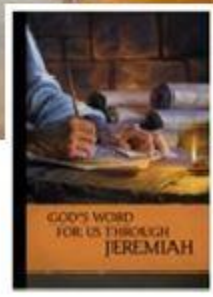
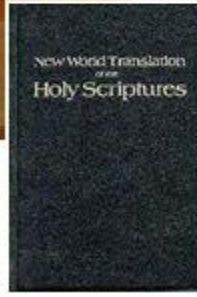


# MID-WEEK MEETING FILE



**May 27-31, 2013**

## WEEK STARTING MAY 27

Song 6 and Prayer

### ❑ Congregation Bible Study:

*jr* chap. 10 ¶1-7 (30 min.)

### ❑ Theocratic Ministry School:

**Bible reading:** John 12-16 (10 min.)

**No. 1:** John 12:20-36 (4 min. or less)

**No. 2:** To Whom First Was the Merit of Jesus' Sacrifice Applied, and With What Objective?—*rs* p. 308 ¶2-3 (5 min.)

**No. 3:** Why Is It Appropriate That Jehovah Is Called "the God Who Gives Peace"?—Rom. 15:33 (5 min.)

### ❑ Service Meeting:

Song 98

**5 min:** Start a Bible Study on the First Saturday. Talk. Demonstrate how a study may be started on the first Saturday in June, using the back cover of *The Watchtower*. Encourage all to have a share.

**15 min:** Watering the Seeds That We Plant. (1 Cor. 3:6-9) Discussion based on the following questions: (1) What do you enjoy about the return visit work? (2) What do some find challenging about making return visits? (3) How can these challenges be overcome? (4) How can we obtain assistance if return visits are difficult for us? (5) What system do you have for keeping track of someone who showed interest and for noting the subject you discussed, the literature you left, and other details? (6) How do you prepare for your return visits? (7) Why is it good to schedule time each week for making return visits?

**10 min:** "Use Videos in Your Teaching." Discussion. Invite audience to relate how they benefited from viewing our videos before they became Witnesses.

Song 101 and Prayer

## Use Videos in Your Teaching

When Jehovah conveyed important information to Abraham and Jeremiah, he did so not only by telling them but also by showing them. (Gen. 15:5; Jer. 18:1-6) We can help our students to grasp and appreciate Bible truths by making good use of visual aids, such as our videos. The follow-

ing are ideas as to when some of the videos could be shown. Keep in mind that these are just suggestions, since every student is different.

### Bible Teach book

- ❑ **Chapter 1:** After paragraph 17, view *The Wonders of Creation Reveal God's Glory*
- ❑ **Chapter 2:** At the end, view *The Bible—Mankind's Oldest Modern Book*
- ❑ **Chapter 9:** After paragraph 14, view *Jehovah's Witnesses—Organized to Share the Good News*
- ❑ **Chapter 14:** At the end, view *The Bible—Its Power in Your Life*
- ❑ **Chapter 15:** After paragraph 10, view *Our Whole Association of Brothers*

### "God's Love" book

- ❑ **Chapter 3:** After paragraph 15, view *Young People Ask—How Can I Make Real Friends?*
- ❑ **Chapter 4:** At the end, view *Respect Jehovah's Authority*
- ❑ **Chapter 7:** After paragraph 12, view *No Blood—Medicine Meets the Challenge*
- ❑ **Chapter 9:** After paragraph 6, view *Warning Examples for Our Day*
- ❑ **Chapter 17:** At the end, view 'Walk by Faith, Not by Sight'

Are there other videos that one of your students would benefit from seeing? For example, individuals who are dealing with opposition might be encouraged by viewing *Faithful Under Trials—Jehovah's Witnesses in the Soviet Union* or *Jehovah's Witnesses Stand Firm Against Nazi Assault*. Youths may benefit from *Pursue Goals That Honor God* and *Young People Ask—What Will I Do With My Life?* Make notations in your copy of the *Bible Teach* and "God's Love" books to remind you when you might view a video with your student or lend it to him to watch. As new videos are released, think about how you could use them to touch the heart of your Bible students.—Luke 24:32.

# 6 *The Prayer of God's Servant* (Ephesians 6:18)

1. Heavenly Father, Sovereign Lord,  
    May your great name forever be adored.  
Your tender mercies long will endure,  
    Ever so faithful, ever so sure.  
Ever faithful, ever sure,  
    All your mercies will endure.
2. Love for the truth within us instill.  
    Help us, O God, to carry out your will.  
All your commandments we want to keep,  
    Finding and feeding your precious sheep.  
Finding, feeding your dear sheep,  
    Your commands we want to keep.
3. Wisdom we seek from heaven above.  
    Please grant this gift, and fill our hearts with love.  
Help us our love and mercy to show,  
    Helping all men our great God to know.  
Helping all our God to know,  
    May our love and mercy show.

(See also Ps. 143:10; John 21:15-17; Jas. 1:5.)

## ARE YOU DAILY ASKING, “WHERE IS JEHOVAH?”

JEREMIAH was in tears. He was affected both by the present condition of his people and by what God had him foretell about their future. He wished that his head were like a water source and his eyes a fountain so that he could cry without stopping. Jeremiah had reason to grieve over the condition of the nation. (Jer. 9:1-3; *read Jeremiah 8:20, 21.*) The Jews kept rejecting divine law and did not obey Jehovah’s voice, thus calamity would come.—Jer. 6:19; 9:13.

<sup>2</sup> However, the people of Judah, who loved to hear the ‘all-is-well’ chorus of their religious leaders, were not genuinely interested in what Jehovah thought of their conduct. (Jer. 5:31; 6:14) They were like patients looking for a physician who would say soothing things but ignore serious symptoms. If you were seriously ill, would you not want an accurate diagnosis so that you could be treated in time? Spiritually speaking, the Jews in Jeremiah’s day should have sought an honest appraisal of their spiritual condition. They ought to have asked: “Where is Jehovah?”—Jer. 2:6, 8.

<sup>3</sup> For the Jews to ask, “Where is Jehovah?” would have meant seeking divine guidance when faced with deci-

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- 1, 2. (a) What was the spiritual condition of the Jews of Jeremiah’s day? (b) How should the Judeans have reacted to their condition?
  3. (a) How could the Jews have answered the question, “Where is Jehovah?” (b) What was one way for the Jews to seek Jehovah?



sions, both major and minor. The Jews at that time did not do so. But after the desolation of Jerusalem and their return from Babylon, they were to 'seek Jehovah' and 'search for him.' By so doing, they would be able to find him and come to know his ways. (*Read Jeremiah 29:13, 14.*) How could they do that? One way was by approaching God in sincere prayer, asking for his direction. That was King David's attitude. He asked God: "Make me know your own ways, O Jehovah; teach me your own paths." (Ps. 25:4) Note the invitation that the Hearer of prayer extended through Jeremiah in the tenth year of King Zedekiah. "Call to me, and I shall answer you and readily tell you great and incomprehensible things that you have not known." (Jer. 33:3) If the king and the renegade nation called to God, He could reveal things "incomprehensible" to them, the desolation of Jerusalem and its restoration after 70 years.

<sup>4</sup> Another way the Jews could have sought Jehovah was by searching through history and considering how he dealt with his people. Thus they could have called to mind what had gained God's approval and what had incurred his wrath. They had Moses' writings and a number of inspired historical records as well as the annals of the kings of Israel and Judah. By meditating on those and by listening to God's true prophets, the Jews in Jeremiah's day could have grasped the answer to the question "Where is Jehovah?"

<sup>5</sup> A third way those Jews could have sought Jehovah was by learning through their personal experiences and those of others. Not that they had to learn everything through trial and error, but they could have benefited from considering what they themselves had done in the

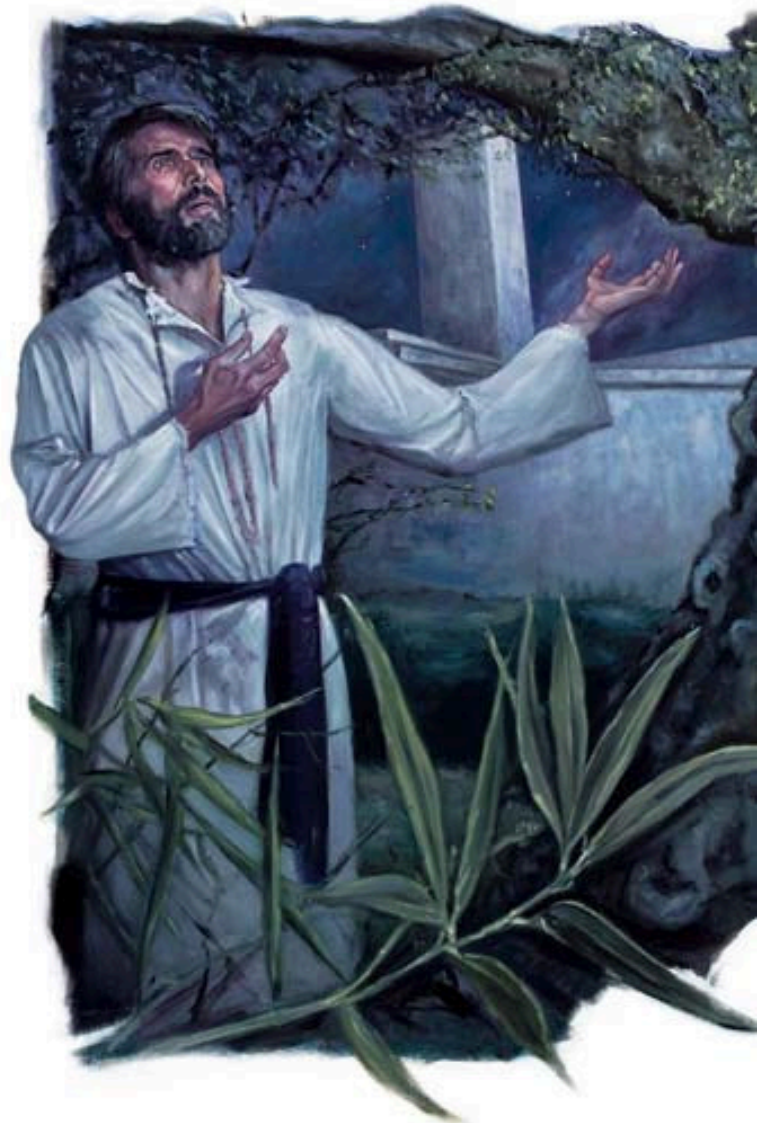
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4, 5. In what other ways could God's people have sought Jehovah?

past and how Jehovah viewed the way they had acted. If they had been observant, they could have understood how God viewed their conduct.—Prov. 17:10.

<sup>6</sup> But let us bring this down to our day. Have you been regularly asking, “Where is Jehovah?” when you are making decisions and choosing your course? Some may feel that they have not been as conscientious as they should have been. If in some sense that might be true of you, do not be downhearted. Even the faithful patriarch Job struggled in this regard. When he was under pressure, he was wrapped up in himself. Elihu had to remind him of the common tendency of mankind:

“No one has said, ‘Where is God my Grand Maker?’ ” (Job 35:10) Elihu encouraged Job: “Show yourself attentive to the wonderful works of God.” (Job 37:14) Job needed to observe the mighty works of Jehovah in the creation around him and in God’s dealings with humans. Through his own experience, Job came to understand Jehovah’s ways. After he had endured his ordeal and had seen how Jehovah handled the matter, Job said: “I talked, but I was not understanding things too wonderful



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6. What encouragement may you find in Job’s example?

for me, which I do not know. In hearsay I have heard about you, but now my own eye does see you."—Job 42: 3, 5.

<sup>7</sup> As for Jeremiah himself, the prophet continued to seek Jehovah and was able to find him. Unlike his countrymen, over the decades of his faithful service, Jeremiah kept asking: "Where is Jehovah?" In what follows in this chapter, we will see from Jeremiah's example how we can seek Jehovah and find him through prayer, study, and personal experiences.—1 Chron. 28:9.

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7. As depicted on page 116, what are we going to discuss next?

*What does it mean to ask, "Where is Jehovah?"  
In what ways could the Jews of Jeremiah's  
day have asked that?*

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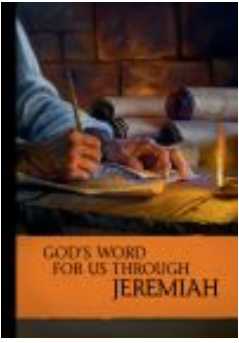
## **JEREMIAH TURNED TO JEHOVAH IN PRAYER**

<sup>8</sup> Over the years while serving as God's mouthpiece to the nation of Judah, Jeremiah sought Jehovah through heartfelt prayers. He turned to God for support when he had to proclaim unpopular messages, when he felt that he could not continue, and when he had questions about why certain things took place. God answered him and gave direction as to how to proceed. Consider a few examples.

<sup>9</sup> Once when Jeremiah was given a denunciatory message to proclaim, he felt that everyone was calling down evil upon him. So the prophet called on God to remember him. Consider his prayer, recorded at Jeremiah 15:

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8. Under what circumstances did Jeremiah approach God in prayer?  
9. (a) How did Jeremiah express himself at Jeremiah 15:15, 16, and how did Jehovah respond? (b) Why do you think it is important to express your feelings in prayer?



### Paragraph 1

**(Jeremiah 9:1-3)** O that my head were waters, and that my eyes were a source of tears! Then I could weep day and night for the slain ones of the daughter of my people. <sup>2</sup> O that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of travelers! Then I would leave my people and go away from them, for all of them are adulterers, a solemn assembly of treacherous dealers; <sup>3</sup> and they bend their tongue as their bow in falsehood; but not for faithfulness have they proved mighty in the land. “For from badness to badness they went forth, and they ignored even me,” is the utterance of

Jehovah.

**(Jeremiah 8:20, 21)** “The harvest has passed, the summer has come to an end; but as for us, we have not been saved!” <sup>21</sup> Over the breakdown of the daughter of my people I have become shattered. I have grown sad. Outright astonishment has seized hold of me.

**(Jeremiah 6:19)** Listen, O earth! Here I am bringing in calamity upon this people as the fruitage of their thoughts, for they paid no attention to my very own words; and my law—they also kept rejecting it.”

**(Jeremiah 9:13)** And Jehovah proceeded to say: “On account of their leaving my law that I gave [to be] before them, and [because] they have not obeyed my voice and have not walked in it,

### Paragraph 2

**(Jeremiah 5:31)** The prophets themselves actually prophesy in falsehood; and as for the priests, they go subduing according to their powers. And my own people have loved [it] that way; and what will YOU men do in the finale of it?”

**(Jeremiah 6:14)** And they try to heal the breakdown of my people lightly, saying, ‘There is peace! There is peace!’ when there is no peace.

**(Jeremiah 2:6)** And they have not said, ‘Where is Jehovah, the One bringing us up out of the land of Egypt, the One walking us through the wilderness, through a land of desert plain and pit, through a land of no water and of deep shadow, through a land through which no man passed and in which no earthing man dwelt?’

**(Jeremiah 2:8)** The priests themselves did not say, ‘Where is Jehovah?’ And the very ones handling the law did not know me; and the shepherds themselves transgressed against me, and even the prophets prophesied by Ba’al, and after those who could bring no benefit they walked.

### Paragraph 3

**(Jeremiah 29:13, 14)** “‘And YOU will actually seek me and find [me], for YOU will search for me with all YOUR heart. <sup>14</sup> And I will let myself be found by YOU,’ is the utterance of Jehovah. ‘And I will gather YOUR body of captives and collect YOU together out of all the nations and out of all the places to which I have dispersed YOU,’ is the utterance of Jehovah. ‘And I will bring YOU back to the place from which I caused YOU to go into exile.’

**(Psalm 25:4)** Make me know your own ways, O Jehovah; Teach me your own paths.

**(Jeremiah 33:3)** ‘Call to me, and I shall answer you and readily tell you great and incomprehensible things that you have not known.’”



**Paragraph 5**

**(Proverbs 17:10)** A rebuke works deeper in one having understanding than striking a stupid one a hundred times.

**Paragraph 6**

**(Job 35:10)** And yet no one has said, 'Where is God my Grand Maker, The One giving melodies in the night?'

**(Job 37:14)** Do give ear to this, O Job; Stand still and show yourself attentive to the wonderful works of God.

**(Job 42:3)** 'Who is this that is obscuring counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I talked, but I was not understanding Things too wonderful for me, which I do not know.

**(Job 42:5)** In hearsay I have heard about you, But now my own eye does see you.

**Paragraph 7**

**(1 Chronicles 28:9)** "And you, Sol'o-mon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a complete heart and with a delightful soul; for all hearts Jehovah is searching, and every inclination of the thoughts he is discerning. If you search for him, he will let himself be found by you; but if you leave him, he will cast you off forever.

43 And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice: "Laz'a-rus, come on out!"<sup>a</sup>

44 The man that had been dead came out with his feet and hands bound with wrappings,<sup>b</sup> and his countenance was bound about with a cloth. Jesus said to them: "Loose him and let him go."

45 Therefore many of the Jews that had come to Mary and that beheld what he did put faith in him;<sup>c</sup> 46 but some of them went off to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did.<sup>d</sup> 47 Consequently the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the San'he-drin<sup>e</sup> together and began to say: "What are we to do, because this man performs many signs?"<sup>f</sup> 48 If we let him alone this way, they will all put faith in him,<sup>g</sup> and the Romans<sup>h</sup> will come and take away both our place<sup>i</sup> and our nation."<sup>j</sup> 49 But a certain one of them, Ca'ia-phas, who was high priest that year,<sup>k</sup> said to them: "You do not know anything at all, 50 and you do not reason out that it is to your benefit for one man to die<sup>k</sup> in behalf of the people and not for the whole nation to be destroyed."<sup>l</sup> 51 This, though, he did not say of his own originality; but because he was high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was destined to die for the nation, 52 and not for the nation only, but in order that the children of God who are scattered<sup>m</sup> about he might also gather together in one.<sup>n</sup> 53 Therefore from that day on they took counsel to kill him.<sup>o</sup>

54 Hence Jesus no longer walked about publicly<sup>p</sup> among the Jews,<sup>q</sup> but he departed from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called E'phra-im,<sup>r</sup> and there he remained with the disciples. 55 Now the passover<sup>s</sup> of the Jews was near, and many people went up out of the country to Jerusa-

## CHAP. 11

- a Lu 7:14
- b Mt 27:59  
Joh 20:7
- c Joh 2:23  
Joh 10:42  
Joh 12:11
- d Lu 16:31
- e Ps 2:2
- f Nu 14:11  
Joh 7:31  
Joh 12:37  
Ac 4:16
- g Joh 12:19
- h Da 9:26  
Ac 28:17
- i Mt 24:15  
Ac 6:13
- j Mt 26:3  
Lu 3:2  
Ac 4:6
- k Joh 18:14
- l Lu 2:34
- m Isa 49:6  
Jas 1:1  
1Jo 2:2
- n Joh 17:21  
Ga 3:28  
Eph 2:14  
Eph 3:6
- o Mt 26:4  
Mt 26:59  
Joh 5:18
- p Mt 10:23  
Ac 12:17
- q Joh 7:1
- r 2Sa 13:23  
2Ch 13:19
- s Ex 12:14  
De 16:1  
Joh 2:13  
Joh 5:1  
Joh 6:4  
Joh 12:1

## Second Col.

- a 2Ch 30:17

## CHAP. 12

- b Mr 11:1
- c Joh 11:1  
Joh 11:43
- d Lu 10:40
- e Mt 27:55  
Mr 15:41
- f Mt 26:6  
Mr 14:3
- g Ca 1:12  
Mt 26:7
- h Lu 7:38  
Joh 11:2
- i Mt 26:47  
Mr 14:10  
Lu 22:48  
Joh 13:29  
Ac 1:16
- j Mt 26:8  
Mr 14:4  
Lu 7:46
- k Mt 19:21  
Mr 14:5
- l Ex 20:15  
Pr 26:25
- m Joh 13:29
- n Mt 26:12  
Mr 14:8  
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- o De 15:11  
Mt 26:11  
Mr 14:7
- p Joh 11:43
- q Pr 1:16  
Lu 16:31

lem before the passover in order to cleanse themselves ceremonially.<sup>a</sup> 56 Therefore they went looking for Jesus and they would say to one another as they stood around in the temple: "What is your opinion? That he will not come to the festival at all?" 57 As it was, the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone got to know where he was, he should disclose it, in order that they might seize him.

12 Accordingly Jesus, six days before the passover, arrived at Beth'a-ny,<sup>b</sup> where Laz'a-rus<sup>c</sup> was whom Jesus had raised up from the dead. 2 Therefore they spread an evening meal for him there, and Martha<sup>d</sup> was ministering,<sup>e</sup> but Laz'a-rus was one of those reclining at the table with him.<sup>f</sup> 3 Mary, therefore, took a pound of perfumed oil, genuine nard,<sup>g</sup> very costly, and she greased the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet dry with her hair.<sup>h</sup> The house became filled with the scent of the perfumed oil. 4 But Judas Is-car'i-ot,<sup>i</sup> one of his disciples, who was about to betray him, said: 5 "Why was it this perfumed<sup>j</sup> oil was not sold for three hundred de-nar'i-i and given to the poor<sup>k</sup> people?" 6 He said this, though, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief<sup>l</sup> and had the money box<sup>m</sup> and used to carry off the monies put in it. 7 Therefore Jesus said: "Let her alone, that she may keep this observance in view of the day of my burial.<sup>n</sup> 8 For you have the poor<sup>o</sup> always with you, but me you will not have always."

9 Therefore a great crowd of the Jews got to know he was there, and they came, not on account of Jesus only, but also to see Laz'a-rus, whom he raised up from the dead.<sup>p</sup> 10 The chief priests now took counsel to kill Laz'a-rus also,<sup>q</sup> 11 because on

account of him many of the Jews were going there and putting faith in Jesus.<sup>a</sup>

12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival, on hearing that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took the branches of palm trees<sup>b</sup> and went out to meet him. And they began to shout:<sup>c</sup> "Save, we pray you!<sup>d</sup> Blessed is he that comes in Jehovah's name,<sup>e</sup> even the king<sup>f</sup> of Israel!" 14 But when Jesus had found a young ass,<sup>g</sup> he sat on it, just as it is written: 15 "Have no fear, daughter of Zion. Look! Your king is coming,<sup>h</sup> seated upon an ass's colt."<sup>i</sup> 16 These things his disciples took no note of at first,<sup>j</sup> but when Jesus became glorified,<sup>k</sup> then they called to mind that these things were written respecting him and that they did these things to him.<sup>l</sup>

17 Accordingly the crowd that was with him when he called Laz'a-rus<sup>m</sup> out of the memorial tomb and raised him up from the dead kept bearing witness.<sup>n</sup> 18 On this account the crowd, because they heard he had performed this sign,<sup>o</sup> also met him. 19 Therefore the Pharisees<sup>p</sup> said among themselves: "YOU observe you are getting absolutely nowhere. See! The world has gone after him."<sup>q</sup>

20 Now there were some Greeks<sup>r</sup> among those that came up to worship at the festival. 21 These, therefore, approached Philip<sup>s</sup> who was from Beth-sa'i-da of Gal'i-lee, and they began to request him, saying: "Sir, we want to see Jesus."<sup>t</sup> 22 Philip came and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus.

23 But Jesus answered them, saying: "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified."<sup>u</sup>

24 Most truly I say to you, Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just one grain; but if it dies,<sup>v</sup> it

## CHAP. 12

- a Joh 7:31
- Joh 11:45
- b Mt 21:8
- Mr 11:8
- Re 7:9
- c Mt 21:9
- Mr 11:9
- d Ps 118:25
- e Ps 118:26
- f Joh 1:49
- g 1KI 1:33
- Mt 21:7
- Mr 11:7
- Lu 19:35
- h 1KI 1:34
- i Zec 9:9
- j Lu 18:34
- k Joh 7:39
- l Lu 24:45
- Joh 14:26
- m Joh 11:1
- Joh 11:43
- n Mt 21:15
- Lu 19:37
- o Joh 4:54
- p Lu 19:39
- q Joh 3:26
- Joh 11:48
- Ac 5:28
- r Ac 17:4
- s Joh 1:44
- t Lu 19:3
- Lu 23:8
- u Joh 13:32
- Joh 17:1
- v Mt 16:21
- Ro 14:9
- 1Co 15:36

## Second Col.

- a Mt 10:28
- Re 12:11
- b Mt 16:25
- Mr 8:35
- Lu 9:24
- c Joh 14:3
- Joh 17:24
- 1Th 4:17
- d 1Sa 2:30
- Pr 27:18
- e Ps 6:3
- Mt 26:38
- Mr 14:34
- f Lu 12:50
- Lu 22:42
- Heb 5:7
- g Mt 3:17
- Mt 17:5
- Mr 1:11
- Mr 9:7
- Lu 3:22
- Lu 9:35
- 2Pe 1:17
- h Joh 17:1
- i Joh 11:42
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- o Ps 89:36
- Ps 110:4
- Isa 9:7

then bears much fruit. 25 He that is fond of his soul destroys it, but he that hates his soul<sup>a</sup> in this world will safeguard it for everlasting life.<sup>b</sup> 26 If anyone would minister to me, let him follow me, and where I am there my minister will be also.<sup>c</sup> If anyone would minister to me, the Father will honor him.<sup>d</sup> 27 Now my soul is troubled,<sup>e</sup> and what shall I say? Father, save me out of this hour.<sup>f</sup> Nevertheless, this is why I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Therefore a voice<sup>g</sup> came out of heaven: "I both glorified it and will glorify it again."<sup>h</sup>

29 Hence the crowd that stood about and heard it began to say that it had thundered. Others began to say: "An angel has spoken to him." 30 In answer Jesus said: "This voice has occurred, not for my sake, but for YOUR sakes.<sup>i</sup> 31 Now there is a judging of this world; now the ruler of this world<sup>j</sup> will be cast out.<sup>k</sup> 32 And yet I, if I am lifted<sup>l</sup> up from the earth, will draw men of all sorts to me."<sup>m</sup> 33 This he was really saying to signify what sort of death he was about to die.<sup>n</sup> 34 Therefore the crowd answered him: "We heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever;<sup>o</sup> and how is it you say that the Son of man must be lifted up?<sup>p</sup> Who is this Son of man?"<sup>q</sup> 35 Jesus therefore said to them: "The light will be among you a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness<sup>r</sup> does not overpower you; and he that walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.<sup>s</sup> 36 While you have the light, exercise faith in the light, in order to become sons of light."<sup>t</sup>

Jesus spoke these things and went off and hid from them.

p Joh 3:14; Joh 20:9; q Da 7:13; r Jer 13:16; s Joh 11:10; t Eph 5:8.

37 But although he had performed so many signs before them, they were not putting faith in him, 38 so that the word of Isaiah the prophet was fulfilled which he said: "Jehovah, who has put faith in the thing heard by us?"<sup>a</sup> And as for the arm of Jehovah, to whom has it been revealed?"<sup>b</sup> 39 The reason why they were not able to believe is that again Isaiah said: 40 "He has blinded their eyes and he has made their hearts hard,<sup>c</sup> that they should not see with their eyes and get the thought with their hearts and turn around and I should heal them."<sup>d</sup> 41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory,<sup>e</sup> and he spoke about him. 42 All the same, many even of the rulers actually put faith in him,<sup>f</sup> but because of the Pharisees they would not confess him, in order not to be expelled from the synagogue;<sup>g</sup> 43 for they loved the glory of men more than even the glory of God.<sup>h</sup>

44 However, Jesus cried out and said: "He that puts faith in me puts faith, not in me only, but in him also that sent me;<sup>i</sup> 45 and he that beholds me beholds also him that sent me.<sup>j</sup> 46 I have come as a light into the world,<sup>k</sup> in order that everyone putting faith in me may not remain in the darkness.<sup>l</sup> 47 But if anyone hears my sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I came, not to judge the world,<sup>m</sup> but to save the world.<sup>n</sup> 48 He that disregards me and does not receive my sayings has one to judge him. The word<sup>o</sup> that I have spoken is what will judge him in the last day; 49 because I have not spoken out of my own impulse, but the Father himself who sent me has given me a commandment as to what to tell and what to speak.<sup>p</sup> 50 Also, I know that his commandment means ever-

## CHAP. 12

- a Ro 10:16
- b Isa 53:1
- c Ex 4:21
- d Isa 6:10
- Mt 13:14
- Mr 4:12
- Ac 28:27
- e Isa 6:1
- f Joh 19:38
- g Pr 29:25
- Joh 7:13
- Joh 9:22
- Joh 16:2
- h Joh 5:44
- Ro 2:29
- i Mt 10:40
- Mr 9:37
- 1Pe 1:21
- j Joh 14:9
- k Joh 3:19
- Joh 8:12
- Joh 9:5
- l Joh 12:35
- m Joh 3:17
- Joh 5:45
- Joh 8:15
- n Joh 3:16
- o De 18:19
- p De 18:18
- Joh 8:38
- Joh 14:10

## Second Col.

- a Joh 6:40
- Joh 17:2
- b Joh 3:34

## CHAP. 13

- c Mt 26:2
- Joh 12:23
- Joh 17:1
- d Joh 16:28
- Joh 17:11
- e Joh 15:9
- Joh 17:9
- Ga 2:20
- Eph 5:2
- 1Jo 3:16
- f Mt 15:19
- Lu 22:3
- Joh 13:27
- Ac 1:25
- g Mt 26:16
- Mt 26:24
- Mr 14:11
- h Mt 11:27
- Ac 2:36
- 1Co 15:27
- Heb 2:8
- i Joh 16:28
- j Php 2:7
- k Ge 18:4
- Lu 7:44
- l Lu 9:48
- 1Pe 5:3
- m Joh 13:12
- n Ps 51:2
- 1Co 6:11
- Eph 5:26
- Tit 3:5
- Heb 10:22
- o 2Co 7:1
- Eph 4:22
- p Joh 6:64
- q Joh 1:38

lasting life.<sup>a</sup> Therefore the things I speak, just as the Father has told me them, so I speak them."<sup>b</sup>

**13** Now, because he knew before the festival of the pass-over that his hour had come<sup>c</sup> for him to move out of this world to the Father,<sup>d</sup> Jesus, having loved his own that were in the world,<sup>e</sup> loved them to the end. 2 So, while the evening meal was going on, the Devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Is-car-i-ot,<sup>f</sup> the son of Simon, to betray him,<sup>g</sup> 3 he, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands<sup>h</sup> and that he came forth from God and was going to God,<sup>i</sup> 4 got up from the evening meal and laid aside his outer garments. And, taking a towel, he girded himself.<sup>j</sup> 5 After that he put water into a basin and started to wash the feet<sup>k</sup> of the disciples and to dry them off with the towel with which he was girded. 6 And so he came to Simon Peter. He said to him: "Lord, are you washing my feet?"<sup>l</sup> 7 In answer Jesus said to him: "What I am doing you do not understand at present, but you will understand after these things."<sup>m</sup> 8 Peter said to him: "You will certainly never wash my feet." Jesus answered him: "Unless I wash you,<sup>n</sup> you have no part with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him: "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." 10 Jesus said to him: "He that has bathed<sup>o</sup> does not need to have more than his feet washed, but is wholly clean. And you men are clean, but not all." 11 He knew, indeed, the man betraying him.<sup>p</sup> This is why he said: "Not all of you are clean."

12 When, now, he had washed their feet and had put his outer garments on and laid himself down at the table again, he said to them: "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You address me, 'Teacher,'<sup>q</sup>



and, 'Lord,'<sup>a</sup> and you speak rightly, for I am such.<sup>b</sup> **14** Therefore, if I, although Lord and Teacher, washed YOUR feet,<sup>c</sup> you also ought to wash the feet of one another.<sup>d</sup> **15** For I set the pattern for you, that, just as I did to you, you should do also.<sup>e</sup> **16** Most truly I say to you, A slave is not greater than his master, nor is one that is sent forth greater than the one that sent him.<sup>f</sup> **17** If you know these things, happy you are if you do them.<sup>g</sup> **18** I am not talking about all of you; I know the ones I have chosen.<sup>h</sup> But it is in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,<sup>i</sup> 'He that used to feed on my bread has lifted up his heel against me.'<sup>j</sup> **19** From this moment on I am telling you before it occurs,<sup>k</sup> in order that when it does occur you may believe that I am he. **20** Most truly I say to you, He that receives anyone I send receives me also.<sup>l</sup> In turn he that receives me, receives also him that sent me."<sup>m</sup>

**21** After saying these things, Jesus became troubled in spirit, and he bore witness and said: "Most truly I say to you, One of you will betray me."<sup>n</sup> **22** The disciples began to look at one another, being at a loss as to which one he was saying it about.<sup>o</sup> **23** There was reclining in front of Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, and Jesus loved him.<sup>p</sup> **24** Therefore Simon Peter nodded to this one and said to him: "Tell who it is about whom he is saying it." **25** So the latter leaned back upon the breast of Jesus and said to him: "Lord, who is it?"<sup>q</sup> **26** Therefore Jesus answered: "It is that one to whom I shall give the morsel that I dip."<sup>r</sup> And so, having dipped the morsel, he took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Is-car'i-ot. **27** And after the morsel then Satan entered into the latter.<sup>s</sup> Jesus, therefore, said to

## CHAP. 13

- a Lu 2:11
- Ac 10:36
- b Mt 23:8
- 1Co 8:6
- Php 2:11
- c Lu 22:27
- d Mt 20:26
- Lu 9:48
- Lu 22:26
- Ro 12:10
- Ga 5:13
- 1Pe 5:5
- e Mt 23:3
- Php 2:5
- 1Pe 2:21
- 1Jo 2:6
- f Mt 10:24
- Lu 6:40
- Joh 15:20
- g Mt 7:24
- Lu 11:28
- Jas 1:25
- h Joh 15:16
- Eph 1:4
- 2Th 2:13
- 2Ti 2:10
- i Joh 17:12
- j Ps 41:9
- Mt 26:23
- k Mt 24:25
- Joh 14:29
- Joh 16:4
- l Mt 22:3
- Ga 4:14
- m Mt 10:40
- Mt 25:40
- n Mt 26:21
- Mr 14:18
- Lu 22:21
- Joh 6:70
- Ac 1:16
- o Mt 26:22
- Lu 22:23
- p Joh 19:26
- Joh 20:2
- q Joh 21:20
- r Mt 26:23
- s Ps 109:6
- Lu 22:3

## Second Col.

- a Joh 12:6
- b Mt 19:21
- c Mt 26:20
- d Joh 12:23
- Joh 14:13
- e Joh 7:39
- Joh 17:1
- f Heb 2:13
- g Joh 7:34
- Joh 8:21
- h Joh 15:9
- Eph 5:2
- i Le 19:18
- Joh 15:12
- 1Th 4:9
- Jas 2:8
- 1Pe 1:22
- 1Jo 3:14
- j Ro 13:8
- 1Co 13:8
- Ga 6:2
- 1Jo 4:20
- k Joh 14:3
- 2Pe 1:14
- Re 14:4
- l Mt 26:33
- Mr 14:29
- Lu 22:33
- m Mt 26:34
- Mr 14:30
- Lu 22:34
- Joh 18:27

him: "What you are doing get done more quickly." **28** However, none of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose he said this to him. **29** Some, in fact, were imagining, since Judas was holding the money box,<sup>a</sup> that Jesus was telling him: "Buy what things we need for the festival," or that he should give something to the poor.<sup>b</sup> **30** Therefore, after he received the morsel, he went out immediately. And it was night.<sup>c</sup>

**31** Hence when he had gone out, Jesus said: "Now the Son of man is glorified,<sup>d</sup> and God is glorified in connection with him.

**32** And God will himself glorify him,<sup>e</sup> and he will glorify him immediately. **33** Little children,<sup>f</sup> I am with you a little longer. You will look for me; and just as I said to the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,'<sup>g</sup> I say also to you at present. **34** I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you,<sup>h</sup> that you also love one another.<sup>i</sup> **35** By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love among yourselves."<sup>j</sup>

**36** Simon Peter said to him: "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered: "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterwards."<sup>k</sup>

**37** Peter said to him: "Lord, why is it I cannot follow you at present? I will surrender my soul in your behalf."<sup>l</sup> **38** Jesus answered: "Will you surrender your soul in my behalf? Most truly I say to you, A cock will by no means crow until you have disowned me three times."<sup>m</sup>

**14** "Do not let YOUR hearts be troubled.<sup>n</sup> Exercise faith in God,<sup>o</sup> exercise faith also in me.<sup>p</sup> **2** In the house of my Father there are many abodes.<sup>q</sup> Other-

CHAP. 14 n Joh 14:27; o Mr 11:22; 1Pe 1:21; p Eph 1:13; q Lu 16:9.

wise, I would have told you, because I am going my way to prepare a place<sup>a</sup> for you. **3** Also, if I go my way and prepare a place for you, I am coming again<sup>b</sup> and will receive you home to myself,<sup>c</sup> that where I am you also may be.<sup>d</sup> **4** And where I am going you know the way.”

**5** Thomas<sup>e</sup> said to him: “Lord, we do not know where you are going.<sup>f</sup> How do we know the way?”

**6** Jesus said to him: “I am the way<sup>g</sup> and the truth<sup>h</sup> and the life.<sup>i</sup> No one comes to the Father except through me.<sup>j</sup> **7** If you men had known me, you would have known my Father also; from this moment on you know him and have seen him.”<sup>k</sup>

**8** Philip said to him: “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

**9** Jesus said to him: “Have I been with you men so long a time, and yet, Philip, you have not come to know me? He that has seen me has seen the Father<sup>l</sup> also. How is it you say, ‘Show us the Father’?<sup>m</sup> **10** Do you not believe that I am in union with the Father and the Father is in union with me?<sup>n</sup> The things I say to you men I do not speak of my own originality; but the Father who remains in union with me is doing his works.<sup>o</sup> **11** Believe me that I am in union with the Father and the Father is in union with me; otherwise, believe on account of the works themselves.<sup>p</sup> **12** Most truly I say to you, He that exercises faith in me, that one also will do the works that I do; and he will do works greater<sup>q</sup> than these, because I am going my way to the Father.<sup>r</sup> **13** Also, whatever it is that you ask in my name, I will do this, in order that the Father may be glorified in connection with the Son.<sup>s</sup> **14** If you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

## CHAP. 14

- a Lu 12:32  
Col 1:5  
1Pe 1:4  
b Ac 1:11  
c Joh 17:24  
Ro 8:17  
1Co 15:23  
Php 1:23  
1Th 4:16  
2Ti 4:8  
Heb 10:19  
d 1Th 4:17  
e Joh 11:16  
f Joh 13:36  
g Joh 10:9  
Ro 5:2  
Eph 2:18  
Heb 10:20  
h Joh 1:17  
Ro 15:8  
Eph 4:21  
Col 2:17  
i Joh 1:4  
Joh 6:63  
Joh 17:3  
Ro 6:23  
Re 2:10  
j Ac 4:12  
k Mt 11:27  
Joh 1:18  
Joh 8:19  
1Jo 4:12  
l Joh 5:19  
Joh 8:28  
Col 1:15  
Heb 1:3  
m Joh 12:45  
n Joh 10:38  
Joh 17:21  
o Joh 7:16  
Joh 8:28  
Joh 12:49  
p Joh 5:36  
q Mt 21:21  
Ac 1:8  
Ac 2:41  
Col 1:23  
r Ac 2:33  
s Joh 15:16  
Joh 16:23

## Second Col.

- a Joh 13:34  
Joh 15:10  
Jas 1:22  
1Jo 5:3  
b Lu 24:49  
Joh 15:26  
Joh 16:7  
Ac 1:5  
Ac 2:4  
Ro 8:26  
c Mt 10:20  
Joh 16:13  
1Co 2:12  
1Jo 2:27  
d 1Co 2:14  
e Ga 4:6  
f Mt 28:20  
g Mt 23:39  
h Joh 16:16  
Joh 17:24  
i 1Co 15:22  
j Joh 10:38  
Joh 17:21  
k 1Jo 2:5  
1Jo 5:1  
l Lu 6:16  
Ac 1:13  
m Joh 7:4  
Ac 10:41  
n Joh 15:10

**15** “If you love me, you will observe my commandments;<sup>a</sup> **16** and I will request the Father and he will give you another helper to be with you forever,<sup>b</sup> **17** the spirit of the truth,<sup>c</sup> which the world cannot receive,<sup>d</sup> because it neither beholds it nor knows it. You know it, because it remains with you and is in you.<sup>e</sup> **18** I shall not leave you bereaved.<sup>f</sup> I am coming to you. **19** A little longer and the world will behold me no more,<sup>g</sup> but you will behold me,<sup>h</sup> because I live and you will live.<sup>i</sup> **20** In that day you will know that I am in union with my Father and you are in union with me and I am in union with you.<sup>j</sup> **21** He that has my commandments and observes them, that one is he who loves me.<sup>k</sup> In turn he that loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and will plainly show myself to him.”

**22** Judas,<sup>l</sup> not Is-car'i-ot, said to him: “Lord, what has happened that you intend to show yourself plainly to us and not to the world?”<sup>m</sup>

**23** In answer Jesus said to him: “If anyone loves me, he will observe<sup>n</sup> my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our abode with him.<sup>o</sup> **24** He that does not love me does not observe my words; and the word that you are hearing is not mine, but belongs to the Father who sent me.<sup>p</sup>

**25** “While remaining with you I have spoken these things to you. **26** But the helper, the holy spirit, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things and bring back to your minds all the things I told you.<sup>q</sup> **27** I leave you peace, I give you my peace.<sup>r</sup> I do not give it to you the way that the world gives it.

o 1Jo 2:24; Re 3:20; p Joh 5:19; Joh 7:16; Joh 12:49; q Lu 24:49; Joh 15:26; Joh 16:13; 1Jo 2:27; r Joh 16:33; Eph 2:14; Php 4:7; Col 3:15; 2Th 3:16.

Do not let YOUR hearts be troubled nor let them shrink for fear. **28** You heard that I said to you, I am going away and I am coming back to you. If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going my way to the Father, because the Father is greater<sup>a</sup> than I am. **29** So now I have told you before it occurs,<sup>b</sup> in order that, when it does occur, YOU may believe. **30** I shall not speak much with you anymore, for the ruler<sup>c</sup> of the world is coming. And he has no hold on me,<sup>d</sup> **31** but, in order for the world to know that I love the Father, even as the Father has given me commandment<sup>e</sup> to do, so I am doing. Get up, let us go from here.

**15** "I am the true vine,<sup>f</sup> and my Father is the cultivator.<sup>g</sup> **2** Every branch in me not bearing fruit he takes away,<sup>h</sup> and every one bearing fruit he cleans,<sup>i</sup> that it may bear more fruit.<sup>j</sup> **3** You are already clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.<sup>k</sup> **4** Remain in union with me, and I in union with you.<sup>l</sup> Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it remains in the vine, in the same way neither can you, unless you remain in union with me.<sup>m</sup> **5** I am the vine, you are the branches. He that remains in union with me, and I in union with him, this one bears much fruit;<sup>n</sup> because apart from me you can do nothing at all. **6** If anyone does not remain in union with me, he is cast out as a branch and is dried up; and men gather those branches up and pitch them into the fire and they are burned.<sup>o</sup> **7** If you remain in union with me and my sayings remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will take place for you.<sup>p</sup> **8** My Father is glorified in this, that you keep bearing much fruit and prove yourselves my disciples.<sup>q</sup> **9** Just as the Father has loved

## CHAP. 14

- a Joh 20:17  
1Co 11:3  
1Co 15:28  
Php 2:6  
b Joh 13:19  
Joh 16:4  
c Joh 12:31  
Joh 16:11  
d Joh 16:33  
e Joh 10:18  
Joh 12:49  
Joh 15:10  
Php 2:8  
1Jo 5:3

## CHAP. 15

- f Isa 4:2  
g Ps 80:8  
Jer 2:21  
1Co 3:9  
h Mt 15:13  
Heb 6:8  
i Eph 5:26  
Tit 2:14  
1Jo 1:7  
1Jo 1:9  
j 2Pe 1:8  
k Joh 13:10  
Joh 17:17  
Ac 15:9  
1Pe 1:22  
l Joh 6:56  
1Co 12:27  
Col 2:19  
m Ga 2:20  
Eph 2:21  
1Jo 2:6  
n Pr 11:30  
Ho 14:8  
Joh 15:16  
Ga 5:22  
o Eze 15:4  
Mt 3:10  
Ro 11:20  
Heb 6:4  
Heb 6:8  
1Jo 2:19  
p Mt 7:7  
Joh 16:23  
q Mt 5:16  
Joh 13:35  
Php 1:11

## Second Col.

- a Joh 3:35  
b Joh 13:34  
Joh 14:15  
1Jo 2:5  
c Joh 8:29  
d Joh 16:24  
Joh 17:13  
1Jo 1:4  
e Mr 12:31  
Joh 13:34  
1Th 4:9  
1Pe 4:8  
f Joh 10:11  
Ro 5:7  
Eph 5:2  
1Jo 3:16  
g Mt 12:50  
Joh 14:23  
h Lu 12:4  
i Ac 20:27  
j Mt 28:19  
Ro 1:13  
Php 1:22  
k Joh 14:13  
l Joh 13:34  
1Jo 3:23

me<sup>a</sup> and I have loved you, remain in my love. **10** If you observe my commandments,<sup>b</sup> you will remain in my love, just as I have observed the commandments of the Father<sup>c</sup> and remain in his love.

**11** "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you and your joy may be made full.<sup>d</sup> **12** This is my commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.<sup>e</sup> **13** No one has love greater than this, that someone should surrender his soul in behalf of his friends.<sup>f</sup> **14** You are my friends if you do what I am commanding you.<sup>g</sup> **15** I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master does. But I have called you friends,<sup>h</sup> because all the things I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.<sup>i</sup> **16** You did not choose me, but I chose you, and I appointed you to go on and keep bearing fruit<sup>j</sup> and that your fruit should remain; in order that no matter what you ask the Father in my name he might give it to you.<sup>k</sup>

**17** "These things I command you, that you love one another.<sup>l</sup> **18** If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you.<sup>m</sup> **19** If you were part of the world, the world would be fond of what is its own.<sup>n</sup> Now because you are not part of the world,<sup>o</sup> but I have chosen you out of the world, on this account the world hates you.<sup>p</sup> **20** Bear in mind the word I said to you, A slave is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you also;<sup>q</sup> if they have observed my word, they will observe yours also. **21** But they will do all these things against you on account of my name, be-

m Mt 10:22; Lu 19:14; Joh 17:14; 1Jo 3:13; n 1Jo 4:5; o Joh 17:14; Jas 4:4; p Lu 6:22; 1Pe 4:4; q Mt 5:11; Mt 10:22; Mt 24:9; 2Ti 3:12; 1Pe 2:21.

cause they do not know him that sent me.<sup>a</sup> **22** If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin;<sup>b</sup> but now they have no excuse for their sin.<sup>c</sup> **23** He that hates me hates also my Father.<sup>d</sup> **24** If I had not done among them the works that no one else did,<sup>e</sup> they would have no sin;<sup>f</sup> but now they have both seen and hated me as well as my Father.<sup>g</sup> **25** But it is that the word written in their Law may be fulfilled, "They hated me without cause."<sup>h</sup> **26** When the helper arrives that I will send you from the Father,<sup>i</sup> the spirit of the truth, which proceeds from the Father, that one will bear witness about me;<sup>j</sup> **27** and you, in turn, are to bear witness,<sup>k</sup> because you have been with me from when I began.

**16** "I have spoken these things to you that you may not be stumbled.<sup>l</sup> **2** Men will expel you from the synagogue.<sup>m</sup> In fact, the hour is coming when everyone that kills you will imagine he has rendered a sacred service to God.<sup>n</sup> **3** But they will do these things because they have not come to know either the Father or me.<sup>o</sup> **4** Nevertheless, I have spoken these things to you that, when the hour for them arrives, you may remember I told them to you.<sup>p</sup>

"These things, however, I did not tell you at first, because I was with you. **5** But now I am going to him that sent me,<sup>q</sup> and yet not one of you asks me, "Where are you going?" **6** But because I have spoken these things to you grief<sup>r</sup> has filled your hearts. **7** Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth, It is for your benefit I am going away. For if I do not go away, the helper<sup>s</sup> will by no means come to you; but if I do go my way, I will send him to you. **8** And when that one arrives he will give the world convincing evidence concerning sin and con-

## CHAP. 15

- a Joh 16:3
- b Joh 9:41
- c Mt 11:21  
Ro 1:20  
Jas 4:17
- d Joh 5:23  
1Jo 2:23
- e Mt 11:23  
Joh 7:31  
Joh 11:47
- f Joh 9:41
- g Ex 20:5  
Joh 5:42
- h Ps 35:19  
Ps 69:4  
Lu 23:22
- i Lu 24:49  
Joh 14:26
- j 1Jo 5:6
- k Lu 1:2  
Lu 24:48  
Ac 1:8  
Ac 2:22  
Ac 5:32  
1Pe 5:1

## CHAP. 16

- l Mt 11:6
- m Joh 9:22
- n Mt 24:9  
Ac 8:1  
Ac 12:2  
Ac 26:11
- o Joh 8:19  
Joh 15:21  
Ro 10:2  
1Co 2:8
- p Joh 13:19  
Joh 14:29
- q Joh 7:33  
Joh 13:3
- r Mt 17:23  
Joh 14:1  
Joh 16:22
- s Joh 14:16  
Joh 14:26  
Joh 15:26  
Ac 2:33

## Second Col.

- a Joh 12:48  
Ac 24:25
- b Joh 15:22  
Ro 3:20  
Ro 7:9
- c Joh 5:38  
1Th 2:15
- d Isa 42:6  
Da 9:24  
Ro 4:25  
Ro 5:18
- e Isa 42:1  
Mt 12:18  
Joh 3:18
- f Joh 12:31  
Joh 14:30
- g Mr 4:33  
1Co 3:1
- h Joh 16:7
- i Ac 11:28  
Ac 16:6  
Ac 21:11  
1Ti 4:1
- j 1Jo 4:2
- k Joh 15:26  
1Jo 2:27
- l Mt 11:27  
Joh 3:35  
Joh 17:10

cerning righteousness and concerning judgment:<sup>a</sup> **9** in the first place, concerning sin,<sup>b</sup> because they are not exercising faith in me;<sup>c</sup> **10** then concerning righteousness,<sup>d</sup> because I am going to the Father and you will behold me no longer; **11** then concerning judgment,<sup>e</sup> because the ruler of this world has been judged.<sup>f</sup>

**12** "I have many things yet to say to you, but you are not able to bear them at present.<sup>g</sup> **13** However, when that one arrives, the spirit of the truth,<sup>h</sup> he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak of his own impulse, but what things he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things coming.<sup>i</sup> **14** That one will glorify me,<sup>j</sup> because he will receive from what is mine and will declare it to you.<sup>k</sup> **15** All the things that the Father has are mine.<sup>l</sup> That is why I said he receives from what is mine and declares it to you. **16** In a little while you will behold me no longer,<sup>m</sup> and, again, in a little while you will see me."

**17** Therefore some of his disciples said to one another: "What does this mean that he says to us, 'In a little while you will not behold me, and, again, in a little while you will see me,' and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" **18** Hence they were saying: "What does this mean that he says, 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." **19** Jesus knew<sup>n</sup> they were wanting to question him, so he said to them: "Are you inquiring among yourselves over this, because I said, In a little while you will not behold me, and, again, in a little while you will see me? **20** Most truly I say to you, You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice; you will be grieved,<sup>o</sup> but your grief will be turned into

m Joh 7:33; Joh 14:19; n Joh 2:25; o Lu 5:35.



joy.<sup>a</sup> **21** A woman, when she is giving birth, has grief, because her hour has arrived;<sup>b</sup> but when she has brought forth the young child, she remembers the tribulation no more because of the joy that a man has been born into the world. **22** You also, therefore, are now, indeed, having grief; but I shall see you again and your hearts will rejoice,<sup>c</sup> and your joy no one will take from you. **23** And in that day<sup>d</sup> you will ask me no question at all. Most truly I say to you, If you ask the Father for anything<sup>e</sup> he will give it to you in my name.<sup>f</sup> **24** Until this present time you have not asked a single thing in my name. Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.<sup>g</sup>

**25** "I have spoken these things to you in comparisons.<sup>h</sup> The hour is coming when I will speak to you no more in comparisons, but I will report to you with plainness concerning the Father. **26** In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I shall make request of the Father concerning you. **27** For the Father himself has affection for you, because you have had affection for me<sup>i</sup> and have believed that I came out as the Father's representative.<sup>j</sup> **28** I came out from the Father and have come into the world. Further, I am leaving the world and am going my way to the Father."<sup>k</sup>

**29** His disciples said: "See! Now you are speaking with plainness, and are uttering no comparison. **30** Now we know that you know all things<sup>l</sup> and you do not need to have any one question you.<sup>m</sup> By this we believe that you came out from God."<sup>n</sup> **31** Jesus answered them: "Do you believe at present? **32** Look! The hour is coming, indeed, it has come, when you will be scattered each one to his own house<sup>o</sup> and you will leave me

## CHAP. 16

- a Mt 28:8
- Lu 24:41
- Joh 20:20
- b Ge 3:16
- Isa 26:17
- c Lu 24:52
- 1Pe 1:8
- d Joh 14:20
- e Php 4:6
- 1Pe 5:7
- f Joh 14:13
- Joh 15:16
- 1Jo 5:14
- g Joh 15:11
- 1Jo 1:4
- h Mt 13:34
- Joh 10:6
- i Joh 14:21
- j Joh 3:13
- Joh 17:8
- k 1Ki 8:49
- Ps 11:4
- Joh 13:3
- Heb 9:24
- l Joh 21:17
- m Joh 2:25
- n Joh 17:8
- o Zec 13:7
- Mt 26:31
- Mt 26:56
- Mr 14:27

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- a Joh 8:29
- b Joh 14:27
- Eph 2:14
- c Ac 14:22
- 1Th 3:4
- 1Jo 4:4
- 1Jo 5:4
- Re 3:21

## CHAP. 17

- d Mt 14:19
- Mr 7:34
- Joh 11:41
- e Joh 12:23
- Joh 13:32
- f Da 7:14
- Mt 28:18
- 1Co 15:25
- Php 2:10
- Heb 2:8
- g Joh 6:37
- h Isa 53:11
- Joh 4:14
- Joh 6:27
- i Lu 10:25
- j Eph 4:13
- Php 1:9
- 1Ti 6:20
- 2Pe 3:18
- k 1Co 8:4
- 1Th 1:9
- 1Jo 5:20
- l Joh 5:37
- m Joh 13:31
- Joh 14:13
- n Joh 4:34
- o Joh 1:1
- Joh 8:58
- Col 1:15
- p Ps 22:22
- Joh 10:29
- Ac 15:14
- Heb 2:12
- q Joh 6:68
- Joh 8:28
- Joh 12:49
- Joh 14:10
- r Joh 16:27
- Heb 3:1

alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.<sup>a</sup> **33** I have said these things to you that by means of me you may have peace.<sup>b</sup> In the world you are having tribulation, but take courage! I have conquered the world."<sup>c</sup>

**17** Jesus spoke these things, and, raising his eyes to heaven,<sup>d</sup> he said: "Father, the hour has come; glorify your son, that your son may glorify you,<sup>e</sup> **2** according as you have given him authority over all flesh,<sup>f</sup> that, as regards the whole number whom you have given him,<sup>g</sup> he may give them everlasting life.<sup>h</sup> **3** This means everlasting life,<sup>i</sup> their taking in knowledge<sup>j</sup> of you, the only true God,<sup>k</sup> and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ.<sup>l</sup> **4** I have glorified<sup>m</sup> you on the earth, having finished the work you have given me to do.<sup>n</sup> **5** So now you, Father, glorify me alongside yourself with the glory that I had alongside you before the world was.<sup>o</sup>

**6** "I have made your name manifest to the men you gave me out of the world.<sup>p</sup> They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have observed your word. **7** They have now come to know that all the things you gave me are from you; **8** because the sayings that you gave me I have given to them,<sup>q</sup> and they have received them and have certainly come to know that I came out as your representative,<sup>r</sup> and they have believed that you sent me forth.<sup>s</sup> **9** I make request concerning them; I make request, not concerning the world,<sup>t</sup> but concerning those you have given me; because they are yours, **10** and all my things are yours and yours are mine,<sup>u</sup> and I have been glorified among them.

**11** "Also, I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world<sup>v</sup>



\*\*\*w08 4/15 p. 30 pars. 1-3 Highlights From the Book of John \*\*\*

As the Passover of 33 C.E. nears, Jesus returns to Bethany. On Nisan 9, he comes to Jerusalem, riding upon the colt of an ass. On Nisan 10, Jesus comes to the temple again. In answer to his prayer for his Father's name to be glorified, a voice out of heaven says: "I both glorified it and will glorify it again."—**John 12:28**.

### Scriptural Questions Answered:

**14:2**—How would Jesus “prepare a place” in heaven for his faithful followers? This would involve Jesus’ validating the new covenant by appearing before God and presenting to Him the value of his blood. The preparation would also include Christ’s receiving kingly power, after which the heavenly resurrection of his anointed followers would begin.—1 Thess. 4:14-17; Heb. 9:12, 24-28; 1 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 11:15.

**14:16, 17; 16:7, 8, 13, 14**—When referring to the helper, or the spirit of the truth, why is the pronoun “it” used at John 14:16, 17, whereas “him” and “he” are used at John 16:7, 8, 13, 14? The reason for this is strictly grammatical. In the Greek language, in which John’s Gospel was written, the word for “helper” is in the masculine gender, but the term for “spirit” is neuter. In recording Jesus’ statement, John therefore used the masculine pronoun, such as “he” or “him,” when referring to what the helper would do. The neuter pronoun “it” was employed when reference was made to what the spirit of the truth would accomplish.

### Lessons for Us:

**12:36**. To become “sons of light,” or light bearers, we need to gain accurate knowledge of God’s Word, the Bible. Then we must use that knowledge to draw others out of spiritual darkness into God’s light.

**14:6**. There is no way we can have God’s approval except through Jesus Christ. Only by exercising faith in Jesus and following his example can we draw close to Jehovah.—1 Pet. 2:21.

**14:15, 21, 23, 24; 15:10**. Obedience to the divine will helps us to remain in God’s love and in the love of his Son.—1 John 5:3.

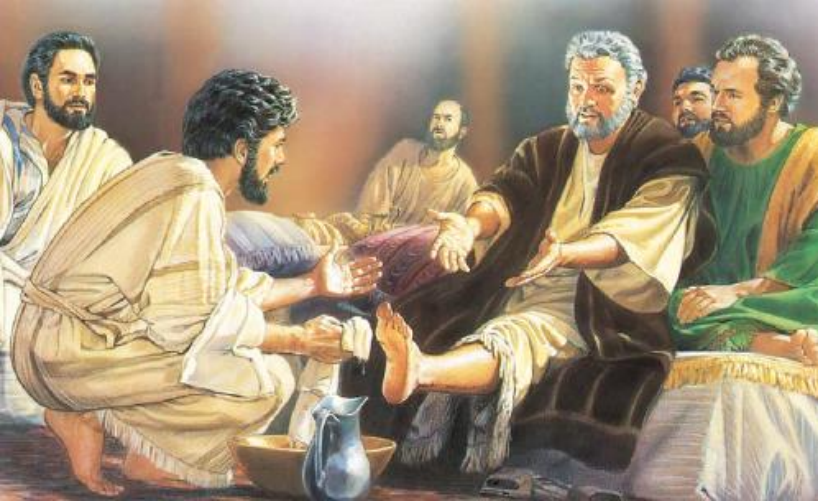
**14:26; 16:13**. Jehovah’s holy spirit serves as a teacher and remembrancer. It also operates to reveal truths. Hence, it can help us to grow in knowledge, wisdom, insight, judgment, and thinking ability. We should therefore persevere in prayer, specifically asking for that spirit.—Luke 11:5-13.

\*\*\* w11 1/15 p. 24 par. 12 Empowered to Fight Temptation and Cope With Discouragement \*\*\*

<sup>12</sup> Remember, Jesus assured his disciples that he would give them a helper—God’s holy spirit. (**Read John 14:16, 17.**) This is the most powerful force in the universe. With it, Jehovah can “more than superabundantly” provide the strength that we need to endure any trial. (Eph. 3:20) By relying on it, said the apostle Paul, we receive “power beyond what is normal,” even though we are “pressed in every way.” (2 Cor. 4:7, 8) Jehovah does not promise to remove stress, but he does assure us that by means of his spirit, he will give us the strength to deal with it.—Phil. 4:13.

**TMS REVIEW:**

5. What powerful lesson did Jesus teach by washing the feet of his disciples? (John 13:4, 5) [May 27, w99 3/1 p. 31 par. 1]



**\*\*\* w99 3/1 pp. 30-31 The Greatest Man Performs a Humble Service \*\*\***

Jesus was not instituting a ritual of foot washing. Rather, he was helping his apostles adopt a new frame of mind—one of humility and a willingness to perform the lowliest of tasks in behalf of their brothers. Evidently, they got the point. Consider what happened years later when the question of circumcision arose. Though “much disputing” took place, those present maintained good order and listened respectfully to one another’s views. Furthermore, it seems that the one who presided over that meeting was the disciple James—not one of the apostles, as we might have expected, since they were present. This detail in the account in Acts indicates that the apostles had made considerable progress in manifesting humility.—Acts 15:6-29.

**\*\*\* w11 1/15 p. 30 par. 18 Empowered to Overcome Any Trial \*\*\***

<sup>18</sup> Jehovah’s people are not surprised to meet up with temptation, discouragement, persecution, and peer pressure. The world is basically hostile toward us. (John 15:17-19) Yet, holy spirit can make us equal to any challenge we might face in our service to God. Jehovah will not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear. (1 Cor. 10:13) He will by no means ever leave or forsake us. (Heb. 13:5) Obedience to his inspired Word protects and fortifies us. Moreover, God’s spirit can impel fellow believers to impart the assistance we need when we need it most.

**TMS REVIEW:**

6. How can God’s spirit serve as a sure guide for us? (John 14:26) [May 27, w11 12/15 pp. 14-15 par. 9]

**\*\*\* w11 12/15 pp. 14-15 par. 9 Why Be Guided by God’s Spirit? \*\*\***

<sup>9</sup> If we are humble and willing to depend on Jehovah, he will impart to us his holy spirit as a sure guide for our steps. How will that active force help us? Jesus explained to his disciples: “The helper, the holy spirit, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things and bring back to your minds all the things I told you.” (John 14:26) As we regularly and prayerfully study God’s Word, including all the sayings of Christ, holy spirit will increase our comprehension of Jehovah’s deep wisdom, so that we can follow his will closely. (1 Cor. 2:10) Additionally, at any unexpected turn in the road to life, the spirit will show us the way to go. It will bring to mind Bible principles that we have already learned and help us to grasp how they apply in directing our next step.

**\*\*\* w11 3/1 p. 20 Did Jesus Really Die on a Cross? \*\*\***

What, then, is the identifying mark of true Christians? Not the cross or any other symbol, but love. Jesus told his followers: “I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love among yourselves.”—John 13:34, 35.

\*\*\* w12 2/15 p. 14 par. 17 “Be Courageous and Very Strong” \*\*\*

<sup>17</sup> Jesus urged others to “take courage.” (Matt. 9:2, 22) He told his disciples: “Look! The hour is coming, indeed, it has come, when you will be scattered each one to his own house and you will leave me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have said these things to you that by means of me you may have peace. In the world you are having tribulation, but take courage! I have conquered the world.” (John 16:32, 33) Like Jesus’ early followers, we face the world’s hatred, but let us not become like the world. Reflecting on the courageous course of God’s Son can give us courage to remain undefiled by this world. He triumphed over the world, and so can we.—John 17:16; Jas. 1:27.

\*\*\* w12 2/15 p. 17 A Trait That Can Poison Our Minds—Envy \*\*\*

“**Rejoice with people who rejoice.**” (Rom. 12:15) Jesus rejoiced at the success of his disciples, and he pointed out that they would accomplish even more than he had in the preaching work. (Luke 10:17, 21; John 14:12) We are united as Jehovah’s servants; hence, the success of any one of us is a blessing to all. (1 Cor. 12:25, 26) Should we not, then, rejoice rather than feel envious when others receive greater responsibility?

\*\*\* w12 4/1 p. 8 Do the Answers Matter? \*\*\*

- **Why does it matter to Jesus?** Jesus too loves humankind. He showed self-sacrificing love by willingly laying down his life for us. (John 15:13) He understood that he was thereby providing the only way to salvation. (John 14:6) Should it surprise us that Jesus wants to see as many as possible benefit from his ransom sacrifice? That is why he commissioned his genuine followers to teach people worldwide about God’s will and purpose.—Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20.

\*\*\* w12 4/15 pp. 6-7 par. 15 ‘The Son Is Willing to Reveal the Father’ \*\*\*

<sup>15</sup> Did Jesus reveal everything that he knew about his Father? No, he wisely held back from sharing many things he knew. (Read John 16:12.) Why? Because at the time, his disciples were “not able to bear” such knowledge. As Jesus explained, though, a great deal of knowledge would be revealed upon the arrival of “the helper,” the holy spirit, that would guide them “into *all* the truth.” (John 16:7, 13) Just as wise parents may withhold some information from their children until the children become old enough to understand, so Jesus waited until the disciples became mature and able to comprehend certain facts about the Father. Jesus kindly took into account their limitations.

\*\*\* w11 5/15 pp. 26-27 Following Christ, the Perfect Leader \*\*\*

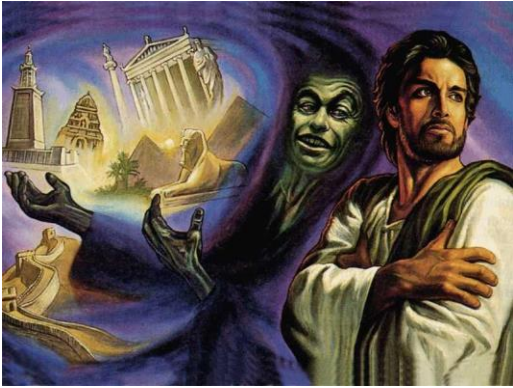
Shortly before his death, Jesus mentioned another way in which we can follow his leadership. He said: “He that receives anyone I send receives me also.” (John 13:20) In fact, Jesus spoke of his anointed representatives as his “brothers.” (Matt. 25:40) After Jesus had been resurrected to the heavens, his “brothers” were appointed to act in his place, “substituting for Christ” as ambassadors inviting others to become reconciled to Jehovah God. (2 Cor. 5:18-20) Our recognizing Christ’s leadership involves submission to his “brothers.”

We do well to examine how we respond to timely Scriptural counsel presented in our Bible-based publications. By studying the Scriptures and attending congregation meetings, we are reminded of the sayings of Christ. (2 Pet. 3:1, 2) We show our heartfelt appreciation for this supply of spiritual food by regularly partaking of it. What, though, should be our reaction if certain counsel is repeated occasionally? For example, God’s Word counsels Christians to marry “only in the Lord.” (1 Cor. 7:39) For over a century, this subject has periodically been discussed in *The Watchtower*. Christ’s brothers surely demonstrate their loving concern for our spiritual welfare by publishing articles on this and other inspired counsel. Paying attention to these reminders is one way to show that we are following our perfect Leader, Jesus Christ.



\*\*\* w12 5/1 p. 6 What Should Christians Do Today? \*\*\*

TRUE Christians today do not participate in politics. Why not? Because they follow Jesus' example. He said about himself: "I am no part of the world." Regarding his followers, he stated: "You are no part of the world." (John 15:19; 17:14) Consider some reasons why Christians should not become involved in politics.



**2. Wicked spirit forces currently have an influence.** When Satan offered Jesus world rulership, Jesus did not deny that the Devil had the power to offer him all the kingdoms of the world. In fact, on a later occasion, Jesus called Satan "the ruler of the world." Some years later the apostle Paul described Satan as "the god of this system of things." (John 14:30; 2 Corinthians 4:4) Paul wrote to fellow Christians: "We have a wrestling . . . against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12) Behind the scenes, wicked spirit forces are the real rulers of this world. How should that fact influence our view of politics?

Think of this comparison: Just as small boats are swept along by powerful sea currents, human political systems are pulled along by powerful, wicked spirit forces. And just as the sailors in those boats can do little to change those powerful currents, politicians can do little to change the influence of those powerful spirit forces. Those forces are bent on corrupting humans beyond reform and on causing "woe for the earth." (Revelation 12:12) Therefore, real change can be brought about only by a person who is more powerful than Satan and his demons. That Person is Jehovah God himself.—Psalm 83:18; Jeremiah 10:7, 10.

\*\*\* w11 9/1 p. 7 The World's Secret Ruler Exposed \*\*\*

If the Devil were merely a principle of evil, as some have suggested, how could that temptation be explained? Was Jesus being tempted by some evil thought or by some inner turmoil that possibly followed his baptism? If so, how could it be said that "there is no sin in him"? (1 John 3:5) Far from denying the Devil's power over mankind, Jesus actually confirmed it by speaking of him as "the ruler of the world," describing him as "a murderer" and "a liar."—John 14:30; 8:44; *The New Jerusalem Bible*.

\*\*\* w11 6/1 p. 12 Do All Faithful Christians Go to Heaven? \*\*\*

The Bible's first reference to heavenly life after death was also by Jesus. He told his apostles that he would prepare a place for them in heaven. (John 14:2, 3) This was something new for God's people. The apostle Paul later explained that after Jesus' death and resurrection to heaven, Jesus 'inaugurated for his disciples a new and living way'—a way no other human had traveled before.—Hebrews 10:19, 20.

\*\*\* w11 6/15 pp. 23-24 par. 20 "Shepherd the Flock of God in Your Care" \*\*\*

<sup>20</sup> Christ's fine example motivates elders to love the flock. (John 13:12-15) Our hearts are warmed as we read how he taught his disciples in the preaching and disciple-making work. His pattern of humility touched the hearts of his disciples, motivating them to follow a course reflecting 'lowliness of mind considering that the others were superior to them.' (Phil. 2:3) Elders today are likewise moved to follow Jesus' example, and they, in turn, want to be "examples to the flock."

provision. Since one man's sin (that of Adam) had been responsible for causing the entire human family to be sinners, the shed blood of another perfect human (in effect, a second Adam), being of corresponding value, could balance the scales of justice. Because Adam was a willful sinner, he could not benefit; but because the penalty that all mankind was due to pay for sin would in this way be paid by someone else, Adam's offspring could be delivered. But there was no such perfect human. Humankind could never meet those demands of absolute justice. So, as an expression of marvelous love and at great personal cost, Jehovah himself made the provision. (1 Cor. 15:45; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; John 3:16; Rom. 5:8) God's only-begotten Son was willing to do his part. Humbly leaving behind his heavenly glory and becoming a perfect human, Jesus died on behalf of mankind.—Phil. 2:7, 8.

*Illustration:* A family head may become a criminal and be sentenced to death. His children may be left destitute, hopelessly in debt. Perhaps their kindly grandfather intervenes on their behalf, making provision through a son who is living with him to pay their debts and to open up for them the possibility of a new life. Of course, to benefit, the children must accept the arrangement, and the grandfather may reasonably require certain things as assurance that the children will not imitate the course of their father.

### **To whom first was the merit of Jesus' sacrifice applied, and with what objective?**

Rom. 1:16: "The good news [regarding Jesus Christ and his role in Jehovah's purpose] . . . is, in fact, God's power for salvation to everyone having faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (The invitation to benefit from the provision for salvation through Christ was extended first to the Jews, then to non-Jews.)

Eph. 1:11-14: "In union with [Christ] we [Jews, including the apostle Paul] were also assigned as heirs [Heirs of what? Of the heavenly Kingdom] . . . that we should serve for the praise of his glory, we who have been first to hope in the Christ. But you also [Christians taken out of the Gentile nations, as were many in Ephesus] hoped in

him after you heard the word of truth, the good news about your salvation. By means of him also, after you believed, you were sealed with the promised holy spirit, which is a token in advance of our inheritance, for the purpose of releasing by a ransom God's own possession, to his glorious praise." (That inheritance, as shown at 1 Peter 1:4, is reserved in the heavens. Revelation 14:1-4 indicates that those who share in it number 144,000. Along with Christ, these will serve as kings and priests over mankind for 1,000 years, during which God's purpose for the earth to be a paradise populated by perfect offspring of the first human pair will be accomplished.)

### **Who else in our day are experiencing benefits from Jesus' sacrifice?**

1 John 2:2: "He [Jesus Christ] is a propitiatory sacrifice for our sins [those of the apostle John and other spirit-anointed Christians], yet not for ours only but also for the whole world's [others of mankind, those for whom the prospect of eternal life on earth is thus made possible]."

John 10:16: "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; those also I must bring, and they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock, one shepherd." (These "other sheep" come under the loving care of Jesus Christ while the remnant of the "little flock" of Kingdom heirs is still on earth; thus the "other sheep" can be associated with the Kingdom heirs as part of the "one flock." They all enjoy many of the same benefits from Jesus' sacrifice, but not identically so, because they have different destinies.)

Rev. 7:9, 14: "After these things I saw, and, look! a great crowd, which no man was able to number, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues . . . "These are the ones that come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (So, the members of this great crowd are living when the great tribulation begins, and they have a clean standing before God because they exercise faith in the ransom. The righteousness counted to them as a result of this is sufficient for them to be preserved alive on earth through the great tribulation.)

*Sowing Kingdom Seed*

(Matthew 13:4-8)

1. Oh, come all you slaves of Jehovah,  
Who've given your heart and your soul.  
Come out to the work of our Master,  
And learn from his steps and his role.  
The seed of the truth, you sow without fear  
On hearts that are able to yield  
Fine fruit to God's praise as you faithfully work,  
And you do your full share in the field.
2. Some seed that you sow will be scattered  
On hearts as resistant as stone.  
Though these may respond for a season,  
The want of their hearts will be known.  
When thorns choke the word,  
then greed fills their hearts;  
The things of the world they prefer.  
Yet, some seed may prosper; you will see results  
From the ground that is good, fine, and pure.
3. How much of your work is successful  
May often depend much on you.  
With patience and love for your neighbors,  
Their hearts may be opened anew.  
By being alert you'll ward off their fears,  
With measures some gentle some bold.  
And thus with rejoicing you can hope to reap  
At least thirty if not hundredfold.

(See also Matt. 13:19-23; 22:37.)

☐ **Service Meeting:**

Song 98

**5 min:** Start a Bible Study on the First Saturday. Talk. Demonstrate how a study may be started on the first Saturday in June, using the back cover of *The Watchtower*. Encourage all to have a share.

## To Start Bible Studies on the First Saturday in June

“Almost everyone we talk to wants to see peace in the world. Yet, we still have wars. In your opinion, why is world peace so elusive?” Allow for response. Then show the back of the June 1 *Watchtower*, and consider together the material under the first question and at least one of the cited scriptures. Offer the magazines, and arrange to return to discuss the next question.

*Note: This presentation should be demonstrated during the meeting for field service on June 1.*

## BIBLE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

### Why is world peace so elusive?

The Bible points to two main reasons. First, although humans have accomplished marvelous things, they are not created with the ability to direct their own steps. Second, human schemes have failed because “the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one,” Satan the Devil. Thus, human efforts have not been able to bring world peace.—Read **Jeremiah 10:23; 1 John 5:19**.

Human self-interest and ambition have also made world peace elusive. Only a world government that can teach people to love what is right and care for one another will bring world peace.—Read **Isaiah 32:17; 48:18, 22**.

### Who will establish peace on earth?

Almighty God has promised to establish a single government to rule over all mankind. It will replace human governments. (Daniel 2:44) God’s Son, Jesus, will rule as the Prince of Peace. He will eliminate evil from all the earth and will teach people the way of peace.—Read **Isaiah 9:6, 7; 11:4, 9**.

Already, under Jesus’ direction, millions worldwide are using God’s Word, the Bible, to teach people how to be at peace with others. Soon, world peace will be a reality.—Read **Isaiah 2:3, 4; 54:13**.



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Only a government that can change people’s hearts will bring world peace



For more information, see chapter 3 of this book, published by Jehovah’s Witnesses



# ***101 Making Known the Kingdom Truth*** **(Acts 20:20, 21)**

1. There was a time we did not know  
The way a Christian ought to go.  
Then Jehovah sent the light,  
His Kingdom truth so clear and bright.  
Our Father's will we then could see  
To serve the grand Theocracy,  
To declare Jehovah's fame,  
And help to glorify his holy name.  
We witness now to all we meet,  
From door to door and on the street.  
We take the time to help them see;  
We teach the truth that sets men free.  
And as we strive in ev'ry land  
Jehovah's worship to expand,  
May we serve our God as one  
Until Jehovah says the work is done.