remember, "Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you" (Matt. 5:11-12). May we never fail to trust in our Lord and our God!

## Teachers! Teachers! Teachers! My, How God Loves Them!

by Andrew Connally, deceased

Teachers mold the hearts of little children. Whenever little children study the Bible, wonderful women and men mold their hearts and lives. Such is a work of God, to teach and train little minds the grand and glorious truths of God, to prepare them for life's great adventure. Concepts are formed and opinions strengthened for life.

Teachers uphold the truth of God always; at least they should, and when they do, wonderful things happen. Darkness is banished, light is brought to bear, the great things of life are illuminated, and error is exposed. Little minds and hearts are touched for good, and lives are changed for the better! Teachers deal with the great issues facing every generation. If not, then the practical application of these great truths is lacking and much is left undone. Without direction and application, people often go away untaught and are left to wonder what God expects of them. Teachers change our communities and lives. Their example and training often spill over from the classroom into our families, communities, and lives. God wills it so. This is an expression of our lights shining and our salt influencing those about us.

Some of our dearest memories are of teachers we have had in our lives. They have made a difference. They always will. Man is a teachable, learning being, and great and good teachers influence us. One of their rewards is found in seeing the change in their students' lives, and just once in a while the student then becomes a teacher himself. What attribute and honor to those who taught them. This is a great reward.

So, dear teacher, please continue to forget the thankless hours of preparation and sacrifice, the pain and anguish of teaching. Just keep on doing your wonderful thing, for God loves you—and so do we!

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*"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.  
He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:15-16).*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mar 27 – Prayer Service after Evening Worship
- April 3 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class after Evening Worship
- April 10 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 pm Worship Service
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell