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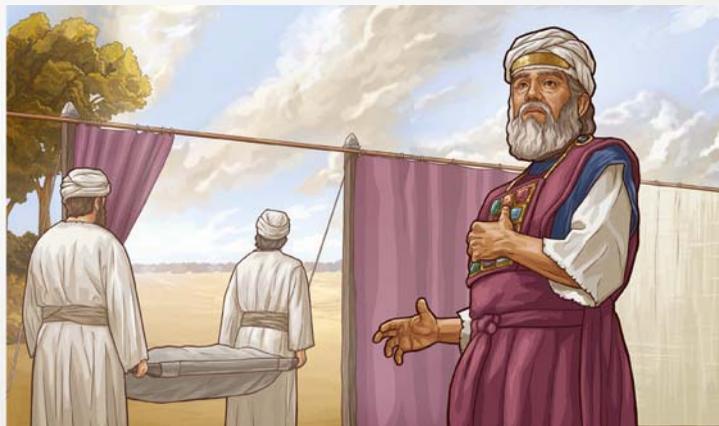
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## Take Sides With Jehovah!

(Exodus 32:26)

1. Once with confusion our sad hearts were filled,  
Drinking the cup false religion distilled;  
But with what happiness our hearts were thrilled  
When of God's Kingdom we heard.

*(CHORUS)*

*Take sides with Jehovah; Make him your delight.  
He'll never forsake you; Walk on in his light.  
Tell, tell the glad tidings Of freedom and peace.  
His rule by Christ Jesus Will ever increase.*

2. Shoulder to shoulder we stand on God's side,  
Preaching the news of his Kingdom earth wide.  
Now is the time for each one to decide,  
Time to take sides with our God.

*(Chorus)*

3. We will not fear what the Devil can do.  
Trusting Jehovah will carry us through.  
Though they are many and though we are few,  
God is our strength and our might.

*(Chorus)*

## Leviticus 10-11

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come into the tent of meeting, so that you will not die. It is a permanent statute for your generations. <sup>10</sup> This is to distinguish between the holy thing and the profane and between the unclean thing and the clean, <sup>11</sup> and to teach the Israelites all the regulations that Jehovah has spoken to them through Moses.”

<sup>12</sup> Then Moses spoke to Aaron and to El-e-a'zar and Ith'a-mar, his sons who were left: “Take what was left of the grain offering from Jehovah’s offerings made by fire and eat it as unleavened bread near the altar, because it is something most holy. <sup>13</sup> You must eat it in a holy place, because it is your allowance and the allowance of your sons from Jehovah’s offerings made by fire, for this is what I have been commanded. <sup>14</sup> You will also eat the breast of the wave offering and the leg of the sacred portion in a clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you, because these things have been given as your allowance and the allowance of your sons from the communion sacrifices of the Israelites. <sup>15</sup> They will bring the leg of the sacred portion and the breast of the wave offering along with the offerings of fat made by fire, in order to wave the wave offering back and forth before Jehovah; and it will serve as a permanent allowance for you and your sons with you, just as Jehovah has commanded.”

<sup>16</sup> And Moses diligently searched for the goat of the sin offering, and he discovered that it had been burned up. So he grew indignant at El-e-a'zar and Ith'a-mar, Aaron’s sons who were left, and he said: <sup>17</sup> “Why did you not eat the sin

offering in the holy place, since it is something most holy and he has given it to you so that you may answer for the error of the assembly and make atonement for them before Jehovah? <sup>18</sup> Look! Its blood has not been brought inside the holy place. You certainly should have eaten it in the holy place, just as I was commanded.” <sup>19</sup> Aaron replied to Moses: “Look! Today they presented their sin offering and their burnt offering before Jehovah, and yet these things happened to me. If I had eaten the sin offering today, would that have been pleasing to Jehovah?” <sup>20</sup> When Moses heard that, he was satisfied.

**11** Then Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron: <sup>2</sup> “Tell the Israelites, ‘These are the living creatures of the earth that you may eat: <sup>3</sup> Every animal that has a split hoof and a cleft in its hooves and that chews the cud may be eaten.

<sup>4</sup> “But you must not eat these animals that chew the cud or have a split hoof: the camel, which chews the cud but does not have a split hoof. It is unclean for you. <sup>5</sup> Also the rock badger, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof. It is unclean for you. <sup>6</sup> Also the hare, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof. It is unclean for you. <sup>7</sup> Also the pig, because it has a split hoof and a cleft in the hoof but does not chew the cud. It is unclean for you. <sup>8</sup> You must not eat any of their flesh or touch their dead body. They are unclean for you.

<sup>9</sup> “This is what you may eat of everything in the waters: Anything in the waters that has fins and scales, whether in

the seas or in the rivers, it you may eat. <sup>10</sup> But anything in the seas and in the rivers that has no fins and scales, among all the swarming creatures and of every other living creature that is in the waters, it is a loathsome thing for you. <sup>11</sup> Yes, they should be loathsome to you, and you must not eat any of their flesh and you must loathe their carcasses.

<sup>12</sup> Everything in the waters that has no fins and scales is a loathsome thing to you.

<sup>13</sup> ““These are the flying creatures that you are to loathe; they should not be eaten, for they are loathsome: the eagle, the osprey, the black vulture, <sup>14</sup> the red kite and every kind of black kite, <sup>15</sup> every kind of raven, <sup>16</sup> the ostrich, the owl, the gull, every kind of falcon, <sup>17</sup> the little owl, the cormorant, the long-eared owl, <sup>18</sup> the swan, the pelican, the vulture, <sup>19</sup> the stork, every kind of heron, the hoopoe, and the bat. <sup>20</sup> Every winged swarming creature that goes on all fours is something loathsome to you.

<sup>21</sup> ““Of the winged swarming creatures that move on all fours, you may eat only those that have jointed legs above their feet for leaping on the ground. <sup>22</sup> Of these you may eat: various kinds of migratory locusts, other edible locusts, crickets, and grasshoppers. <sup>23</sup> All other winged swarming creatures with four legs are something loathsome to you.

<sup>24</sup> By these you would make yourselves unclean. Everyone touching their dead bodies will be unclean until the evening.

<sup>25</sup> Anyone carrying any of their dead bodies should wash his garments; he will be unclean until the evening.

<sup>26</sup> “Any animal that has a split hoof but does not have a cleft and does not chew its cud is unclean to you. Everyone touching them will be unclean. <sup>27</sup> Every living creature that walks on paws among the creatures that walk on all fours is unclean to you. Everyone touching their dead bodies will be unclean until the evening. <sup>28</sup> The one who carries their dead bodies should wash his garments, and he will be unclean until the evening. They are unclean to you.

<sup>29</sup> “These are the swarming creatures of the earth that are unclean to you: the mole rat, the mouse, every kind of lizard, <sup>30</sup> the gecko, the large lizard, the newt, the sand lizard, and the chameleon. <sup>31</sup> These swarming creatures are unclean to you. Everyone touching their dead bodies will be unclean until the evening.

<sup>32</sup> “Now anything they fall on when they die will be unclean, whether a wooden utensil, a garment, a skin, or a piece of sackcloth. Any utensil that is used should be immersed in water, and it will be unclean until the evening; then it will be clean. <sup>33</sup> If they fall into an earthenware vessel, you are to smash it, and anything that was in it will be unclean. <sup>34</sup> Any kind of food that comes in contact with water from such a vessel will be unclean, and any drinkable liquid in such a vessel will be unclean. <sup>35</sup> Anything their dead bodies fall on will be unclean. Whether oven or small stove, it should be broken into pieces. They are unclean, and they will remain unclean to you. <sup>36</sup> Only a spring and a cistern for storing water will continue clean, but anyone touching their dead bodies will be unclean. <sup>37</sup> If their dead bodies fall on a

plant seed that is to be sown, it is clean. <sup>38</sup> But if water is put on a seed and part of their dead body falls on it, the seed is unclean to you.

<sup>39</sup> “Now if an animal that you use for food dies, whoever touches its dead body will be unclean until the evening.

<sup>40</sup> Whoever eats any of its dead body should wash his garments, and he will be unclean until the evening. Whoever carries off its dead body should wash his garments, and he will be unclean until the evening. <sup>41</sup> Every swarming creature of the earth is something loathsome. It must not be eaten.

<sup>42</sup> You must not eat any creature that crawls on its belly, any creature that goes on all fours, or any of earth’s swarming creatures with a great number of legs, for they are something loathsome. <sup>43</sup> Do not make yourselves loathsome by means of any swarming creature, and do not defile yourselves and become unclean by them. <sup>44</sup> For I am Jehovah your God, and you must sanctify yourselves and become holy, because I am holy. So you must not make yourselves unclean by any swarming creature that moves on the earth. <sup>45</sup> For I am Jehovah, who is leading you up out of the land of Egypt to prove myself God to you, and you must be holy, because I am holy.

<sup>46</sup> “This is the law about the animals, the flying creatures, every living creature that moves through the waters, and concerning every creature that swarms on the earth, <sup>47</sup> in order to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean and between the living creatures that may be eaten and those that may not be eaten.”

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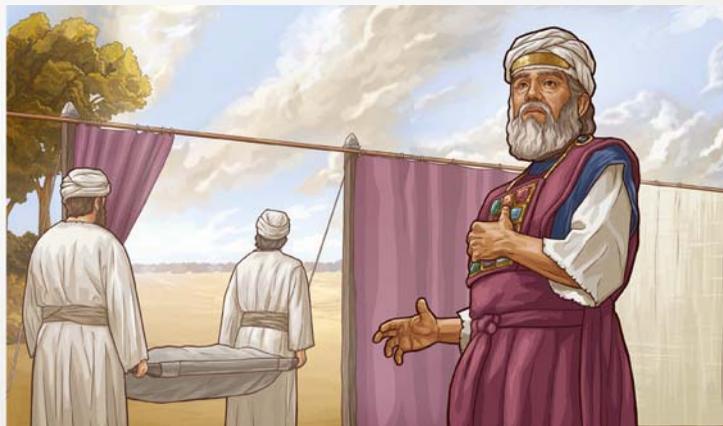
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[Image:] High Priest Aaron standing in the tabernacle courtyard. Two of Aaron's cousins carry the corpses of Nadab and Abihu on stretchers outside of the camp.

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### ***it-1 1174***

*Illegitimate Fire and Incense.* At Leviticus 10:1 the Hebrew word *zar* (feminine, *zarah'*; literally, strange) is used with regard to "illegitimate fire, which [God] had not prescribed for them" but which Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu presented before Jehovah and for which he executed them by fire. (Leviticus 10:2; Numbers 3:4; 26:61) Subsequently,

Jehovah said to Aaron: "Do not drink wine or intoxicating liquor, you and your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, that you may not die. It is a statute to time indefinite for your generations, both in order to make a distinction between the holy thing and the profane and between the unclean thing and the clean, and in order to teach the sons of Israel all the regulations that Jehovah has spoken to them by means of Moses." (Leviticus 10:8-11) This seems to indicate that Nadab and Abihu were in a state of intoxication, which condition emboldened them to offer fire not prescribed. Such fire was likely illegal as to its time, place, or manner of offering, or it could have been incense other than of the composition described at Exodus 30:34, 35. Their inebriated condition did not excuse their sin.

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### **w11 7/15 31 paragraph 16**

Moses’ brother, Aaron, faced a difficult situation with regard to two of his sons. Think of how he must have felt when his sons Nadab and Abihu offered illegitimate fire to Jehovah

and He struck them dead. Of course, that ended any association those men could have had with their parents. But there is more. Jehovah instructed Aaron and his faithful sons: "Do not let your heads go ungroomed, and you must not tear your garments [in mourning], that you may not die and that [Jehovah] may not become indignant against all the assembly." (Leviticus 10:1-6) The message is clear. Our love for Jehovah must be stronger than our love for unfaithful family members.

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## **w14 11/15 17 paragraph 18**

To be holy, we must weigh the Scriptures carefully and do what God asks of us. Consider Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu, who were executed for offering "unauthorized fire," perhaps while inebriated. (Leviticus 10:1, 2) Note what God then told Aaron. (Read Leviticus 10:8-11.) Does that passage mean that we must not drink anything alcoholic before going to a Christian meeting? Think about these points: We are not under the Law. (Romans 10:4) In some lands, our fellow believers use alcoholic beverages *in moderation* at meals before attending meetings. Four cups of wine were used at the Passover. When instituting the Memorial, Jesus had his apostles drink wine that represented his blood. (Matthew 26:27) The Bible condemns heavy drinking and drunkenness. (1 Corinthians 6:10; 1 Timothy 3:8) And many Christians would feel impelled by their conscience to abstain completely from alcoholic beverages before engaging in any form of sacred service. However, circumstances vary from one country to another, and the important thing is for Christians to "distinguish between the holy thing and the profane" so as to conduct themselves with holiness that pleases God.

## **Leviticus 11:8—Must Christians refuse to eat animals prohibited under the Mosaic Law?**

**Leviticus 11:8:** You must not eat any of their flesh or touch their dead body. They are unclean for you.

### ***it-1 111* paragraph 5**

These dietary limitations applied only to those who were under the Mosaic Law, for the statement of Leviticus 11:8 is: “They are unclean for you,” that is, for the Israelites. With the abrogation of the Law on the basis of the sacrificial death of Christ Jesus, the prohibitions were canceled, and once more all humans could consider themselves under the same broad provision announced to Noah following the Deluge.— Colossians 2:13-17; Genesis 9:3, 4.

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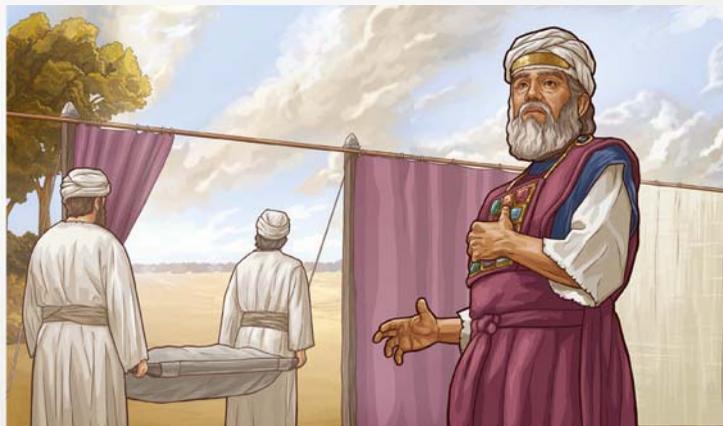
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FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE TEACHING TOOLBOX:

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## Questions From Readers

**Why did Moses become angry with Aaron's sons Eleazar and Ithamar after the death of their brothers Nadab and Abihu, and how was his anger appeased?—Lev. 10:16-20.**

Shortly after the installation of the priesthood for service at the tabernacle, Jehovah executed Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu because they had offered illegitimate fire before Him. (Lev. 10:1, 2) Moses ordered Aaron's surviving sons not to mourn their dead brothers. Not long thereafter, Moses became indignant at Eleazar and Ithamar because they had not eaten the goat of the sin offering. (Lev. 9:3) Why did Moses react this way?

The laws that Jehovah had given Moses specified that the priest who offered up a sin offering was to eat part of it in the courtyard of the tent of meeting. Doing so was considered to be answering for the sins of those who made the sacrifice. However, if some of the blood of the sacrifice was taken into the Holy Place, the first compartment of the sanctuary, the offering was not to be eaten. Instead, it was to be burned.—Lev. 6:24-26, 30.

It appears that after the tragic events of that day, Moses saw the need to make sure that all of Jehovah's commandments had been followed. On discovering that the goat of the sin offering had been

burned, he indignantly asked Eleazar and Ithamar why they had not eaten it as directed, because its blood had not been presented before Jehovah in the Holy Place.—Lev. 10:17, 18.

Aaron answered Moses' question, since the surviving priests had evidently acted as they did with his approval. In the light of the execution of two of his sons, Aaron may have wondered whether any of the priests could in good conscience eat of the sin offering on that day. Perhaps he felt that their eating of it would not be pleasing to Jehovah, even though they bore no direct responsibility for the error committed by Nadab and Abihu.—Lev. 10:19.

Aaron may especially have reasoned that on the day when members of his family *first* performed their priestly duties, they should have exercised great care to please God in even the smallest detail. However, Jehovah's name had been profaned by Nadab and Abihu, and God's anger had blazed against them. So Aaron may have thought that members of a priestly family in which such sin was found should not partake of a holy offering.

Moses seems to have accepted his brother's answer, for the passage concludes: "When Moses got to hear that, then it proved satisfactory in his eyes." (Lev. 10:20) Evidently, Jehovah too was satisfied with Aaron's answer.

# 51            *To God We Are Dedicated!*

(Matthew 16:24)

1. To Christ, by our God, Jehovah, we have been drawn  
    To be his disciples from now on.  
From Jehovah's lofty throne,  
    How the light of truth has shone.  
In our hearts, our faith has grown;  
    Our lives we vow to disown.

*(CHORUS)*

*To God we are dedicated; This is our choice.  
In him and in Jesus we now rejoice.*

2. In prayer we have come before Jehovah to say  
    We'll serve him forever and obey.  
It's a joy beyond compare,  
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- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (10 min.)  
 Le 10:8-11—What can we learn from these verses? (*w14 11/15 17 ¶18*)

Le 11:8—Must Christians refuse to eat animals prohibited under the Mosaic Law? (*it-1 111 ¶5*)

What spiritual gems from this week’s Bible reading would you like to share regarding Jehovah, the field ministry, or something else?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Le 10:1-15 (10)

**APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY**

- **Initial Call Video:** (4 min.) Discussion. Play the video. Then ask the audience: How did Tony overcome a common objection? How might you reason with someone on Psalm 1:1, 2?
- **Initial Call:** (4 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Give the householder a meeting invitation, and introduce (but do not play) the video *What Happens at a Kingdom Hall?* (20)
- **Talk:** (5 min. or less) *w11 2/15 12*—Theme: How Was Moses’ Anger With Eleazar and Ithamar Appeased? (12)

**LIVING AS CHRISTIANS**

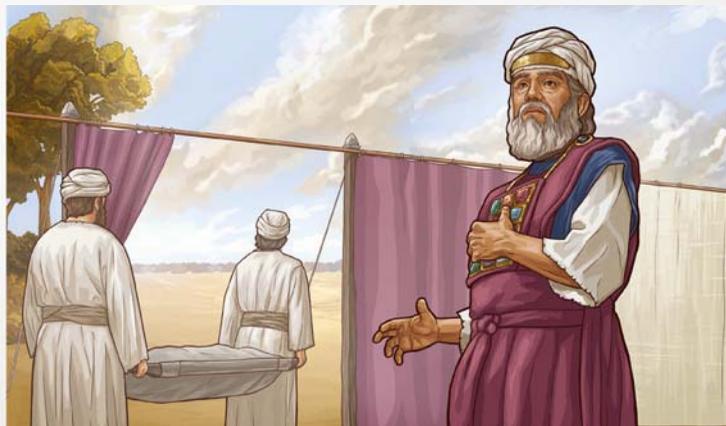
- Song 51
- **“We Show Love by Supporting Jehovah’s Discipline”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Maintain Loyalty With a Unified Heart* (video category THE BIBLE).
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min. or less) *rr chap. 1 ¶15-19, box 1B*
- Concluding Comments (3 min. or less)
- Song 15 and Prayer

LEVITICUS 10-11 | Love for Jehovah Stronger Than Love for Family

**10:1, 2, 4-7**

Our loyalty to Jehovah can be greatly tested when a loved one is disfellowshipped. Jehovah’s instruction to Aaron provides a clear message to those who must cut off association with a disfellowshipped relative. Our love for Jehovah must be stronger than our love for unfaithful family members.

 **What blessings can come to those who work along with Jehovah’s instructions regarding disfellowshipped ones?—1Co 5:11; 2Jo 10, 11**



## We Show Love by Supporting Jehovah's Discipline

Disfellowshipping protects the congregation and disciplines unrepentant wrongdoers. (1Co 5:6, 11) When we support such discipline from Jehovah, we show love. How can this be true when disfellowshipping causes emotional pain to all involved, including close relatives and the judicial committee?

Above all, we show love for Jehovah's reputation and his standard of holiness. (1Pe 1:14-16) We also show love for the person who was disfellowshipped. Strong discipline, though painful,

can yield "the peaceable fruit of righteousness." (Heb 12:5, 6, 11) We interfere with Jehovah's discipline if we associate with a disfellowshipped person or with one who has disassociated himself. Remember, Jehovah disciplines his people "to the proper degree." (Jer 30:11) As we support Jehovah's discipline and maintain our spiritual routine, we keep hoping for the person to return to our merciful Father.—Isa 1:16-18; 55:7.

**WATCH THE VIDEO DRAMATIZATION *MAINTAIN LOYALTY WITH A UNIFIED HEART*, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**



- What pain do Christian parents feel when a child leaves Jehovah?

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- How can the congregation support faithful family members?

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- What Bible account illustrates the importance of loyalty to Jehovah being stronger than loyalty to family?

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- How do we put loyalty to Jehovah above loyalty to family?

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ing his purpose. (Isa. 46:10; 55:8-11) His name is involved, and he always lives up to his name. Jehovah is the unfailing Fulfiller of his purpose!

### **The Champion of Pure Worship**

<sup>15</sup> Jehovah took immediate steps in Eden to deal with the rebels and to ensure that his purpose would be fulfilled. (**Read Genesis 3:14-19.**) Even while Adam and Eve were still in the garden, Jehovah sentenced the three rebels, doing so in the order in which they had sinned—first Satan, then Eve, and finally Adam. In words directed to Satan, the unseen instigator, Jehovah foretold the coming of an “offspring” who would undo the effects of the rebellion. That promised “offspring” would play a vital role in fulfilling Jehovah’s purpose regarding pure worship.

<sup>16</sup> Following the rebellion in Eden, Jehovah kept his purpose moving forward. He made arrangements for imperfect humans to worship him acceptably, as we will see in the next chapter. (Heb. 11:4–12:1)

**15. What steps did Jehovah take in Eden to address the rebels and to ensure that his purpose would succeed?**

**16. Following the rebellion in Eden, how did Jehovah keep his purpose moving forward?**

He also inspired a number of Bible writers—including Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel—to record thrilling prophecies about the restoration of pure worship. That restoration is a prominent Bible theme. Those prophecies would all be fulfilled by the promised “offspring,” who turned out to be primarily Jesus Christ. (Gal. 3:16) Jesus is the Champion of pure worship, as he clearly showed by his reply to the third temptation. Yes, Jesus is the one whom Jehovah chose to fulfill the restoration prophecies. (Rev. 19:10) He would deliver God’s people from spiritual captivity and restore pure worship to its rightful place.

### **What Will You Do?**

<sup>17</sup> It is exciting and faith-strengthening to examine the Bible’s restoration prophecies. Those prophecies are close to our heart because we look forward to the time when all creatures in heaven and on earth will be united in the pure worship of the Sovereign Lord Jehovah. Those prophecies also fill us with hope, for they contain some of the most heartwarming assurances found in God’s Word. Who of us is not eager

**17. Why are the Bible’s restoration prophecies close to our heart?**

to see the fulfillment of Jehovah’s promises—including the resurrection of our dead loved ones, an earth-wide paradise, and endless life in perfect health?—Isa. 33:24; 35:5, 6; Rev. 20:12, 13; 21:3, 4.

<sup>18</sup> In this publication, we will examine the thrilling prophecies found in the Bible book of Ezekiel. Many of those prophecies focus on the restoration of pure worship. We will discuss how Ezekiel’s prophecies relate to other prophecies, how they will be fulfilled through Christ, and how they involve us.—See the box “An Overview of Ezekiel.”

<sup>19</sup> Back in the wilderness of Judea in 29 C.E., Satan failed in his attempt to get Jesus to turn his back on pure worship. But what about us? Satan is more determined than ever to draw us away from true worship. (Rev. 12:12, 17) May this publication help us to strengthen our resolve to resist that wicked Tempter. And may we by our words and actions show that we are in heart harmony with the words, “It is Jehovah your God you must worship.” Then we will have the

**18. What will we examine in this publication?**

**19. What are you resolved to do, and why?**

prospect of living to see Jehovah’s glorious purpose fulfilled at last—everyone in heaven and on earth united in giving Jehovah what he so richly deserves, pure worship from pure hearts!

### **YOUR PLACE IN PURE WORSHIP**

- 1** What tactics did Satan use in his first two temptations of Jesus, and how does Satan tempt us in similar ways?
- 2** As shown by the third temptation of Jesus, what does Satan want from us, and how can we resist his lures?
- 3** How can you demonstrate that you agree with the words: “It is Jehovah your God you must worship”?

## AN OVERVIEW OF EZEKIEL

Generally speaking, the book of Ezekiel may be divided as follows:

### CHAPTERS 1 TO 3

In 613 B.C.E., while living among the Jewish exiles in Babylon, Ezekiel sees visions of Jehovah and is commissioned to prophesy to the Jews living by the river Chebar.

### CHAPTERS 4 TO 24

Between 613 and 609 B.C.E., Ezekiel delivers prophetic messages consisting primarily of judgment against Jerusalem and her rebellious, idolatrous people.

### CHAPTERS 25 TO 32

Starting in 609 B.C.E., the year the final Babylonian siege of Jerusalem began, Ezekiel's message of judgment shifts from Jerusalem to surrounding enemy nations—Ammon, Edom, Egypt, Moab, Philistia, Sidon, and Tyre.

### CHAPTERS 33 TO 48

Starting in 606 B.C.E., with Jerusalem and its temple lying in ruins hundreds of miles away, Ezekiel focuses on a message of hope—the thrilling restoration of the pure worship of Jehovah God.

**The book of Ezekiel is thus basically arranged chronologically as well as topically.** Prophecies about the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple come before the bulk of the prophecies about the restoration of pure worship. That makes sense, for the restoration prophecies presuppose that worship at the temple had ceased.

**In addition, Ezekiel's prophecies against the surrounding enemy nations (chapters 25 to 32) are inserted between his judgment messages against Jerusalem and the prophecies about the restoration of pure worship.** Commenting on Ezekiel's judgment messages to the nations, one scholar observes: "They form a suitable transition from the declaration of God's wrath to that of His mercy towards His people, because the punishment of their enemies is in itself a part of the deliverance of His people."

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# 15      *Praise Jehovah's Firstborn!*

(Hebrews 1:6)

1. Praise Jehovah's Firstborn,  
    God's duly appointed King.  
He reigns for truth and justice;  
    Rich blessings his rule will bring.  
  
With dignity and splendor  
    And love for God's great name,  
He'll vindicate Jehovah,  
    His sov'reignty proclaim.

*(CHORUS)*

*Praise Jehovah's Firstborn!  
All praise God's anointed Son.  
Installed upon Mount Zion,  
His Kingship has now begun!*

2. Praise Jehovah's Firstborn,  
    Who died so that we may live.  
He humbly paid the ransom;  
    Our sins God can now forgive.  
  
The bride of Christ awaits him,  
    Adorned for him in white.  
This marriage in the heavens  
    Will prove God's rule is right.

*(Chorus)*

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**COVER PICTURE:**

What could be more thrilling to an entire congregation than seeing a Bible student whom they have grown to love get baptized? (See study article 41, paragraph 1)

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# 78      *“Teaching the Word of God”*

(Acts 18:11)

1. For those who teach the Word of God,  
    There is a joyful share.  
    The benefits that we receive  
    Are far beyond compare.  
    We imitate the Son of God  
    And how he taught with love.  
    And as we teach, the ones we’re helping  
    Draw close to God above.
2. As teachers of Jehovah’s Word,  
    We strive to do what’s right,  
    So all may see sincerity  
    As we reflect God’s light.  
    With diligence we search God’s Word,  
    For it has news to tell.  
    So we can share our heart’s good treasure  
    And teach ourselves as well.
3. Jehovah gives us all we need  
    To teach his precious Word.  
    So if we pray to ask for help,  
    We know that we’ll be heard.  
    We love what’s in the Word of God;  
    What’s more, we know it’s true.  
    And as we love the ones we’re teaching,  
    They’ll soon be teachers too!

# How to Conduct a Bible Study That Leads to Baptism—Part One

*“You are shown to be a letter of Christ written by us as ministers.”—2 COR. 3:3.*

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## SONG 78

“Teaching the Word of God”

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## PREVIEW

To teach a person something means to help him “think, feel, or act in a new or different way.” Our 2020 yeartext, Matthew 28:19, has reminded us of the importance of studying the Bible with people and teaching them how to become baptized disciples of Jesus Christ. In this article and in the one that follows, we will see how we can improve in this all-important work.

**HOW** do you feel when you see a Bible student from your congregation territory get baptized? Surely it makes your heart rejoice. (Matt. 28:19) And if you are the one who studied with the new disciple, how thrilling for you to witness that one's baptism! (1 Thess. 2:19, 20) Newly baptized disciples are fine "letters of recommendation," not just for those who studied with them but also for the whole congregation.—Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-3.

<sup>2</sup> It is very good to see that for the past four years, on average, some 10,000,000 Bible studies\* have been reported every month worldwide. And during those same years, on average, over 280,000 got baptized each year as Jehovah's Witnesses and new disciples of Jesus Christ. How can we help more of those millions of Bible students to get baptized? As long as Jehovah is patiently allowing people the time

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\* **EXPRESSION EXPLAINED:** If you regularly and systematically have discussions using the Bible, you are conducting a **Bible study**. You may report the study if you have conducted it two times after the study arrangement was demonstrated and if you have reason to believe that the study will continue.

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1. How does 2 Corinthians 3:1-3 help us to appreciate the privilege we have of conducting a Bible study that leads to baptism? (See cover picture.)
2. (a) What important question do we need to consider, and why?  
(b) What is a Bible study? (See footnote.)

and opportunity to become Christ's disciples, we want to do all we can to help them progress to baptism as quickly as possible. Time is fast running out! —1 Cor. 7:29a; 1 Pet. 4:7.

<sup>3</sup> To address the urgent need to make disciples, branch offices were surveyed to find out how we can help more of our Bible students progress to baptism. In this article and in the one that follows, we will see what we can learn from experienced pioneers, missionaries, and circuit overseers.\* (Prov. 11:14; 15:22) They point out what Bible teachers and their students can do to make a Bible study more successful. In this article, we will consider five things every student needs to do to make steady progress toward baptism.

## STUDY EVERY WEEK

<sup>4</sup> Many of our brothers and sisters are conducting Bible studies right on the householder's doorstep. Although this is a good start for developing interest

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\* These articles also include suggestions from the series "Conducting Progressive Bible Studies," which appeared in the July 2004 through May 2005 issues of *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

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3. What will we consider in this article about conducting Bible studies?

4. What should we realize about a doorstep Bible study?



Ask the student if you can sit down together to discuss the Bible  
(See paragraphs 4-6)

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in the Bible, these discussions are usually quite brief and may not even be held every week. To cultivate the interest further, some will ask for the interested person's contact information and then phone or text the person between visits to share a brief Scriptural thought. Such occasional discussions might continue for months without developing into a productive study of the Bible. Will a student really progress to dedication and baptism if that is all the time and effort that he\* devotes to studying God's Word? Probably not.

<sup>5</sup> On one occasion, Jesus illustrated the cost of

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\* Any reference to a male student also applies to a female student.

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5. According to Luke 14:27-33, what did Jesus emphasize that can help us in our disciple-making work?

becoming his disciple. He spoke about someone wanting to build a tower and about a king wanting to march into war. Jesus said that the builder must “first sit down and calculate the expense” to complete the tower and that the king must “first sit down and take counsel” to see whether his troops can accomplish what they intend to do. (Read Luke 14:27-33.) Likewise, Jesus knew that a person who wants to become his disciple should analyze very carefully what it means to follow him. For that reason, we need to encourage prospective disciples to study with us every week. How can we do that?

<sup>6</sup> Start by lengthening those doorstep studies. Perhaps you can discuss an additional Scriptural point each time you visit. When the householder feels comfortable with a longer visit, ask him if there is some place where you can sit down together and continue the discussion. The householder’s reply will reveal how serious he is about studying the Bible. Eventually, to accelerate his progress, you might even ask the student if he would be willing to study twice a week. Yet, more is needed than to study once or twice every week.

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6. What might we try to do to have progressive studies?

## PREPARE FOR EACH STUDY SESSION

<sup>7</sup> As *the teacher*, you need to prepare well for each Bible study session. You can begin by reading the material and looking up the scriptures. Get the main points clearly in mind. Think about the title of the lesson, the subheadings, the study questions, the “read” scriptures, the artwork, and any videos that may help explain the subject. Then with your student in mind, meditate in advance on how to present the information simply and clearly so that your student can easily understand and apply it.—Neh. 8:8; Prov. 15:28a.

<sup>8</sup> As part of your preparation, pray to Jehovah about the student and his needs. Ask Jehovah to help you teach from the Bible in a way that will reach the person’s heart. (Read Colossians 1:9, 10.) Try to anticipate anything that the student may have difficulty understanding or accepting. Keep in mind that your goal is to help him progress to baptism.

<sup>9</sup> It is our hope that through a regular Bible study, the student will appreciate what Jehovah and Jesus

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7. How can the teacher prepare well for each Bible study session?
  8. What do the apostle Paul’s words recorded at Colossians 1:9, 10 teach us about praying for our Bible students?
  9. How can the teacher help the student to prepare for his study? Explain.

have done and will want to learn more. (Matt. 5:3, 6) To benefit fully from the study, *the student* needs to concentrate on what he is learning. To that end, impress on him how important it is that he prepare for each study session by reading the lesson beforehand and reflecting on how the material applies to him. How can the teacher help? Prepare a lesson together with the student to show him how this is done.\* Explain how to find the direct answers to the study questions, and show how highlighting only key words or phrases will help him recall the answer. Then ask him to give the answer in his own words. When he does so, you will be able to determine how well he has understood the material. There is something

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\* Watch the four-minute video *Teaching Our Students to Prepare*. In *JW Library*<sup>®</sup>, go to MEDIA > OUR MEETINGS AND MINISTRY > IMPROVING OUR SKILLS.

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Prepare well for your Bible study, and show the student how to prepare  
(See paragraphs 7-9)



else, though, that you can encourage your student to do.

## TEACH HIM TO COMMUNICATE WITH JEHOVAH EVERY DAY

<sup>10</sup> In addition to studying every week with his teacher, the student would benefit from doing some things every day on his own. He needs to communicate with Jehovah. How? By listening to and talking to Jehovah. He can listen to God by *reading the Bible daily*. (Josh. 1:8; Ps. 1:1-3) Show him how to use the printable “Bible Reading Schedule” that is posted on [jw.org](http://jw.org).<sup>\*</sup> Of course, to help him get the most out of his Bible reading, encourage him to meditate on what the Bible is teaching him about Jehovah and how he can apply what he is learning to his personal life.—Acts 17:11; Jas. 1:25.

<sup>11</sup> Encourage your student to talk to Jehovah by *praying each day*. Offer heartfelt prayers at the beginning and at the end of each study session, praying with and for your student. As he listens to your

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<sup>\*</sup> Go to BIBLE TEACHINGS > BIBLE STUDY TOOLS.

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**10.** Why is it important to read the Bible daily, and what is needed to get the most out of Bible reading?

**11.** How can a student learn to pray properly, and why is it important for him to pray to Jehovah often?

prayers, he will learn how to pray from his heart and sincerely address his prayers to Jehovah God in the name of Jesus Christ. (Matt. 6:9; John 15:16) Imagine how reading the Bible *daily* (listening to Jehovah) and praying (talking to Jehovah) will help your student draw ever closer to God! (Jas. 4:8) Developing these habits will help your student acquire something else that can lead to his dedication and baptism.

## HELP HIM TO DEVELOP A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JEHOVAH

<sup>12</sup> What a student learns on a Bible study should appeal not just to his mind but also to his heart. Why? Our heart—which includes our desires, emotions, and feelings—motivates us to action. Jesus used logical reasoning that appealed to the mind. But people followed him because he also stirred their heart. (Luke 24:15, 27, 32) Your student needs to see Jehovah as a real Person, someone with whom he can develop a relationship, and to see Him as his Father, his God, and his Friend. (Ps. 25:4, 5) During the Bible study, make our God's personality come alive. (Ex. 34:5, 6; 1 Pet. 5:6, 7) Regardless of the

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12. How can a teacher help a student to develop a relationship with Jehovah?



Teach your Bible student how to communicate with Jehovah  
(See paragraphs 10-11)

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topic you are discussing, focus attention on the kind of Person Jehovah is. Help the student to appreciate Jehovah’s beautiful qualities—his love, kindness, and compassion. Jesus said that “the greatest and first commandment” is to “love Jehovah your God.” (Matt. 22:37, 38) Try to instill deep love for God in your student’s heart.

<sup>13</sup> In your conversations with your student, express your deep feelings for Jehovah. This may help your student to realize that he needs to develop his own warm, personal relationship with God. (Ps. 73:28) For example, is there a phrase in the study publication or in a scripture that reveals something about Jehovah—his love, wisdom, justice, or power—that

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13. Give an example of how to help a student learn about Jehovah’s personality.

touches your heart? Mention it to your student, and let him know that this is one of the many reasons why you love our heavenly Father. There is something else that every Bible student needs to do in order to progress to baptism.

## ENCOURAGE HIM TO ATTEND CONGREGATION MEETINGS

<sup>14</sup> All of us want our students to progress to baptism. One important way we can help them is by encouraging them to attend congregation meetings. Experienced teachers say that students who attend meetings right away make the fastest progress. (Ps. 111:1) Some teachers explain to their students that they will receive half of their Bible education from the study and the other half from the meetings. **Read Hebrews 10:24, 25** with your student, and explain to him the benefits that he will receive if he comes to the meetings. Play for him the video *What Happens at a Kingdom Hall?*\* Help your student to make weekly meeting attendance an important part of his life.

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**14.** What does Hebrews 10:24, 25 tell us about congregation meetings that can help a Bible student make progress?



Encourage your student to start attending meetings as soon as possible!  
(See paragraphs 14-15)

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**15** What can you do if your student has not yet attended a meeting or is not attending regularly? Enthusiastically share something you learned at a recent meeting. That is more motivating than just inviting the student to attend. Give him the *Watchtower* or the *Life and Ministry Meeting Workbook* that is currently being studied at the meeting. Show him what will be discussed at the next meeting, and ask him what part of it sounds most interesting to him. What your student experiences at his first meeting will far exceed anything he ever experienced at any other type of religious gathering. (1 Cor. 14: 24, 25) He will meet others whose good example he

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**15.** What can we do to encourage a student to attend meetings regularly?

can imitate and who will help him progress to baptism.

<sup>16</sup> How can we conduct Bible studies that lead to baptism? We can help each student take the study seriously by encouraging him to study every week and prepare for each study session. We also want to encourage him to communicate with Jehovah every day and to develop a personal relationship with Him. We want to motivate the student to attend congregation meetings. (See the box on page 15, “What Students Need to Do to Progress to Baptism.”) However, as the next article will explain, there are five additional things that Bible teachers can do to lead students to baptism.

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**16.** What is needed to conduct Bible studies that lead to baptism, and what will we learn in the next article?

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### WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

- How can we make doorstep Bible discussions more productive?
- How can we teach students to communicate with Jehovah every day, and why is that necessary?
- How can we encourage students to attend congregation meetings?

### SONG 76

How Does It Make You Feel?

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# What Students Need to Do to Progress to Baptism

## 1 | Study every week

- Devote the needed time and effort to study regularly
- If possible, study twice a week

## 2 | Prepare for each study session

- Read the lesson beforehand
- Highlight key words or phrases that answer each study question
- Think of how the material applies to them

## 3 | Communicate with Jehovah every day

- Listen to Jehovah by reading the Bible daily
- Think of what the Bible is teaching about Jehovah
- Speak to Jehovah by praying each day

## 4 | Develop a personal relationship with Jehovah

- See Jehovah as a real Person
- Appreciate Jehovah's beautiful qualities and personality
- Learn to love Jehovah from the heart

## 5 | Attend congregation meetings

- Accept this as part of the Bible study program
- See the benefits they can receive by attending the meetings
- Meet others whose good example they can imitate

# 76      *How Does It Make You Feel?*

(Hebrews 13:15)

1. How does it make you feel  
    when you preach and teach with zeal,  
When you know you've done your part  
    to reach an honest heart?  
Knowing you've done your best;  
    then our God will do the rest.  
Honest hearts he surely knows—  
    all those to him disposed.

*(CHORUS)*

*It makes us glad, and we rejoice  
    to give our heart and mind and voice.  
So may our sacrifice of praise  
    continue all our days.*

2. How does it make you feel  
    when the words you speak appeal  
To the ones whose heart is right  
    for everlasting life?  
Some people turn away,  
    others might be led astray.  
Still we're glad to bear his name  
    and witness just the same.

*(Chorus)*

3. How does it make you feel,  
knowing God's support is real,  
And that he's entrusted you  
to do the work we do?  
Proudly we preach and teach,  
using bold but gracious speech,  
Searching out deserving ones;  
this work will soon be done.

*(CHORUS)*

*It makes us glad, and we rejoice  
to give our heart and mind and voice.  
So may our sacrifice of praise  
continue all our days.*