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INTRODUCTION

The Bible is God's great revelation to mankind (2 Timothy 3:16). While God still speaks through creation, our personal experience and the community of faith, it is Scripture that is the ultimate revelation, and test of all faith and practice. To know the principles and teachings of the Bible is to know God's will, but importantly, it also has the potential to transform our lives.

The Apostle Paul challenges the church at Rome to "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is" (Romans 12:2). Filling your heart and mind with the teachings of Scripture has transformational power. In fact Jesus said that His words "are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63). Getting to know the Bible is the great privilege of every believer in Christ. But more than that, when a non-believer studies the Bible, faith is established in their life. Romans 10:17 tells us, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

t is hoped that the following set of Bible studies will have a profound impact on your personal walk with God. I pray that this is only the beginning of a life-long journey where you meet with Jesus through His word every day. And above all I pray that you will not keep these great truths to yourself, but will share them with everyone who seeks to learn more.

Sincerely,



Pastor Justin Lawman

HOW TO USE THESE STUDIES

BIBLE MARKING

A n explanation of how to use these studies can be found on the following page. These Bible studies are designed as a "chain reference" Bible marking series. This means that each study focuses on one theme or teaching, and then explores the topic through a variety of Bible verses. Bible marking is a good way to learn the Bible, and is also known as the "proof text method." Jesus used proof texts when the devil tempted him in the wilderness. He said, "It is written..." and used texts from the Old Testament to prove his position. Paul, Matthew and other biblical writers also used this method.

BIBLE STUDIES

The Bible marking series is also an evangelistic series of Bible studies or sermons that have been used to people for many years. The good news is that you don't have to be a pastor to give a Bible study — anyone can do it. It's just helpful if you're a believer and are able to read.

The best people to study with are those who are spiritual seekers. God often places people in our lives who desire to find Him — friends, relatives and others. If they are interested in having Bible studies, why not offer to study with them? You can use this study set with them. Simply print each study on your home computer and printer, and give a copy to each student. Study a new topic each week.

A simple Bible study format is to open with prayer, introduce the lesson, conduct the study (around 40 minutes at most) and use the simple appeal question at the end of each study for the student to respond to, before closing with a commitment prayer.

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ROMANS 12:2



HOW TO MARK YOUR BIBLE

Write the Bible study heading in the back of your Bible.

Under the heading, write the first scripture reference in the study guide.

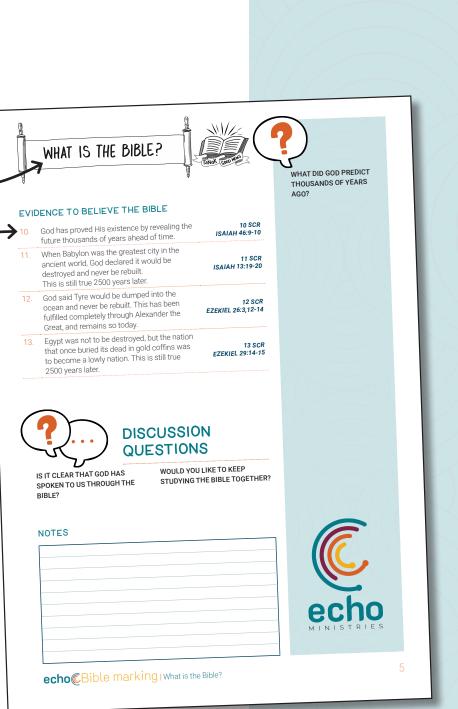
Turn to the first scripture.

If your Bible has room to write notes, you can write the comment next to the passage of scripture to remind you what it's about.

Next to the first scripture, write down the next scripture in the list. This shows you what passage to turn to next.

Turn to the second scripture.

Next to the second scripture write down the third scripture in the list. Repeat this process through the entire study.







WHAT IS THE BIBLE?



THE BIBLE HAS A DIVINE ORIGIN

1.	God has revealed His plans/secrets to the prophets.	1 SCR AMOS 3:7
	The Bible is different from any other book. The Holy Spirit breathed it into life.	2 SCR 2 PET 1:21
3.	Some people only read the New Testament, but all Scripture is inspired by God.	3 SCR 2 TIM 3:16

GOD'S WORD IS ETERNAL

4.	Many have tried to destroy the Bible, but God has promised that it would always remain.	4 SCR 1 PET 1:24-25
5.	Jesus said the earth would pass away before His words would pass away or fail.	5 SCR MAT 24:35

THE PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE

6.	One of the purposes of the Scriptures is to give us hope.	6 SCR ROM 15:4
7.	The Bible gives us knowledge and understanding of salvation, and is the source of all doctrine or teaching.	7 SCR 2 TIM 3:15-16
8.	The Scriptures reveal Jesus as Savior.	8 SCR JOHN 5:39
9.	The Scriptures are the source of truth.	9 SCR JOHN 17:17

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IT WAS **WRITTEN** OVER A PERIOD OF 1500 YEARS BY 44 DIFFERENT AUTHORS. IT IS THE MOST **POPULAR** BOOK IN THE **HISTORY** OF THE WORLD AND **CHANGED** THE **LIFE** OF MILLIONS. WE CALL IT THE **BIBLE.** WHAT MAKES IT SO SPECIAL? AND CAN I TRUST IT AS THE WORD OF GOD?



HOW DID GOD REVEAL HIS SECRETS OR PLANS TO THE PROPHETS?

HOW MUCH OF THE BIBLE WAS INSPIRED BY GOD?





WHAT IS THE BIBLE?



WHAT DID GOD PREDICT THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO?

EVIDENCE TO BELIEVE THE BIBLE

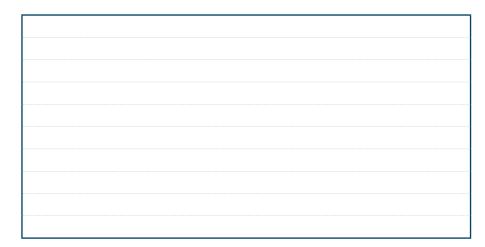
10 SCR ISAIAH 46:9-10	God has proved His existence by revealing the future thousands of years ahead of time.	10.
11 SCR ISAIAH 13:19-20	When Babylon was the greatest city in the ancient world, God declared it would be destroyed and never be rebuilt. This is still true 2500 years later.	11.
12 SCR EZEKIEL 26:3,12-14	God said Tyre would be dumped into the ocean and never be rebuilt. This has been fulfilled completely through Alexander the Great, and remains so today.	12.
13 SCR EZEKIEL 29:14-15	Egypt was not to be destroyed, but the nation that once buried its dead in gold coffins was to become a lowly nation. This is still true 2500 years later.	13.



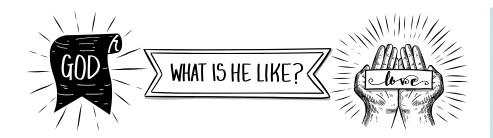
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

IS IT CLEAR THAT GOD HAS SPOKEN TO US THROUGH THE BIBLE?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KEEP STUDYING THE BIBLE TOGETHER?







GOD IS ETERNAL, ALL-POWERFUL AND ALL-KNOWING

God is eternal, from everlasting to everlasting. 1 GOD There never was a time that He was not in **PSALMS 90:2** existence. 2. God is wise and all-powerful. He controls the 2 GOD **DANIEL 2:20-21** destiny of nations

God's ability to reveal the future proves His divine 3 GOD **ISAIAH 45:21**

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT **IDEAS** ABOUT GOD, BUT WHAT IS HE **REALLY** LIKE?



WHERE DID GOD COME FROM IF HE IS GOD?

GOD IS THE CREATOR, AND THEREFORE THE RIGHTFUL OWNER, OF THE UNIVERSE

4.	God is able to create by His word through the breath of His mouth.	4 GOD PSALMS 33:6,9
5.	God is the rightful owner of the world, and therefore everyone who lives in it.	5 GOD PSALMS 24:1
6.	God's glory is revealed through the majesty of the starry heavens.	6 GOD PSALMS 19:1-2

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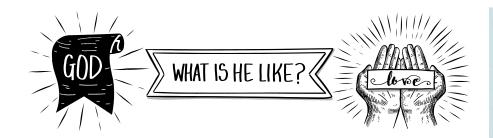
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GOD IS A LOVING, MERCIFUL AND FORGIVING GOD

7. God is compassionate and gracious, and is always quick to forgive us when we sincerely seek Him.
8. God reaches out to us with His loving kindness.
9. God does not treat us as we deserve, but forgives us according to His great mercy.
7 GOD EXODUS 34:6, 7
8 GOD JEREMIAH 31:3
9 GOD PSALMS 103:10-14

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UNIVERSE.

GOD PROMISES TO HELP US IN EVERY SITUATION

10. God has promised to strengthen us and help us with His right hand.

10 GOD ISAIAH 41:10

11. God will not forget us. His love for us is greater than that of a parent. He has engraved us on the palms of His hands.

11 GOD ISAIAH 49:15-16

12. God will never leave you. 12 GOD HEBREWS 13:5



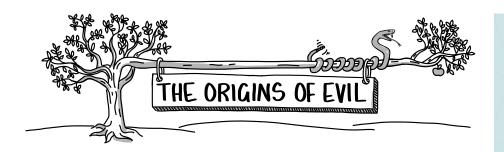
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

IS IT CLEAR THAT GOD IS A GOD OF LOVE?

DO YOU WANT TO GET TO KNOW GOD BETTER?







EVIL BEGAN IN HEAVEN

Heaven, the place of perfection, is where evil began.

1 EVIL REV 12:7-8

WHY WOULD GOD CREATE A DEVIL?

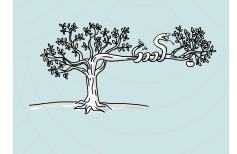
2.	God did not create the Devil, but a mighty angel who had a free will.	2 EVIL EZE 28:14-15
3.	The Devil became envious of God's position and desired to overtake Him.	3 EVIL ISAIAH 14:12-14
4.	The Devil convinced mankind to share in his rebellion, and thus evil spread to earth.	4 EVIL GEN 3:1-7

THE CHARACTER OF THE DEVIL

5.	Jesus said the Devil is murderer and a liar.	5 EVIL JOHN 8:44
6.	The Devil incites men to sin.	6 EVIL JOHN 13:2
7.	The Devil accuses God's people.	7 EVIL ZECH 3:1
8.	He masquerades as an angel of light.	8 EVIL 2 COR 11:13-14

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GOD IS LOVING.
THE LOGICAL
QUESTION THEN
COMES: WHY IS
THERE SO MUCH
SUFFERING IN
THE WORLD?
IF GOD IS GOOD
WHY IS THERE
SO MUCH
EVIL IN HIS
CREATION?





THE COST OF EVIL

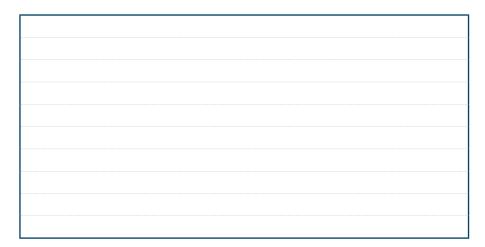
9.	The Devil claims the dominion of the earth after man shared in his rebellion.	9 EVIL LUKE 4:5-6
10.	The entire human race has been plunged into sin.	10 EVIL ROM 5:12
11.	The nature of the human race has changed as a result of mankind's disobedience	11 EVIL PSA 51:5

A RESCUE PLAN

12.	Jesus became one of us so He could defeat the Devil and pay the price for our sin.	12 EVIL HEB 2:14-17
13.	We must resist the Devil, knowing that Jesus has conquered him.	13 EVIL 1 PET 5:8-9
14.	We resist the Devil by drawing near to God.	14 EVIL JAM 4:7-8



DO YOU WANT TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD TODAY, SO THE DEVIL CAN HAVE NO PLACE IN YOUR LIFE?







PREDICTIONS ABOUT WHO JESUS WOULD BE

1.	Isaiah predicted that Jesus would be called "Immanuel" or "God with us."	1 JESUS MATT 1:23
2.	Jesus was described as the eternal God who shared the nature of His Father.	2 JESUS ISAIAH 9:6
3.	Jesus was to be the ruler of Israel and has always existed.	3 JESUS MICAH 5:2

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT HIMSELE

VV 17.	WHAT JESUS SAID ADOUT HIMSELF		
4.	Jesus said He existed with the Father before the world began.	4 JESUS JOHN 17:5	
5.	Jesus said that He was the "I Am," the self-existent one who existed before Abraham.	5 JESUS JOHN 8:57-58	
6.	Jesus made the amazing claim that He was the only way to the Father.	6 JESUS JOHN 14:6	
7.	Jesus is the living One, who conquered death and now lives forever more.	7 JESUS REVELATION 1:18	
8.	Jesus said He is the Resurrection and the Life.	8 JESUS JOHN 11:25	

ONE OF
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FACTS OF
ANCIENT
HISTORY IS
THAT JESUS
CHRIST LIVED.
BUT WHO IS
JESUS, AND
WHAT MADE
HIM SO SPECIAL
AND UNIQUE?







OTHER CLAIMS THE BIBLE MAKES ABOUT JESUS

JOHN 20:28	Thomas called Jesus both Lord and God.	J.
10 JESUS COLOSSIANS 2:9	Jesus makes up part of the eternal Godhead.	10.

WHAT JESUS DID WHILE ON EARTH

11.	Jesus forgave sinners while He was on earth.	11 JESUS LUKE 5:20-24
12.	Jesus received worship when no angel or creature could (see Revelation 19:10).	12 JESUS JOHN 9:37-39
13	Jesus willingly gave up His place in heaven and died for our sins.	13 JESUS PHIL 2:6-8



IS IT CLEAR THAT JESUS IS THE DIVINE SON OF GOD?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMIT YOUR LIFE INTO HIS HANDS TODAY?







THE SIN PROBLEM

1.	God created a prefect world. Adam and Eve were sinless and at peace with the universe.	1 SAL GEN 1:27-28, 31
2.	Sin destroyed our fellowship with God and we run from His presence.	2 SAL GEN 3:8
3.	Everyone has sinned and shared in the rebellion against God.	3 SAL ROM 3:23
4.	The cost of this rebellion against God is eternal destruction or death.	4 SAL ROM 6:23
5.	As a result of sin, humanity has a fallen nature that is bent toward evil.	5 SAL ROM 7:17-18
THE	CURE FOR SIN	
6.	We are unable to change our sinful nature or save ourselves from the penalty of death.	6 SAL JER 13:23
7.	Adam brought sin and death; Jesus brought life.	7 SAL ROM 5:18-19

Jesus was punished for our sins so we could be

redeemed and restored back to God.

EVERYONE IS **SEEKING** A HAPPY. **FULFILLING** LIFE, BUT WHERE CAN IT BE FOUND? HOW DOES MANKIND FIND TRUE **MEANING?** THE **BIBLE** SAYS THAT **SALVATION** FROM SIN WILL PROVIDE ULTIMATE **HAPPINESS** AND PURPOSE.

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ROM 5:18-19

8 SAL

ROM 5:21



We are saved from the penalty and power of sin by an act of grace. We can contribute nothing toward our salvation.

9 SAL EPH 2:8-9

TAKING HOLD OF CHRIST

10.	We must believe, or put our trust, in Jesus Christ's free gift of salvation and not in ourselves.	10 SAL ACTS 16:30-31
11.	Repentance is turning away from sin and returning to Jesus, putting our trust in Him.	11 SAL ACTS 2:37-38
12.	We must confess our sins and acknowledge our wrongdoing.	12 SAL 1 JOHN 1:9
13.	We can know we have eternal life when we trust in Jesus.	13 SAL 1 JOHN 5:11-13



IS IT CLEAR THAT JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS?

IS IT CLEAR THAT HE IS THE ONLY WAY TO BE SAVED?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCEPT JESUS' FREE OFFER TO FORGIVE AND CLEANSE YOU?







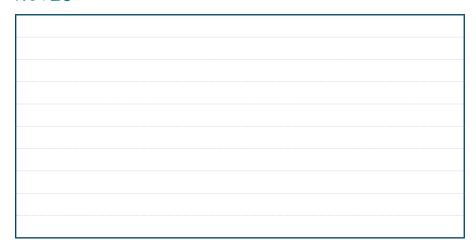
WE CAN LEARN HOW TO PRAY

1 P LUKE 11:1	The Disciples knew that Jesus had a special relationship with His father through prayer.	1.
2 P LUKE 11:2-4	Jesus said to pray to the Father and to ask for His will to be done, for our needs to be met, for forgiveness and for victory over temptation.	2.
3 P JOHN 16:26-27	We have been instructed to ask the Father in Jesus' name. Jesus is our authority.	3.

PRAYER IS TO BE SECRET AND SPECIFIC

4.	Prayer time is to be secret and never a source of pride.	4 P MATTHEW 6:5-6
5.	Our prayers do not need to be long.	5 P MATTHEW 6:7-8
6.	We are to have a reverent attitude toward God in prayer.	6 P PSALMS 95:6-7

PRAYER IS A VITAL PART OF **OUR** RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. BUT IS THERE A **RIGHT WAY OR** WRONG WAY TO **PRAY?** DOES THE **BIBLE** GIVE US ANY INSIGHT INTO PRAYER, AND **HOW OUR PRAYERS** CAN BECOME **EFFECTIVE? IN** THIS STUDY WE WILL LOOK AT THE SECRETS OF PRAYER.





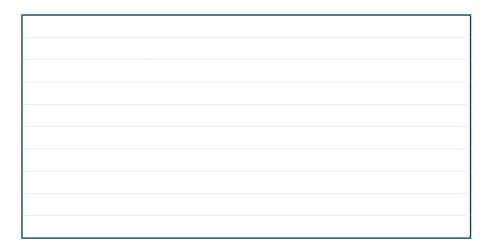


PRINCIPLES FOR HAVING PRAYER ANSWERED

7.	We are always to ask in faith, believing that God will answer our prayers.	7 P MARK 11:24
8.	We must ask according to God's will.	8 P 1 JOHN 5:14
9.	We must forgive others for their sins if our prayers are to be heard.	9 P MARK 11:25
10.	Submission to God's law is fundamental to God hearing our prayers.	10 P PROVERBS 28:9
11.	Thankfulness for God's blessings is another key to praying with reverence and humility.	11 P PHILIPPIANS 4:6



WOULD YOU LIKE TO DEVELOP YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS THROUGH REGULAR PRAYER TIME?







WE ARE SAVED APART FROM THE LAW

 We are saved by an act of grace. Good works contribute nothing to what Jesus did for us. We are not saved by good works, but we have been saved for good works.

1 LAW EPHESIANS 2:8-10

GOD'S LAW IS PERFECT

2.	The Bible describes the Law of God as perfect. Something that is perfect can't be improved.	2 LAW PSALMS 19:7
3.	The Ten Commandments are holy, righteous and good.	3 LAW ROMANS 7:12
4.	The Law's great purpose is shared with the Holy Spirit, to make us conscious of sin (see John 16:8).	4 LAW ROMANS 3:20

WAS THE LAW DONE AWAY WITH?

0.	Jesus never intended to do away with the Law. Heaven and earth would vanish first.	3 LAW MATTHEW 5:17- 19
6.	It is hard to find a clearer verse on a Christian's responsibility to the law. "We uphold the law."	6 LAW ROMANS 3:31

CONTROVERSY IS **RAGING TODAY** OVER MORAL VALUES. GOD'S TEN **COMMANDMENTS** (EXODUS 20:1-17) HAVE **ALWAYS** BEEN THE ORIGINAL STANDARD AND. AS WE WILL SEE, ARE **STILL** THE **STANDARD** FOR **CHRISTIANS** TODAY.







7.	God has removed the condemnation of the law through the death of His Son. We no longer live in slavery to sin, but are slaves to righteousness.	7 LAW ROMANS 6:14-16
8.	Paul makes a distinction between ceremonial law and the commandments of God. God's command is what counts.	8 LAW 1 CORINTHIANS 7:19
9.	The last test over the mark of the beast will not overcome those who keep God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.	9 LAW REVELATION 14:12
10.	Under the new covenant, the Law is to be written on our hearts.	10 LAW HEBREWS 8:10
11.	Anyone living in defiance to God's command does not truly know God.	11 LAW 1 JOHN 2:3-4
12.	The greatest expression of love we can show God is through obedience.	12 LAW 1 JOHN 5:2-3



GOD IN HIS LOVE GAVE US THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

DO YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR HIM BY OBEYING HIS COMMANDMENTS?







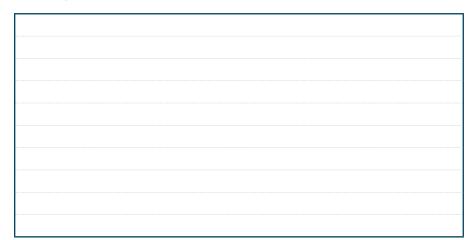
WORSHIP GOD THE CREATOR

	d alone is worthy to be worshiped because He eated all things.	1 SAB REVELATION 4:11
	e worship God as the Creator by keeping the venth day Sabbath.	2 SAB EXODUS 20:8-11
se'	e Sabbath existed before sin. God set the venth day of creation apart by resting, blessing it d making it holy.	3 SAB GENESIS 2:1-3

JESUS AND THE SABBATH

4.	The Sabbath was not just given to Israel. Thousands of years before the Jews existed, it was given to all mankind.	4 SAB MARK 2:27, 28
5.	Jesus was a habitual Sabbath-keeper, according to the Bible.	5 SAB LUKE 4:16
6.	Jesus taught how the Sabbath was to be kept, liberating those with false ideas regarding the Sabbath.	6 SAB MATTHEW 12:11-12
7.	Jesus said the Sabbath would be kept until He	7 SAB MATTHEW 24:20

THE **ONE** COMMANDMENT THAT **BEGINS** WITH THE WORD "REMEMBER" IS THE ONE THAT HAS BEEN MOST FORGOTTEN. MANY **CHRISTIANS** HAVE BECOME TOO BUSY FOR **GOD**. THROUGH THIS COMMANDMENT. **JESUS CHRIST** IS CALLING US TO PAUSE AND **WORSHIP** THE TRUE GOD.







THE SABBATH AFTER THE CROSS

8.	Jesus died on Friday, rested on the Sabbath and rose on Sunday. The Disciples kept Sabbath even after Jesus' death.	8 SAB LUKE 23:54-24:1
9.	Like Jesus, it was Paul's custom to keep the Sabbath.	9 SAB ACTS 17:2
10.	Even without a Jewish synagogue, Paul used the Sabbath as a time of worship and prayer.	10 SAB ACTS 16:13
11.	The only possible day that could be the Lord's day is the Sabbath (Matthew 12:8, Luke 6:5). At the end of the first century, the Lord still has a special day.	11 SAB REVELATION 1:10

12. In the new earth, we will meet to worship God on



the Sabbath.

GOD WANTS US TO RECEIVE A BLESSING BY TAKING A DAY OUT AWAY FROM THE WORK AND TOIL OF LIFE.

DO YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE BLESSING OF THE SABBATH AND KEEP IT AS A DAY OF REST AND WORSHIP?

12 SAB

ISAIAH 66:22,23







THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH

1.	God set aside the seventh day of the creation week as a holy day of rest.	1 SUN GENESIS 2:2-3
2.	Jesus observed the Sabbath during His time on earth.	2 SUN LUKE 4:16
3.	The Disciples kept the Sabbath and would not embalm Jesus' body on the Sabbath.	3 SUN LUKE 23:56

EIGHT REFERENCES TO SUNDAY IN NEW TESTAMENT

TAMENT	
The women came to the tomb to embalm Jesus' body on Sunday morning.	4 SUN LUKE 24:1
Matthew agrees with Luke about the women being first to the tomb.	5 SUN MATTHEW 28:1
Mark agrees with Matthew and Luke about the women being first to the tomb.	6 SUN MARK 16:2
Jesus rose again and appeared to Mary.	7 SUN MARK 16:9
John confirms the events of that Sunday morning. None of these verses can support Sunday worship as the people did not know Jesus had risen.	8 SUN JOHN 20:1
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THE MAJORITY
OF CHRISTIANS
HAVE SUNDAY
AS THE DAY OF
WORSHIP IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF JESUS'
RESURRECTION.
DOES THE
BIBLE ENDORSE
THIS CUSTOM?
HAS SUNDAY
REPLACED THE
SEVENTH-DAY
SABBATH?







JUST THREE VERSES REFER TO SUNDAY WORSHIP

9.	The Disciples were gathering not for worship, but for fear of the Jews. The Disciples did not even believe that Jesus had risen.	9 SUN JOHN 20:19
10.	Paul is preaching during the dark part of the first day of the week. The New English Bible calls this "Saturday night". This verse cannot overthrow the fourth commandment.	10 SUN ACTS 20:7-8
11.	Paul instructs them to "set aside" some money at the beginning of each week. It appears not even to be a worship service, but something they did at home.	11 SUN 1 CORINTHIANS 16:2



12. We need to be careful to follow God's

commandments rather than human tradition.

IS IT CLEAR THAT GOD'S DAY OF WORSHIP IS THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH? DO YOU WANT TO OBEY GOD'S WORD AND KEEP HIS SABBATH?

12 SUN MARK 7:6-8







THE NECESSITY OF FAITH

1.	Without faith, it is impossible to please God.	1 F HEBREWS 11:6
2.	A measure of faith is given to every man. Faith is not given to a few, but to all.	2 F ROMANS 12:3
3.	Paul says that he no longer lives his old life, but he lives by faith in the Son of God.	3 F GALATIANS 2:20

THE NATURE OF FAITH

4 F HEBREWS 11:1	The entire Christian experience is based on faith. We believe in Jesus even though we have not seen Him.	4.
5 F 1 JOHN 5:14	Faith gives us confidence in approaching God, knowing that He hears us.	5.
6 F MARK 11:24	Faith trust that God hears us, even when it seams impossible.	6.
7 F ROMANS 10:17	True faith is not blind, but a conviction that arises out of the message of the Bible.	7.
8 F LUKE 5:20	Faith can been seen by what we do.	8.
9 F JAMES 2:17-18	Faith is always linked to actions. Our actions are the ultimate evidence of our faith.	9.

ONE OF JESUS' CONSTANT **LESSONS** WAS THE LESSON OF **FAITH**. IT IS HARD TO OVER-EMPHASISE THE **IMPORTANCE** OF **FAITH** IN THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE. HOW DO I **INCREASE** MY FAITH? WHAT IS TRUE SAVING **FAITH** AND WHY IS IT SO **NECESSARY** FOR ME TO **ACHIEVE ANYTHING** IN GOD'S KINGDOM?





THE POWER OF FAITH

10.	Even a small amount of faith can be a powerful faith when it trusts in God.	10 F MATTHEW 17:20
11.	Through faith, we inherit the promises of God.	11 F HEBREWS 6:12
12.	We are saved by grace through faith.	12 F EPHESIANS 2:8
13.	Through faith, we can live an obedient life.	13 F ROMANS 1:5
14.	We overcome the world through faith.	14 F 1 JOHN 5:4



DO YOU WANT TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH IN JESUS BY CONTINUING TO STUDY THE BIBLE TOGETHER?







JESUS PROMISED TO RETURN

1. While He was on earth, Jesus promised His disciples He would soon return. There are more than 1500 prophecies of Jesus' second coming in the Bible.

1 SC JOHN 14:1-3

JESUS' RETURN WILL BE LITERAL, VISIBLE AND AUDIBLE

2.	Jesus will return in the same manner that He left. This was a literal event, not a spiritual one.	2 SC ACTS 1:9-11
3.	Jesus' return will not be secret, but as visible and audible as lightning flashing across the night sky.	3 SC MATTHEW 24:26-27
4.	Every eye will see Jesus return.	4 SC REVELATION 1:7
5.	The dead in Christ will be called to life at the second coming with an audible shout and trumpet.	5 SC 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16,17

JESUS' RETURN WILL BE GLORIOUS

6.	The first time Jesus came to earth, He was born in a stable. How different it will be the second time.	6 SC MATTHEW 25:31
7.	What a day it will be when we are remade with new imperishable and immortal bodies.	7 SC 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-52

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WITHOUT DOUBT THE MOST **EXCITING** PROMISE THAT **JESUS** MADE WAS HIS **PROMISE** TO **RETURN** TO EARTH. WHAT WILL THAT DAY BE LIKE? IS HIS RETURN A SECRET EVENT THAT YOU WILL **HEAR** ABOUT AFTER IT HAS **HAPPENED?** HOW CAN WE KNOW WHEN HE COMES?





8. The angels will gather God's people up and take them to heaven.

8 SC

MATTHEW 24:3031

JESUS' RETURN WILL BE FINAL

9.	The wicked are terrified by the sight of Jesus' return, as they are not ready to meet Him.	9 SC REVELATION 6:12- 17
10.	The wicked will be punished and destroyed at the second coming.	10 SC 2 THESSALONIANS 1:7-8
11.	The earth as we know it will be destroyed at the second coming. This is as final as it gets.	11 SC 2 PETER 3:10
12.	The second coming will mean sin will no longer rule in our world. Hallelujah!	12 SC 2 PETER 3:13-14

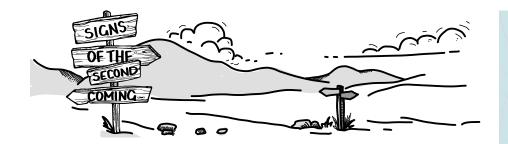


IS IT CLEAR THAT NO ONE WILL MISS JESUS' SECOND COMING?

DO YOU WANT TO BE READY WHEN HE COMES?





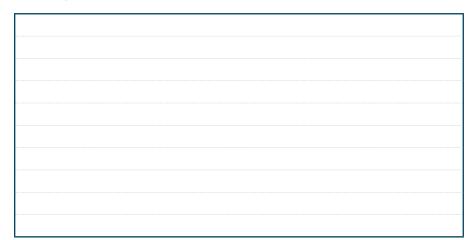


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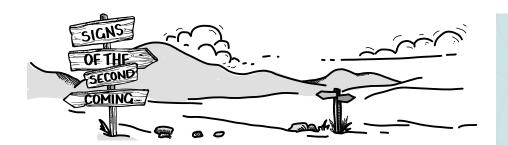
1.	Jesus said we can never set a date for His return. We should ignore those who do.	1 SSC MATTHEW 24:36
2.	When we see the signs being fulfilled, we can know that Jesus' return is near, right at the door.	2 SSC MATTHEW 24:32- 33

JES	JESUS EXPLAINS SIGNS		
3.	Jesus' answer addresses both the time of the temple's destruction, and signs indicating His second coming and the end of this age.	3 SSC MATTHEW 24:1-3	
4.	False teachers and false teachings would characterise the last days of earth's history (also see verses 11 and 24 in Matthew 24).	4 SSC MATTHEW 24:4-5	
5.	Wars, famines, earthquakes and natural disasters are not signs of the end, but their increasing frequency and intensity is a sign of the end.	5 SSC MATTHEW 24:6-8	
6.	Increasing wickedness would cause people's hearts to grow hardened and unloving.	6 SSC MATTHEW 24:12	
7.	The greatest sign Jesus gave was the gospel being preached in all the world.	7 SSC MATTHEW 24:14	
8.	A great attack will be launched upon God's people as explained in Daniel 7, 11 and Revelation 13.	8 SSC MATTHEW 24:15-	

EVERY OTHER YEAR THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMEONE SAYING THAT **JESUS** IS **COMING** BACK THIS YEAR OR IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. SO FAR, THEY HAVE ALL BEEN WRONG! WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE **TIMING** OF JESUS' **RETURN?** CAN WE KNOW WHEN IT IS **GOING** TO HAPPEN?







OTHER SIGNS OF THE END

9.	The last days will be godless and morals will be in	9 SSC
	complete decay.	2 TIMOTHY 3:1-4

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1	The second coming will happen unexpectedly as	10.
THESSALONIANS	the nations seek peace.	
5:1-3		

11.	Accumulated wealth will be worth nothing.	11 SSC
	An economic collapse can be expected.	JAMES 5:1-3

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12.	Jesus said these different signs should be signs	12 SSC
	of hope and announce good news.	LUKE 21:28



WE LIVE IN EXCITING TIMES, DO YOU WANT TO BE READY WHEN JESUS RETURNS?

IS THERE ANYTHING HOLDING YOU BACK FROM COMMITTING YOUR LIFE TO HIM TODAY?







THE NATURE OF MAN

immortal soul.

1.	God created man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (Ruach). These two combined made a living being or soul (Nephesh).	1 D GENESIS 2:7
2.	At death the creation process is simply reversed — the dust to the ground and the spirit (Ruach) to God who gave it. We are not conscious before life and we can't be conscious after life.	2 D ECCLESIASTES 12:7
3.	We seek immortality. The Bible uses the word soul (Nephesh) 1600 times, but never once uses	3 D ROMANS 2:7

4. God alone has immortality, according to the Bible.

Adam and Eve's experience show we can only
keep the gift of immortality in relationship to God.

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1 TIMOTHY 6:1516

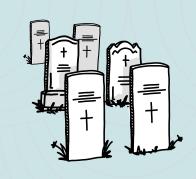
MAN IS UNCONSCIOUS IN DEATH

5.	The dead do not know anything.	5 D ECCLESIASTES 9:5
6.	Those who are dead cannot praise God — they are in silence.	6 D PSALM 115:17
7.	No one remembers God when they are dead and in the grave.	7 D PSALM 6:5

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POPULAR **BELIEF** SAYS THAT WHEN SOMEONE DIES, THEY EITHER GO STRAIGHT TO **HEAVEN** OR STRAIGHT TO **HELL.** BUT WHY IS THERE A RESURRECTION OF THE **DEAD** IF THEY ARE ALREADY IN **HEAVEN** OR **HELL**? THIS SEEMS ILLOGICAL. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE **POPULAR BELIEF** IS IN **CONFLICT** WITH THE **BIBLE**?





DEATH IS A SLEEP

8.	The dead will not awake from sleep until the heavens are no more.	8 D JOB 14:10-12
9.	Daniel was to rest and then arise at the end of days.	9 D DANIEL 12:13
10.	Jesus clearly views death as a sleep for His friend Lazarus.	10 D JOHN 11:11-13
11.	Paul also saw death as a sleep. It was not to cause overwhelming grief for the Christian who believes in the resurrection.	11 D 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13

FINAL REWARD

12.	Paul knew that he would receive his reward not at death, but at the appearing of Jesus' second coming.	12 D 2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8
13.	We receive immortality when Jesus comes again.	13 D 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-53



IS IT CLEAR THAT DEATH IS SLEEP FROM WHICH WE WILL WAKE?

DO YOU WANT TO ACCEPT JESUS' OFFER OF ETERNAL LIFE?







DESTRUCTION AWAITS THE WICKED

1.	God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.	1 HELL 2 PETER 3:9
2.	Sinners will ultimately be burned and turned to ash.	2 HELL MALACHI 4:1-3
3.	God will destroy both the body and the soul in hell.	3 HELL MATTHEW 10:28

ETERNAL DESTRUCTION

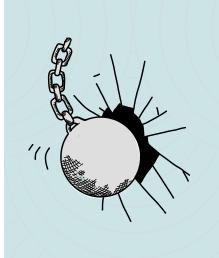
4 HELL MATTHEW 25:46	Jesus said the goats (wicked) will go away to eternal punishment.	4.
5 HELL 2 THESSALONIANS 1:8-9	The wicked will be punished with everlasting destruction a permanent and irreversible destruction.	5.
6 HELL PSAI M 92:7	Evildoers will be forever destroyed.	6.

ETERNAL FIRE

7. A most serious picture is given by God to show what the fires of hell will be like. The smoke rises forever and ever.

7 HELL REVELATION 14:10-11

THE CLAIM THAT GOD IS A LOVING GOD SEEMS TO BE IN **CONFLICT** WITH THE **TEACHING** OF ETERNAL **TORTURE** IN **HELL** FOR ALL THOSE WHO REJECT **JESUS'** OFFER OF **SALVATION**. IS THIS REALLY WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES? WOULD A **LOVING GOD** DO THIS TO THOSE WHO **REJECT** HIM?





8.	Edom was destroyed thousands of years ago and
	this text says the smoke from the fires will rise
	forever. However, the fires were not permanent.

8 HELL ISAIAH 34:9-10

9.	Sodom and Gomorrah are examples of those who
	will be punished with eternal fire. Note those fires
	are not still burning today. Eternal fire actually
	means permanent destruction.

9 HELL JUDE 1:7

10. Jerusalem was destroyed with an unquenchable fire and is not burning today. In Mark 9:43 Jesus said the fires of hell will not be quenched.

10 HELL JEREMIAH 17:27

DEVIL DESTROYED IN HELL

11.	The Devil is not in control of hell. He will be
	destroyed in the lake of fire with the rest of the
	wicked.

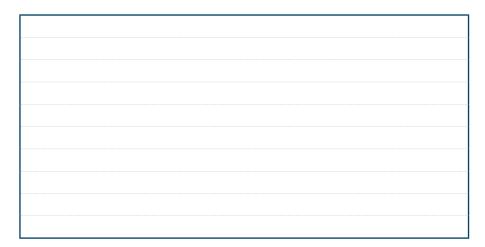
11 HELL REVELATION 20:10

12. The Devil will be reduced to ashes on the ground by God.

12 HELL EZEKIEL 28:18



ARE YOU GLAD TODAY THAT GOD IS LOVE AND HAS COMPASSION ON THE LOST?







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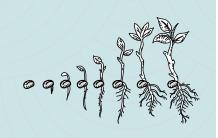
1 MILL REVELATION 20:1-3	Revelation uses symbolic language to describe literal events. Satan will be bound from deceiving the nations for 1000 years.	1.
2 MILL 2 PETER 3:10	At the second coming the earth will be laid bare. There will be nothing left on earth. All will be burned up.	2.
3 MILL GENESIS 1:2	The Greek word for deep in Genesis 1:2 is the same for "Abyss" in Revelation 20:1. The earth will be formless and void after the second coming, with no life as before creation.	3.

THE SAVED LIVE IN HEAVEN

4.	The 1000 years begins with the first resurrection at the second coming of Jesus.	4 MILL REVELATION 20:4
5.	The Saved will go over the books (Revelation 20:12), helping them to understand the outcome of God's judgment.	5 MILL 1 CORINTHIANS 6:1-3
6.	Jesus said there will be two resurrections — the resurrection of life and the resurrection of condemnation.	6 MILL JOHN 5:28-29
7.	The resurrection of the wicked does not happen until the 1000 years are over.	7 MILL REVELATION 20:5

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN ON THE **EARTH** AFTER **JESUS RETURNS?** WILL HE RULE THE NATIONS WITH **1000 YEARS** OF **PEACE**, OR CAN WE EXPECT SOMETHING **DIFFERENT?** WHY WOULD **GOD** EVEN **DEFINE A 1000 YEAR** PERIOD IN THE BIBLE IF WE HAVE ALL **ETERNITY**? LET'S GO TO THE **BIBLE** FOR THE ANSWER.

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THE END OF SIN

8.	At the end of the 1000 years, the Devil will be destroyed by God.	8 MILL REVELATION 20:7-10
9.	God will conclude the final phase of His judgment which will bring to a close the sad record of sin forever.	9 MILL REVELATION 20:11-12
10.	The only possible way to get through the final great white throne judgement is to have your name written in the Lamb's book of life.	10 MILL REVELATION 20:15
11.	What a glorious world will exist for us at the end of all the great struggles we face now.	11 MILL REVELATION 21:1-4



DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS NEW EARTH THAT HAS NO MORE SUFFERING AND SIN?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCEPT JESUS' OFFER OF FORGIVENESS AND HAVE YOUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE?







THE GOD OF PEACE

1.	The Bible describes Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace. Where ever Jesus reigns, there will be peace.	1 PEA ISAIAH 9:6
2.	Paul calls Jesus the Lord of Peace, and says that Jesus can give us peace at all times and in every way.	2 PEA 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16
3.	Jesus' peace is different from that which the world gives. The world attempts external peace. Jesus gives internal peace.	3 PEA JOHN 14:27
4.	Jesus' peace is an internal peace that exists even in the midst of trouble.	4 PEA JOHN 16:33

FIN	DING PEACE	
5.	The first fruit of being justified (or forgiven) by God is having peace with God.	5 PEA ROMANS 5:1
6.	Perfect peace is promised to those who put their trust in God.	6 PEA ISAIAH 26:3
7.	Paul listed peace as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit.	7 PEA GALATIANS 5:22
8.	Taking our anxieties and worries to God in prayer with a thankful heart will provide peace.	8 PEA PHIL 4:6-7

MANKIND IS ON AN ENDLESS **QUEST** FOR PEACE. SUMMITS ARE HELD AND WARS ARE EVEN FOUGHT IN AN ENDLESS **QUEST** FOR PEACE. PEACE IS SOMETHING THAT STARTS IN **OUR HEART** AND, AS WE WILL SEE, IS SOMETHING THAT GOD WANTS TO **ESTABLISH** IN OUR LIVES.







 Loving God's law and ordering our life in accordance with it will bring us great peace.

9 PEA PSALM 119:165

THE GODLESS HAVE NO PEACE

10. Those who reject Jesus' saving message will not know peace. It will be hidden from their eyes.

10 PEA LUKE 19:42

11. The world will be on an unending search for peace and safety.

11 PEA 1 THESSALONIANS 5:3



DO YOU DESIRE PEACE IN YOUR LIFE?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCEPT JESUS' OFFER OF PEACE?







THE SOURCE OF AUTHORITY

1.	The Bible says we should be open to the Spirit's leading but this is always to be done in the light of testing the spirit that is leading.	1 TEST 1 THESSALONIANS 5:19-21
2.	Isaiah told the people to consult God. They did this by turning to the Law (first five books of the Bible) and the Testimony (the Testimony of the prophets are the other Bible writers).	2 TEST ISAIAH 8:19-20
3.	The Bereans were of a noble character because they did not take Paul's word for it. They checked it out in the Scripture for themselves.	3 TEST ACTS 17:11

PREDICTION TESTS

4.	God has made the future known through the Scripture with unquestionable accuracy.	4 TEST ISAIAH 46:9-10
5.	A prophet who makes a prediction that does not come to pass should be avoided and not taken seriously.	5 TEST DEUTERONOMY 18:21-22

THE FRUIT TEST

6. The conduct of someone's life is the ultimate test. We would expect the Fruit of the Spirit to be present in God's servants (Galatians 5:22).

AS EVERY WIND OF **DOCTRINE BLOWS** THROUGH THE CHURCH, WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO **DISCERN** THE **TRUE TEACHER** FROM THE **FALSE TEACHER.** WHAT TESTS HAVE BEEN LAID DOWN IN THE **BIBLE** BY WHICH WE CAN TEST A TEACHER OR SOMEONE **CLAIMING** TO BE A PROPHET?

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7. At the end of his ministry Samuel the prophet could call the people to hold his life to account regarding greed and corruption.

7 TEST 1 SAMUEL 12:3-4

THE JESUS TEST

8. A true teacher or prophet will acknowledge the unique place of Jesus in God's revelation and salvation of man.

8 TEST 1 JOHN 4:1-3

9. Paul's view of a teacher's worth is measured by what they do with Jesus, confessing Him as Lord, and therefore Saviour.

9 TEST
1 CORINTHIANS
12:3

THE OBEDIENCE TEST

10. Obedience to God should always be the purpose of any true messenger. Therefore, a true teacher will **DEUTERONOMY** call others to obey God and put God first.

13:1-4



ARE YOU GLAD TODAY THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US THE SAFETY OF SCRIPTURE?







THE NECESSITY OF BAPTISM

1.	Jesus said the purpose of the church is to make disciples. This is to be done through baptising and teaching.	1 BAPT MATTHEW 28:19,20
2.	These word spoken by Jesus clearly link baptism with salvation. Baptism is not an optional extra.	2 BAPT MARK 16:16
3.	Being born of water that Jesus spoke about is being baptised. Baptism symbolises being born again.	3 BAPT JOHN 3:5
4.	John rightly points out that Jesus did not need to be baptised. Jesus never sinned, but was baptised as our example and for those who never got the chance (e.g the thief on the cross).	4 BAPT MATTHEW 3:13- 15

THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

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5.	Through the act of baptism, we share in three historical events — Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. This is why we must be buried under water and rise out again.	5 BAPT ROMANS 6:3-4
6.	Through the act of baptism we put on Christ. Being baptised is an act of faith, therefore we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ.	6 BAPT GALATIANS 3:27
7.	We are baptised into the body, which is the church. Baptism is the entrance into the church.	7 BAPT 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13

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BAPTISM IS
AN OUTWARD
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FAITH ABOUT
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DOES EVERYONE
NEED TO BE
BAPTISED?
WHEN IS
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THE METHOD OF BAPTISM

8.	When Philip baptised the eunuch, they both went
	down into the water. To sprinkle or christen the
	eunech, Philip would not have needed to go down
	into the water.

8 BAPT ACTS 8:38-39

9. There is only one type of baptism in the Bible and anyone being baptised should be baptised the biblical way.

9 BAPT EPHESIANS 4:5

BAPTISM IS THE BEGINNING

10.	As soon as the people hear what they have done,
	they are instructed to repent or turn away from
	their sins and be baptised.

10 BAPT ACTS 2:37-38

11. John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance and expected those being baptised to be repentant or to turn away from their sinful life.

11 BAPT LUKE 3:7-8

12. Paul was baptised at the beginning of his walk with Jesus, not at the end.

12 BAPT ACTS 22:12-16



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE BAPTISED AS JESUS INSTRUCTED?







HOW TO MAINTAIN MY WALK

COMMITMENT

1. What was the last commitment you made to the Lord?

1 WALK HEBREWS 8:10

TRUST HIS PROMISES

2. His promises are like blank cheques waiting to be cashed. Do we test God more that we trust Him?

2 WALK PROVERBS 3:5, 6

BE ALERT & SELF-CONTROLLED

3. We have a real enemy who is a deceiver. His best tactic is discouragement.

3 WALK 1 PETER 5:8

REMEMBER PAST VICTORIES

4. Keep a record of God's involvement in you life. Count your blessings one by one.

4 WALK PSALM 77:11, 12

KNOW JESUS PERSONALLY

5. Do you know Jesus or just about Him? Most people know how to do the Lord's work, but very few people know the Lord.

5 WALK JOHN 17:3 HAVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH **GOD** IS THE MOST **IMPORTANT** RELATIONSHIP WE CAN **EVER** HAVE. BUT HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN? HOW DO I **MAINTAIN** MY RELATIONSHIP ONCE ESTABLISHED? LET'S LOOK AT WHAT THE **BIBLE** HAS TO SAY.







HOW TO MAINTAIN MY WALK

PRACTICE OBEDIENCE

6. Cherished sin is like a boulder tied around your neck. One day it will drown you.

6 WALK ACTS 5:32

MEET CONTINUOUSLY

7. The first Christian church met daily to encourage and learn. Be a part of a fellowship group.

7 WALK HEBREWS 10:25

WORK TO SAVE OTHERS

8. The Lord came to seek and save those who are lost. His followers have the same passion.

8 WALK MATTHEW 9:36

EXTEND GRACE & FORGIVENESS

 Don't harbour bitterness and resentment in your heart. As Christ extended you grace, do the same too.

9 WALK LUKE 11:4



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A CLOSER WALK WITH JESUS?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK CHRIST TO FORGIVE YOUR SINS RIGHT NOW?







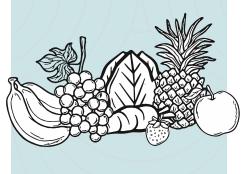
BODY TEMPLE

1.	The Bible teaches that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. He desires that we care for our body and does not want us to destroy it. This has many implications for our health.	1 HL 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17
2.	We are to offer our bodies, not just our soul, as a living sacrifice to God.	2 HL ROMANS 12:1,2
3.	The Bible teaches that even our eating and drinking are to give God glory.	3 HL 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

FIT	FOR FOOD	
4.	The original diet in the Bible was a vegetarian diet. Science shows this is still best for health and longevity.	4 HL GENESIS 1:29
5.	God made a distinction between clean and unclean before the introduction of the law of Moses. This seems to be for diet reasons.	5 HL GENESIS 7:2
6.	Land animals that are fit for food have both a split hoof and chew their cud.	6 HL LEVITICUS 11:1-8
7.	Fish and other water creatures must have both fins and scales to be good to eat.	7 HL LEVITICUS 11:9-12

DURING THE DARK AGES, THE **JEWS** OF EUROPE SEEMED TO COME THROUGH THE **PLAGUES UNHARMED** IN COMPARISON WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS. THEIR **SECRET** ADVANTAGE WAS THE OLD **TESTAMENT** HEALTH LAWS. LET'S LOOK AT WHAT THE **BIBLE** SAYS ABOUT **DIET** AND **HEALTH**.







8. God promised that the Israelites would not suffer from the diseases that the Egyptians had if they followed His commandments.

8 HL EXODUS 15:26

JESUS DID NOT MAKE ALL FOOD HEALTHY

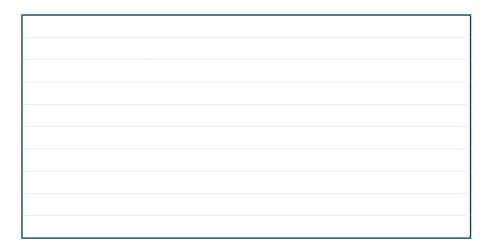
9.	Jesus declared all foods clean, but please note that He did not declare them healthy. We avoid these animals not because they are unclean, but unhealthy.	9 HL MARK 7:19
10.	Peter explains that the vision applies not to food, but to calling Gentiles unclean. The vision teaches that all barriers between people have been removed (Ephesians 2:14).	10 HL ACTS 10:9- 16,28
11.	Jesus Christ can strengthen us to follow His pattern of eating.	11 HL PHIL 4:13
12.	It is God's desire that we would have good health, therefore He gives a diet to follow.	12 HL 3 JOHN 1:2



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PRAISE GOD THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN OUR HEALTH.

ARE THERE CHANGES YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TO HAVE A HEALTHIER LIFE?







A DAY OF REST

1.	The Sabbath was intended by God to be a day to rest where we can stop from the rush of life.	1 SK GENESIS 2:2
2.	It was not God's intention that we should work or labour during the hours of the Sabbath.	2 SK EXODUS 20:8-10
3.	Friday is called the day of preparation (Luke 23:54), and God instructed us to make preparations for the Sabbath on that day.	3 SK EXODUS 16:23
4.	The Sabbath is not a day to buy or sell or attend the market. Note the Sabbath began as the sun was setting (verse 19).	4 SK NEHEMIAH 13:15,19-21

A HOLY DAY, NOT A HOLIDAY

5 SK GENESIS 2:3	From the beginning, the Sabbath was a holy or sacred day set apart by God.	5.
6 SK LEVITICUS 23:3	The Sabbath is a day of worship or sacred assemblies. God intended that all His people will gather together for worship.	6.
7 SK LUKE 4:16	Jesus worshiped on the Sabbath.	7.
8 SK ISAIAH 58:13	The Sabbath is the Lord's holy day and it is a day that we can use to focus on our relationship with God and His people. It is not a day for us to pursue our own wants.	8.

WE HAVE SEEN THAT THE SEVENTH-DAY **SABBATH** IS THE TRUE BIBLE **SABBATH** THAT GOD HAS SET ASIDE FOR US TO OBSERVE. BUT HOW DO I OBSERVE THE SABBATH? WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SABBATH-**KEEPING?**







HUMAN NEEDS OVERRIDE SABBATH OBSERVANCE

9. Jesus shows hunger and other human need were more important than Sabbath keeping if we find ourselves in a place where we have to choose between the two.
9 SK
MARK 2:23-28

10. The Sabbath is also a day on which we are to do good to others and for others. Hospitals and other essential services must still operate.

10 SK

MATTHEW 12:914

THE BLESSING OF THE SABBATH

11. The Sabbath is a blessing that God has given to us. It is promised that this blessing will cause us to have joy in the Lord.

11 SK
ISAIAH 58:13-14



WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE BLESSING THAT GOD HAS PROMISED THROUGH KEEPING THE SABBATH HIS WAY?

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THE HOLY SPIRIT PROMISED

1.	Amazingly, Jesus said it would be for the benefit of	
	the Disciples for Him to leave so He could send the	1 HS JOHN 16:7-8
	Holy Spirit.	00/111 / 10:7 0

2. The Holy Spirit was to be the source of the Christian's power to be a living witness for Christ. ACTS 1:8

THE NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

3.	The Holy Spirit is named separate from both Father and Son. The Holy Spirit is a separate person.	3 HS MATTHEW 28:19
4.	The Spirit has the ability to search things out.	4 HS 1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11
5.	The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit has the power of choice. An impersonal power force cannot determine who receives what gift.	5 HS 1 CORINTHIANS 12:11
6.	The Holy Spirit has a mind. Again, this would only be found if the Spirit was a person.	6 HS ROMANS 8:27
7.	We can have fellowship with the Holy Spirit as His presence is felt in our lives.	7 HS 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14
8.	By our conduct we can grieve or upset the Holy Spirit. We should be careful to treat others in love (see also Hebrews 10:29).	8 HS EPHESIANS 4:30-31

SPIRIT OFTEN SEEMS A **MYSTERY** TO MOST CHRISTIANS. HE CANNOT BE SEEN, YET THE **CHURCH TEACHES** THAT HE IS THE **THIRD PERSON** OF THE GODHEAD. IS HE SOME **IMPERSONAL POWER FORCE** THAT I USE, OR DOES HE USE ME? WHY IS THE **HOLY SPIRIT** SO **IMPORTANT** TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?

THE HOLY







THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

9.	Every person who accepts Jesus has the Holy Spirit in their life.	9 HS ROMANS 8:9
10.	God is willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.	10 HS LUKE 11:11-13
11.	The Spirit will guide us into all truth, and bring Glory to Jesus when He is in our lives.	11 HS JOHN 16:13-14
12.	The Spirit wants to produce in us the fruits of righteousness that we cannot make without Him.	12 HS GALATIANS 5:22-23
13.	We receive the spirit of sonship as the Holy Spirit testifies in our life that we are children of God.	13 HS ROMANS 8:15-



DO YOU WANT TO BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF GOD?

PLEASE PRAY WITH ME THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.







POWER TO WITNESS

1.	The Holy Spirit was to gift the Disciples to witness for Jesus to the ends of the earth.	1 TONG ACTS 1:8
2.	Pentecost means 50. Fifty days after Passover, God poured the Spirit out upon the church and enabled them to speak in tongues.	2 TONG ACTS 2:1-4
3.	The Bible clearly says that the crowd heard the disciples speak in their native language. Note that 15 language groups are mentioned in verses 9-11.	3 TONG ACTS 2:6-8

THE SIGN OF TONGUES

4.	God giving His message in foreign languages was a sign for unbelieving Jews. Isaiah the prophet predicted this would happen in Israel. It was the announcement of doom upon Jerusalem.	4 TONG 1 CORINTHIANS 14:21-22
5.	The idea of Jews hearing about God in another language would be a hard pill to swallow.	5 TONG ISAIAH 28:11-12, 14

ABUSING THE GIFT

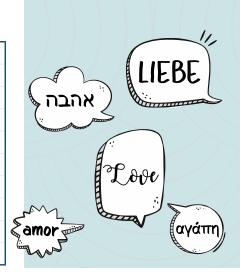
6. Chapters 12-14 are a unit that deals with spiritual gifts. Note the introduction gives a test for speaking in the Spirit. There appears to be a problem with people speaking in tongues.

6 TONG
1 CORINTHIANS
12:1-3

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THE HOLY **SPIRIT** WANTS TO GIVE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH THAT WILL MAKE US MORE **EFFECTIVE** WITNESSES FOR **JESUS CHRIST**. BUT THE DEVIL ALSO WANTS THE **CHURCH** TO BE CONFUSED AND WEAKENED. HE WANTS US TO REMAIN CONFUSED REGARDING THE GIFT OF TONGUES. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE **TEACH** ABOUT THIS GIFT?





- Note the great difference to Acts 2 where the people understood what was spoken. In 1 Corinthians, people do not understand it.

 7 TONG
 1 CORINTHIANS
 14:1-2
- 8. It appears that people were coming to church and speaking in a foreign language, which was no help to those who did not understand.

 8 TONG
 1 CORINTHIANS
 14:10-12
- 9. In church, we should only speak in a language that is understood by the hearers.

 9 TONG
 1 CORINTHIANS
 14:18-19
- 10. No-one should speak in a tongue unless there is someone there to interpret what is spoken.

 10 TONG
 1 CORINTHIANS
 14:27-28
- 11. Wherever the Holy Spirit is present, there will be order and harmony not confusion and disorder.

 11 TONG
 1 CORINTHIANS
 14:33
- 12. The most important thing is not the gift, but the fruit of the Holy Spirit love. 12 TONG 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-2



ARE YOU GLAD THAT GOD DESIRES TO SPEAK WITH US?







ALL WILL BE JUDGED

1.	The Bible teaches that everyone must appear before the judgement seat of Christ.	1 JUDG 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10
2.	Jesus spoke of the day of judgement as the day that we that we will give account of what we have done.	2 JUDG MATTHEW 12: 36
3.	Paul spoke of a future judgement in the context of righteousness and self-control.	3 JUDG ACTS 24:25
4.	During the judgement, nothing will be hidden — whether it is good or evil.	4 JUDG ECCLESIASTES 12: 13-14

PHASE ONE

5. Phase one of the judgement takes place before the second coming, while the little horn is still in power (see verse 11).

5 JUDG DANIEL 7: 9-10

6. When Jesus returns, He'll bring His reward with Him. People's eternal destiny is already decided.

6 JUDG REVELATION 22:12

PHASE TWO

During the 1000 years the saved are given authority to judge.
 T JUDG REVELATION 20:4

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THE **BIBLE TEACHES** THAT CHRISTIANS ARE **SAVED** BY **GRACE** ALONE, AND NOT BY WORKS. YET IT ALSO TEACHES THAT WE ARE JUDGED BY **OUR WORKS.** ARE THESE TWO TEACHINGS IN **CONFLICT?** HOW ARE CHRISTIAN TO RELATE TO **JUDGEMENT?**





8. The saved will judge the world and even the cases of the fallen angels.

8 JUDG
1 CORINTHIANS
6:2-3

PHASE THREE

9.	At the end of the 1000 years, the final phase of the judgement will be executed.	9 JUDG REVELATION 20:11-12
10.	The lake of fire is the ultimate destiny for anyone not found in the Lamb's book of life.	10 JUDG REVELATION 20:14-14

GETTING THROUGH THE JUDGEMENT

11 Jesus told the Disciples to rejoice that their names

	are written in heaven. This mean their names are in the book of life.	11 JUDG LUKE 10:20
12.	If we have found forgiveness in Jesus, we are ready to face the judgement.	12 JUDG JOHN 5:24
13.	Mercy alone will triumph over judgement. Good works will not save us.	13 JUDG JAMES 2:12-13



IS IT CLEAR THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET THROUGH THE JUDGEMENT?







THE FOUR BEASTS OF DANIEL 7

1.	In Daniel's vision, he sees four beasts coming out of the great sea (Mediterranean). These are symbols representing literal events.	1 LH DANIEL 7: 1-3
2.	The four beasts are four powers that would arise on the world's scene.	2 LH DANIEL 7:17, 23
3.	The lion represents the kingdoms of Babylon (see Jeremiah 4:7,13; 50:44).	3 LH DANIEL 7: 4
4.	The second power is the Medes and the Persians (see 5:28). The three ribs in the mouth represent the three kingdoms it destroyed to come to power.	4 LH DANIEL 7: 5
5.	The leopard with four heads represents the kingdom of Greece, consisting of Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy and Seleucus.	5 LH DANIEL 7:6
6.	The fourth beast is the iron power of Rome.	6 LH DANIEL 7:7
7.	The rest of the chapter deals almost exclusively with the identity of the little horn.	7 LH DANIEL 7:8

IN ORDER TO **UNDERSTAND** THE **PROPHECIES** OF THE **BOOK** OF **REVELATION**. WE MUST FIRST **UNDERSTAND** THE **PROPHECIES** OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL. ONE OF THE MAIN THEMES OF DANIEL'S **PROPHECIES** IS THE APOSTASY OF THE LITTLE HORN. **IDENTIFYING** THIS **POWER** MAY **HURT** SOME PEOPLE. BUT GOD IS **IDENTIFYING** A SYSTEM, NOT INDIVIDUALS WHO BELONG TO THE SYSTEM.

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IDENTIFICATION OF THE LITTLE HORN

- a. It arose among the ten horns (verse 8).
- b. It uprooted three of the first horns (verse 8, 20, 24).
- (verse 8).
- d. Had a mouth that spoke boastfully (verse 8).
- e. It waged war against the saints (verse 21, 25).
- f. It shall try to change set times and laws (verse 25).
- g. The saints would be handed over A TIME IS A PROPHETIC YEAR OF to him for a time, times and half a time.

FULFILMENT

THE PAPACY AROSE AFTER THE BREAKUP OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

THE PAPACY FINALLY DESTROYED THE HERULI, THE VANDALS, THE OSTROGOTHS IN 538 AD.

c. It had eyes like the eyes of a man AT THE HEAD OF THE PAPACY SITS A MAN MAKING DECISIONS THAT **AFFECT MILLIONS.**

> THE POPE CLAIMS INFALLIBILITY AND THE POWER TO FORGIVE SINS.

> THE PAPACY MURDERED MILLIONS **DURING THE DARK AGES.**

THE PAPACY CLAIMS IT HAS POWER TO CHANGE GOD'S LAW.

360 DAYS, TIME, TIMES AND A HALF A TIME IS 3 ½ YEARS OR 1260 DAYS. 538AD -1798AD.



DISCUSSION **QUESTIONS**

PLEASE NOTE THE BIBLE HAS **IDENTIFIED A THEOLOGICAL** SYSTEM, NOT ANY INDIVIDUAL BELONGING TO THAT SYSTEM.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FOLLOW THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE, NOT MAN-MADE TRADITIONS?







THE PURE WOMAN

1.	In symbolic language, God describes a woman clothed with the sun, moon and stars.	1 CH REVELATION 12:1-2
2.	The Bible portrays God's covenant people as a woman. See also 2 Corinthians 11:2.	2 CH JEREMIAH 6:2
3.	The sun, moon and stars symbolised Jacob, his wife and twelve sons. Clearly the woman of Revelation 12 symbolised God's covenant people.	3 CH GENESIS 37:9-10

THE DRAGON'S HATRED OF THE WOMAN

4.	The dragon is Satan (verse 9). He swept a third of the Angels from heaven (1:20) and it worked through the Power of Rome to attempt to destroy the baby Jesus (7 heads, 10 horns = Rome).	4 CH REVELATION 12:3-4
5.	This one verse describes the entire victorious and conquering Christ.	5 CH REVELATION 12:5
6.	God preserved the woman in the remote places of the earth during the Dark Ages.	6 CH REVELATION 12:6

THE VICTORIOUS CHRIST

7 CH	The conflict between good and evil originated	7
REVELATION	in heaven, but Michael and His angels were too	/.
12:7-9	powerful.	

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WHAT **HAPPENED** TO THE **CHURCH** THAT **JESUS ESTABLISHED** AFTER HE RETURNED TO **HEAVEN**? REVELATION 12 TRACES THE CHURCH'S **FORTUNES** FROM **JESUS**' DAY **DOWN** TO THE MODERN ERA.





8. Heaven rejoices about the power of Christ's blood to overcome evil, but announces woe to the earth.

8 CH REVELATION 12:10-12

THE DRAGON PURSUED THE WOMAN

9.	God provided remote places in Europe were the
	woman could hide during the Dark Ages (e.g.
	Northern Italy and Scotland).

9 CH REVELATION 12:13-14

10. The Devil attempted to flush the woman out. Water symbolises peoples, multitudes and nations (Revelation 17:15).

10 CH REVELATION 12:15

11. When America was discovered, it provided a safe refuge for persecuted Christians from Europe.

11 CH REVELATION 12:16

12 The dragon now turns his attention to her offspring. They obey God's commandments and hold the testimony of Jesus.

12 CH REVELATION 12:17



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

REVELATION 13 EXPLAINS HOW THE DEVIL INTENDS TO ATTACK THE OFFSPRING.

DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE?

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THE IDENTIFYING MARKS OF THE FIRST BEAST

MEANING

A. Beast arose from the sea (verse 1).

AS IN DANIEL 7, THE BEAST AROSE FORM THE SEA, SYMBOLISING A GREAT POPULATION (REV 17:15).

B. Beast had seven heads and ten horns (verse 1).

THE COMBINATION OF THE FOUR BEAST IN DANIEL 7 HAS SEVEN HEADS AND 10 HORNS.

C. Beast resembled a leopard, bear and lion (verse 2).

THESE THREE BEAST ARE ALL FOUND IN DANIEL 7.

D. One of its heads had a fatal wound and the fatal wound was healed (verse 3).

THE PAPACY RECEIVED A DEADLY WOUND IN 1798 BY NAPOLEON'S ARMY AND WAS RE-ESTABLISHED BY MUSSOLINI IN 1929.

E. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast and worshiped the beast (verses 3,4).

THE PAPACY HAS AGAIN GROWN TO WORLD-WIDE PROMINENCE.

F. He exercises his authority for 42 months (verse 5).

AS IN DANIEL 7, HE REIGNS FOR 1260 YEARS (538AD - 1798 AD).

G. He made war against the saints (verse 7).

AS IN DANIEL 7:25, THE PAPACY WAS A PERSECUTING POWER.

H. His number equals 666.

ONE OF THE OFFICIAL TITLES OF THE POPE IS VICERIUS FILLI DEI, WHOSE NUMERICAL VALUE IS 666.

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THE FINAL
CONFLICT WILL
INVOLVE TWO
GREAT POWERS,
ACCORDING TO
REVELATION
13. WHO ARE
THESE POWERS
AND HOW WILL
THEY WORK
TOGETHER?
LET'S GO TO
THE BIBLE AND
FIND SOME
ANSWERS.





THE IDENTIFYING MARKS OF THE SECOND BEAST

MEANING

A. It arose as the first beast went into captivity (verses 9-11).

AS THE PAPACY WENT INTO CAPTIVITY IN 1978, THE UNITED STATES HAD JUST BECOME AN INDEPENDENT NATION.

B. It arose out of the earth (verse 11).

THE FIRST BEAST AROSE FORM THE SEA OR POPULATED PLACE (REVELATION 17:15). THE SECOND BEAST ROSE FROM AN UNPOPULATED PLACE.

C. It had two horns like a lamb.

A LAMB SYMBOLISES JESUS (REVELATION 5:6). THIS IS A CHRISTIAN POWER.

D. It exercises all the authorities of the first beast (Rev 12).

THIS WOULD BE A WORLD SUPER POWER.

E. It speaks like a dragon (verse 11).

WHILE IT APPEARS AS A LAMB IT ACTS DRAGON-LIKE.

F. He makes an image to the first beast (verse 14).

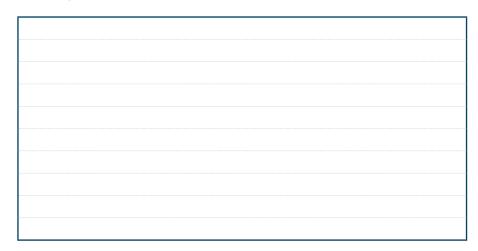
CHURCH AND STATE UNITED WITH FIRST BEAST AND SO WILL THE SECOND BEAST.

G. It forces all to receive the mark of the beast (verse 16).

THE MARK OF THE BEAST'S
AUTHORITY IS FOUND IN THEIR CLAIM
TO CHANGE GOD'S LAW (DANIEL 7:25).
SUNDAY OBSERVANCE IS THE MARK
OF THE BEAST'S AUTHORITY.



QUESTIONS







A LOSS OF MORALS

1. The first domestic dispute after the flood resulted from the use of alcohol. Note: Noah was not naked **GENESIS 9:20-24** when he started drinking.

2 DRINK
2. Lot would have never acted in such an immoral way GENESIS 19:30if he was sober.
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3. Nadab and Abihu came into God's presence with a careless and presumptuous attitude.

3 DRINK
LEVITICUS
10:1,2

4. The reasons Aaron's sons were careless was because they were drunk.

4 DRINK
LEVITICUS 10:810

5. David knew the power of alcohol to deceive and attempted to get Uriah drunk.

5 DRINK
2 SAMUEL
11:10-13

LEADS TO CONFLICT

6. The wise should never be led to mocking or brawling through the use of alcohol.

7. Solomon explains well the sad side effects of drinking.

6 DRINK PROVERBS 20:1

> 7 DRINK PROVERBS 23:29-35

ALCOHOL WAS USED BY **GOD'S PEOPLE** THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE. MANY USE THIS AS AN **ARGUMENT** TO **JUSTIFY** DRINKING TODAY. **BUT WHAT LIGHT** HAS THE **BIBLE** SHED IN THE **USE OF ALCOHOL?** DOES THE BIBLE REALLY **ENDORSE** DRINKING **ALCOHOL?**







CHRISTIAN REJECT

8.	Jesus was offered alcohol only once in the Bible,	8 DRINK
	but He refused to drink it after tasting it.	MATTHEW 27:34

9.		9 DRINK
	No drunkard can be a part of God's kingdom.	1 CORINTHIANS
		6:9-10

10.	Paul contrasts being filled with the Holy Spirit and	10 DRINK
	being drunk. You can only have one.	EPHESIANS 5:18



ALCOHOL HAS SUCH A
DEVASTATING EFFECT ON
US PHYSICALLY, AS WELL AS
TO SOCIETY (E.G. DOMESTIC
DISPUTES, CAR ACCIDENTS,
VIOLENCE ETC).

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A STAND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SAY NO TO ALCOHOL?







HEAVEN IS A REAL PLACE

1 H JOHN 14:1-3	Heaven is a real place that Jesus has been preparing for the saved.	1.
2 H 2 PETER 3:10-13	God has promised to create a new heaven and a new earth, where we will spend eternity.	2.
3 H HEBREWS 11:16	God Himself will build the city and it will be as real and literal as any you have known.	3.
4 H REVELATION 21:1-4	The Bible ends how it began. God has face to face fellowship with man.	4.

A GLORIOUS PLACE

5.	Physical deformities will be cured.	5 H ISAIAH 35:5-6
6.	On the new earth, homes are going to be built and gardens planted.	6 H ISAIAH 65:21-22
7.	The animal kingdom will be changed. Animals will no longer kill for food.	7 H ISAIAH 65:25
8.	The Bible says the tree of life will be in heaven. As we eat from this tree, we will be restored to our original state.	8 H REVELATION 22:1-2

REALLY EXIST?
IS IT A REAL,
TANGIBLE CITY
WHERE GOD
LIVES?
OR IS IT A
CONCEPT THAT
DESCRIBES A
HAPPY STATE
OF MIND?

DOES **HEAVEN**







9.	God's throne is in Heaven and He is surrounded by four living creatures.	9 H REVELATION 4:2-4
10.	The new Jerusalem is perfectly square, measuring about 1400 miles around the perimeter.	10 H REVELATION 21:16-18
11.	We will be given new, glorious bodies.	11 H PHIL 3:20-21
12	Even in our wildest dreams, we cannot comprehend the marvels of God's eternal kingdom.	12 H 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9



WHAT A TRAGEDY IT WOULD BE TO MISS OUT ON WHAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR US. WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCEPT HIS INVITATION TO BE WITH HIM IN PARADISE?







CREATED ABOVE MANKIND

1.	The Bible says that we are created a little lower than the angels.	1 ANG PSALM 8:4-5
2.	Angels do not marry, but are a different order of creation that do not procreate as humans do.	2 ANG MATTHEW 22:30
3.	Angels break chains, open doors and pass guards unseen.	3 ANG ACTS 12:6-10
4.	185,000 men were put to death by a single angel.	4 ANG 2 KINGS 19:35- 36
5.	Daniel was kept alive through the ministry of an angel who kept the lions' mouths closed.	5 ANG DANIEL 6:22

MINISTERING SPIRITS

6.	Jesus said that we all have an angel who stands in God's presence.	6 ANG MATTHEW 18:10
7.	Angles are obedient to God's every word.	7 ANG PSALM 103:20- 21
8.	Angels are sent to serve those who will be saved in thousands of different ways and circumstances.	8 ANG HEBREW 1:14
9.	Seraphs are a class of angels who have six wings and stand in God's presence.	9 ANG ISAIAH 6:2-3

THE BIBLE IS FULL OF REFERENCES TO ANGELS. THE BOOK OF REVELATION MAKES MORE THAN 70 REFERENCES TO ANGELS. WHO ARE THE ANGELS **MENTIONED** IN THE BIBLE? HOW ARE THEY **INVOLVED** IN OUR LIVES? WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW **ABOUT THEM?**







10. Cherubim are another class of angels who have two wings (Exodus 25:18-20).

10 ANG GENESIS 3:24

COMMUNICATE GOD'S WILL

11. Gabriel came straight from God's presence to speak with Zechariah the priest.

11 ANG LUKE 1:19

12. Paul was encouraged by an angel during a violent storm at sea.

12 ANG ACTS 27:22-24

ATTEND CHRIST AT THE SECOND COMING

13. When Jesus returns, the sky will be filled with angels whose presence will bring glory to Christ.

13 ANG MATTHEW 25:31

14. Angels will gather God's people from the earth at the second coming so they can meet the Lord in the air.

14 ANG MATTHEW 24:31



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ARE YOU GLAD GOD CREATED THE ANGELS?

EVEN THOUGH WE CANNOT SEE THEM THEY ARE WITH US WHEREVER WE GO.







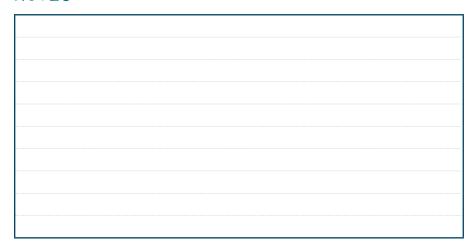
BASED ON THE FIRST LIE

1.	Spiritism is based on the first lie that you will not die, and death is just a door to a better and superior existence.	1 SP GENESIS 3:4-5
2.	The grave is what awaits the dead. There is no new knowledge or experience, but it is an unconscious sleep.	2 SP ECCLESIASTES 9:10
3.	God forbade His people from contacting the dead, or using a medium or a spiritist. We must always avoid this and its increasing influence through media.	3 SP DEUTERONOMY 18:10-11

OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST

4 SP EPHESIANS 6:12	A Christian's primary battle is not with men, but with spiritual forces of evil.	4.
5 SP 1 THESSALONIANS 2:18	Paul recognised that the circumstances that prevent the gospel being preached were not accidental, but part of the spiritual battle.	5.
6 SP LUKE 22:3-4	Judas continued down a path of rejecting Jesus' authority over his life until he was controlled by evil.	6.
7 SP ACTS 5:3	The devil filled the hearts of Ananias and Sapphira, and led them to make wrong choices.	7.

INCREASINGLY, THE **OCCULT** AND **DEMONIC SPIRITS** ARE BEING FELT IN OUR **SOCIETY** AND CULTURE. HOW DOES **SATAN** WORK THROUGH THESE **POWERS** AND HOW CAN I **AVOID** THEIR **INFLUENCE** IN MY LIFE? WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM CONFRONTED WITH SUCH EVIL?







8.	The devil was able to afflict Job with sores and
	bring terrible trouble upon his entire life.

8 SP JOB 2:7-8

9. Evil spirits will increase their influence once we approach the great and final battle.

9 SP REVELATION 16:13-14

JESUS' POWER OVER EVIL

10.	The forces of evil threw everything they had at
	Jesus, but failed! Jesus has already won the battle
	and put down the rebellion.

10 SP COLOSSIANS 2:15

11. God had put an invisible hedge around everything that belonged to Job.

11 SP JOB 1:9-10

12. Having a personal relationship with Jesus is the most important thing of all.

12 SP ACTS 19:13-15

13. The invisible armour of God enables us to withstand anything that the forces of evil attempt.

13 SP EPHESIANS 6:13-18



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DO YOU WANT TO WITHSTAND THE ATTACKS OF THE DEVIL BY STANDING IN GOD'S ARMOUR?







HAPPENS TO THE BEST OF PEOPLE

Elijah was one of the greatest prophets, but suffered from severe discouragement to the point that he wanted to die.
 Isaiah become overwhelmed with his sinfulness when confronted with the righteousness of God.
 Even Jesus, as He faced the cross and separation from His Father in Gethsemane, was discouraged and sorrowful to the point of death.

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SPEND TIME WITH GODLY PEOPLE

4. We are to encourage each other and build up those who are down or in need.
5. It is vitally important that new believers are strengthened and encouraged.
6. Jesus took His closest friends with Him in His time of discouragement.
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LEAVE YOUR CARES AT JESUS' FEET

7. Leaving all your cares with God will always lift your burdens.7 DISC PHIL 4: 6-7

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DISCOURAGEMENT IS SOMETHING THAT CAN **HAPPEN** TO THE MOST **GODLY** OF PEOPLE. WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN WE FIND **OURSELVES** WEIGHED **DOWN** WITH **DISCOURAGEMENT?** WHAT IS GOD'S **COUNSEL** TO THOSE WHO WANT TO **ENCOURAGE** OTHERS?





8. The Bible is a great source of encouragement and hope for those who are in need.

8 DISC ROMANS 15:4

SING PRAISES TO GOD

9. Singing spiritual songs and psalms are a great encouragement to those who are discouraged.

9 DISC EPHESIANS 5:19-20

10. David made music to encourage Saul and relieve the evil influence that troubled him.

10 DISC 1 SAMUEL 16:23

DWELL ON OUR ETERNAL HOPE

11. We have every reason in the world to be encouraged with what we have.

11 DISC
1 PETER 1:3-6



DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE YOUR TROUBLES WITH GOD AND BE ENCOURAGED IN HIM?







GOD IS THE GIVER OF WEALTH

1.	God owns the earth and everything in it; He is not poor and does not need our money.	1 MON PSALMS 24:1
2.	Again the Psalmist makes it clear that everything belongs to God.	2 MON PSALMS 50:10- 12
3.	The wealth we have worked for is the result of God given abilities to earn an income.	3 MON DUETERONOMY 8:17-18

RETURNING A TENTH

4.	Although all belongs to God, He only asks us to return a tenth of our increase.	4 MON LEVITICUS 27:30
5.	Abraham is the father of the faithful and gave the example of returning a tenth on his increase.	5 MON GENESIS 14:18- 20
6.	After all that God has done for us it would be unthinkable to steal from Him. We rob God when we do not pay tithe.	6 MON MALACHI 3:8-11
7.	Jesus also believed in tithing and makes it clear that we should not neglect this practice.	7 MON MATTHEW 23:23

MONEY IS THE CAUSE OF MUCH HEARTACHE AND CONFLICT, AND THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID THAT THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL (1 TIM 6:10). IS IT WRONG FOR A CHRISTIAN TO BE RICH? WHAT DOES **GOD EXPECT US** TO DO WITH OUR **WEALTH?**







WHAT WAS TITHE USED FOR?

8.	In the Old Testament the Levites lived off the tithe.	8 MON NUMBERS 18:20-21
9.	Tithe was used to support those who minister the Gospel.	9 MON 1 CORINTHIANS 9:13-14

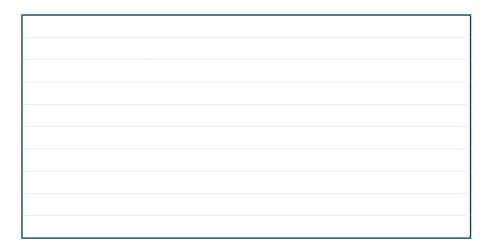
HONOUR GOD WITH WEALTH

10.	It is our privilege to honour God with all He has given us.	10 MON PROVERBS 3:9-10
11.	We should trust in God, not money because Paul says it is so uncertain.	11 MON 1 TIMOTHY 6:17-18
12.	Put God first and He will give us what we need.	12 MON MATTHEW 6:33



IS IT CLEAR THAT THE BIBLE TEACHES WE SHOULD PAY A TENTH ON OUR INCREASE?

DO YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD BY COMMITTING TO RETURNING A TENTH OF YOUR INCREASE TODAY?





JOURNEYED THEM TO THE LAND PROMISED TO PROVIDE SAFETY, REFUGE AND BLESSINGS. GOD ASKED THEM TO GRAB THEIR GOLD, SILVER, WOOD, OIL, ETC & BRING IT TO HIM.



ALL THE ISRAELITE MEN & WOMEN WHO WERE WILLING BROUGHT TO THE LORD FREEWILL OFFERING FOR ALL THE WORK THE LORD THROUGH MOSES HAS COMMANDED THEM TO DO.

DID you **KNOMS**

HAVE YOU FOUND A BLESSING IN STUDYING THE BIBLE AND GETTING TO KNOW JESUS?

THE BEAUTIFUL THING ABOUT LEARNING THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD AND WHO HE IS, IS THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS.

HERE IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP.



but what we do with it reveals the content of our heart.



If God has laid this on your heart you can do so by scanning the QR code or following the link below where you will find a variety of ways to pay it forward.





