

- Song 55 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

**TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD**

- **“Jehovah Is the God of True Prophecy”:** (10 min.)  
Isa 44:26-28—Jehovah prophesied that Jerusalem and the temple would be rebuilt, and he named Cyrus as the conqueror of Babylon (*ip-2* 71-72 ¶22-23)  
Isa 45:1, 2—Jehovah gave details about the conquest of Babylon (*ip-2* 77-78 ¶4-6)  
Isa 45:3-6—Jehovah gave reasons why he used Cyrus to conquer Babylon (*ip-2* 79-80 ¶8-10)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)  
Isa 43:10-12—In what way were the Israelites to be a nation of witnesses for Jehovah? (*w14* 11/15 21-22 ¶14-16)

Isa 43:25—What is the main reason why Jehovah wipes out transgressions? (*ip-2* 60 ¶24)

What does this week’s Bible reading teach me about Jehovah?

What points from this week’s Bible reading can I use in the field ministry?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Isa 46:1-13

**APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY**

- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) *lc*—Witness informally to a workmate or schoolmate.
- **Return Visit:** (4 min. or less) *lc*—Lay the groundwork for the next visit.
- **Bible Study:** (6 min. or less) *jl* lesson 4

**LIVING AS CHRISTIANS**

- Song 77
- **How Can We Be Sure the Bible Is True?:** (15 min.)  
Play the video (video category OUR MEETINGS AND MINISTRY). Then discuss the following questions: How can we use this video when witnessing informally, publicly, and from house to house? What good experiences have you had with this video?
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *kr* chap. 7 ¶19-23, box on p. 75, chart on pp. 76-77, review box on p. 77
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 83 and Prayer

ISAIAH 43-46 | Jehovah Is the God of True Prophecy

About 200 years before the conquest of Babylon, Jehovah through Isaiah gave a detailed prophecy describing what would happen.

**44:27–45:2**

- Cyrus would be the conqueror of Babylon
- The city’s double doors would be left open
- The Euphrates River, a part of the city’s main defense system, would “dry up”



a. 732  
Isaiah



539  
Babylon conquered

About 200 years



# Fear Them Not!

(Matthew 10:28)

G/D D7 G Am11 D7/A G/B E+5 E/D Am/C E7/B Am

Ev - er on - ward, O my peo - ple, Let the King - dom tid - ings go.  
E - ven though your foes are man - y, Though they threat - en and re - vile,  
Nev - er fear you are for - got - ten; I am still your strength and shield.

D7 D° D7 G G° G

Trem - ble not be - fore our foe. Let all lov - ers of truth know  
Though they flat - ter and they smile, To mis - lead and to be - guile.  
Though you die up - on the field, E - ven death to me will yield.

G/D D7 G Am11 D7/A G/B E+5 E/D A/C# D A7/E D/F#

That my reign - ing Son, Christ Je - sus, To the earth has cast the foe,  
Fear them not, my faith - ful peo - ple, Nor their per - se - cu - tion's heat,  
Fear them not who kill the bod - y But can - not de - stroy the soul.

F° D/F# Am6/C B7 D/E E9 G/A A7 D D7

Soon to bind the Dev - il, Sa - tan, Let - ting all his vic - tims go.  
For I will pre - serve the faith - ful Till the vic - t'ry is com - plete.  
To the end may you be faith - ful; I will bring you to your goal!

# Fear Them Not!

*Chorus*

G Bm/D D/C G/B G/D D7 C/G G

Fear them not, O my be - lov - ed,

D7 C/D D7 D+5 G G#° D7/A D7

Though their boast - ing threats may fly.

G Bm/D D/C G/B B7 D/C C Am7 A#°

I will keep my faith - ful ser - vant

G/B Bb° D7/A G G/D D7 G G/B Am11 G

As the ap - ple of my eye.

(See also Deut. 32:10; Neh. 4:14; Ps. 59:1; 83:2, 3.)

Who is so blind as the one rewarded,  
So blind as the servant of Jehovah?<sup>a</sup>

20 You see many things,  
but you do not keep watch.  
You open your ears,  
but you do not listen.<sup>b</sup>

21 For the sake of his righteousness,  
Jehovah has taken pleasure  
in magnifying the law\*  
and making it glorious.

22 But this is a people  
plundered and pillaged;<sup>c</sup>  
All of them are trapped  
in the holes and hidden  
in the prisons.<sup>d</sup>  
They have been plundered  
with no one to rescue  
them,<sup>e</sup>

And pillaged with no one to  
say: "Bring them back!"

23 Who among you will hear  
this?  
Who will pay attention and  
listen for the time to come?

24 Who has given Jacob for  
pillage  
And Israel to the plunderers?  
Is it not Jehovah, the One  
against whom we sinned?  
In His ways they refused  
to walk,  
And His law\* they would not  
obey.<sup>f</sup>

25 So He kept pouring out on  
him wrath,  
His anger and the fury of  
war.<sup>g</sup>

It consumed everything  
around him, but he paid  
no attention.<sup>h</sup>

It blazed up against him,  
but he would not take it  
to heart.<sup>i</sup>

**43** Now this is what Jehovah  
says,  
Your Creator, O Jacob, the  
One who formed you,  
O Israel:<sup>j</sup>

CHAP. 42

a Isa 56:10  
Jer 4:22  
Eze 12:2

b Eze 33:31

c De 28:15, 33  
Jer 50:17

d Ps 102:19, 20

e De 28:29, 52

f Jg 2:12, 14  
2Ch 15:3, 6  
Ps 106:41

g De 32:22  
Na 1:6

h Isa 9:13  
Jer 5:3  
Ho 7:9

i Isa 57:11

CHAP. 43

j Ps 100:3  
Isa 43:15  
Isa 44:2, 21

Second Col.

a Isa 44:23  
Jer 50:34

b Ex 14:29

c Jos 3:15, 16  
2Ki 2:8

d Ex 19:5, 6

e De 7:8  
Jer 31:3

f Isa 41:10  
Isa 44:2  
Jer 30:10

g De 30:1-3  
Ps 106:47  
Isa 66:20  
Eze 36:24  
Mic 2:12  
Zec 8:7

h Jer 3:18

i Jer 31:8

j Jer 33:16

k Ps 100:3  
Isa 29:23

"Do not be afraid, for I have  
repurchased you.<sup>a</sup>  
I have called you by your  
name.

You belong to me.

2 When you pass through the  
waters, I will be with you,<sup>b</sup>  
And through the rivers, they  
will not flood over you.<sup>c</sup>

When you walk through the  
fire, you will not be  
scorched,

Nor will the flame singe you.

3 For I am Jehovah your God,  
The Holy One of Israel,  
your Savior.

I have given Egypt as a  
ransom for you,  
E-thi-o'pi-a and Se'ba in  
exchange for you.

4 For you became precious  
in my eyes.<sup>d</sup>

You were honored, and  
I have loved you.<sup>e</sup>

So I will give people in place  
of you

And nations in exchange for  
your life.\*

5 Do not be afraid, for I am  
with you.<sup>f</sup>

I will bring your offspring\*  
from the east

And gather you together  
from the west.<sup>g</sup>

6 I will say to the north,  
'Give them up!'<sup>h</sup>

And to the south, 'Do not  
hold them back.

Bring my sons from afar,  
and my daughters from  
the ends of the earth,<sup>i</sup>

7 Everyone who is called  
by my name<sup>j</sup>

And whom I created for my  
own glory,

Whom I have formed and  
made.<sup>k</sup>

8 Bring out a people who are  
blind, though they have  
eyes,

42:21, 24 \*Or "instruction."

43:4 \*Or "soul." 43:5 \*Lit., "seed."

And who are deaf, though they have ears.<sup>a</sup>

- 9** Let all the nations assemble in one place,  
And let the peoples be gathered together.<sup>b</sup>  
Who among them can tell this?  
Or can they cause us to hear the first things?<sup>\*c</sup>  
Let them present their witnesses to prove themselves right,  
Or let them hear and say, 'It is the truth!'"<sup>d</sup>
- 10** "You are my witnesses,"<sup>e</sup> declares Jehovah,  
"Yes, my servant whom I have chosen,<sup>f</sup>  
So that you may know and have faith in me\*  
And understand that I am the same One."<sup>g</sup>  
Before me no God was formed,  
And after me there has been none.<sup>h</sup>
- 11** I—I am Jehovah,<sup>i</sup> and besides me there is no savior."<sup>j</sup>
- 12** "I am the One who declared and saved and made known  
When there was no foreign god among you.<sup>k</sup>  
So you are my witnesses," declares Jehovah, "and I am God."<sup>l</sup>
- 13** Also, I am always the same One;<sup>m</sup>  
And no one can snatch anything out of my hand.<sup>n</sup>  
When I act, who can prevent it?"<sup>o</sup>
- 14** This is what Jehovah says, your Repurchaser,<sup>p</sup> the Holy One of Israel:<sup>q</sup>  
"For your sakes I will send to Babylon and bring down all the bars of the gates,<sup>r</sup>

## CHAP. 43

- a Isa 6:9, 10  
Isa 42:18, 19  
b Isa 41:1  
c Isa 41:21, 22  
Isa 44:7  
d 1Ki 18:24, 25  
e Ac 1:8  
Re 1:5  
f De 4:37  
g Isa 41:4  
h Isa 44:8  
i De 6:4  
j Isa 12:2  
Ho 13:4  
1Ti 2:3  
Jude 25  
k De 32:12  
l Isa 46:9, 10  
m Isa 41:4  
Re 1:8  
n De 32:39  
o Isa 14:27  
Da 4:35  
p Isa 44:6  
Isa 63:16  
q Isa 54:5  
r Isa 45:1, 2

## Second Col.

- a Jer 50:10  
b Ps 89:18  
c Isa 43:1  
d De 33:5  
Ps 74:12  
Isa 33:22  
Re 11:17  
e Ex 14:16  
Jos 3:13  
f Ex 15:4  
g Jer 51:39  
h Isa 42:9  
i Isa 11:16  
Isa 40:3  
j Isa 41:18  
k Isa 41:17  
Jer 31:9  
l Ps 33:12  
Isa 41:8  
1Pe 2:9  
m Isa 60:21  
n Isa 64:7  
o Jer 2:5  
Ho 7:10  
Mic 6:3

And the Chal-de'ans, in their ships, will cry out in distress.<sup>a</sup>

- 15** I am Jehovah, your Holy One,<sup>b</sup> the Creator of Israel,<sup>c</sup> your King."<sup>d</sup>
- 16** This is what Jehovah says, The One making a way through the sea  
And a path even through turbulent waters,<sup>e</sup>
- 17** The One who draws out the war chariot and the horse,<sup>f</sup>  
The army together with the mighty warriors:  
"They will lie down and not get up."<sup>g</sup>  
They will be extinguished, snuffed out like a burning wick."
- 18** "Do not remember the former things,  
And do not dwell on the past.
- 19** Look! I am doing something new;<sup>h</sup>  
Even now it is springing up. Do you not recognize it?  
I will make a way through the wilderness<sup>i</sup>  
And rivers through the desert."<sup>j</sup>
- 20** The wild beast of the field will honor me,  
The jackals and the ostriches,  
For I provide water in the wilderness,  
Rivers in the desert,<sup>k</sup>  
For my people, my chosen one,<sup>l</sup> to drink,
- 21** The people whom I formed for myself  
So that they might declare my praise."<sup>m</sup>
- 22** But you have not called on me, O Jacob,<sup>n</sup>  
Because you grew weary of me, O Israel.<sup>o</sup>
- 23** You have not brought me sheep for your whole burnt offerings

43:9 \*Possibly referring to the first things to come in the future. 43:10 \*Or "and trust me."

Or glorified me with your sacrifices.

I have not compelled you to bring me a gift,  
Nor have I made you weary by demanding frankincense.<sup>a</sup>

- 24** You did not buy me sweet cane\* with your money,  
And with the fat of your sacrifices you did not satisfy me.<sup>b</sup>

Instead, you have burdened me with your sins  
And made me weary with your errors.<sup>c</sup>

- 25** I, I am the One who is blotting out your transgressions\*<sup>d</sup> for my own sake,<sup>e</sup>  
And I will not remember your sins.<sup>f</sup>

- 26** Remind me; let us bring our case against each other;  
Tell your side of it to prove you are in the right.

- 27** Your first forefather sinned,  
And your own spokesmen\* have rebelled against me.<sup>g</sup>

- 28** So I will profane the princes of the holy place,  
And I will give Jacob over to destruction  
And subject Israel to insulting words.<sup>h</sup>

- 44** "Now listen, O Jacob my servant,  
And you, O Israel, whom I have chosen.<sup>i</sup>

- 2** This is what Jehovah says,  
Your Maker and the One who formed you,<sup>j</sup>  
Who has helped you from the womb:\*  
'Do not be afraid, my servant Jacob,<sup>k</sup>  
And you, Jesh'u-run,<sup>#</sup> whom I have chosen.

43:24 \*An aromatic reed. 43:25 \*Or "rebellious acts." 43:27 \*Possibly referring to teachers of the Law. 44:2 \*Or "from birth." #Meaning "Upright One," an honorary title for Israel.

CHAP. 43

- a Isa 66:3  
b Le 3:14-16  
c Isa 1:14, 15  
d Isa 1:18  
Jer 50:20  
e Ps 25:7  
Ps 79:8, 9  
Eze 20:9  
f Jer 31:34  
g Isa 28:7  
Jer 5:31  
h Ps 79:4  
Ps 137:3

CHAP. 44

- i Ge 17:1, 7  
Ge 35:10, 11  
Isa 41:8  
j Isa 43:1  
Isa 44:21  
k Isa 41:10  
Jer 30:10  
l De 32:15  
De 33:5, 26

Second Col.

- a Isa 41:17  
b Isa 32:14, 15  
c Isa 61:11  
d Zec 13:9  
e De 33:5  
Isa 33:22  
f Ex 6:6  
Jer 50:34  
g Isa 41:4  
Isa 48:12  
Re 22:13  
h De 4:35, 39  
Isa 43:10  
i Isa 46:9  
j Isa 43:9  
Isa 45:21  
k Isa 41:10  
l Isa 43:10  
m De 32:4  
2Sa 22:32  
n Jg 10:14  
1Ki 18:26  
1Co 8:4

- 3** For I will pour out water on the thirsty one\*<sup>a</sup>  
And flowing streams on the dry ground.

I will pour out my spirit on your offspring\*<sup>b</sup>  
And my blessing on your descendants.

- 4** And they will spring up as among the green grass,<sup>c</sup>  
Like poplars by the streams of water.

- 5** One will say: "I belong to Jehovah."<sup>d</sup>  
Another will call himself by the name of Jacob,  
And yet another will write on his hand: "Belonging to Jehovah."  
And he will adopt the name of Israel.<sup>e</sup>

- 6** This is what Jehovah says,  
The King of Israel<sup>e</sup> and his Repurchaser,<sup>f</sup> Jehovah of armies:  
'I am the first and I am the last.<sup>g</sup>

There is no God but me.<sup>h</sup>

- 7** Who is there like me?<sup>i</sup>  
Let him call out and tell it and prove it to me!<sup>j</sup>  
From the time I established the people of long ago,  
Let them tell both the things to come  
And what will yet happen.

- 8** Do not be in dread,  
And do not become paralyzed with fear.<sup>k</sup>  
Have I not told each of you beforehand and declared it?  
You are my witnesses.<sup>l</sup>  
Is there any God but me?  
No, there is no other Rock;<sup>m</sup>  
I know of none."<sup>n</sup>

- 9** All who form carved images amount to nothing,  
And their cherished objects will be of no benefit.<sup>n</sup>

44:3 \*Or "thirsty land." #Lit., "seed."

- As their witnesses, they\*  
see nothing and know  
nothing,<sup>a</sup>  
So those who made them will  
be put to shame.<sup>b</sup>
- 10** Who would form a god or  
cast a metal image\*  
That can bring no benefit?<sup>c</sup>
- 11** Look! All his associates will  
be put to shame!<sup>d</sup>  
The craftsmen are mere  
humans.  
Let them all assemble and  
take their stand.  
They will be terrified and  
be put to shame together.
- 12** The metalsmith works the  
iron over the coals with  
his tool.\*  
He forms it with hammers,  
Working it with his powerful  
arm.<sup>e</sup>  
Then he grows hungry and  
his strength fails;  
He drinks no water and  
grows tired.
- 13** The wood-carver stretches  
the measuring line, tracing  
out the pattern with red  
chalk.  
He works it with a wood  
scraper and traces it with  
a compass.  
He patterns it after a man,<sup>f</sup>  
With the beauty of a man,  
To sit in a house.\*<sup>g</sup>
- 14** There is one whose work is  
to cut down cedars.  
He selects a certain type  
of tree, an oak,  
And he lets it grow strong  
among the trees of the  
forest.<sup>h</sup>  
He plants a laurel tree, and  
the rain makes it grow.
- 15** Then it becomes fuel for  
a man to make fires.  
He takes part of it to warm  
himself;

44:9 \*That is, the images. 44:10 \*Or  
"molten statue." 44:12 \*Or "billhook."  
44:13 \*Or "shrine."

## CHAP. 44

a Ps 115:4, 5

b Jer 51:17

c Jer 10:5  
Ac 19:26

d 1Sa 5:3, 7

e Isa 40:19  
Isa 41:7  
Isa 46:6f Ex 20:4  
De 4:15, 16  
Ac 17:29

g De 27:15

h Isa 40:20  
Jer 10:3

## Second Col.

a Ex 20:4, 5  
Le 26:1  
Hab 2:18, 19b Isa 37:37, 38  
Isa 45:20  
Isa 46:7c Jer 10:8, 14  
Ro 1:21-23

d De 27:15

- He builds a fire and bakes  
bread.  
But he also makes a god and  
worships it.  
He makes it into a carved  
image, and he bows down  
before it.<sup>a</sup>
- 16** Half of it he burns up in a  
fire;  
With that half he roasts the  
meat that he eats, and he  
is satisfied.  
He also warms himself and  
says:  
"Ah! I am warm as I watch  
the fire."
- 17** But the rest of it he makes  
into a god, into his carved  
image.  
He bows down to it and  
worships it.  
He prays to it and says:  
"Save me, for you are my  
god."<sup>b</sup>
- 18** They know nothing, they  
understand nothing,<sup>c</sup>  
Because their eyes are  
sealed shut and they  
cannot see,  
And their heart has no  
insight.
- 19** No one reflects in his heart  
Or has knowledge or under-  
standing, saying:  
"Half of it I burned up in  
a fire,  
And on its coals I baked  
bread and roasted meat  
to eat.  
Should I, then, make the  
rest of it into a detestable  
thing?"<sup>d</sup>  
Should I worship a block\*  
of wood from a tree?"
- 20** He feeds on ashes.  
His own deluded heart has  
led him astray.  
He cannot save himself,\*  
nor does he say:

44:19 \*Or "a dry piece." 44:20 \*Or  
"his soul."

- "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"
- 21** "Remember these things,  
O Jacob, and you, O Israel,  
For you are my servant.  
I formed you, and you are my  
servant.<sup>a</sup>  
O Israel, I will not forget  
you.<sup>b</sup>
- 22** I will blot out your transgressions  
as with a cloud<sup>c</sup>  
And your sins as with a thick  
cloud.  
Return to me, for I will  
repurchase you.<sup>d</sup>
- 23** Shout joyfully, you heavens,  
For Jehovah has acted!  
Shout in triumph, you depths  
of the earth!  
Shout for joy, you  
mountains,<sup>e</sup>  
You forest, and all your  
trees!  
For Jehovah has  
repurchased Jacob,  
And on Israel he displays  
his splendor."<sup>f</sup>
- 24** This is what Jehovah says,  
your Repurchaser,<sup>g</sup>  
Who formed you since you  
were in the womb:  
"I am Jehovah, who made  
everything.  
I stretched out the heavens  
by myself,<sup>h</sup>  
And I spread out the earth.<sup>i</sup>  
Who was with me?"
- 25** I am frustrating the signs of  
the empty talkers,<sup>\*</sup>  
And I am the One who makes  
diviners act like fools;<sup>j</sup>  
The One confounding the  
wise men  
And turning their knowledge  
into foolishness;<sup>k</sup>
- 26** The One making the word  
of his servant come true  
And completely fulfilling  
the predictions of his  
messenger;<sup>l</sup>

44:25 \*Or "the false prophets."

## CHAP. 44

- a Isa 43:1  
Isa 44:1  
b Isa 49:15  
c Ps 51:1  
Ps 103:12  
Isa 1:18  
Isa 43:25  
Jer 33:8  
Ac 3:19  
d Isa 1:27  
Isa 48:20  
Isa 59:20  
e Isa 49:13  
Isa 55:12  
f Isa 60:21  
g Isa 44:6  
h Job 26:7  
Isa 40:22  
i Isa 42:5  
Isa 48:13  
j Ho 9:7  
k 2Sa 15:31  
Isa 29:14  
l Jos 23:14  
Isa 55:10, 11  
Zec 1:6

## Second Col.

- a Ps 147:2  
b Isa 60:10  
c Isa 61:4  
d Isa 42:15  
Jer 50:38  
Re 16:12  
e Ezr 1:1, 2  
Isa 41:25  
Isa 45:1  
Isa 46:11  
Da 10:1  
f Isa 48:14  
g 2Ch 36:22, 23  
Ezr 6:3  
Isa 45:13

## CHAP. 45

- h Ezr 1:1, 2  
Isa 44:28  
i Isa 45:4  
j Isa 13:17  
Isa 41:25  
k Isa 13:4  
l Ps 107:16  
m Jer 50:35, 37  
n Ezr 1:1, 2  
Isa 44:28

- The One saying of  
Jerusalem, 'She will be  
inhabited,'<sup>a</sup>  
And of the cities of Judah,  
'They will be rebuilt,<sup>b</sup>  
And I will restore her ruins';<sup>c</sup>
- 27** The One saying to the deep  
waters, 'Be evaporated,  
And I will dry up all your  
rivers';<sup>d</sup>
- 28** The One saying of Cyrus,<sup>e</sup>  
'He is my shepherd,  
And he will completely carry  
out all my will';<sup>f</sup>  
The One saying of Jerusa-  
lem, 'She will be rebuilt,'  
And of the temple, 'Your  
foundation will be laid.'"<sup>g</sup>
- 45** This is what Jehovah says  
to his anointed one,  
to Cyrus,<sup>h</sup>  
Whose right hand I have  
taken hold of<sup>i</sup>  
To subdue nations before  
him,<sup>j</sup>  
To disarm<sup>\*</sup> kings,  
To open before him the dou-  
ble doors,  
So that the gates will not  
be shut:
- 2** "Before you I will go,<sup>k</sup>  
And the hills I will level.  
The copper doors I will  
break in pieces,  
And the iron bars I will cut  
down.<sup>l</sup>
- 3** I will give you the treasures  
in the darkness  
And the hidden treasures in  
the concealed places,<sup>m</sup>  
So that you may know that  
I am Jehovah,  
The God of Israel, who is  
calling you by your name."<sup>n</sup>
- 4** For the sake of my servant  
Jacob and of Israel my  
chosen one,  
I am calling you by your  
name.

45:1 \*Lit., "ungird the hips of."



I am giving you a name of honor, although you did not know me.

- 5** I am Jehovah, and there is no one else.

There is no God except me.<sup>a</sup> I will strengthen\* you, although you did not know me,

- 6** In order that people may know

From the rising of the sun to its setting\* That there is none besides me.<sup>b</sup>

I am Jehovah, and there is no one else.<sup>c</sup>

- 7** I form light<sup>d</sup> and create darkness,<sup>e</sup>

I make peace<sup>f</sup> and create calamity;<sup>g</sup>

I, Jehovah, am doing all these things.

- 8** You heavens, rain down from above;<sup>h</sup>

Let the clouds pour down righteousness.

Let the earth open up and be fruitful with salvation,

And let it cause righteousness to spring up at the same time.<sup>i</sup>

I, Jehovah, have created it.<sup>†</sup>

- 9** Woe to the one who contends\* with his Maker,<sup>‡</sup>

For he is just an earthenware fragment

Among the other earthenware fragments lying on the ground!

Should the clay say to the Potter:<sup>Δ</sup> "What are you making?"<sup>j</sup>

Or should your work say: "He has no hands"?<sup>Ω</sup>

45:5 \*Lit., "closely gird." 45:6 \*Or "From east to west." 45:9 \*Or "argues." †Or "with the One who formed him." ΔOr "the One who formed it." ΩOr possibly, "Or should the clay say: 'Your work has no handles'?"

CHAP. 45

a De 4:35, 39  
De 32:39

b 1Sa 17:46  
Ps 102:15, 16  
Isa 37:20

c Ps 83:18

d Ge 1:3  
Jer 31:35

e Ex 10:21  
Ps 104:20

f Isa 26:12

g Ec 7:14  
Am 3:6

h Eze 34:26

i Isa 61:11

j Isa 29:16  
Jer 18:6  
Ro 9:20

Second Col.

a Isa 43:3

b Ho 1:10

c Ge 1:1  
Isa 40:28

d Ge 1:27

e Isa 44:24  
Jer 32:17  
Zec 12:1

f Ne 9:6

g Isa 42:6

h 2Ch 36:23  
Ezr 1:2, 3  
Isa 44:28

i Isa 14:16, 17  
Isa 43:14  
Isa 49:25

j Isa 13:17

k Es 8:17  
Isa 14:1, 2  
Isa 49:23  
Isa 60:14  
Isa 61:5

l Zec 8:23

m Isa 43:11  
Isa 60:16  
Tit 1:3

- 10** Woe to the one who says to a father: "What do you become father to?"

And to a woman: "What are you giving birth to?"\*

- 11** This is what Jehovah says, the Holy One of Israel,<sup>a</sup> the One who formed him: "Would you question me about the things coming And command me about my sons<sup>b</sup> and the works of my hands?"

- 12** I made the earth<sup>c</sup> and created man on it.<sup>d</sup> I stretched out the heavens with my own hands,<sup>e</sup> And I give orders to all their army."<sup>f</sup>

- 13** "I have raised up a man in righteousness,<sup>g</sup> And I will make all his ways straight.

He is the one who will build my city<sup>h</sup>

And set my exiles free<sup>i</sup> without a price or a bribe,"<sup>j</sup> says Jehovah of armies.

- 14** This is what Jehovah says: "The profit\* of Egypt and the merchandise<sup>#</sup> of Ethi-o'pi-a and the Sa-be'ans, tall of stature, Will come over to you and become yours.

They will walk behind you in chains.

They will come over and bow down to you.<sup>k</sup>

To you they will say in prayer, 'Surely God is with you,<sup>l</sup>

And there is no one else; there is no other God."<sup>m</sup>

- 15** Truly you are a God who conceals himself, O God of Israel, the Savior.<sup>n</sup>
- 16** They will all be put to shame and be humiliated;

45:10 \*Or "What are you in birth pains with?" 45:14 \*Or possibly, "laborers." †Or possibly, "merchants."

The makers of idols will all go off in disgrace.<sup>a</sup>

- 17** But Israel will be saved by Jehovah with an everlasting salvation.<sup>b</sup>  
You will not be put to shame or disgraced for all eternity.<sup>c</sup>

- 18** For this is what Jehovah says,  
The Creator of the heavens,<sup>d</sup> the true God,  
The One who formed the earth, its Maker who firmly established it,<sup>e</sup>  
Who did not create it simply for nothing,<sup>f</sup> but formed it to be inhabited:<sup>f</sup>  
"I am Jehovah, and there is no one else.

- 19** I did not speak in a concealed place,<sup>g</sup> in a land of darkness;  
I did not say to the offspring\* of Jacob,  
'Seek me simply for nothing.'<sup>h</sup>  
I am Jehovah, who speaks what is righteous and declares what is upright.<sup>h</sup>

- 20** Gather together and come. Approach together, you escapees from the nations.<sup>i</sup>  
They know nothing, those who carry around carved images  
And pray to a god that cannot save them.<sup>j</sup>

- 21** Make your report, present your case.  
Let them consult together in unity.  
Who foretold this long ago  
And declared it from times past?  
Is it not I, Jehovah?  
There is no other God but me;

**45:18** \*Or possibly, "to be empty."  
**45:19, 25** \*Lit., "seed." **45:19** #Or "in vain."

## CHAP. 45

a Ps 97:7  
Isa 44:9

b Isa 26:4  
Isa 51:6

c Isa 29:22  
Isa 54:4  
Joe 2:26  
Zep 3:11

d Isa 42:5  
Jer 10:12

e Ps 78:69  
Ps 104:5  
Ps 119:90  
Pr 3:19

f Ge 1:28  
Ge 9:1  
Ps 37:29  
Ps 115:16

g Isa 48:16

h Ps 111:7, 8  
Ps 119:137

i Isa 66:20  
Jer 50:28

j Isa 42:17  
Jer 50:2

## Second Col.

a Isa 43:3

b De 4:39  
Isa 44:8  
Mr 12:32

c Mic 7:7

d De 4:35

e Isa 55:10, 11

f De 6:13  
Ro 14:11

g Isa 61:9

## CHAP. 46

h Jer 50:2  
Jer 51:44

i Isa 45:20

j Isa 1:9

k Ex 19:4  
De 1:31  
Isa 44:2

l Isa 41:4

A righteous God and a Savior,<sup>a</sup> there is none besides me.<sup>b</sup>

- 22** Turn to me and be saved,<sup>c</sup> all the ends of the earth,  
For I am God, and there is no one else.<sup>d</sup>
- 23** By myself I have sworn;  
The word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness,  
And it will not return:<sup>e</sup>  
To me every knee will bend,  
Every tongue will swear loyalty<sup>f</sup>
- 24** And say, 'Surely in Jehovah are true righteousness and strength.  
All those enraged against him will come before him in shame.
- 25** In Jehovah all the offspring\* of Israel will prove to be right,<sup>g</sup>  
And in him they will make their boast."<sup>h</sup>

**46** Bel bends down,<sup>h</sup> Ne'bo stoops over.

Their idols are loaded on animals, on beasts of burden,<sup>i</sup>

Like baggage that burdens the weary animals.

- 2** They stoop and bend down together;  
They cannot rescue the loads,<sup>\*</sup>  
And they themselves<sup>#</sup> go into captivity.
- 3** "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, and all you who remain of the house of Israel,<sup>j</sup>  
You whom I have supported from birth and carried from the womb.<sup>k</sup>
- 4** Until you grow old I will be the same;<sup>l</sup>  
Until your hair is gray I will keep bearing you.

**46:2** \*That is, the idols loaded on the animals. #Or "their souls."

- As I have done, I will carry you and bear you and rescue you.<sup>a</sup>
- 5 To whom will you liken me or make me equal or compare me,<sup>b</sup> So that we should resemble each other?<sup>c</sup>
- 6 There are those who lavish gold from their purse; They weigh out the silver on the scale. They hire a metalworker, and he makes it into a god.<sup>d</sup> Then they prostrate themselves, yes, they worship it.<sup>e</sup>
- 7 They lift it to their shoulders;<sup>f</sup> They carry it and put it in its place, and it just stands there. It does not move from its place.<sup>g</sup> They cry out to it, but it does not answer; It cannot rescue anyone from distress.<sup>h</sup>
- 8 Remember this, and take courage. Take it to heart, you transgressors.
- 9 Remember the former\* things of long ago, That I am God,<sup>#</sup> and there is no other. I am God, and there is no one like me.<sup>i</sup>
- 10 From the beginning I foretell the outcome, And from long ago the things that have not yet been done.<sup>j</sup> I say, "My decision\* will stand,<sup>k</sup> And I will do whatever I please."<sup>l</sup>
- 11 I am calling a bird of prey from the sunrise,<sup>#m</sup>

46:6 \*Lit., "bow down to it." 46:9 \*Lit., "first." #Or "the Divine One." 46:10, 11 \*Or "purpose; counsel." 46:11 #Or "east."

## CHAP. 46

- a Isa 43:13  
b Ex 15:11  
c Ac 17:29  
d Isa 40:19  
Jer 10:8,9  
e Isa 44:16,17  
Da 3:1,5  
f Jer 10:5  
g 1Sa 5:3  
h 1Ki 18:26  
Isa 37:37,38  
Jon 1:5  
i De 33:26  
j Isa 42:9  
Isa 45:21  
k Ps 33:11  
l Ps 135:6  
Isa 55:10,11  
m Isa 41:2  
Isa 45:1

## Second Col.

- a Ezr 1:1,2  
Isa 44:28  
Isa 48:14  
b Nu 23:19  
Job 23:13  
c Isa 12:2  
Isa 51:5  
Isa 62:11  
d Isa 44:23  
Isa 60:21

## CHAP. 47

- e Ps 137:8  
Jer 50:41,42  
f Da 5:30  
g De 32:35,41  
Ps 94:1  
h Isa 41:14  
Isa 43:3  
Isa 44:6  
i Isa 47:1

- From a distant land the man to carry out my decision.<sup>\*a</sup> I have spoken, and I will bring it about. I have purposed it, and I will also carry it out.<sup>b</sup>
- 12 Listen to me, you who are stubborn\* of heart, You who are far away from righteousness.
- 13 I have brought my righteousness near; It is not far away, And my salvation will not delay.<sup>c</sup> I will grant salvation in Zion, my splendor to Israel."<sup>d</sup>

- 47 Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon.<sup>e</sup> Sit down on the ground where there is no throne,<sup>f</sup> O daughter of the Chal-de'ans, For never again will people call you delicate and pampered.
- 2 Take a hand mill and grind flour. Remove your veil. Strip off your skirt, uncover your legs. Cross over the rivers.
- 3 Your nakedness will be uncovered. Your shame will be exposed. I will take vengeance,<sup>g</sup> and no man will stand in my way.<sup>\*</sup>
- 4 "The One repurchasing us — Jehovah of armies is his name — Is the Holy One of Israel."<sup>h</sup>
- 5 Sit there silently and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chal-de'ans;<sup>i</sup>

46:12 \*Lit., "powerful." 47:3 \*Or possibly, "and I will not meet anyone kindly."

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ISAIAH 43-46 | Jehovah Is the God of True Prophecy

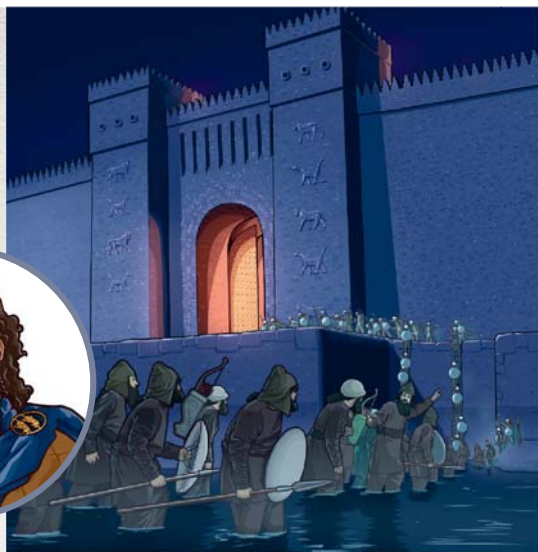
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## January 30–February 5

### Treasures From God's Word

**Isaiah 44:26-28**—Jehovah prophesied that Jerusalem and the temple would be rebuilt, and he named Cyrus as the conqueror of Babylon

Reference: ip-2 71-72 paragraphs 22-23.

22 Uninspired diviners usually dare not be too specific in their predictions for fear that time will prove them wrong. By contrast, through Isaiah, Jehovah reveals the very name of the man he will use to free his people from captivity so that they can go home and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. His name is Cyrus, and he is known as Cyrus the Great of Persia. Jehovah also gives details of the strategy that Cyrus will use to penetrate Babylon's massive and elaborate defense system. Babylon will be protected by high walls and by waterways that run through and around the city. Cyrus will turn a main element of that system—the Euphrates River—to his advantage. According to ancient historians Herodotus and Xenophon, at a location upstream from Babylon, Cyrus diverted the waters of the Euphrates until the level of the river dropped low enough for his soldiers to wade through. As far as its ability to protect Babylon is concerned, the mighty Euphrates evaporates.

23 What about the promise that Cyrus will release God's people and that he will see to it that Jerusalem and the temple will be rebuilt? Cyrus himself, in an official proclamation preserved in the Bible, declares: "This is what Cyrus the king of Persia has said, 'All the kingdoms of the earth Jehovah the God of the heavens has given me, and he himself has commissioned me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God prove to be with him. So let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of Jehovah the God of Israel—he is the true God—which was in Jerusalem.'" (**Ezra 1:2, 3**) Jehovah's word through Isaiah is completely fulfilled!

**Isaiah 45:1, 2**—Jehovah gave details about the conquest of Babylon

Reference: ip-2 77-78 paragraphs 4-6.

4 Jehovah, through Isaiah, speaks to Cyrus as if he were alive, although in Isaiah's day Cyrus has not yet been born. (Romans 4:17) Since Jehovah appoints Cyrus in advance to accomplish a specific task, Cyrus can be said to be God's "anointed one." With God leading him, he will subdue nations, rendering kings weak and incapable of resistance. Then, when Cyrus attacks Babylon, Jehovah will see to it that the doors of the city are left open, making them as useless as gates that have been shattered. He will go before Cyrus, smoothing out all obstacles. In the end, Cyrus' troops will conquer the city and take possession of its "hidden treasures," its wealth stored in dark vaults. This is what Isaiah foretells. Do his words come true?

5 In the year 539 B.C.E.—some 200 years after Isaiah records this prophecy—Cyrus does indeed arrive at the walls of Babylon to attack the city. (**Jeremiah 51:11, 12**) The Babylonians, however, are not concerned. They feel that their city is unconquerable. Its towering walls loom over deep moats filled with water from the Euphrates River, which forms part of the city's defense system. For over a hundred years, no enemy has been able to take Babylon by storm! In fact, Babylon's ruler in residence, Belshazzar, feels so secure that he feasts with members of his court. (Daniel 5:1) That night—the night of October 5/6—Cyrus completes a brilliant military maneuver.

6 Upstream from Babylon, Cyrus' engineers have cut through the bank of the Euphrates River, diverting its waters so that they no longer flow southward toward the city. Before long, the water level of the river in and around Babylon falls so low that Cyrus' troops are able to sash along the riverbed toward the heart of the city. (Isaiah 44:27; Jeremiah 50:38) Amazingly, just as Isaiah foretold, the gates along the river are open. Cyrus' forces swarm into Babylon, take the palace, and put King Belshazzar to death. (Daniel 5:30) In one night the conquest is all over. Babylon has fallen, and the prophecy is fulfilled to the letter.

**Isaiah 45:3-6**—Jehovah gave reasons why he used Cyrus to conquer Babylon

Reference: ip-2 79-80 **paragraphs 8-10**.

### **Why Jehovah Will Favor Cyrus**

8 After stating who will conquer Babylon and how this will be done, Jehovah goes on to explain one reason why Cyrus will be given the victory. Jehovah, prophetically speaking to Cyrus, says that it is “in order that you may know that I am Jehovah, the One calling you by your name, the God of Israel.” (Isaiah 45:3b) It is fitting that the ruler of the fourth world power of Bible history recognizes that his greatest victory comes as a result of the support of one who is greater than he is—Jehovah, the Universal Sovereign. Cyrus should acknowledge that the one who calls, or commissions, him is Jehovah, the God of Israel. The Bible record shows that Cyrus did indeed acknowledge that his great victory came from Jehovah.—**Ezra 1:2, 3**.

9 Jehovah explains the second reason why he brings Cyrus to conquer Babylon: “For the sake of my servant Jacob and of Israel my chosen one, I even proceeded to call you by your name; I proceeded to give you a name of honor, although you did not know me.” (Isaiah 45:4) Cyrus' victory over Babylon is earth-shattering. It marks the fall of one world power and the ascent of another, and it leaves its mark on history for generations to come. Yet, those of the nations round about who are anxiously watching events would likely be astounded to know that it all happens for the sake of a few thousand “insignificant” exiles in Babylon—the Jews, descendants of Jacob. In Jehovah's eyes, however, these survivors of the ancient nation of Israel are far from insignificant. They are his “servant.” Of all the nations of the earth, they are his “chosen one.” Even though Cyrus previously did not know Jehovah, he is used by Jehovah as His anointed one to overthrow the city that refused to give up its captives. It is not God's purpose that his chosen people languish forever on foreign soil.

10 There is a third, even more important reason why Jehovah uses Cyrus to overthrow Babylon. Jehovah says: “I am Jehovah, and there is no one else. With the exception of me there is no God. I shall closely gird you, although you have not known me, in order that people may know from the rising of the sun and from its setting that there is none besides me. I am Jehovah, and there is no one else.” (Isaiah 45:5, 6) Yes, the fall of the Babylonian World Power is a demonstration of Jehovah’s Godship, proof to everyone that he alone is worthy of worship. Because God’s people are released, individuals from many nations—from east to west—will come to acknowledge that Jehovah is the only true God.—Malachi 1:11.

## Digging for Spiritual Gems

Isaiah 43:10-12—In what way were the Israelites to be a nation of witnesses for Jehovah?

Reference: w14 11/15 21-22 paragraphs 14-16.

### A Nation of Witnesses

14 The Israelites worshipped their God, Jehovah, whereas the other nations worshipped their own deities. At the time of the prophet Isaiah, Jehovah compared the world situation to that of a court trial. He challenged the gods of the nations to produce witnesses to confirm their divinity, declaring: “Let all the nations assemble in one place, and let the peoples be gathered together. Who [of their gods] among them can tell this? Or can they cause us to hear the first things? Let them present their witnesses to prove themselves right, or let them hear and say, ‘It is the truth!’”—Isaiah 43:9.

15 The gods of the nations were unable to produce any evidence of their godship. They were mere idols that were speechless and that needed to be carried around. (Isaiah 46:5-7) On the other hand, Jehovah told his people Israel: “You are my witnesses, . . . yes, my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and have faith in me and understand that I am the same One. Before me no God was formed, and after me there has been none. I—I am Jehovah, and besides me there is no savior. . . . So you are my witnesses, . . . and I am God.”—Isaiah 43:10-12.

16 In what would amount to a universal court case over the issue “Who is the Supreme God?,” Jehovah’s chosen people were to attest loud and clear that Jehovah is the one true God. He called them “the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.” (Isaiah 43:21) They were the people who bore his name. Redeemed from Egypt by Jehovah, they were under a moral obligation to support his sovereignty before the other peoples of the earth. In effect, their stance was to be like that later set forth for God’s present-day people by the prophet Micah: “All the peoples will walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of Jehovah our God forever and ever.”—Micah 4:5.

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Reference: ip-2 60 paragraph 24.

Notice, though, that the resulting divine mercy will not simply be because of Israel's contrition; it will be for Jehovah's own sake. Yes, his name is involved. Were he to abandon Israel to permanent exile, his own name would be reproached by onlookers. (Psalm 79:9; Ezekiel 20:8-10) Likewise today, the salvation of humans is secondary to the sanctification of Jehovah's name and the vindication of his sovereignty. Nonetheless, Jehovah loves those who accept his discipline without reservation and who worship him with spirit and truth. He demonstrates his love for these ones—whether anointed or other sheep—by wiping out their transgressions on the basis of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.—John 3:16; 4:23, 24.



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For decades, Jehovah's Witnesses used, printed, and distributed various versions of the Bible. But then we saw the need to produce a new translation that would better help people to learn the "accurate knowledge of truth," which is God's will for everyone. (1 Timothy 2:3, 4) Thus, in 1950 we began to release portions of our modern-language Bible, the *New World Translation*. This Bible has been faithfully and accurately translated into over 100 languages.

### **A Bible was needed that was easy to understand.**

Languages change over time, and many translations contain obscure or obsolete expressions that are difficult to understand. Also, ancient manuscripts that are more accurate and closer to the originals have been discovered, resulting in a better comprehension of Biblical Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

### **A translation was needed that was loyal to God's word.**

Rather than taking liberties with God's inspired writings, Bible translators should be faithful to the original text. However, in most versions, the divine name, Jehovah, is not used in the Holy Scriptures.

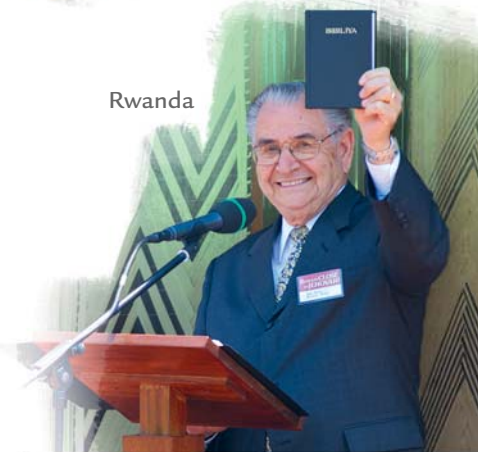
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(2 Samuel 23:2) In the *New World Translation*, Jehovah's name has been restored where it appears some 7,000 times in the oldest Bible manuscripts as illustrated in the example below. (Psalm 83:18) The result of years of diligent research, this Bible is a pleasure to read, as it clearly conveys God's thinking. Whether you have the *New World Translation* in your language or not, we encourage you to get into a good routine of reading Jehovah's Word every day.—Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2, 3.

- Why did we decide that a new translation of the Bible was needed?
- What daily practice is good for anyone wanting to learn God's will?



Congo (Kinshasa)



Rwanda

### **FIND OUT MORE**

Read the foreword of the *New World Translation*, and answer the question: "With what sense of responsibility did the translation committee produce this Bible?" Then compare their rendering of the following verses with that of other translations that you may possess: Genesis 25:29; Isaiah 14:23; Matthew 5:3; 11:12; 1 Corinthians 10:24, 25; Philippians 1:8.



*Symmachus fragment containing the divine name at Psalm 69:31, third or fourth century C.E.*

# Light in a Darkened World

(2 Corinthians 4:6)

Bb/C Ab/C Bb/C Ab/C Gm/C Fm/C

In these days, dark and law-less days,  
Those who sleep need a - wak - en - ing

Bb/C Ab/C Gm/C Eb/C F/C Bb/D

Shines a light we can see.  
As the time ebbs a - way.

Ab/Eb Bb/Eb Ab/Eb Bb/Eb Ab/Eb Bb/Eb

Like the dawn of an - oth - er day  
We give hope and en - cour - age - ment.

D7ma7 Eb/Db Bbm7 Eb/Bb Cm7

That will soon come to be.  
For their fu - ture we'll pray.

# Light in a Darkened World

Chorus  
Fm D♭ma7 Ab

Shin - ing through the dark - ness, Ours is a

Bb Fm Eb/G Ab E♭sus4

mes - sage so bright. It of - fers hope and light—

Bb Fm D♭ma7 Ab

Spar - kling like the day - light, Bring - ing to -

Bb Fm Eb/G Ab E♭sus4 Bb

mor - row in sight— So ends the night.

(See also John 3:19; 8:12; Rom. 13:11, 12; 1 Pet. 2:9.)

- Song 55 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

**TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD**

- **“Jehovah Is the God of True Prophecy”:** (10 min.)  
Isa 44:26-28—Jehovah prophesied that Jerusalem and the temple would be rebuilt, and he named Cyrus as the conqueror of Babylon (*ip-2* 71-72 ¶22-23)  
Isa 45:1, 2—Jehovah gave details about the conquest of Babylon (*ip-2* 77-78 ¶4-6)  
Isa 45:3-6—Jehovah gave reasons why he used Cyrus to conquer Babylon (*ip-2* 79-80 ¶8-10)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)  
Isa 43:10-12—In what way were the Israelites to be a nation of witnesses for Jehovah? (*w14* 11/15 21-22 ¶14-16)

Isa 43:25—What is the main reason why Jehovah wipes out transgressions? (*ip-2* 60 ¶24)

What does this week’s Bible reading teach me about Jehovah?

What points from this week’s Bible reading can I use in the field ministry?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Isa 46:1-13

**APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY**

- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) *lc*—Witness informally to a workmate or schoolmate.
- **Return Visit:** (4 min. or less) *lc*—Lay the groundwork for the next visit.
- **Bible Study:** (6 min. or less) *jl* lesson 4

**LIVING AS CHRISTIANS**

- Song 77
- **How Can We Be Sure the Bible Is True?:** (15 min.)  
Play the video (video category OUR MEETINGS AND MINISTRY). Then discuss the following questions: How can we use this video when witnessing informally, publicly, and from house to house? What good experiences have you had with this video?
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) *kr* chap. 7 ¶19-23, box on p. 75, chart on pp. 76-77, review box on p. 77
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 83 and Prayer

ISAIAH 43-46 | Jehovah Is the God of True Prophecy

About 200 years before the conquest of Babylon, Jehovah through Isaiah gave a detailed prophecy describing what would happen.

**44:27–45:2**

- Cyrus would be the conqueror of Babylon
- The city’s double doors would be left open
- The Euphrates River, a part of the city’s main defense system, would “dry up”



a. 732  
Isaiah



539  
Babylon conquered

About 200 years



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17, 18. Although circumstances changed, how did radio continue to play a role?

19, 20. Why have Jehovah's people produced jw.org, and how effective has it been? (See also the box "JW.ORG.")

could encourage people to listen to the lectures on their local stations. With what impact? The *Bulletin* (now called *Our Kingdom Ministry*) of January 1931 says: "The radio work has been a real stimulus to the friends in their canvassing from door to door. Many reports have come to the office telling us that persons have listened in and, because of hearing the lectures given by Brother Rutherford, were very ready to take the books offered to them." The *Bulletin* described the radio broadcasts and the house-to-house work as "the two great publicity branches of the Lord's organization."

17 During the 1930's, opposition mounted against our use of commercial radio stations. So in late 1937, Jehovah's people adapted to the changing circumstances. They withdrew from commercial broadcasting and focused even more on the house-to-house ministry.<sup>[1]</sup> Nevertheless, radio continued to play an important role in spreading the Kingdom message in some remote or politically isolated parts of the world. For example, from 1951 to 1991, a station in West Berlin, Germany, regularly broadcast Bible discourses so that those living in parts of what was then East Germany could hear the Kingdom message. Starting in 1961 and for more than three decades afterward, a national radio station in Suriname, South America, broadcast a weekly 15-minute program that spread Bible truths. From 1969 to 1977, the organization produced more than 350 recorded radio programs in the series "All Scripture Is Beneficial." In the United States, 291 radio stations, in 48 states, carried the programs. In 1996, a radio station in Apia, the capital city of the South Pacific nation of Samoa, transmitted a weekly program entitled "Answers to Your Bible Questions."

18 As the 20th century drew to a close, radio no longer played a primary role in spreading the good news. However, another technology emerged that made it possible to reach an audience of unprecedented size.

19 **The Internet.** As of 2013, more than 2.7 billion people, almost 40 percent of the world's population, were connected to the Internet. According to certain estimates, some two billion access it on mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets. That figure continues to climb globally, but the fastest growth in mobile Internet connection is currently occurring in Africa, where there are more than 90 million mobile Internet subscriptions. Those developments have fundamentally changed the way many people receive information.

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FOOTNOTE

[1] In 1957, those taking the lead decided to shut down WBBR in New York, the last of our radio stations.



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### DOWNLOADED EACH MONTH:

About 3 million short videos, 3 million complete books, 4 million complete magazines, and 22 million audio tracks

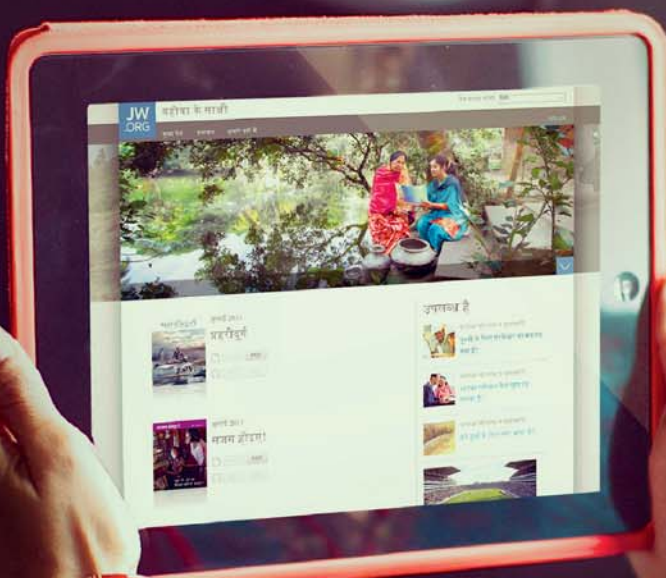
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### VISITS:

Each day [jw.org](http://jw.org) receives more than 750,000 individual visits

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**SITE LANGUAGES:**  
Ability to navigate in over 300 languages

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**PUBLICATIONS:**  
Available for download in more than 520 languages

# SOME METHODS USED TO REACH LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE



**1914**  
“Photo-Drama of Creation”<sup>[2]</sup>



**1933**  
Sound cars



**1954**  
Motion pictures

**1997**  
Internet



1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010

(Year indicates when a particular method began to be used)

**1903**  
Newspaper sermons



**1922**  
Radio



**1936**  
Placard work



**1990**  
Videos



**2011**  
Metropolitan witnessing



21. What have you learned from the experience involving Sina?

22, 23. (a) Have the methods of reaching large audiences replaced the door-to-door ministry? (b) How has the King blessed our efforts?

**20** Starting in 1997, Jehovah’s people adopted this method of mass communication. In 2013, the jw.org Web site became available in some 300 languages, and Bible-based information was made available for download in over 520 languages. Each day the site receives more than 750,000 individual visits. Each month, in addition to viewing videos, people download over 3 million complete books, 4 million complete magazines, and 22 million audio tracks.

**21** The Web site has become a powerful method of spreading the good news of God’s Kingdom, even in lands where our preaching work is restricted. For example, early in 2013, a man named Sina found the jw.org site and called world headquarters, which is located in the United States, asking for more information about the Bible. What made this call unusual? Sina comes from a Muslim background and lives in a remote village in a country where the work of Jehovah’s Witnesses is severely restricted. As a result of this call, arrangements were made for Sina to study the Bible twice a week with a Witness in the United States. The study was conducted using an Internet video service.

### Teaching Individuals

**22** None of the methods we have used to reach large audiences, such as newspapers, the “Photo-Drama,” radio programs, and the Web site, were meant to replace the

door-to-door ministry. Why not? Because Jehovah’s people learned from the pattern set by Jesus. He did more than preach to large crowds; he focused on helping individuals. (Luke 19:1-5) Jesus also trained his disciples to do the same, and he gave them a message to deliver. **(Read Luke 10:1, 8-11.)** As discussed in Chapter 6, those taking the lead have always encouraged each servant of Jehovah to speak to people face-to-face.—Acts 5:42; 20:20.

**23** One hundred years after the Kingdom’s birth, more than 7.9 million publishers actively share in teaching others about God’s purposes. Without question, the King has blessed the methods we have used to advertise the Kingdom. As the following chapter will show, he has also provided us with the tools we need to spread the good news to every nation, tribe, and tongue.—Rev. 14:6.

### How Real Is the Kingdom to You?

- What events involving our use of newspapers, picture presentations, radio, and the Internet prove to you that the Kingdom is real?
- Why do we emphasize the door-to-door ministry?

#### FOOTNOTE

[2] The “Photo-Drama” included some motion pictures.



# "From House to House"

(Acts 20:20)

Eb
Cm7
Fm11
Bb7

From house to house, from door to door,  
 From house to house, from door to door,  
 So let us go from door to door

Eb7sus4/G
Eb/G
Cm9
Cm
Fm7
Bb7

Je - ho - vah's word we spread.  
 Sal - va - tion we pro - claim.  
 To spread the King - dom news.

R.H.

Bb/Ab
Eb/G
Cm7

From town to town, from farm to farm,  
 It comes to those who make the choice,  
 And wheth - er it's em - braced or not,

Fm11
Fm7
Bb13sus4
Bb7
Eb7sus4
Bb7

Je - ho - vah's sheep are fed.  
 To call up - on God's name.  
 We'll let the peo - ple choose.

R.H.

*"From House to House"*

Abma7 Gm7 Cm7

The good news that God's King - dom rules,  
 But how can they re - spect the name  
 At least we'll name Je - ho - vah's name,

Fm Fm7/Eb Dm11 G7

As Je - sus Christ fore - told,  
 Of One they do not know?  
 His glo - rious truth de - clare.

Cm Gm Eb/G Ab Abma7 Gm7

Is now de - clared through - out the earth  
 To ev - 'ry home and ev - 'ry door,  
 And as we go from door to door,

Eb/G Fm7 Ab/Bb Eb

By Chris - tians young and old.  
 The sa - cred name must go.  
 We'll find his sheep are there.

R.H.

(See also Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:14.)

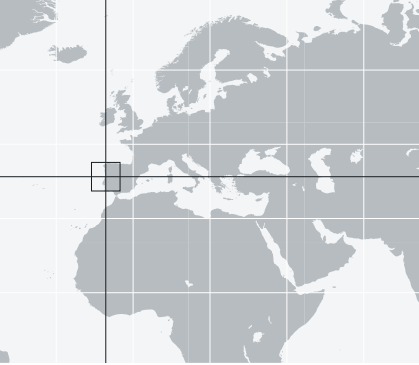
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**PORTUGAL**

Many tourists come to the city of Aveiro in northern Portugal to see the interesting salt evaporation ponds. Local Witnesses make sure to offer the good news to those who sell the locally produced salt

PUBLISHERS  
**48,840**

BIBLE STUDIES  
**28,687**

MEMORIAL ATTENDANCE  
(2015)  
**91,472**

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# We Thank You, Jehovah

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

E♭ Cm Fm/A♭ B♭ E♭/G A♭ E♭/B♭ B♭/D E♭

We thank you, Je - ho - vah, each day and each night,  
 We thank you, Je - ho - vah, for your lov - ing Son,  
 We thank you, our God, for the hon - or to preach

Fm/D G7 G Cm Cm7 F7 F B♭/F F7sus4 F7 B♭

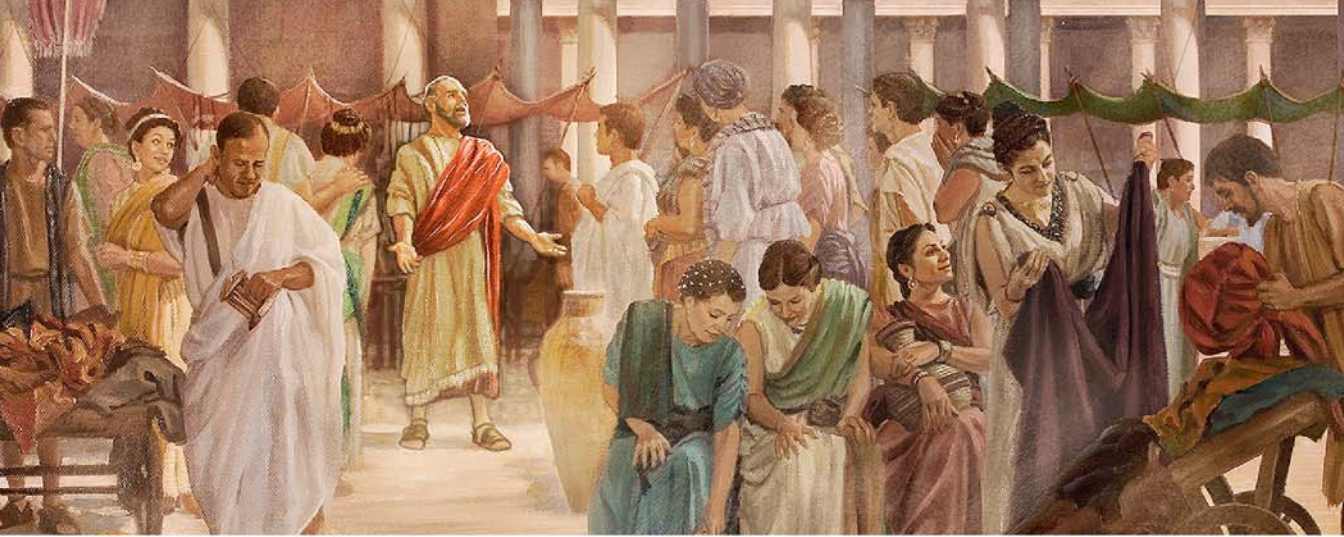
That you shed up - on us your pre - cious light.  
 Who con - quered the world; by his faith he won.  
 A - bout your great name and the truth to teach.

E♭ Cm Fm/A♭ B♭ E♭/G A♭ E♭/B♭ B♭ B♭7 E♭ G7/D Cm

We thank you that we have the priv - 'lege of prayer,  
 We thank you for guid - ance in do - ing your will.  
 We thank you that soon all earth's woes will be past,

E♭7/B♭ A♭ E♭/G B♭7/F E♭ A♭/C B7b5 E♭/B♭ B♭7 E♭

That we can ap - proach you with ev - 'ry care.  
 You lov - ing - ly help us our vows ful - fill.  
 While your King - dom bless - ings for - ev - er last.



## By Undeserved Kindness You Were Set Free

*“Sin must not be master over you, seeing that you are . . . under undeserved kindness.”—ROM. 6:14.*

SONGS: 46, 127

### HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER?

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Why is God’s provision of the ransom an undeserved kindness?

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How is it that we can consider ourselves “dead with reference to sin”?

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Why does appreciation for God’s undeserved kindness move us to avoid more than just serious sins?

IMAGINE you wanted to list Bible verses that Jehovah’s Witnesses know well and use often. Would Romans 5:12 be high on your list? Think about how often you have referred to the statement: “Just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because they had all sinned.”

<sup>2</sup> That verse is repeatedly used in the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* As you study this book with your children or others, you will likely read Romans 5:12 when you discuss God’s purpose for the earth, the ransom, and the condition of the dead—chapters 3, 5, and 6. But how often do you think of Romans 5:12 with regard to your own standing before Jehovah, your actions, and your future prospects?

<sup>3</sup> All of us, of course, must face the reality that we are sinners. We make mistakes every day. Yet, we are assured that God remembers that we are made of dust, and he is willing to show us mercy. (Ps. 103:13, 14) Jesus included in the model prayer the request to God: “Forgive us our sins.” (Luke 11:

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- 1, 2. Why is Romans 5:12 of interest to Jehovah’s Witnesses?
  3. We ought to face what fact about sin?

2-4) Hence, we have no reason to dwell on mistakes that God has forgiven. Still, we can benefit from thinking about how he could—and did—forgive us.

### FORGIVEN THROUGH UNDESERVED KINDNESS

<sup>4</sup> We find important information in the chapters surrounding the apostle Paul's words at Romans 5:12, especially in chapter 6. This will help us to understand how Jehovah can forgive us. In chapter 3, we read: "All have sinned . . . , and it is as a free gift that they are being declared righteous by his undeserved kindness through the release by the ransom paid by Christ Jesus." (Rom. 3:23, 24) What did Paul mean by saying "undeserved kindness"? He used a Greek word that, according to one reference work, has the sense of "a favour freely done, without claim or expectation of return." It is unearned and unmerited.

<sup>5</sup> Scholar John Parkhurst noted: "When spoken of God or Christ, it [that Greek word] very often particularly refers to *their free and undeserved favour or kindness in the redemption and salvation of man.*" Thus, the rendering "undeserved kindness" in the *New World Translation* is fitting. But how did God manifest this undeserved kindness? And what does it have to do with your hope and your relationship with him? Let us see.

<sup>6</sup> Adam was the "one man" through whom sin and death "entered into the world." Thus "by the trespass of the one man death ruled as king." Paul added that "the abundance of

[God's] undeserved kindness" came about "through the one person, Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:12, 15, 17) And that undeserved kindness has resulted in good for all mankind. "Through the obedience of the one person [Jesus] many will be made righteous." Actually, God's undeserved kindness can lead to "everlasting life through Jesus Christ."—Rom. 5:19, 21.

<sup>7</sup> Jehovah was not obliged to have his Son come to earth to provide the ransom. Moreover, imperfect, sinful humans did not of themselves merit, or deserve, what God and Jesus did in providing a ransom by which forgiveness was possible. So our being forgiven and offered the prospect of living forever is truly a kindness that is undeserved. We should highly value the gift of God's undeserved kindness and let it affect our life daily.

### APPRECIATION FOR GOD'S UNDESERVED KINDNESS

<sup>8</sup> Being imperfect descendants of Adam, we are inclined to err, to do what is bad, to sin. Still, it would be a serious mistake to presume on God's undeserved kindness, such as by thinking: 'Even if I do something wrong—something that God views as sin—I do not have to worry about it. Jehovah will forgive me.' Sadly, some Christians felt that way even while some of the apostles were still alive. **(Read Jude 4.)** We ourselves might never voice such a thought; yet, the seeds of this wrong viewpoint might be in us or they could be planted in us and start to grow.

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4, 5. (a) What sheds light on the sense of Romans 5:12? (b) What is the "undeserved kindness" that is mentioned at Romans 3:24?

6. To what extent can individuals benefit from God's undeserved kindness?

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7. Why was God's provision of the ransom both kind and undeserved?

8. What mistaken view might some people have of their sins?

<sup>9</sup> Paul stressed that we must strongly reject the view: ‘Oh, God understands. He will overlook my wrong deeds or actions.’ Why? Because, as Paul writes, Christians have “died with reference to sin.” (**Read Romans 6:1, 2.**) While they were still alive on earth, how could it be said of them that they had “died with reference to sin”?

<sup>10</sup> God applied the ransom to Paul and others of his day. Thus Jehovah forgave their sins, anointed them with holy spirit, and called them to be his spiritual sons. Then they had the heavenly hope. If they proved faithful, they would live and rule with Christ in heaven. But Paul could speak of them while they were still alive and serving God on earth as having “died with reference to sin.” He used the example of Jesus, who died as a human and then was raised up as an immortal spirit in heaven. Death was no longer master over Jesus. It was similar with anointed Christians, who could consider themselves “dead with reference to sin but living with reference to God by Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 6:9, 11) Their way of life was not as it once was. They were no longer obeying the dictates or impulses of their sinful desires. They had died to that previous way of life.

<sup>11</sup> What of us? Well, before we became Christians, we often sinned, perhaps not realizing how wrong or bad our actions were in God’s eyes. We were like “slaves to uncleanness and lawlessness.” It could be said that we “were slaves of sin.” (Rom. 6:19, 20) Then we came to know Bible truth, made changes in our

lives, dedicated ourselves to God, and got baptized. Since then, it has been our desire to be “obedient from the heart” to God’s teachings and standards. Even if we might not have spoken of it in those terms, we “were set free from sin” and we “became slaves to righteousness.” (Rom. 6:17, 18) So we too could be said to have “died with reference to sin.”

<sup>12</sup> Now think of yourself in the light of Paul’s words: “Do not let sin continue to rule as king in your mortal bodies so that you should obey their desires.” (Rom. 6:12) We could “let sin continue to rule” by doing whatever our imperfect body moves us to do. Because we can “let” sin rule or refuse to let it rule, the question is, What do we really want at heart? Ask yourself: ‘At times, do I let my imperfect body or mind point me in a bad direction and then go there? Or am I dead with reference to sin? Am I living with reference to God by Christ Jesus?’ It really comes down to how much we appreciate the undeserved kindness God has shown by forgiving us.

### A FIGHT THAT YOU CAN WIN

<sup>13</sup> Jehovah’s people have turned their back on “the fruit that [they] used to produce” before they came to know, love, and serve God. Their past way of life may have included “things of which [they] are now ashamed” and that would have merited death. (Rom. 6:21) Then they changed. That was true of many in Corinth to whom Paul wrote. Some had been idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, thieves, drunkards, and the like. Yet,

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9, 10. How were Paul and others set free from sin and death?

11. In what sense have we who hope to live forever in Paradise “died with reference to sin”?

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12. What choice does each of us have to make?

13. What evidence gives us confidence that it is possible to turn our back on sin?



they were “washed clean” and “sanctified.” (1 Cor. 6:9-11) That was likely also true of some in the Roman congregation. Paul was inspired to write to them: “Neither go on presenting your bodies to sin as weapons of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, also your bodies to God as weapons of righteousness.” (Rom. 6:13) Paul was sure that they could remain spiritually clean and thus continue to benefit from God’s undeserved kindness.

<sup>14</sup> It is similar today. Some brothers and sisters may at one time have been like those in Corinth. But they too changed. They left their sinful past and were “washed clean.” To whatever extent that may be true in your case, what is your situation before God at this time? Now that God’s undeserved kindness and resulting forgiveness are available, are you determined no longer ‘to present your body to sin’? Will you instead ‘present yourself to God as alive from the dead’?

<sup>15</sup> For us to do that, we must certainly avoid choosing to practice the serious sins that some in Corinth had been guilty of. That is vital if we are to say that we have accepted God’s undeserved kindness and that ‘sin is not master over us.’ However, are we also determined to be “obedient from the heart” by doing our best to avoid sins that some would view as less serious?—Rom. 6:14, 17.

<sup>16</sup> Think of the apostle Paul. We can be

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14, 15. What should we ask ourselves about being “obedient from the heart”?

16. How do we know that being a Christian involves more than leaving behind the practice of serious sins?

sure that he was not sharing in the gross wrongs mentioned at 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. Nonetheless, he confessed that he was still guilty of sin. He wrote: “I am fleshly, sold under sin. For I do not understand what I am doing. For I do not practice what I wish, but I do what I hate.” (Rom. 7:14, 15) This shows that there were other things that Paul viewed as sins, and he was fighting against those wrongs too. **(Read Romans 7:21-23.)** May that also be true of us as we strive to be “obedient from the heart.”

<sup>17</sup> Consider, for example, the matter of being honest. Honesty is basic to Christianity. **(Read Proverbs 14:5; Ephesians 4:25.)** Satan is “the father of the lie.” And Ananias and his wife lost their lives because of lying. We do not want to imitate such ones—we avoid lying. (John 8:44; Acts 5:1-11) Is that, though, as far as our honesty goes? Actually, our honesty should reflect our deep appreciation for God’s undeserved kindness.

<sup>18</sup> To lie is to say something untruthful. However, Jehovah wants his people to go beyond not telling outright lies. He urged the ancient Israelites: “You should be holy, because I, Jehovah your God, am holy.” Then he gave examples of being holy. In part, God said: “You must not steal, *you must not deceive*, and you must not deal falsely with one another.” (Lev. 19:2, 11) Sadly, a person who makes it a point never to tell outright lies might still resort to deceiving others, dealing falsely with them.

<sup>19</sup> For instance, a man tells his boss or

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17. Why do you want to be honest?

18, 19. How does being honest go beyond simply not telling outright lies?

fellow workers that he cannot be at work the next day or that he must leave early because he has a “medical” appointment. In fact, his “medical” appointment is merely a brief stop at a pharmacy or a quick visit to the doctor’s office to pay a bill. His real reason for not being at work is so that he can get a head start on a trip or so that he can take his family to the beach. There may have been a grain of truth in his mentioning a “medical” appointment, but would you say that he was being honest? Or was he being deceptive? You may know of similar instances of deliberate deception. Perhaps this is done to avoid punishment or to profit at others’ expense. Even if no outright lie is told, what of God’s direction: “You must not deceive”? Think, too, of Romans 6:19, which says: “Present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.”

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Are we determined to avoid both lying and deception?

(See paragraph 19)



<sup>20</sup> The point is that our appreciation for God’s undeserved kindness involves more than avoiding adultery, drunkenness, or other sins that some in Corinth had been guilty of. Accepting God’s undeserved kindness means not only avoiding sexual immorality but also fighting any tendency to enjoy lewd entertainment. Presenting our members as slaves to righteousness will not only keep us from drunkenness but also move us to shun drinking to the point of almost being drunk. It may require considerable effort for us to fight against such wrong practices; still, it is a fight that we can win.

<sup>21</sup> Our goal should be to avoid gross sins as well as wrongs that are not as flagrant. We will not be able to do that perfectly. Nevertheless, we should strive to do so, even as Paul did. He urged his brothers: “Do not let sin continue to rule as king in your mortal bodies so that you should obey their desires.” (Rom. 6:12; 7:18-20) As we fight against sin in all its forms, we show true appreciation for God’s undeserved kindness through Christ.

<sup>22</sup> By means of God’s undeserved kindness, our sins have been forgiven and can continue to be forgiven. In appreciation, let us work at overcoming any tendency to give in to what others might consider minor sins. Paul emphasized the reward that then awaits us: “Now that you were set free from sin and became slaves to God, you are producing your fruit in the way of holiness, and the end is everlasting life.”—Rom. 6:22.

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20, 21. God’s undeserved kindness should move us to what extent?

22. What awaits those who prove their appreciation for God’s undeserved kindness?

# The Sort of Person I Should Be

(2 Peter 3:11)

Db Bbm7 Gb Ebm7

How can I re-pay you, what gift can I give To

Gb/Ab Ab/Gb Db/F F7b9b13/A Bbm7 Eb13sus4 Eb7

thank you, Je-ho - vah, for the life that I live? I

Ebm Ab7/Eb Db/F Gb Ab Bbm9/11 Bbm

look in my heart with your Word as my mir - ror; The

Bridge

Gb Db/F Ebm11 Gb/Ab Ab7 Dbsus4 Db

per - son I see, may you help me see clear - er. My

# The Sort of Person I Should Be

Chords: G $\flat$ ma7, Ab/G $\flat$ , G $\flat$ ma7, Ab/G $\flat$ , Fm7, C $\flat$ /D $\flat$

life I have prom - ised in ser - vice to you, But

Chords: G $\flat$ ma7, Ab/G $\flat$ , G $\flat$ ma7, B $\flat$ m/G, C7sus4, C7, Fm

not from mere du - ty will I do what I do. Whole -

Chords: D $^{\circ}$ , E $\flat$ m11, E $\flat$ m, G $\flat$ m/A

souled and whole - heart - ed I serve you by

Chords: D $\flat$ /A $\flat$ , B $\flat$ m/G, G $\flat$ /A $\flat$ , Fm/A $\flat$

choice; May I be one more who makes you re - joice.

# The Sort of Person I Should Be

Ebm7/Ab Ab7 Db Bbm7 Gb Ebm7

Help me to ex-am-ine, and help me to see Just

Gb/Ab Ab/Gb Db/F F7b9b13/A Bbm7 Eb13sus4 Eb7

what sort of per-son you de-sire me to be. Those

Ebm Ab7/Eb Db/F Gb Ab Bbm9/11 Bbm

loy-al to you, you will loy-al-ly trea-sure; May

Gb Db/F Ebm11 Gb/Ab Ab7 Dbsus4 Db

I be a-mong those who bring your heart plea-sure.