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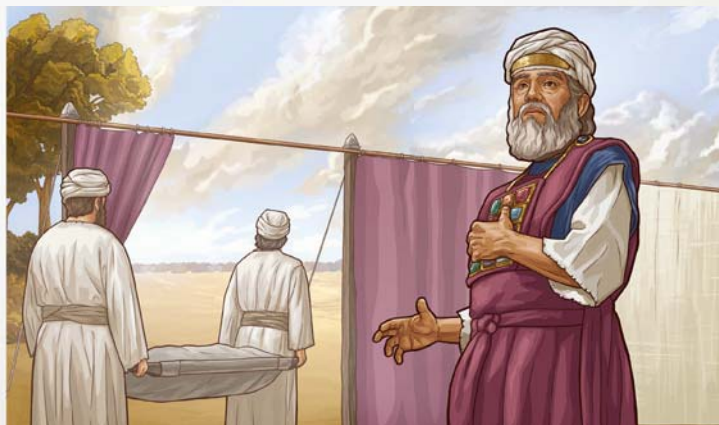
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Take Sides With Jehovah!

(Exodus 32:26)

B \flat B \flat B \flat

Once with con - fu - sion our sad hearts were filled,
 Shoul - der to shoul - der we stand on God's side,
 We will not fear what the Dev - il can do.

F7 F $^{\circ}$ 7 F7 Cm7 Dm/F F7 B \flat

Drink - ing the cup false re - li - gion dis - tilled;
 Preach - ing the news of his King - dom earth wide.
 Trust - ing Je - ho - vah will car - ry us through.

C \sharp $^{\circ}$ B \flat /D D \flat 7

But with what hap - pi - ness our hearts were thrilled
 Now is the time for each one to de - cide,
 Though they are man - y and though we are few,

F/C C7 F \sharp $^{\circ}$ Gm7 Am/C C7 F B \flat /F F7

When of God's King - dom we heard.
 Time to take sides with our God.
 God is our strength and our might.

Take Sides With Jehovah!

Chorus

B \flat B \flat /D C \sharp Cm7 F F7/C F7 E \flat /F F/E \flat

Take sides with Je - ho - vah; Make him your de -

B \flat 6/D F9/C B \flat 6 D7/A Gm B \flat /C C7

light. He'll nev - er for - sake you;

Gm E \flat 7/G C7 Am/C C7 F B \flat /F F7 B \flat B \flat /D C \sharp

Walk on in his light. Tell, tell the glad

Cm7 F Cm/E \flat D7 E \flat 6 E $^{\circ}$

tid - ings Of free - dom and peace. His rule by Christ

B \flat /F B $^{\circ}$ Cm7 F B \flat /D E \flat B \flat /D Cm7 B \flat

Je - sus Will ev - er in - crease.

(See also Ps. 94:14; Prov. 3:5, 6; Heb. 13:5.)

munion sacrifices. **23** Finally Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting and came out and blessed the people.^a

Jehovah's glory now appeared to all the people,^b **24** and fire came out from Jehovah^c and began consuming the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they started shouting and they fell with their faces to the ground.^d

10 Later Aaron's sons Na'dab and A-bi'hu^e each took his fire holder and put fire in it and placed incense^f on it. Then they began offering before Jehovah unauthorized fire,^g which he had not commanded them to do. **2** At this a fire came out from before Jehovah and consumed them,^h so that they died before Jehovah.ⁱ **3** Then Moses said to Aaron: "This is what Jehovah has said, 'I will be made holy among those near to me,^j and I will be glorified before all the people.'" And Aaron kept silent.

4 So Moses called Mish'a-el and El-za'phan, the sons of Uz'zi-el,^k Aaron's uncle, and said to them: "Come here, carry your brothers from in front of the holy place to a place outside the camp." **5** So they came forward and carried the men away in their robes to a place outside the camp, just as Moses had told them.

6 Moses then said to Aaron and his other sons El-e-a'zar and Ith'a-mar: "Do not let your heads go ungroomed or tear your garments,^l so that you may not die and that God may not become indignant against all the assembly. Your brothers of the whole house of Israel will weep over those whom Jehovah has killed by the fire. **7** You must not go out from the entrance of the tent of meeting or you will die, for Je-

CHAP. 9

a 2Sa 6:18

2Ch 6:3

b Le 9:6

c Jg 6:21

1Ch 21:26

d 1Ki 18:38, 39

2Ch 7:1, 3

CHAP. 10

e Ex 6:23

1Ch 24:2

f Ex 30:34, 35

Le 16:12

g Ex 30:9

Le 10:9

Le 16:1, 2

h Nu 16:35

i Nu 26:61

j Ex 19:22

k Ex 6:18

l Le 21:10

Second Col.

a Ex 28:41

Le 8:12

Le 21:11, 12

b Eze 44:21

c Eze 44:23

d De 33:10

2Ch 17:8, 9

Ne 8:7, 8

Mal 2:7

e Le 6:14, 16

f Le 21:22

g Le 6:26

Nu 18:10

h Ex 29:26-28

Le 7:31, 34

Le 9:21

i Le 22:13

Nu 18:11

j 1Co 9:13

k Le 9:3, 15

hovah's anointing oil is upon you." ^a So they did according to Moses' word.

8 Then Jehovah said to Aaron: **9** "Do not drink wine or other alcoholic beverages, you and your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting,^b so that you will not die. It is a permanent statute for your generations. **10** This is to distinguish between the holy thing and the profane and between the unclean thing and the clean,^c **11** and to teach the Israelites all the regulations that Jehovah has spoken to them through Moses."^d

12 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,^e because it is something most holy.^f **13** You must eat it in a holy place,^g 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. **14** You will also eat the breast of the wave offering and the leg of the sacred portion^h in a clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you,ⁱ because these things have been given as your allowance and the allowance of your sons from the communion sacrifices of the Israelites. **15** 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,^j just as Jehovah has commanded."^k

16 And Moses diligently searched for the goat of the sin offering,^k 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: **17** "Why did you not eat the sin offering in the holy place,^a 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? **18** Look! Its blood has not been brought inside the holy place.^b You certainly should have eaten it in the holy place, just as I was commanded." **19** Aaron replied to Moses: "Look! Today they presented their sin offering and their burnt offering before Jehovah,^c and yet these things happened to me. If I had eaten the sin offering today, would that have been pleasing to Jehovah?" **20** When Moses heard that, he was satisfied.

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

4 "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.^e **5** Also the rock badger,^f because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof. It is unclean for you. **6** Also the hare, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof. It is unclean for you. **7** Also the pig,^g because it has a split hoof and a cleft in the hoof but does not chew the cud. It is unclean for you. **8** You must not eat any of their flesh or touch their dead body. They are unclean for you.^h

11:2 *Or "the land animals."

CHAP. 10
a Le 6:25, 26
Eze 44:29

b Le 6:29, 30

c Le 9:8, 12

CHAP. 11
d De 14:4-6
Eze 4:14

e De 14:7, 8

f Pr 30:26

g Isa 65:4
Isa 66:3, 17

h Ac 10:14

Second Col.
a De 14:9, 10

b De 14:3

c Job 39:27, 30

d De 14:12-19

e Mt 3:4
Mr 1:6

f Le 14:46, 47
Le 15:8
Le 17:15
Le 22:4-6

9 "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.^a

10 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. **11** Yes, they should be loathsome to you, and you must not eat any of their flesh^b and you must loathe their carcasses. **12** Everything in the waters that has no fins and scales is a loathsome thing to you.

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

21 "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. **22** Of these you may eat: various kinds of migratory locusts, other edible locusts,^e crickets, and grasshoppers. **23** All other winged swarming creatures with four legs are something loathsome to you. **24** By these you would make yourselves unclean. Everyone touching their dead bodies will be unclean until the evening.^f **25** Anyone carrying any

11:10 *Or "soul." 11:20 *Or "Every insect."

of their dead bodies should wash his garments;^a he will be unclean until the evening.

26 "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.^b **27** 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. **28** The one who carries their dead bodies should wash his garments,^c and he will be unclean until the evening.^d They are unclean to you.

29 "These are the swarming creatures of the earth that are unclean to you: the mole rat, the mouse,^e every kind of lizard, **30** the gecko, the large lizard, the newt, the sand lizard, and the chameleon. **31** These swarming creatures are unclean to you.^f Everyone touching their dead bodies will be unclean until the evening.^g

32 "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. **33** If they fall into an earthenware vessel, you are to smash it, and anything that was in it will be unclean.^h **34** 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. **35** 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. **36** Only a spring and a cistern for storing water will continue clean, but anyone touching their dead bod-

CHAP. 11

a Le 14:2, 8
Le 15:2, 5
Nu 19:10

b De 14:7, 8

c Le 17:15, 16

d Le 5:2

e Isa 66:17

f De 14:19

g Le 11:24
Le 22:4, 5

h Le 15:12

Second Col.

a Le 11:23, 24
Nu 19:11, 16

b Le 17:15
Le 22:3, 8
De 14:21
Eze 4:14
Eze 44:31

c Le 11:21

d De 14:3

e Le 20:25

f Ex 20:2

g Ex 19:6
Le 19:2
De 14:2
1Th 4:7

h 1Pe 1:15, 16
Re 4:8

i Ex 6:7
Ex 29:46
Ho 11:1

j Ex 22:31
Nu 15:40
De 7:6

k Le 20:7, 26
Jos 24:19
1Sa 2:2

ies will be unclean. **37** If their dead bodies fall on a plant seed that is to be sown, it is clean. **38** But if water is put on a seed and part of their dead body falls on it, the seed is unclean to you.

39 "Now if an animal that you use for food dies, whoever touches its dead body will be unclean until the evening.^a

40 Whoever eats any of its dead body should wash his garments, and he will be unclean until the evening.^b Whoever carries off its dead body should wash his garments, and he will be unclean until the evening. **41** Every swarming creature of the earth is something loathsome.^c It must not be eaten. **42** 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.^d **43** Do not make yourselves* loathsome by means of any swarming creature, and do not defile yourselves and become unclean by them.^e **44** For I am Jehovah your God,^f and you must sanctify yourselves and become holy,^g because I am holy.^h So you must not make yourselves* unclean by any swarming creature that moves on the earth. **45** For I am Jehovah, who is leading you up out of the land of Egypt to prove myself God to you,ⁱ and you must be holy,^j because I am holy.^k

46 "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, **47** in order to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean and between the living creatures

11:43, 44 *Or "your souls." **11:46** *Or "soul."

that may be eaten and those that may not be eaten.”^a

12 Jehovah went on to say to Moses: **2** “Tell the Israelites, ‘If a woman becomes pregnant* and gives birth to a male, she will be unclean for seven days, just as she is in the days of the impurity when she is menstruating.^b **3** On the eighth day, the flesh of his foreskin will be circumcised.^c **4** She will continue cleansing herself from the blood for the next 33 days. She should not touch any holy thing, and she should not come into the holy place until she fulfills the days of her purification.

5 “If she should give birth to a female, she will then be unclean for 14 days, just as she would be during her menstruation. She will continue cleansing herself from the blood for the next 66 days. **6** When the days of her purification for a son or a daughter are completed, she will bring a young ram in its first year for a burnt offering^d and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering to the entrance of the tent of meeting, to the priest. **7** He will present it before Jehovah and make atonement for her, and she will be clean from her flow of blood. This is the law about the woman who gives birth to either a male or a female. **8** But if she cannot afford a sheep, she must then take two turtledoves or two young pigeons,^e one for a burnt offering and one for a sin offering, and the priest will make atonement for her, and she will be clean.”

13 Jehovah continued to speak to Moses and Aaron, saying: **2** “If a man develops on his skin* a swelling, a scab, or a blotch and it could become the disease of lepro-

12:2 *Or “conceives seed.” 13:2 *Lit., “in the skin of his flesh.”

CHAP. 11

a Le 20:25
Eze 44:23

CHAP. 12

b Le 15:19

c Ge 17:12
Ge 21:4
Lu 1:59
Lu 2:21, 22
Joh 7:22

d Le 1:10

e Le 1:14
Le 5:7
Le 14:21, 22
Lu 2:24

Second Col.

CHAP. 13

a Nu 12:10, 12
2Ch 26:19
Mt 8:3

b De 24:8
Eze 44:23
Mal 2:7
Lu 17:14

c Le 13:50
Le 14:38
Nu 12:15

d Mt 8:4
Mr 1:44
Lu 5:14
Lu 17:14

e Le 13:15, 25, 30, 42
Nu 12:10, 12

f Le 13:3

sy*^a on his skin, he must then be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons, the priests.^b

3 The priest will examine the infection on his skin. When the hair in the infection has turned white and the appearance of the infection is deeper than the skin, it is the disease of leprosy. The priest will examine it and declare him unclean. **4** But if the blotch on his skin is white and its appearance is not deeper than the skin and the hair has not turned white, the priest will then quarantine the infected person for seven days.^c **5** The priest will then examine him on the seventh day, and if it appears that the infection has stopped and has not spread on the skin, the priest will quarantine him for another seven days.

6 “The priest should examine him again on the seventh day, and if the infection has faded and has not spread in the skin, the priest will declare him clean;^d it was only a scab. The man will then wash his garments and be clean. **7** But if the scab* has definitely spread on the skin after he appears before the priest to establish his purification, he will then appear again^e before the priest. **8** The priest will examine it, and if the scab has spread in the skin, the priest will then declare him unclean. It is leprosy.^e

9 “If the disease of leprosy develops in a man, he must then be brought to the priest, **10** and the priest will examine him.^f If there is a white swelling on the skin and it has turned the

13:2 *The Hebrew word rendered “leprosy” is broad in meaning and can include various contagious skin diseases. It may also include certain infections found on clothing and in houses. 13:7 *Or “the infection.” ^eOr “a second time.”

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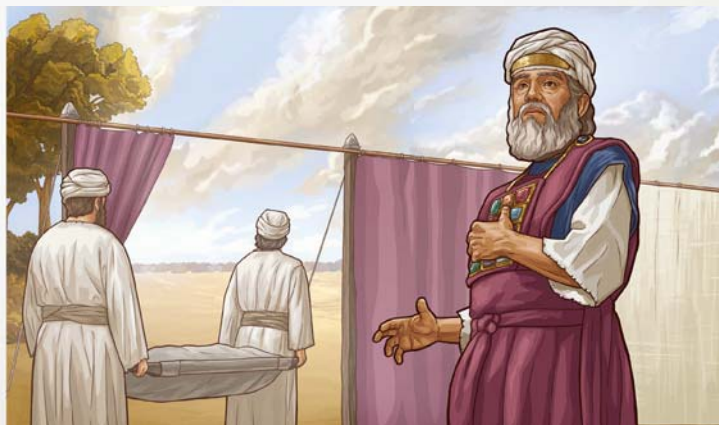
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December 7-13 / Leviticus 10-11

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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.

Leviticus 10:4, 5—Their bodies were removed from the camp

Leviticus 10:4, 5: So Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel, Aaron's uncle, and said to them: "Come here, carry your brothers from in front of the holy place to a place outside the camp." So they came forward and carried the men away in their robes to a place outside the camp, just as Moses had told them.

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Leviticus 10:6, 7: Moses then said to Aaron and his other sons Eleazar and Ithamar: “Do not let your heads go ungroomed or tear your garments, so that you may not die and that God may not become indignant against all the assembly. Your brothers of the whole house of Israel will weep over those whom Jehovah has killed by the fire. You must not go out from the entrance of the tent of meeting or you will die, for Jehovah’s anointing oil is upon you.” So they did according to Moses’ word.

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.

Digging for Spiritual Gems

Leviticus 10:8-11—What can we learn from these verses?

Leviticus 10:8-11: Then Jehovah said to Aaron: “Do not drink wine or other alcoholic beverages, you and your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you will not die. It is a permanent statute for your generations. This is to distinguish between the holy thing and the profane and between the unclean thing and the clean, and to teach the Israelites all the regulations that Jehovah has spoken to them through Moses.”

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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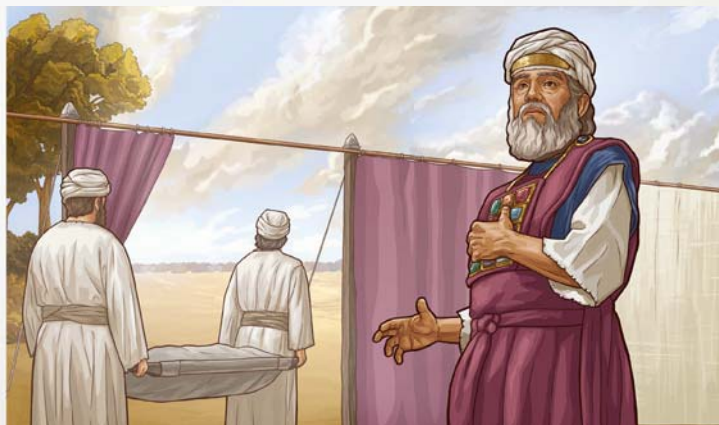
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Sample Conversations

▲ Priests carry out their duties at the tabernacle

INITIAL CALL

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Scripture: Ps 1:1, 2

Link: What effect can the love of money and possessions have on our happiness?

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RETURN VISIT

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Scripture: 1Ti 6:9, 10

Link: What are the benefits of maintaining a positive attitude?

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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.

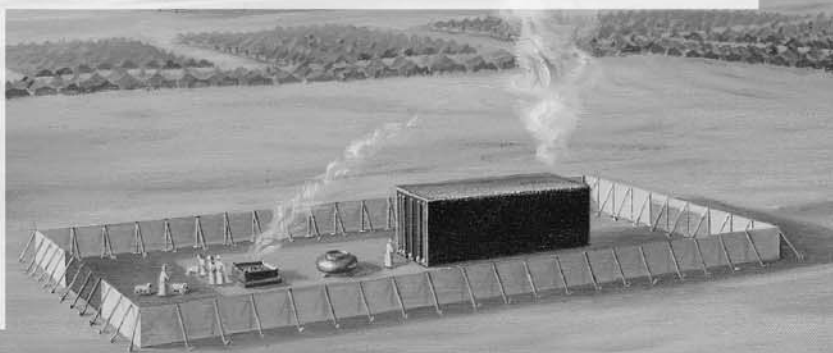
It appears that after the tragic events of that day, Moses saw the need to make sure that all of Jehovah's commandments had been followed. On discovering that the goat of the sin offering had been burned, he indignantly asked Eleazar and Ithamar why they had not eaten it as directed, because its blood 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.



To God We Are Dedicated!

(Matthew 16:24)

D Dma7/F# G A/C# D/F# Dma7/F#

To Christ, by our God, Je - ho - vah, we have been
In prayer we have come be - fore Je - ho - vah to

G6 A7 Bm F#m/A Gma7 Em7 A7 D Em/D

drawn To be his dis - ci - ples from now on.
say We'll serve him for - ev - er and o - bey.

Em/D D F/C G/C C

From Je - ho - vah's loft - y throne, How the
It's a joy be - yond com - pare, One that

F/C G/C C Eb/Bb F/Bb

light of truth has shone. In our hearts, our faith has
we are glad to share, As Je - ho - vah's name we

To God We Are Dedicated!

B \flat D/A E7/A Asus4 A Chorus

grown; Our lives we vow to dis - own.
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D Dma7/F# G A/G D/F# Bm7 D/A G Em7

God we are ded - i - cat - ed; This is our choice. In

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The music continues from the previous system. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The word 'R.H.' is written above the final note of the bass line.

F#m7 Bm7 Em9 G/A A7 D

him and in Je - sus we now re - jice.

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- Song 32 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (1 min.)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

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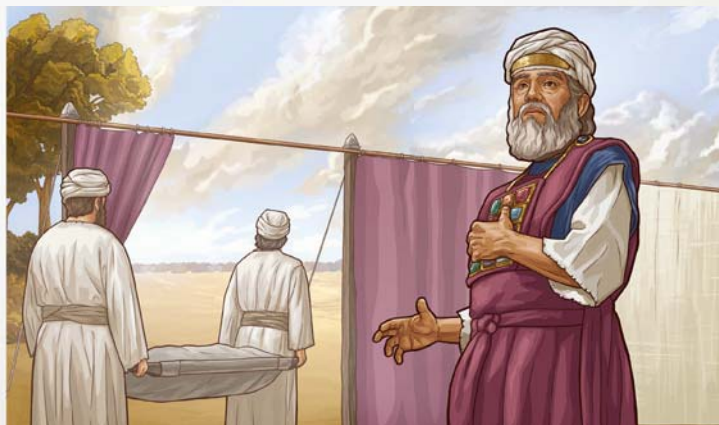
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Disfellowshipping protects the congregation and disciplines unrepentant wrongdoers. (1Co 5:6, 11) When we support such discipline from Jehovah, we show love. How can this be true when disfellowshipping causes emotional pain to all involved, including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



- How can the congregation support faithful family members?



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



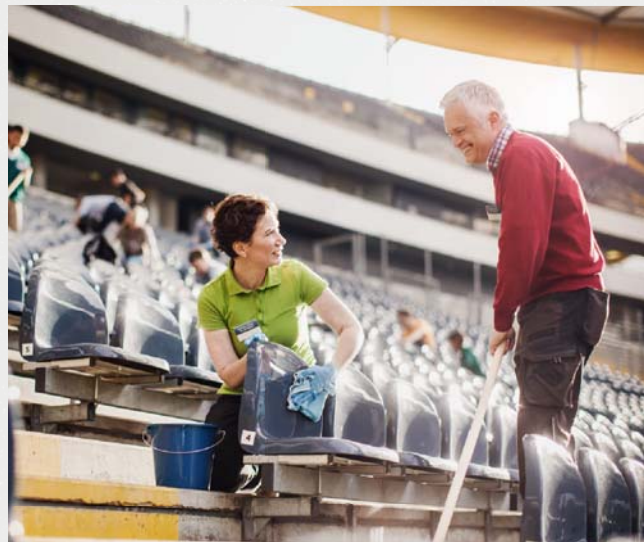
- How do we put loyalty to Jehovah above loyalty to family?

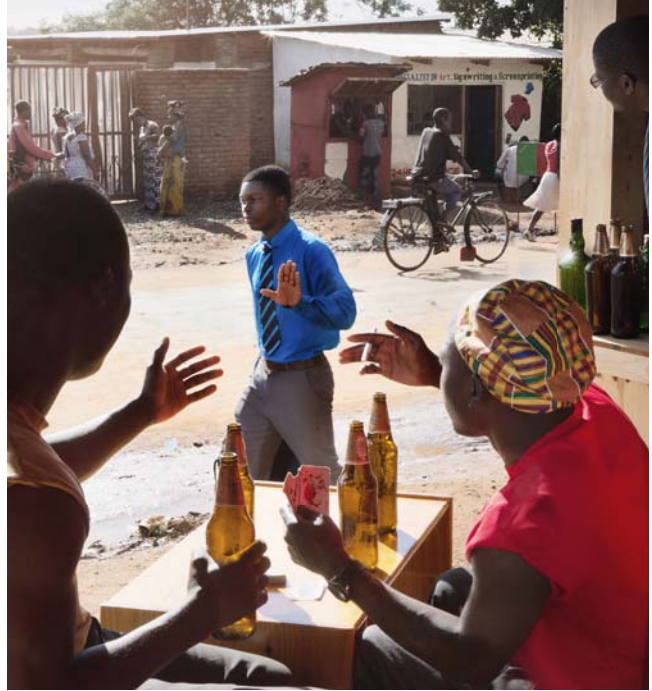
Christian times. In the first century C.E., he wickedly stirred up an apostasy by means of which the Christian congregation became corrupted, and pure worship eventually seemed lost. (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43; Acts 20:29, 30) Beginning in the second century C.E., worshippers entered a long period of spiritual captivity to Babylon the Great, the world empire of false religion. But Satan has *not* succeeded in defeating God's purpose regarding pure worship. Nothing can stop God from fulfilling 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

¹⁵ Jehovah took immediate steps in Eden to deal with the rebels and to ensure that his purpose would be fulfilled.

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





We can choose to resist the temptations of Satan's world
SEE PARAGRAPHS 11, 19

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

(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.

¹⁶ 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) 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?

¹⁷ 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 heart-warming assurances found in God's Word. Who of us is not eager 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.

¹⁸ 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."

¹⁹ 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 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!

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

18. What will we examine in this publication?

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

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.

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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."

Praise Jehovah's Firstborn!

(Hebrews 1:6)

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Praise Je - ho - vah's First - born, God's du - ly ap - point - ed
 Praise Je - ho - vah's First - born, Who died so that we may

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 waits him, A - dorned for him in white. This

Praise Jehovah's Firstborn!

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vin - di - cate Je - ho - vah, His sov - 'reign - ty pro -
mar - riage in the heav - ens Will prove God's rule is

Chorus
Bb Eb Gm7/D Cm7 Cm Cm7/Bb

claim. Praise Je - ho - vah's First - born! All
right.

R.H.

Ab Eb/G Fm Abma7/Eb Bb/D Cm11 Bb Bb7 Eb Gm7/D

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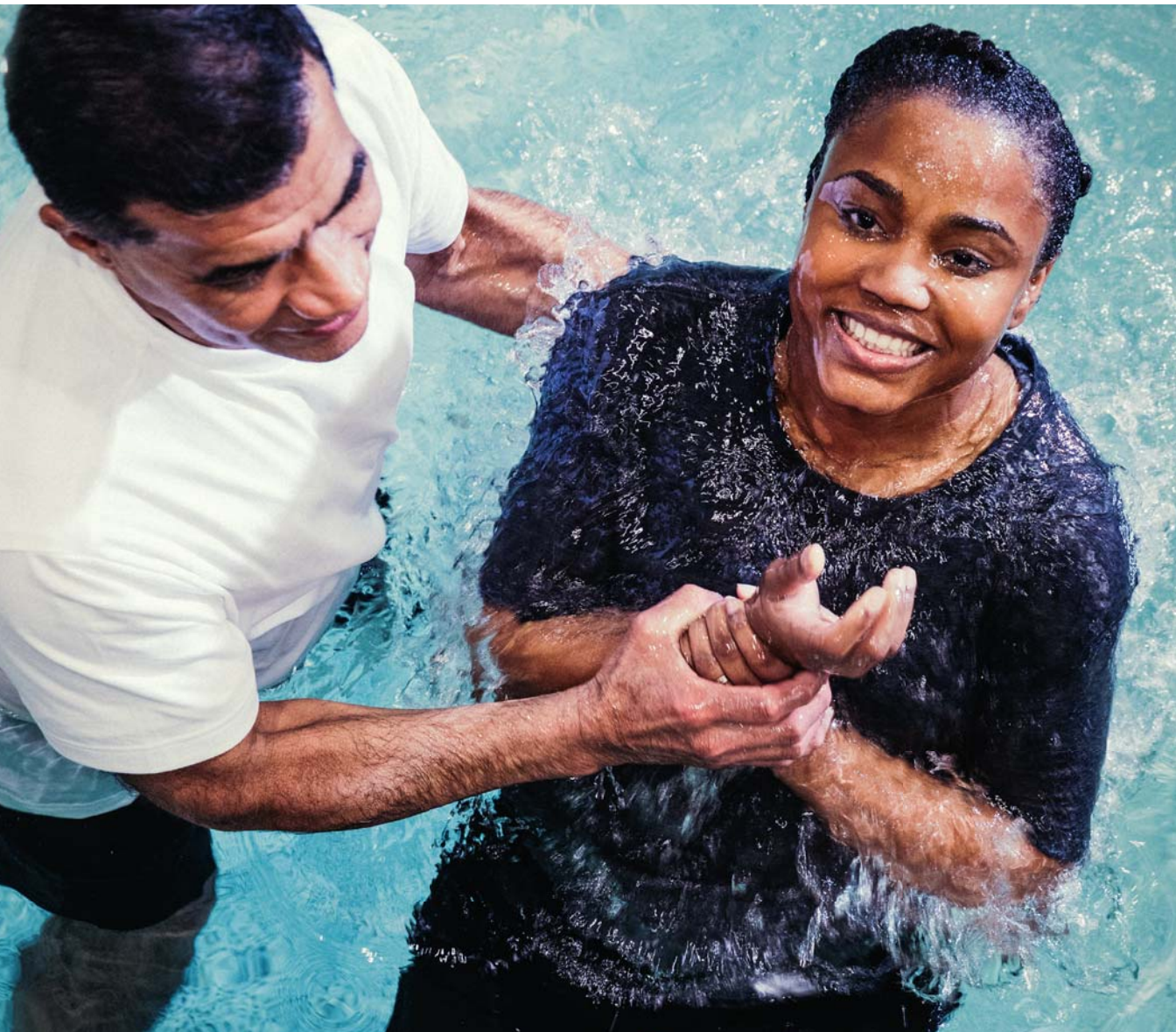
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(See also Ps. 2:6; 45:3, 4; Rev. 19:8.)

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COVER PICTURE:

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“Teaching the Word of God”

(Acts 18:11)

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For those who teach the Word of God, There
 As teach - ers of Je - ho - vah's Word, We
 Je - ho - vah gives us all we need To

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 all may see sin - cer - i - ty As
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how he taught with love. And
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 more, we know it's true. And

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 we can share our heart's good trea - sure And
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close to God a - bove.
 teach our - selves teach as well.
 soon be teach - ers too!

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“Teaching the Word
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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 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.

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.**

² 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 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.

* **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.

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.)



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

³ 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

⁴ 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 in the Bible, these discussions are usually quite brief and may not even be held every week. To cultivate the interest fur-

* 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*.

3. What will we consider in this article about conducting Bible studies?
4. What should we realize about a doorstep Bible study?

ther, 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.

⁵ On one occasion, Jesus illustrated the cost of 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.

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

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

For that reason, we need to encourage prospective disciples to study with us every week. How can we do that?

⁶ 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.

PREPARE FOR EACH STUDY SESSION

⁷ 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

6. What might we try to do to have progressive studies?
7. How can the teacher prepare well for each Bible study session?

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.

⁸ 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.

⁹ It is our hope that through a regular Bible study, the student will appreciate what Jehovah and Jesus have done and will want to learn more. (Matt. 5:3, 6) To benefit fully from the study, *the stu-*

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.

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





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

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

TEACH HIM TO COMMUNICATE WITH JEHOVAH EVERY DAY

¹⁰ 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

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

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

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.* 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.

¹¹ 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 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

* Go to BIBLE TEACHINGS > BIBLE STUDY TOOLS.

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



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

acquire something else that can lead to his dedication and baptism.

HELP HIM TO DEVELOP A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JEHOVAH

¹² 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 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)

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

Try to instill deep love for God in your student’s heart.

¹³ 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 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

¹⁴ 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 at-

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

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

tend 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.

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,

* In *JW Library*[®], go to MEDIA > OUR MEETINGS AND MINISTRY > TOOLS FOR THE MINISTRY.

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

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 can imitate and who will help him progress to baptism.

¹⁶ 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 12, “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.

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

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?

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

How Does It Make You Feel?

(Hebrews 13:15)

E_b *A_b* *B_b* *E_b* *A_b* *B_b*

How does it make you feel when you preach and teach with zeal,
 How does it make you feel when the words you speak ap - peal
 How does it make you feel, know - ing God's sup - port is real,

E_b *A_b* *E_b/A_b* *F_m*

When you know you've done your part to reach an hon - est
 To the ones whose heart is right for ev - er - last - ing
 And that he's en - trust - ed you to do the work we

B_b *F_m7* *B_b* *E_b* *A_b* *B_b*

heart?
 life?
 do? Know - ing you've done your best;
 Some peo - ple turn a - way,
 Proud - ly we preach and teach,

E_b *A_b* *B_b*

then our God will do the rest. Hon - est
 oth - ers might be led a - stray. Still we're
 us - ing bold but gra - cious speech, Search - ing

How Does It Make You Feel?

Eb
Ab
Eb/Ab
Fm
Gm/Bb
Bb7

hearts he sure - ly knows— all those to him dis -
 glad to bear his name and wit - ness just the
 out de - serv - ing ones; this work will soon be

Chorus

Eb
Ab
Eb
Eb/G
Ab
Bb

posed.
 same.
 done.

It makes us glad, and we re -

Eb
Eb/G
Ab
Cm7
Bbsus4
Bb
Eb
Eb/G

joyce to give our heart and mind and voice. So may our

Ab
Cm7
Bbsus4
Eb
Ab
Eb

sac - ri - fice of praise con - tin - ue all our days.