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You Gave Your Precious Son

(1 John 4:9)

F C/E Dm7

Je - ho - vah, dear Fa - ther, There seemed no
Your kind - ness, your mer - cy, They draw us

Am/C Bb F/A

hope for us. The ran - som has giv - en
close to you. Your great name, your friend - ship,

Gm C7sus4 C7 F

Hope to ev - 'ry - one! We give our
These we've come to love. But some - thing

C/E Dm Am/C

lives to you, Our best in all we do.
more than this Is your most pre - cious gift.

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Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb and F/A.

And we'll tell oth - ers too, That
He died that we might live. You

Musical notation for the second system, featuring a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: Gm, Csus4, C, Chorus F/A, Bbadd9, C.

your will might be done.
sent him from a - bove. You gave your pre - cious

Musical notation for the third system, featuring a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: Dm, F/A, Bbma7, C, F, Csus4/E.

Son, And now we sing as one, A

Musical notation for the fourth system, featuring a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: Dm, C, Bb, Gm7, Fma7/A.

song we'll sing for - ev - er, for giv - ing us your

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Bb C7 F Fsus4 F Bbadd9

pre - cious Son. *Repeat from beginning*

This system contains the first two staves of music. The treble clef staff features chords Bb, C7, F, Fsus4, F, and Bbadd9. The lyrics 'pre - cious Son.' are written below the notes. A double bar line with repeat dots is at the end of the staff. The bass clef staff has a long note with a slur underneath it.

Ending
F C/E Dm7 Am/C

Je - ho - vah, dear Fa - ther, we pray in grat - i - tude.

This system contains the second two staves of music. The treble clef staff has a 'Je - ho - vah, dear Fa - ther, we pray in grat - i - tude.' written below. The bass clef staff has chords F, C/E, Dm7, and Am/C. A double bar line with repeat dots is at the end of the staff.

Bb F/A Gm7

We of - fer our thanks for giv - ing us your

This system contains the third two staves of music. The treble clef staff has 'We of - fer our thanks for giv - ing us your' written below. The bass clef staff has chords Bb, F/A, and Gm7. A double bar line with repeat dots is at the end of the staff.

C7sus4 C F

pre - cious Son.

This system contains the final two staves of music. The treble clef staff has 'pre - cious Son.' written below. The bass clef staff has chords C7sus4, C, and F. A double bar line with repeat dots is at the end of the staff.

- 'Stay clean, or the land will vomit you out' (24-30)
- 19 Various laws on holiness (1-37)
 Proper harvesting (9, 10)
 Consideration for the deaf and the blind (14)
 Slander (16)
 Do not hold a grudge (18)
 Magic and spiritism forbidden (26, 31)
 Tattoos forbidden (28)
 Respect for the elderly (32)
 Treatment of foreigners (33, 34)
- 20 Worship of Molech; spiritism (1-6)
 Be holy and respect parents (7-9)
 Death for sex offenders (10-21)
 Be holy to stay in the land (22-26)
 Spiritists to be put to death (27)
- 21 Priests to be holy and undefiled (1-9)
 High priest not to defile himself (10-15)
 Priests to have no physical defects (16-24)
- 22 Priestly purity and the eating of holy things (1-16)
 Only sound offerings acceptable (17-33)
- 23 Holy days and festivals (1-44)
 Sabbath (3)
 Passover (4, 5)
- Festival of Unleavened Bread (6-8)
 Offering of firstfruits (9-14)
 Festival of Weeks (15-21)
 Proper harvesting (22)
 Festival of Trumpet Blast (23-25)
 Day of Atonement (26-32)
 Festival of Booths (33-43)
- 24 Oil for the tabernacle lamps (1-4)
 Loaves of showbread (5-9)
 Abuser of God's name stoned (10-23)
- 25 The Sabbath year (1-7)
 The Jubilee year (8-22)
 Restoration of property (23-34)
 How to treat the poor (35-38)
 Laws on slavery (39-55)
- 26 Keep away from idolatry (1, 2)
 Blessings for obedience (3-13)
 Punishment for disobedience (14-46)
- 27 Redemption of vowed things (1-27)
 People (1-8)
 Animals (9-13)
 Houses (14, 15)
 Fields (16-25)
 Firstborn (26, 27)
 Things unconditionally devoted to Jehovah (28, 29)
 Redemption of the tenth parts (30-34)

1 And Jehovah called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting,^a saying: **2** "Speak to the Israelites* and tell them, 'If any one of you would present an offering to Jehovah from the domestic animals, you should present your offering from the herd or from the flock.'^b

3 "If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he should present a sound male animal.^c He should present it of his own free will^d before Jehovah at the entrance of the tent of meeting. **4** He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering,

1:2 *Lit., "sons of Israel."

CHAP. 1

a Ex 40:34

b Le 22:18-20

c De 15:19, 21
 Mal 1:14

d 2Co 9:7

Second Col.

a Heb 10:11

b Heb 9:13, 14

c Le 7:8

d Le 6:12

e 1Ki 18:23

and it will be accepted in his behalf to make atonement for him.

5 "Then the young bull must be slaughtered before Jehovah, and the sons of Aaron, the priests,^a will present the blood and sprinkle the blood on all sides of the altar,^b which is at the entrance of the tent of meeting. **6** The burnt offering should be skinned and cut into pieces.^c **7** The sons of Aaron, the priests, are to put fire on the altar^d and arrange wood on the fire. **8** The sons of Aaron, the priests, will arrange the pieces of the offering^e with the head and the suet* over the

1:8 *Or "the fat around the kidneys."

wood that is on the fire on the altar. **9** Its intestines and its shanks will be washed with water, and the priest is to make all of it smoke on the altar as a burnt offering, an offering made by fire of a pleasing* aroma to Jehovah.^a

10 "If his offering for a burnt offering is from the flock,^b from the young rams or the goats, he should present a sound male.^c

11 It is to be slaughtered at the north side of the altar before Jehovah, and the sons of Aaron, the priests, will sprinkle its blood on all sides of the altar.^d

12 He will cut it up into pieces, and with its head and its suet,* the priest will arrange them over the wood on the fire on the altar. **13** He will wash the intestines and the shanks with water, and the priest will present all of it and make it smoke on the altar. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire of a pleasing* aroma to Jehovah.

14 "However, if he offers birds as a burnt offering to Jehovah, he will present his offering from the turtledoves or the young pigeons.^e **15** The priest will present it at the altar and nip off its head and make it smoke on the altar, but its blood should be drained out on the side of the altar. **16** He should remove its crop and its feathers and throw them beside the altar, to the east, to the place for the ashes.*^f **17** He will split it at its wings without dividing it into two parts. Then the priest will make it smoke on the altar over the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire of a pleasing* aroma to Jehovah.

1:9, 13, 17; 2:2, 9 *Or "appeasing; soothing." Lit., "restful." 1:12 *Or "the fat around the kidneys." 1:16 *Or "fat-ties ashes," that is, ashes soaked with the fat of the sacrifices.

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a Ge 8:20, 21
Nu 15:2, 3

b Ge 4:4

c Le 12:6
Le 22:18-20

d Ex 29:16-18
Le 8:18-21
Le 9:12-14

e Le 5:7
Le 12:8
Lu 2:24

f Ex 27:3
Le 4:11, 12
Le 6:10

Second Col.

CHAP. 2

a Le 9:17
Nu 15:2-4

b Ex 29:1-3
Le 6:14, 15
Nu 7:13

c Nu 5:25, 26

d Le 7:9, 10

e Le 10:12
Nu 18:9

f Le 8:26, 28
Nu 6:13, 19

g Le 6:20, 21

h Nu 28:9

i Le 2:2
Le 5:11, 12

j Ex 29:38-41
Nu 28:4-6

k Nu 18:9

l Le 6:14, 17

2 "Now if someone* presents a grain offering^a to Jehovah, his offering must be fine flour, and he should pour oil on it and put frankincense on it.^b

2 Then he will bring it to the sons of Aaron, the priests, and the priest will take a handful of the fine flour and oil and all its frankincense, and he will make it smoke as a token offering^c on the altar, an offering made by fire of a pleasing* aroma to Jehovah. **3** Whatever is left of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons^d as something most holy^e from Jehovah's offerings made by fire.

4 "If you present a grain offering that has been baked in the oven, it should be of fine flour, unleavened ring-shaped loaves mixed with oil or unleavened wafers spread with oil.^f

5 "If your offering is a grain offering from the griddle,^g it should be of fine, unleavened flour mixed with oil. **6** It should be broken into pieces, and you are to pour oil on it.^h It is a grain offering.

7 "If your offering is a grain offering prepared in a pan, it should be made of fine flour with oil. **8** You should bring the grain offering that was made of these to Jehovah, and it will be presented to the priest, who will bring it near to the altar. **9** And the priest will lift off some of the grain offering as a token offeringⁱ and make it smoke on the altar as an offering made by fire of a pleasing* aroma to Jehovah.^j **10** What is left of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons as something most holy of Jehovah's offerings by fire.^k

11 "No grain offering that you present to Jehovah should be leavened,^l for you must not

2:1 *Or "a soul." 2:2, 9 #Or "as a memorial (representative) portion of it."

make any sourdough or honey smoke as an offering made by fire to Jehovah.

12 "You may present them to Jehovah as an offering of the firstfruits,^a but they must not be brought to the altar as a pleasing* aroma.

13 "Every grain offering you make is to be seasoned with salt; and you must not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be missing from your grain offering. Along with every offering of yours, you will present salt.^b

14 "If you present the grain offering of the first ripe fruits to Jehovah, you should present new grain* roasted with fire, coarsely crushed new kernels, as the grain offering of your first ripe fruits.^c **15** You are to put oil on it and place frankincense on it. It is a grain offering. **16** The priest will make it smoke as a token offering,*^d that is, some of the coarse grain and oil along with all its frankincense, as an offering made by fire to Jehovah.

3 "If his offering is a communion sacrifice*^e and if he is presenting it from the herd, whether a male or a female, he should present a sound animal before Jehovah. **2** He is to lay his hand on the head of his offering, and it will be slaughtered at the entrance of the tent of meeting; and Aaron's sons, the priests, will sprinkle the blood on all sides of the altar. **3** He will present part of the communion sacrifice as an offering made by fire to Jehovah:^f the fat^g that covers the intestines, all the fat that surrounds the intestines, **4** and the two kidneys

2:12; 3:5 *Or "appeasing; soothing." Lit., "restful." 2:14 *Or "present green ears." 2:16 *Or "as a memorial (representative) portion of it." 3:1 *Or "a sacrifice of peace offerings."

CHAP. 2

a Ex 23:19
Nu 15:20
2Ch 31:5
Pr 3:9

b Eze 43:23, 24

c Ex 23:16
Ex 34:22
Nu 28:26

d Le 5:11, 12
Le 6:14, 15

CHAP. 3

e Le 22:21
Nu 6:13, 14

f Le 7:29-31

g Ex 29:13
Le 7:23-25
1Ki 8:64

Second Col.

a Le 7:1-4

b Le 6:12

c Le 4:29, 31

d Nu 6:13, 14

e Ex 29:22
Le 9:18-20
2Ch 7:7

f Le 4:8, 9
Le 9:10

g Le 4:31

h Le 4:24, 26

with the fat on them that is near the loins. He will also remove the appendage of the liver along with the kidneys.^a **5** Aaron's sons will make it smoke on the altar on top of the burnt offering that is placed on the wood that is over the fire;^b it is an offering made by fire as a pleasing* aroma to Jehovah.^c

6 "If his offering is from the flock for a communion sacrifice to Jehovah, he will present a sound male or a female animal.^d **7** If he is presenting a young ram as his offering, then he will present it before Jehovah. **8** He will lay his hand on the head of his offering, and it will be slaughtered in front of the tent of meeting. Aaron's sons will sprinkle its blood on all sides of the altar. **9** He will present the fat from the communion sacrifice as an offering made by fire to Jehovah.^e He will remove the entire fat tail near the backbone, the fat that covers the intestines, all the fat that surrounds the intestines, **10** and the two kidneys with the fat on them that is near the loins. He will also remove the appendage of the liver along with the kidneys.^f **11** And the priest will make it smoke on the altar as food,* an offering made by fire to Jehovah.^g

12 "If his offering is a goat, then he will present it before Jehovah. **13** He will lay his hand on its head, and it will be slaughtered before the tent of meeting, and Aaron's sons must sprinkle its blood on all sides of the altar. **14** The part he will present as his offering made by fire to Jehovah is the fat that covers the intestines, all the fat that surrounds the intestines,^h **15** and the two kidneys with the fat on

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them that is near the loins. He will also remove the appendage of the liver along with the kidneys. **16** The priest will make them smoke on the altar as food,* an offering made by fire for a pleasing^g aroma. All the fat belongs to Jehovah.^a

17 "It is a lasting statute for your generations, in all your dwelling places: You must not eat any fat or any blood^b at all."

4 Jehovah went on to say to Moses: **2** "Tell the Israelites, 'If someone* sins unintentionally^c by doing any of the things that Jehovah commanded should not be done:

3 "If the anointed priest^d sins^e and brings guilt on the people, then he must present a sound young bull to Jehovah as a sin offering for the sin he committed.^f **4** He will bring the bull to the entrance of the tent of meeting^g before Jehovah and lay his hand on the bull's head, and he is to slaughter the bull before Jehovah.^h **5** Then the anointed priestⁱ will take some of the bull's blood and bring it into the tent of meeting; **6** and the priest will dip his finger in the blood^j and spatter some of the blood seven times^k before Jehovah in front of the curtain of the holy place. **7** The priest will also put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of perfumed incense,^l which is before Jehovah in the tent of meeting; and he will pour all the rest of the bull's blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering,^m which is at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

8 "He will then remove all the fat of the bull of the sin offering, including the fat that cov-

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CHAP. 3

a Le 7:23
1Sa 2:15-17

b Ge 9:4
Le 17:10, 13
De 12:23
Ac 15:20, 29

CHAP. 4

c Le 5:17
Nu 15:27, 28

d Le 8:12
Le 21:10

e Nu 12:1, 11

f Heb 5:1-3
Heb 7:27

g Le 6:25

h Ex 29:10, 11

i Ex 30:30

j Le 8:15, 16

k Le 16:14, 19

l Ex 30:10

m Le 5:9

Second Col.

a Le 9:8, 10

b Le 3:3, 4

c Ex 29:14

d Le 8:14, 17
Heb 13:11

e Jos 7:11

f Nu 15:22-24

g Ex 26:31
Ex 40:21
Heb 10:19, 20

h Ex 30:1, 6

ers the intestines and the fat that surrounds the intestines, **9** and the two kidneys with the fat on them that is near the loins. And he will remove the appendage of the liver along with the kidneys.^a

10 It will be the same as what is removed from a bull of the communion sacrifice.^b And the priest will make them smoke on the altar of burnt offering.

11 "But as for the skin of the bull and all its flesh along with its head, its shanks, its intestines, and its dung^c— **12** all the rest of the bull—he will have it taken to the outskirts of the camp to a clean place where the ashes* are discarded, and he will burn it on wood in the fire.^d It should be burned where the ashes are discarded.

13 "Now if the entire assembly of Israel has become guilty by committing a sin unintentionally,^e but the congregation was unaware that they had done something that Jehovah commanded them not to do,^f **14** and then the sin becomes known, the congregation must present a young bull for a sin offering and bring it before the tent of meeting. **15** The elders of the assembly will lay their hands on the bull's head before Jehovah, and the bull will be slaughtered before Jehovah.

16 "Then the anointed priest will bring some of the bull's blood into the tent of meeting. **17** The priest is to dip his finger into the blood and spatter some of it seven times before Jehovah in front of the curtain.^g **18** He will then put some of the blood on the horns of the altar^h that is before Jehovah, which is in the tent of meeting; and he will pour all the rest of the blood at the base of the altar of burnt offer-

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Leviticus 2:12: "You may present them to Jehovah as an offering of the firstfruits, but they must not be brought to the altar as a pleasing aroma. [End of inserted scriptures.]

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Burnt offerings. Burnt offerings were presented in their entirety to God; no part of the animal being retained by the worshiper. (Compare Judges 11:30, 31, 39, 40.) They constituted an appeal to Jehovah to accept, or to signify acceptance of, the sin offering that sometimes accompanied them. As a "burnt offering" Jesus Christ gave himself wholly, fully.

it-2 528 paragraph 4

Grain offerings. Grain offerings were made along with communion offerings, burnt offerings, and sin offerings, and also as firstfruits; at other times they were made independently. (Exodus 29:40-42; Leviticus 23:10-13, 15-18; Numbers 15:8, 9, 22-24; 28:9, 10, 20, 26-28; chapter 29) These were in recognition of God's bounty in supplying blessings and prosperity. They were often accompanied by oil and frankincense. Grain offerings could be in the form of fine flour, roasted grain, or ring-shaped cakes or wafers that were baked, griddle cooked, or from the deep-fat kettle. Some of the grain offering was put on the altar of burnt offering, some was eaten by the priests, and in communion offerings the worshiper partook. (Leviticus 6:14-23; 7:11-13; Numbers 18:8-11) None of the grain offerings presented on the altar could contain leaven or "honey" (apparently referring to the syrup of figs or juice of fruits) that might ferment.—Leviticus 2:1-16.

Leviticus 3:1—The purpose of communion offerings

Leviticus 3:1: "If his offering is a communion sacrifice and if he is presenting it from the herd, whether a male or a female, he should present a sound animal before Jehovah.

it-2 526 paragraph 1

Communion offerings (or peace offerings). Communion offerings acceptable to Jehovah denoted peace with him. The worshiper and his household partook (in the courtyard of the tabernacle; according to tradition, booths were set up around the inside of the curtain surrounding the courtyard; in the temple, dining rooms were provided). The officiating priest received a portion, and the priests on duty, another portion. Jehovah, in effect, received the pleasing smoke of the burning fat. The blood, representing the life, was given to God as his. Therefore the priests, the worshipers, and Jehovah were as if together at the meal, signifying peaceful relationships. The person partaking while in a state of uncleanness (any of the uncleannesses mentioned in the Law) or who ate the flesh after it had been kept beyond the prescribed time (in the warm climate it would begin to putrefy) was to be cut off from his people. He defiled or desecrated the meal, because of either being unclean himself or eating that which was foul before Jehovah God, showing disrespect for sacred things.—Leviticus 7:16-21; 19:5-8.

Digging for Spiritual Gems

Leviticus 2:13—Why did salt have to be presented with every offering?

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Inserted References

Ezekiel 43:24: You are to present them to Jehovah, and the priests must throw salt on them and offer them up as a whole burnt offering to Jehovah.

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This was not done to enhance the flavor of the sacrifices. Around the world, salt is used as a preservative. It was likely presented with offerings because it represents freedom from corruption and decay.

Leviticus 3:17—Why were the Israelites prohibited from eating fat, and what lesson does this teach?

Leviticus 3:17: “It is a lasting statute for your generations, in all your dwelling places: You must not eat any fat or any blood at all.”

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Reason for the law. Under the Law covenant, both the blood and fat were looked upon as exclusively Jehovah’s. The blood contains the life, which only Jehovah can give; therefore it belongs to him. (Leviticus 17:11, 14) The fat was viewed as the richest part of the flesh of the animal. The offering of the fat of the animal would evidently be in recognition of the fact that the best parts belong to Jehovah, who provides abundantly, and it would demonstrate the desire of the worshiper to offer the best to God. Because it was symbolic of the Israelites’ devotion of their best to Jehovah, it was said to smoke upon the altar as “food” and for “a restful odor” to him. (Leviticus 3:11, 16) To eat fat, therefore, was an illegal appropriation of what was sanctified to God, an invasion of the rights of Jehovah. Eating fat would incur the death penalty. Unlike blood, however, fat could be used for other purposes, at least in the case of an animal that died of itself or was killed by another beast.—Leviticus 7:23-25.

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Since the fat was regarded as the best or the richest part, the prohibition against eating it evidently impressed upon the Israelites that the best part belonged to Jehovah. (Genesis 45:18) This reminds us that we should give our very best to Jehovah.—Proverbs 3:9, 10; Colossians 3:23, 24.

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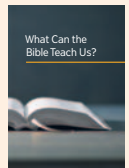
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Preparing to Preach

(Jeremiah 1:17)

E \flat Ab/C D \flat E \flat Ab/C D \flat

Morn - ing comes. Soon we will be
Soon we'll see Joy come our way

E \flat Ab/C D \flat E \flat Ab/C

On our way to preach good news.
If these things we keep in mind.

D \flat E \flat /A \flat Cm7

But it's dark out - side, And the
And Je - ho - vah sees Ev - 'ry

E \flat /A \flat Cm11 Fm11

rain starts to fall. It would be eas -
ef - fort we make, And he re - mem -

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Chord symbols: Eb/G, Ab, Bbsus4

Lyrics: y bers to the stay in - side, love we show; sleep - y - eyed. this we know.

Section: Chorus

Chord symbols: Bb, Eb/G, Ab, Bbsus4, Eb

Lyrics: Pos - i - tive thoughts and prep - a - ra - tion,

Chord symbols: Eb/G, Ab, Bbsus4, Bb, Eb/G, Ab

Lyrics: Pray - ing that we'll suc - ceed; This can pro - vide the in -

Chord symbols: Bbsus4, Cm7, Dbadd9, Fm7, Bb7sus4, Bb7

Lyrics: spi - ra - tion, We'll sure - ly need.

Preparing to Preach

Eb/G *Ab* *Bbsus4* *Eb*

We're not a - lone; the an - gels guide us.

The first system of music features a treble staff with a melody and a bass staff with a simple accompaniment. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line consists of quarter notes G2, Bb2, and C3. Chord symbols Eb/G, Ab, Bbsus4, and Eb are placed above the treble staff.

Eb/G *Ab* *Bbsus4* *Bb*

Je - sus com - mands them all.

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Eb/G *Ab* *Bbsus4* *Cm7*

And with a loy - al friend be - side us,

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Dbbadd9 *Eb*

We'll nev - er fall.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff features a half note G4, a half note A4, and a final chord Eb. The bass line has a half note G2 and a final chord Eb. Chord symbols Dbbadd9 and Eb are placed above the treble staff.

(See also Eccl. 11:4; Matt. 10:5, 7; Luke 10:1; Titus 2:14.)

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The Value of “Two Small Coins”

The value of the widow’s contribution was hardly enough to buy a simple meal. (See study note on Luke 21:4.) However, her donation demonstrated her deep love and appreciation for Jehovah’s arrangements. For this reason, it had great value in the eyes of her heavenly Father.—Mr 12:43.



WATCH THE VIDEO ‘A GIFT IN HAND TO JEHOVAH,’ AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:



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‘A Gift in Hand for Jehovah’

[The needy widow approaches a temple treasury chest and deposits two small coins of little value]]

In ancient times when an Israelite made a heartfelt offering to support the temple that offering was referred to as “a gift in hand to Jehovah”.

[Transitions to the kingdom hall where a mother gives her young daughter a coin to deposit into the contribution box]

Today, in kingdom halls of Jehovah's Witnesses around the world, there are small boxes marked for voluntary contributions.

When we give our valuable things, where does it actually go?

Each year hundreds of thousands become our new brothers and sisters. To accommodate our growing numbers, funds are provided to help construct new places of worship, as well as branch facilities all over the world.

[Construction Volunteer – Sister] “One thing that I really appreciate about being here is to see family heads, fathers and husbands, choose to use their vacation time. So, thank you to the families, and congregations, that support all of this, and us to be here.”

[Construction Volunteer – Brother] “But what’s just as impressive is seeing millions of brothers and sisters voluntarily give of their funds so that we can keep building. Just that in itself is an amazing act of Jehovah’s Holy Spirit.”

Large doors leading to greater activity are being opened by means of theocratic schools. Training is provided to help those enrolled to develop spiritually, and take a zealous lead in the evangelizing work.

[Bro. Malenfant] “When you think of the organization, and the education, the divine education that it provides, there is no government on earth today that educates the citizens like the kingdom.”

[SKE Student – Sister] “It has strengthened my relationship with Jehovah in ways I never considered before. The training is wonderful, and motivates spiritual growth.”

Voluntary contributions help support the thousands of special full-time servants worldwide. These include Bethelites.

‘A Gift in Hand for Jehovah’

[Bethel Printery - Brother 1] “While working in the printery it's abundantly clear that none of this could have happened without Jehovah's support, shown by what the friends can give.”

[Bethel Printery -Brother 2] “I love my assignment and serve with the knowledge that my sacrifice wouldn't be possible without the sacrifice of brothers and sisters in the field.”

Also included, our missionaries, traveling overseers, international servants and special pioneers.

[Fulltime Sister 1] “All that support makes it possible, and makes our assignment a great joy and a privilege, something that we look forward to. Each and every week, each and every month, each and every year that were able to devote our full-time efforts and preaching the good news of the kingdom.”

[Fulltime Sister 2] “It allows us to be here so that we can help as many people as possible to want to learn about Jehovah.”

Every year we look forward to receiving rich spiritual gems at our conventions. Funds are provided for equipment, and other needs, to help everything run as smoothly as possible.

[Brother] “It was a delight this year to see how technology was used to promote the unity. Having the different cities involved where video streaming to them for the key talks by governing body members, and their helpers, received tremendous response from those cities. We've seen more people in their seats during the program because they were afraid to get up, even for a moment, because they might miss something that was special.”

When disaster strikes, your donations help give immediate relief for our brothers and sisters in need. Food, clothing, building materials, and much more, are shipped over as quickly as possible.

[Filipino Brother] “I have come to really appreciate Jehovah's organization. No other organization can compare in how it provides support in such a loving way.”

[USA Sister] “I know now, you know, like Jehovah does look after his people. So, I'm really grateful for that and I've been praying and giving thanks.”

‘A Gift in Hand for Jehovah’

Yes, all our contributions have a meaningful share in supporting Kingdom interest worldwide. Each donation is like “a gift in hand” to our Heavenly Father, Jehovah. When we give from our heart, we are expressing our love for him, and that is the best gift we can give him.

TO IMITATE JESUS, BE...

COMPASSIONATE

As a perfect man, Jesus did not experience many of the distresses and concerns that other humans did. Yet he showed deep feeling for people. He was willing to go out of his way for them, to do things beyond what might have seemed necessary. Yes, compassion moved him to help others. Reflect on the examples in Chapters 32, 37, 57, 99.

APPROACHABLE

People of all ages—young and old—felt that they could approach Jesus because he did not have an air of aloofness or superiority. Sensing Jesus' personal interest in them, people felt at ease in his presence. To note this, see Chapters 25, 27, 95.

PRAYERFUL

Jesus regularly turned to his Father in earnest prayer, privately and when with true worshippers. He prayed on many occasions, not only at mealtimes. He prayed to thank his Father, to praise him, and to seek his direction before making serious decisions. Consider the examples found in Chapters 24, 34, 91, 122, 123.

UNSELFISH

At times when he could have benefited from some needed rest and relaxation, Jesus still put himself out for others. He did not have a me-first attitude. In this too, he provided a model that we can follow closely. Study how that model is reflected in Chapters 19, 41, 52.

FORGIVING

Jesus did more than teach about the need to be forgiving—he demonstrated forgiveness in dealing with his disciples and others. Meditate on examples found in Chapters 26, 40, 64, 85, 131.

ZEALOUS

It was foretold that most Jews would refuse to accept the Messiah and that his enemies would kill him. So Jesus could easily have been self-sparing in what he did for people. Instead, he zealously promoted true worship. He set an example of zeal for all his followers who face indifference or even opposition. See Chapters 16, 72, 103.

HUMBLE

Jesus was superior to imperfect humans in countless ways, such as in knowledge and wisdom. His perfection undoubtedly gave him physical and mental abilities beyond what anyone around him had. Yet he humbly served others. You will find lessons about this in Chapters 10, 62, 66, 94, 116.

PATIENT

Jesus consistently showed patience with his apostles and others when they failed to imitate his example or apply what he said. He patiently repeated lessons that they needed so that they could draw closer to Jehovah. Reflect on examples of Jesus' patience in Chapters 74, 98, 118, 135.



Imitate Christ's Mildness

(Matthew 11:28-30)

C G/B G G/B C F/A G C

The great - est of men was our Lord Je - sus Christ; By
To all who are toil - ing with trou - ble - some cares, He
'We all are just broth - ers,' our Lord Je - sus said. In

F C/E C Fma7/A Dm/F G7

pride or am - bi - tion, he was not en - ticed. God's
of - fers to car - ry the bur - dens they bear. Re -
hum - ble sub - mis - sion, we look to our Head. The

F/A G7/B C C/E F G/F G7/F

pur - pose gave Je - sus the prom - i - nent role; Yet,
fresh - ment they find as the King - dom they seek. With
mild and the meek ones to God have great worth; He

C/E C F/C C F/A Dm/F G7 F/G G7 C

low - ly in heart, he was al - ways whole - souled.
kind - ness and mild - ness, he fa - vors the meek.
prom - is - es they will in - her - it the earth.

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Sowing Kingdom Seed

(Matthew 13:4-8)

E \flat *A \flat /E \flat* *E \flat ma7/E \flat* *A \flat /E \flat*

Come share in the work of our Mas - ter; Re -
How much of your work is suc - cess - ful May

E \flat *Gm* *A \flat* *C7/G*

spond to his call and o - bey. He
of - ten de - pend much on you. Those

Fm *D \flat /F* *Fm6* *Fm7*

of - fers to help and to guide you; His
hear - ing will need your as - sis - tance To

B \flat 7 *B \flat 9/A \flat* *E \flat /G* *B \flat 7/F*

teach - ing will show you the way. The
learn and to love what is true. So

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Eb
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Cm

seed of the truth has pow - er to grow In
 help them to deal with pres - sures and doubts They're

Db
Fm7
Bb7

hearts that are hon - est and true. So
 cer - tain to face on their way. The

Eb
Fm7
Eb/G
Ab

give of your best as you faith - ful - ly share In the
 seed of the truth will bring joy when you see How it

Eb/Bb
Bb7sus4
Bb7
Eb

work you've been giv - en to do.
 grows in their heart day by day.

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Sowing Kingdom Seed

PREVIEW

The preceding article encouraged progressive Bible students to accept Jesus' invitation to become fishers of men. This article will discuss three ways that all publishers, both new and experienced, can strengthen their resolve to continue in the Kingdom-preaching work until Jehovah says it is finished.

“Do Not Let Your Hand Rest”

“Sow your seed in the morning and do not let your hand rest until the evening.”—ECCLES. 11:6.

IN SOME countries, people respond eagerly when they hear the good news. It is just what they have been waiting for! In other lands, people show little interest in God or the Bible. What is the common response where you live? Whatever it is, Jehovah expects us to keep right on preaching until the work is completed to his satisfaction.

² At Jehovah's set time, the preaching work will reach its conclusion and “the end will come.” (Matt. 24:14, 36) Meanwhile, how can we obey the words “do not let your hand rest”?*—**Read Ecclesiastes 11:6.**

³ The preceding article considered four things we need to do in order to become effective “fishers of men.” (Matt. 4:19) This article will discuss three ways in which we can strengthen our resolve to preach, no matter what circumstances we face. We will learn why it is important to (1) stay focused, (2) be patient, and (3) maintain strong faith.

STAY FOCUSED

⁴ Jesus foretold events and conditions that would mark the last days and that could distract his followers from

* **EXPRESSION EXPLAINED:** In this article, the expression “do not let your hand rest” means that we need to be resolved to keep preaching the good news until Jehovah says that the work is finished.

1-2. How does Ecclesiastes 11:6 relate to the preaching of the Kingdom good news?

3. What will we consider in this article?

4. Why do we need to stay focused on the work Jehovah has given us to do?

accomplishing the preaching work. He admonished his disciples to “keep on the watch.” (Matt. 24:42) Today, we face distractions similar to those that prevented the people of Noah’s day from paying attention to the warning proclaimed by Noah. (Matt. 24:37-39; 2 Pet. 2:5) Therefore, we want to stay focused on the work Jehovah has given us to do.

⁵ The work of Kingdom preaching deserves our careful attention today. Jesus foretold that this work would expand in scope and continue long after his death. (John 14:12) After Jesus died, some of his disciples went back to fishing. Following his resurrection, Jesus gave some of his disciples a miraculous catch of fish. He used that occasion to confirm that their assignment to be fishers of men was more important

5. How does Acts 1:6-8 describe the scope of the preaching work?

than any other endeavor. (John 21:15-17) Just before Jesus ascended to heaven, he informed his disciples that the witnessing work he had started would expand far beyond the borders of Israel. **(Read Acts 1:6-8.)** Years later, Jesus gave a vision to the apostle John to show him what would take place “in the Lord’s day.”* Among other things, John saw this awe-inspiring event: Under angelic direction, “everlasting good news” was being preached to “every nation and tribe and tongue and people.” (Rev. 1:10; 14:6) Clearly, Jehovah’s will for us today is to share in this grand witnessing work until it is finished.

⁶ We can stay focused on the preaching

* “The Lord’s day” began when Jesus was enthroned as King in 1914 and runs to the end of his Thousand Year Reign.

6. How can we stay focused on the preaching work?



Jesus refused to be distracted from bearing witness to the truth
(See paragraph 7)

work if we reflect on how much Jehovah is doing to help us. For example, he is providing an abundance of spiritual food in the form of printed and digital publications, audio and video recordings, and Internet broadcasts. Just think: On our official website, information is available in over 1,000 languages! (Matt. 24:45-47) In a world fragmented by political, religious, and economic differences, more than eight million servants of God are truly united in a worldwide brotherhood. For example, on Friday, April 19, 2019, Witnesses around the world were united in a discussion of the daily text. That evening, a crowd of 20,919,041 gathered to observe the Memorial of Jesus' death. We are moved to stay focused on the Kingdom work when we reflect on our privilege to see and to be a part of this modern-day miracle.

⁷ Another way we can stay focused on preaching is by following Jesus' example. He allowed nothing to distract him from bearing witness to the truth. (John 18:37) He was not enticed when Satan offered him "all the kingdoms of the world and their glory"; nor was he tempted when others wanted to make him king. (Matt. 4:8, 9; John 6:15) He was not swayed by a desire for material riches; nor was he deterred by fierce opposition. (Luke 9:58; John 8:59) When we face tests of our faith, we can stay focused if we remember the apostle Paul's counsel. He urged Christians to follow Jesus' example so that they would "not get tired and give up"—Heb. 12:3.

7. How does Jesus' example help us to stay focused?

BE PATIENT

⁸ Patience is the ability to wait calmly for a situation to change. Whether we are looking forward to the end of an unpleasant condition or to the fulfillment of a long-awaited desire, we need patience. The prophet Habakkuk longed for an end to the violent conditions in Judah. (Hab. 1:2) Jesus' disciples hoped that the Kingdom would "appear instantly" and rescue them from Roman oppression. (Luke 19:11) We yearn for the day when God's Kingdom will remove wickedness and usher in the new world of righteousness. (2 Pet. 3:13) However, we need to be patient and wait on Jehovah's appointed time. Consider some ways Jehovah teaches us to be patient.

⁹ Jehovah sets the perfect example of patience. He allowed Noah sufficient time to build the ark and to serve as "a preacher of righteousness." (2 Pet. 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:20) Jehovah listened as Abraham repeatedly questioned him about His decision to destroy the inhabitants of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 18:20-33) For centuries, Jehovah was extraordinarily patient with the unfaithful nation of Israel. (Neh. 9:30, 31) We see evidence of Jehovah's patience today as he allows time for all whom he draws "to attain to repentance." (2 Pet. 3:9; John 6:44; 1 Tim. 2:3, 4) Jehovah's example gives us good reason to exercise patience as we continue to preach and teach. He also teach-

8. What is patience, and why is it especially needed now?

9. What examples illustrate Jehovah's patience?



Like a hardworking but patient farmer, we await results from our efforts (See paragraphs 10-11)



es us patience through an illustration found in his Word.

¹⁰ **Read James 5:7, 8.** The example of the farmer growing crops teaches us how to be patient. True, some plants grow rapidly. However, most plants, especially those that bear fruit, take much longer to mature. The growing season in Israel was about six months long. The farmer planted his seeds after the early rain in the fall and reaped the grain after the late rain in the spring. (Mark 4:28) May we wisely imitate the farmer's patience. However, this may not be easy.

¹¹ Imperfect humans tend to want immediate results from their efforts. Yet, if we want our garden to produce, we must give it constant attention—digging, planting, weeding, and watering.

10. As recorded at James 5:7, 8, what is noteworthy about the example of the farmer?

11. How will patience help us in our ministry?

The disciple-making work also requires continuous effort. It takes time for us to root out weeds of prejudice and indifference in those whom we teach. Our patience will help us to avoid becoming discouraged when we encounter difficulties. When we do receive some positive response, we must still be patient. We cannot force a Bible student to grow in faith. At times, even Jesus' disciples were slow to grasp the meaning of what he taught. (John 14:9) Let us remember that we may plant and water, but God makes it grow.—1 Cor. 3:6.

¹² One area in which we may find it difficult to be patient is when witnessing to unbelieving relatives. The principle found at Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7 can help us. It states: "There is . . . a time to be silent and a time to speak." We can let our

12. How can we exercise patience when witnessing to unbelieving relatives?

good conduct be a silent witness, yet we are always alert to opportunities to speak about the truth. (1 Pet. 3:1, 2) We are patient with all people—including family members—as we preach and teach with zeal.

¹³ We can learn patience from the examples of faithful ones in the Bible as well as in modern times. Habakkuk longed for an end to wickedness, but he confidently declared: “At my guardpost I will keep standing.” (Hab. 2:1) The apostle Paul expressed his heartfelt desire to “finish” his ministry. Yet, he patiently continued “to bear thorough witness to the good news.”—Acts 20:24.

¹⁴ Consider the example of a married couple who graduated from Gilead and were assigned to a country where there are few Witnesses and where the predominant religion is not Christian. Not many people were inclined to study the Bible. In contrast, their Gilead classmates serving in other countries would send them glowing reports of conducting many fruitful Bible studies. Despite the slow progress in their territory, the couple patiently carried out their ministry. After preaching for eight years in what seemed to be an unproductive territory, they finally had the joy of seeing one of their Bible students get baptized. What do these ancient and modern-day examples have in common? These faithful ones did not become sluggish or let their hand rest, and Jehovah rewarded them for their patience. May we “be imitators of those who through faith and

13-14. What are some examples of patience that we can imitate?

patience inherit the promises.”—Heb. 6:10-12.

MAINTAIN STRONG FAITH

¹⁵ We have faith in the message we preach, so we are eager to share it with as many people as possible. We trust the promises found in God’s Word. (Ps. 119:42; Isa. 40:8) We have seen Bible prophecies fulfilled in our day. We have witnessed how people change their lives for the better when they start to apply the Bible’s counsel. This evidence bolsters our confidence that the good news of the Kingdom is a message everyone needs to hear.

¹⁶ We also have faith in Jehovah, the Source of the message we preach, and in the one whom he has enthroned as King of the Kingdom, Jesus. (John 14:1) No matter what circumstances we face, Jehovah will always be our refuge and strength. **(Read Psalm 46:1-3.)** In addition, we are confident that Jesus is directing the preaching work from heaven, using the power and authority Jehovah has given him.—Matt. 28:18-20.

¹⁷ Faith builds our confidence that Jehovah will bless our efforts, sometimes in ways we do not expect. (Eccl. 11:6) For example, every day thousands of people walk by our literature displays and carts. Is this preaching method effective? Absolutely! The November 2014

15. What is one way that faith strengthens our resolve to preach?

16. In line with Psalm 46:1-3, how does faith in Jehovah and Jesus strengthen our resolve to preach?

17. Give an example of why we should keep on preaching.

issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* reported on a young university student who wanted to write an essay on Jehovah's Witnesses. She was unable to find a Kingdom Hall, but she did find our literature display on campus, and she also found the material for her essay. Eventually, she became a baptized Witness who now serves as a regular pioneer. Such experiences motivate us to keep preaching because they reveal that there are still people who need to find and hear the Kingdom message.

BE DETERMINED NOT TO LET YOUR HAND REST

¹⁸ We can be sure that the Kingdom-preaching work will be completed with no delay. Consider what happened in the days of Noah. Jehovah proved that he is the perfect Timekeeper. Some 120

18. Why are we sure that the Kingdom-preaching work will be completed as Jehovah wants?

years in advance, Jehovah fixed the time for the Flood to begin. Decades later, Jehovah commissioned Noah to build the ark. For perhaps 40 or 50 years before the Flood began, Noah continued to work hard. Despite facing an unresponsive audience, he kept preaching the warning message until Jehovah said that it was time to bring the animals into the ark. Then, right on time, "Jehovah shut the door."—Gen. 6:3; 7:1, 2, 16.

¹⁹ Soon Jehovah will bring the Kingdom-preaching work to a conclusion; he will "shut the door" on Satan's system of things and usher in a righteous new world. Until then, may we imitate Noah, Habakkuk, and others who have not let their hand rest. May we stay focused, be patient, and maintain strong faith in Jehovah and his promises.

19. What can we look forward to if we do not let our hand rest?

HOW CAN THE FOLLOWING HELP US NOT TO LET OUR HAND REST?

- Staying focused
- Being patient
- Maintaining strong faith

“Here I Am! Send Me!”

(Isaiah 6:8)

E \flat E \flat ma7 E \flat A \flat ma7/E \flat Fm/E \flat E \flat sus4 B \flat 7/D A \flat add9/C B \flat 7/D

To - day men heap re - proach and shame Up - on Je - ho - vah's
Some make the claim that God is slow; The fear of God they
To - day the meek ones mourn and sigh Be - cause the e - vils

E \flat sus4 E \flat B \flat m6/D \flat C7sus4 C7 Fm9 Fm C7/G

ho - ly name. Some show God weak; some paint him cruel. “There
do not know. Some wor - ship i - dols made of stone; Some
mul - ti - ply. With hon - est hearts they seek to find The

Fm/A \flat Fm7 A \flat /B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat sus4 E \flat

is no God,” so shouts the fool. Who'll
would put Cae - sar on God's throne. Who'll
truth that gives real peace of mind. Who'll

R.H.

Cm F/A E \flat /G F7 B \flat /D B \flat ma7/D

go Je - ho - vah's name to clear? Who'll
tell the wick - ed what's in store? Who'll
go with com - fort to the meek? Who'll

“Here I Am! Send Me!”

Chorus

Cm7 F7sus4 F9 Bb

sing his praise for all to hear? ‘Lord,
 warn of God’s great fi - nal war? ‘Lord,
 help them righ - teous - ness to seek? ‘Lord,

Eb Bb7/F Eb/G Eb/Bb Bb7 Bb Fm Bb7 Gm/Bb

here I am! Send me, send me! I’ll sing your prais - es
 here I am! Send me, send me! I’ll sound the warn - ing
 here I am! Send me, send me! I’ll teach the meek ones

Ab/Eb Eb° Eb Bb Eb/G Bb7/F Eb Bb7/D

faith - ful - ly.
 fear - less - ly. No great - er hon - or
 pa - tient - ly.

Eb7/Db Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab Eb/Bb E° Bb7/F Bb7 Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

could there be, Lord. Here I am! Send me, send me!