

Monday, November 1

Consider others superior to you.—Philippians 2:3.

Today, many people who are considered wise would ridicule the Bible's counsel about self-importance. They would say that considering others superior to you would make you vulnerable and that others would take advantage of you. But what fruitage has the self-centered attitude promoted by Satan's world produced? Are selfish people happy? Do they have happy families and genuine friends? Do they have a close friendship with God? From what you have seen, which produces the best results—following the wisdom of this world or the wisdom found in God's Word? (1 Corinthians 3:19) People who follow the advice of those whom the world views as wise are like a tourist who asks a fellow tourist for directions when both of them are lost. Jesus said regarding the "wise" men of his day: "Blind guides is what they are. If, then, a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit." (Matthew 15:14) Truly, the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. w19.05 24-25 paragraphs 14-16

Tuesday, November 2

They will gather his chosen ones together.—Matthew 24:31.

In recent years, the number of those partaking at the Memorial has been going up. Do we need to worry about this? No. “Jehovah knows those who belong to him.” (2 Timothy 2:19) Unlike Jehovah, the brothers who count the number of those partaking at the Memorial do not know who truly is anointed. So the number includes those who think that they are anointed but are not. For example, some who used to partake later stopped. Others may have mental or emotional problems that make them believe that they will rule with Christ in heaven. Clearly, we do not know exactly how many anointed ones are left on earth. There will be anointed ones in many parts of the earth when Jesus comes to take them to heaven. The Bible does say that during the last days, there will be a small number of anointed ones left on earth. (Revelation 12:17) But it does not say how many of them will be left when the great tribulation begins. w20.01 29-30 paragraphs 11-13

Wednesday, November 3

God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son.—John 3:16.

Jesus illustrated the depth of Jehovah's fatherly care with the story of the son who was lost. (Luke 15:11-32) The father in that illustration never stopped hoping that his son would return. When the son made his way home, the father eagerly welcomed him back. If we have strayed from Jehovah but are repentant, we can be sure that our loving Father is ready and willing to welcome us back. Our Father will repair all the damage caused by Adam. After Adam's rebellion, Jehovah purposed to adopt 144,000 individuals from among mankind who will serve as kings and priests in heaven with his Son. Jesus and those associate rulers will help obedient humans to come to perfection in the new world. After they pass a final test of obedience, God will grant them everlasting life. Our Father will then have the satisfaction of seeing the earth filled with his perfect sons and daughters. What a glorious time that will be! w20.02 6-7 paragraphs 17-19

Thursday, November 4

Continue to be made new in your dominant mental attitude.—Ephesians 4:23.

All of us need to ask ourselves, 'Are the changes I am making to become a Christian only skin-deep, or am I truly becoming a Christian deep within?' The difference is important. In his words recorded at Matthew 12:43-45, Jesus indicated what needs to be done. The idea behind those words highlights this important truth: It is not enough to get rid of wrong thoughts; we need to fill the void with godly thinking. Is it possible to change our basic inclinations or who we really are inside? God's Word answers: "Put on the new personality that was created according to God's will in true righteousness and loyalty." (Ephesians 4:24) Yes, it is possible to change what we are inside, but it is not easy to do. We need to do more than just suppress wrong desires and actions. We need to change our "dominant mental attitude." That involves changing our desires, our tendencies, and our motivations. This requires continuous action. w19.06 9-10 paragraphs 6-7

Friday, November 5

We are going to destroy this place.—Genesis 19:13.

Jehovah compassionately sent angels to rescue Lot and his family. However, Lot “kept lingering.” The angels had to seize hold of his hand and help him and his family flee the city. (Genesis 19:15, 16) The angels then told him to run to the mountainous region. But instead of obeying Jehovah, Lot asked to go to a nearby town. (Genesis 19:17-20) Jehovah patiently listened and allowed Lot to go to that town. Lot later became afraid of living there and moved to the mountainous region, the very area Jehovah had told him to go to in the first place. (Genesis 19:30) What remarkable patience Jehovah showed! Like Lot, a member of our spiritual family may make poor decisions and cause serious problems for himself. If that were to happen, how would we respond? We might be tempted to point out that he is reaping what he has sown, which would be true. (Galatians 6:7) However, we can do better. We can imitate the way that Jehovah helped Lot.

w19.06 20-21 paragraphs 3-5

Saturday, November 6

Jehovah is my helper; I will not be afraid.—Hebrews 13:6.

When our enemies ban our worship, they hope to make us afraid to serve Jehovah. In addition to the ban, they may circulate false stories, send officials to search our homes, drag us to court, or even imprison some of us. They hope that we will be terrified because they managed to put a small number of us in prison. If we were to allow them to instill fear in our heart, we might even begin to “ban” our own worship. We would not want to become like those described at Leviticus 26:36, 37. We will not allow fear to cause us to reduce or to stop our spiritual activities. We trust completely in Jehovah and refuse to panic. (Isaiah 28:16) We prayerfully seek Jehovah’s guidance. We know that with his backing, not even the most powerful human government can prevent us from faithfully worshipping our God. Rather than intimidate us, opposition can motivate us to serve Jehovah more fully. w19.07 9-10 paragraphs 6-7

Sunday, November 7

Preach the word.—2 Timothy 4:2.

Even if your ministry seems to be unproductive, do not give up hope of finding potential disciples. Remember that Jesus likened disciple-making to fishing. Fishermen may spend many hours before they catch any fish. Often they work late at night or early in the morning, and sometimes they have to sail long distances. (Luke 5:5) In like manner, some disciple-makers spend many hours patiently “fishing” at different times and in various locations. Why? To improve their chances of meeting people. Those who put in the extra effort are often rewarded by meeting people who are interested in our message. Could you try preaching at a time of day when you are more likely to meet people or at a location where you are more likely to find them? Why does conducting Bible studies require patience? One reason is that we need to do more than help the student come to know and love the doctrines found in the Bible. We need to help the student come to know and love the Author of the Bible, Jehovah. *w19.07* 18-19 paragraphs 14-15



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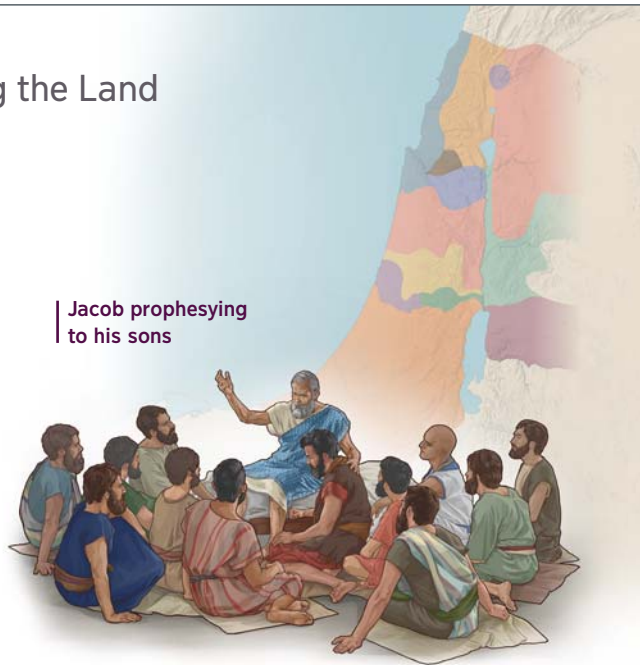
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Great God, Jehovah

(Exodus 34:6, 7)

1. Great God, Jehovah, you are deserving,
Worthy of the highest praise,
Good and just in all your ways.
You have such power, deep love, and wisdom.
You are God to endless days.
2. Father, we feel your tender compassion.
We are dust, and still you care;
Graciously you hear our prayer.
How you sustain us, teach us, and guide us!
Help from you is always there.
3. Heaven and earth now sing of your glory.
Joyfully with voices raised,
We exalt you all our days.
Great God, Jehovah, you are deserving.
Please accept our heartfelt praise.

JOSHUA 18-19

18 Then all the assembly of the Israelites congregated at Shi'loh, and they set up the tent of meeting there, as the land was now subdued before them. ² But there were still seven tribes left of the Israelites whose inheritance had not been allotted. ³ So Joshua said to the Israelites: "How long will you put off going in to take possession of the land that Jehovah the God of your forefathers has given you? ⁴ Give me three men from each tribe to send out; they should go out and walk throughout the land and map it out according to their inheritance. Then they should return to me. ⁵ They must apportion it among themselves into seven shares. Judah will remain in his territory to the south, and the house of Joseph will remain in their territory to the north. ⁶ As for you, map out the land into seven shares, and bring them here to me, and I will cast lots here for you before Jehovah our God. ⁷ But the Levites have no share among you, because the priesthood of Jehovah is their inheritance; and Gad, Reu'ben, and the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh have already taken their inheritance on the east side of the Jordan, which Moses the servant of Jehovah gave them."

⁸ The men prepared to go, and Joshua commanded those who were to map out the land: "Go and walk through the land and map it out and return to me, and I will cast lots for you here before Jehovah in Shi'loh." ⁹ With that the men went and traveled through the land and mapped it out by cities into seven shares, recording it in a book. After that they returned to Joshua at the camp in Shi'loh. ¹⁰ Joshua

then cast lots for them in Shi'loh before Jehovah. There Joshua apportioned the land to the Israelites by their shares.

¹¹ The lot came up for the tribe of Benjamin by their families, and the territory of their lot was between the people of Judah and the people of Joseph. ¹² On the north side, their boundary started at the Jordan, and the boundary went up to the slope of Jer'i-cho on the north and went up on the mountain westward, and it extended to the wilderness of Beth-a'ven. ¹³ And the boundary continued from there to Luz, at the southern slope of Luz, that is, Beth'el; the boundary went down to At'a-roth-ad'dar on the mountain that is south of Lower Beth-ho'ron. ¹⁴ And the boundary was marked at the western side and went around toward the south from the mountain that faces Beth-ho'ron to the south; it ended at Kir'i-ath-ba'al, that is, Kir'i-ath-je'a-rim, a city of Judah. This is the western side.

¹⁵ The south side was from the extremity of Kir'i-ath-je'a-rim, and the boundary extended westward; it went out to the spring of the waters of Neph-to'ah. ¹⁶ The boundary went down to the extremity of the mountain that faces the Valley of the Son of Hin'nom, which is in the Valley of Reph'a-im to the north, and it went down to the Valley of Hin'nom, to the slope of the Jeb'u-site on the south, and down to En-ro'gel. ¹⁷ And it was marked northward and extended to En-she'mesh and then out to Gel-i'loth, which is in front of the ascent of A-dum'mim, and it went down to the stone of Bo'han the son of Reu'ben. ¹⁸ And it continued to the northern slope in front of the Ar'a-bah and went down to the

Ar'a·bah. ¹⁹ And the boundary continued to the northern slope of Beth-hog'lah, and the boundary ended at the northern bay of the Salt Sea at the southern end of the Jordan. This was the southern boundary. ²⁰ And the Jordan served as its boundary on the eastern side. This was the inheritance of the descendants of Benjamin by their families, according to its boundaries on all sides.

²¹ And the cities of the tribe of Benjamin by their families were: Jer'i·cho, Beth-hog'lah, E'mek-ke'ziz, ²² Beth-ar'a·bah, Zem·a·ra'im, Beth'el, ²³ Av'vim, Pa'rah, Oph'rah, ²⁴ Che'phar-am'mo·ni, Oph'ni, and Ge'ba—12 cities and their settlements.

²⁵ Gib'e·on, Ra'mah, Be·er'oth, ²⁶ Miz'peh, Che·phi'rah, Mo'zah, ²⁷ Re'kem, Ir'pe·el, Tar'a·lah, ²⁸ Ze'lah, Ha-e'leph, Je·bu'si, that is, Jerusalem, Gib'e·ah, and Kir'i·ath—14 cities and their settlements.

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19 Then the second lot came out for Sim'e-on, for the tribe of Sim'e-on by their families. And their inheritance was within the inheritance of Judah. ² Their inheritance was Be'er-she'ba with She'ba, Mo·la'dah, ³ Ha'zar-shu'al, Ba'lah, E'zem, ⁴ El-to'lad, Be'thul, Hor'mah, ⁵ Zik'lag, Beth-mar'ca·both, Ha'zar-su'sah, ⁶ Beth-le·ba'oth, and Sha·ru'hen—13 cities and their settlements; ⁷ A'in, Rim'mon, E'ther, and A'shan—four cities and their settlements; ⁸ and all the settlements that were around these cities as far as Ba'al-ath-be'er, Ra'mah of the south. This was the

inheritance of the tribe of Sim'e-on by their families. ⁹ The inheritance of the descendants of Sim'e-on was taken out of the allotment of Judah, because the share of Judah was too large for them. So the descendants of Sim'e-on received a possession within their inheritance.

¹⁰ Next the third lot came up for the descendants of Zeb'u-lun by their families, and the boundary of their inheritance went as far as Sa'rid. ¹¹ Their boundary went up westward to Mar'e-al and reached to Dab'be-sheth and then to the valley in front of Jok'ne-am. ¹² And it went from Sa'rid eastward toward the sunrise, to the border of Chis'loth-ta'bor and out to Dab'e-rath and then up to Ja-phi'a. ¹³ And from there it continued eastward toward the sunrise to Gath-he'pher, to Eth-ka'zin, and out to Rim'mon, and it extended to Ne'ah. ¹⁴ And the boundary went around it on the north to Han'na-thon, and it ended at the Valley of Iph'tah-el, ¹⁵ and Kat'tath, Na-hal'al, Shim'ron, I'da-lah, and Beth'le-hem—12 cities and their settlements. ¹⁶ This was the inheritance of the descendants of Zeb'u-lun by their families. These were the cities and their settlements.

¹⁷ The fourth lot came out for Is'sa-char, for the descendants of Is'sa-char by their families. ¹⁸ And their boundary was to Jez're-el, Che-sul'loth, Shu'nem, ¹⁹ Haph'a-ra'im, Shi'on, An-a-ha'rath, ²⁰ Rab'bith, Kish'i-on, E'bez, ²¹ Re'meth, En-gan'nim, En-had'dah, and Beth-paz'zez. ²² And the boundary reached to Ta'bor and Sha-ha-zu'mah and Beth-she'mesh, and the end of their border was at the Jordan—16 cities and their settlements.

²³ This was the inheritance of the tribe of Is'sa-char by their families, the cities and their settlements.

²⁴ Then the fifth lot came out for the tribe of Ash'er by their families. ²⁵ And their boundary was Hel'kath, Ha'li, Be'ten, Ach'shaph, ²⁶ Al-lam'me-lech, A'mad, and Mi'shal. It reached westward to Car'mel and to Shi'hor-lib'nath, ²⁷ and it went back toward the east to Beth-da'gon and reached to Zeb'u-lun and the Valley of Iph'tah-el to the north, to Beth-e'mek and Ne-i'el, and it extended to Ca'bul on the left, ²⁸ and to E'bron, Re'hob, Ham'mon, and Ka'nah as far as Great Si'don. ²⁹ And the boundary went back to Ra'mah and as far as the fortified city of Tyre. Then the boundary went back to Ho'sah, and it ended at the sea in the region of Ach'zib, ³⁰ Um'mah, A'phek, and Re'hob—22 cities and their settlements. ³¹ This was the inheritance of the tribe of Ash'er by their families. These were the cities and their settlements.

³² The sixth lot came out for the descendants of Naph'ta-li, for the descendants of Naph'ta-li by their families. ³³ Their boundary was from He'leph, from the big tree in Za-a-nan'nim, and Ad'a-mi-ne'keb and Jab'ne-el as far as Lak'kum; and it ended at the Jordan. ³⁴ The boundary went back westward to Az'noth-ta'bor and extended from there to Huk'kok and reached to Zeb'u-lun on the south and to Ash'er on the west and to Judah at the Jordan toward the east.

³⁵ And the fortified cities were Zid'dim, Zer, Ham'math, Rak'kath, Chin'ne-reth, ³⁶ Ad'a-mah, Ra'mah, Ha'zor, ³⁷ Ke'desh, Ed're-i, En-ha'zor, ³⁸ Yi'ron, Mig'dal-el, Ho'rem, Beth-a'nath, and Beth-she'mesh—19 cities and their

settlements. ³⁹ This was the inheritance of the tribe of Naph'ta-li by their families, the cities and their settlements.

⁴⁰ The seventh lot came out for the tribe of Dan by their families. ⁴¹ And the border of their inheritance was Zo'rah, Esh'ta-ol, Ir-she'mesh, ⁴² Sha-al-ab'bin, Ai'ja-lon, Ith'lah, ⁴³ E'lon, Tim'nah, Ek'ron, ⁴⁴ El'te-keh, Gib'be-thon, Ba'al-ath, ⁴⁵ Je'hud, Ben'e-be'rak, Gath-rim'mon, ⁴⁶ Me-jar'kon, and Rak'kon, with the border facing Jop'pa. ⁴⁷ But the territory of Dan was too cramped for them. So they went up and fought against Le'shem and captured it and struck it with the sword. Then they took possession of it and settled in it, and they changed the name of Le'shem to Dan, after the name of Dan their forefather. ⁴⁸ This was the inheritance of the tribe of Dan by their families. These were the cities and their settlements.

⁴⁹ Thus they finished dividing the land for inheritance by its territories. Then the Israelites gave Joshua the son of Nun an inheritance in their midst. ⁵⁰ At the order of Jehovah they gave him the city he asked for, Tim'nath-se'rah, in the mountainous region of E'phra-im, and he built up the city and settled in it.

⁵¹ These were the inheritances that El-e-a'zar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the paternal houses of the tribes of Israel distributed by lot in Shi'loh before Jehovah, at the entrance of the tent of meeting. So they finished apportioning the land.



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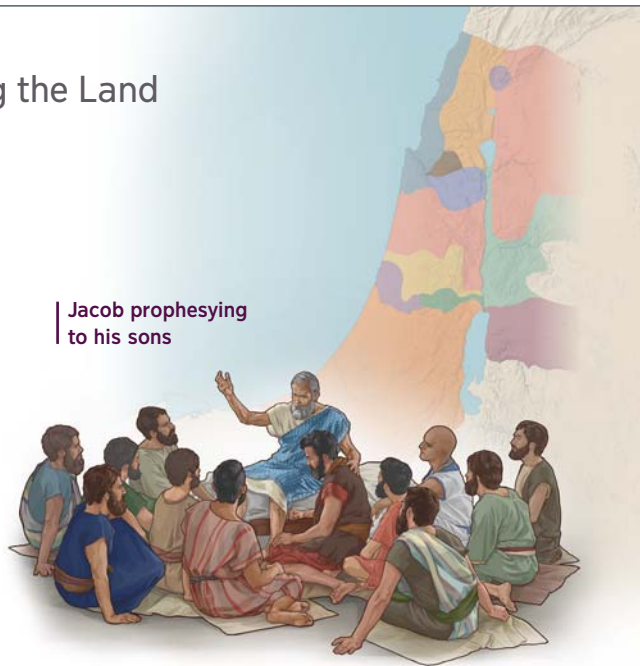
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Song 12 and Prayer

Opening Comments (1 minute)

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It thus appears that the distribution of the land among the tribes was governed by two factors: the result of the casting of the lot, and the size of the tribe. The lot may have established only the approximate location of the land inheritance each tribe would have, thus designating an inheritance in one section or another of the land, such as to the N or S, E or W, along the coastal plain, or in the mountainous region. The decision of the lot proceeded from Jehovah and hence would

serve to prevent jealousy or quarreling among the tribes. (Proverbs 16:33) By this means God would also guide matters so that the situation of each tribe would fall in accordance with the inspired deathbed prophecy of the patriarch Jacob recorded at Genesis 49:1-33.

Jehovah ensured that Jacob's deathbed prophecy was fulfilled

Joshua 19:1: Then the second lot came out for Simeon, for the tribe of Simeon by their families. And their inheritance was within the inheritance of Judah.

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Hereditary lands. The inheritance of the sons of Israel was given to them by Jehovah, who outlined the boundaries of the land to Moses. (Numbers 34:1-12; Joshua 1:4) The sons of Gad, the sons of Reuben, and half of the tribe of Manasseh were granted their allotment of territory by Moses. (Numbers 32:33; Joshua 14:3) The rest of the tribes received their inheritance by lot at the direction of Joshua and Eleazar. (Joshua 14:1, 2) In harmony with Jacob's prophecy at Genesis 49:5, 7, Simeon and

Levi were not given a separate section of territory as inheritance. Simeon's territory consisted of land (along with enclave cities) inside the territory of Judah (Joshua 19:1-9), while Levi was granted 48 cities throughout the entire territory of Israel. Since the Levites received the appointment to special service at the sanctuary, Jehovah was said to be their inheritance. They received the tithe as their portion or inheritance in return for their service. (Numbers 18:20, 21; 35:6, 7) Families were given assignments within the territory of their tribe. As families would increase and sons would inherit, the land would be progressively divided up into smaller and smaller parcels.

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it-1 359 paragraph 2

After the casting of the lot had determined the geographic location of a tribe, it would then be necessary to determine the extent of its territory on the basis of the second factor: its proportionate size. "You must apportion the land to yourselves as a possession by lot according to your families. To the populous one you should increase his inheritance, and to the sparse one you should reduce his inheritance. To where the lot will come out for him, there it will become his." (Numbers 33:54) The decision of the lot as to the basic geographic location would stand, but adjustment could be made as to the size of the inheritance. Thus, when Judah's territory was found to be too large, its land area was reduced by assigning portions of it to the tribe of Simeon.—Joshua 19:9.

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remaining seven tribes for their dilatory attitude as to settling the rest of the land. (Joshua 18:2, 3) Various explanations have been offered as to the cause of this attitude on the part of the seven tribes, some commentators reasoning that the abundance of spoil obtained during the conquest and the relative freedom from any immediate threat of attack by the Canaanites may have caused these tribes to feel no particular urgency about taking possession of the remaining portion of the territory. A reluctance to face up to the problem of dealing with the pockets of strong enemy resistance there may have contributed to this tardiness. (Joshua 13:1-7) Also, their knowledge of this portion of the Promised Land may have been considerably more limited than of those sections already allotted.

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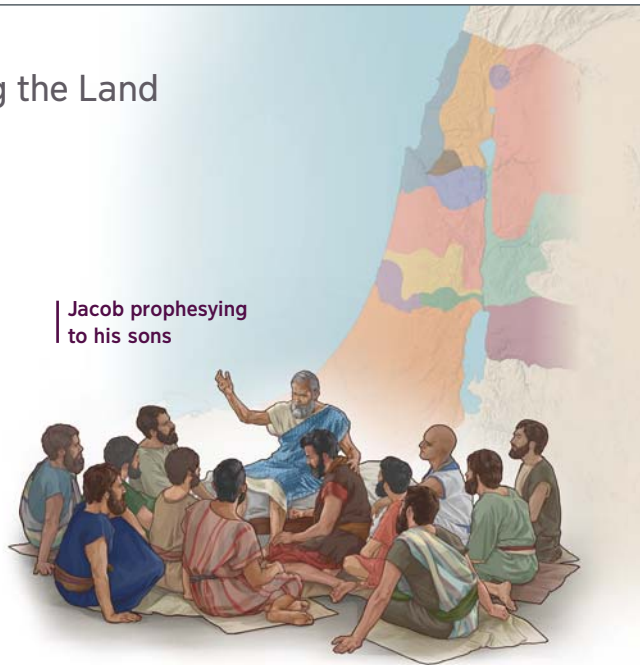
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Sample Conversations

Initial Call: Good News—Ps 37:10, 11

We're making brief visits on our neighbors because many are interested in a better world. Do you think it's realistic that one day there will be an end to violence and war? An end to violence and war?

Yeah, that's probably not realistic.

May I ask why you feel that way?

Well, the world has always had violence and war. I think the best we can hope for is just to limit those things.

I think a lot of people feel that way. May we share something that the Scriptures say on the subject?

Sure.

Susan, would you please read Psalm 37:10, 11? Sure. It says:

“Just a little while longer, and the wicked will be no more; you will look at where they were, and they will not be there. But the meek will possess the earth, and they will find exquisite delight in the abundance of peace.”

Thank you. So according to this, who will not be any more?

It says “the wicked” won’t be here.

That’s right. And without the influence of the wicked, what would be the result?

Peace.

Does it not seem logical that if the wicked are gone then violence and war would end?

It makes sense.

I hope it’ll be a reality some day.

I agree.

Of course, it’s not realistic to think that man could accomplish this. But this verse is describing what God Almighty will do. The Bible contains many other encouraging promises. The next time, I’d like to share with you the Bible’s promise to end the problems that make life seem hopeless.

Sure.



INCREASE YOUR JOY IN THE MINISTRY

Accept Jehovah's Help Through Prayer

It is Jehovah who makes the seed of truth take root and grow in someone's heart. (1Co 3:6-9) Therefore, in order to succeed in the ministry, we must rely on Jehovah to help us and our Bible students.

Ask Jehovah to help your students to endure pressures and to overcome obstacles. (Php 1:9, 10) Be specific. Pray for holy spirit to guide your thoughts and actions. (Lu 11:13) Teach your Bible students how to pray, and urge them to do so. Pray with and for your Bible students, using their name.

WATCH THE VIDEO DRAMATIZATION *EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF DISCIPLE-MAKING—ACCEPT JEHOVAH'S HELP—PRAYER, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:*

- What challenge did Neeta encounter in her study with Jade?

- How did 1 Corinthians 3:6 help Neeta?

- How was Neeta's challenge resolved?



SAMPLE CONVERSATIONS

Initial Call November (Special Campaign)

Question: Is an end to violence and war realistic?

Scripture: Ps 37:10, 11

Link: What Bible promise gives us hope?

- ▶ FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE TEACHING TOOLBOX:
 - wp21.2 5

Initial Call December*

Question: How do you view the Bible?

Scripture: Ro 15:4

Link: What Bible promise gives us hope?

- ▶ FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE TEACHING TOOLBOX:
 - Iffi 5

Return Visit*

Question: What Bible promise gives us hope?

Scripture: Re 21:3, 4

Link: How can we understand the Bible?

- ▶ FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE TEACHING TOOLBOX:
 - Iffi 7; wp21.2 14

* You may adjust the question and link according to local circumstances.



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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.*

Song 12 and Prayer

Opening Comments (1 min.)

**TREASURES
FROM GOD'S WORD****“Jehovah’s Wise Way of Dividing the Land”:**
(10 min.)**Spiritual Gems:** (10 min.)Jos 18:1-3—What may have caused the Israelites to delay settling the territory west of the Jordan? (*it-1* 359 ¶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.) Jos 18:1-14 (2)**APPLY YOURSELF
TO THE FIELD MINISTRY****Initial Call Video:** (5 min.) Discussion. Play the video *Initial Call: Good News—Ps 37:10, 11*

(video category OUR MEETINGS AND MINISTRY). Stop the video at each pause, and ask the audience the questions that appear in the video.

Initial Call: (4 min.) Begin with the sample conversation. Then offer *The Watchtower* No. 2 2021. (1)**Initial Call:** (4 min.) Begin with the sample conversation. Overcome a common objection. (11)**LIVING
AS CHRISTIANS****Song 76****“We Thank Jehovah for Your Love”:** (15 min.)Discussion by an elder. Play the video *We Always “Give Thanks to God for You”* (video category OUR ORGANIZATION). Mention one or two highlights from the jw.org article series “How Your Donations Are Used.”**Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.)
rr chap. 15 ¶15-17, box 15A**Jehovah’s Wise Way of Dividing the Land**Jehovah gave direction by lot, perhaps to designate the approximate location of each tribal inheritance (Jos 18:10; *it-1* 359 ¶1)Jehovah ensured that Jacob’s deathbed prophecy was fulfilled (Jos 19:1; *it-1* 1200 ¶1)Jehovah allowed the people to determine the extent of each tribe’s territory (Jos 19:9; *it-1* 359 ¶2)

The land was divided in a way that prevented jealousy or quarreling between the tribes. What confidence does this give you about how Jehovah will direct matters in the new world?

**Jacob prophesying
to his sons**



We Thank Jehovah for Your Love

The congregation in Thessalonica showed love to fellow Christians despite hardships. (2Th 1:3, 4) Jehovah's people today show similar love for the worldwide association of brothers. The [jw.org](#) article series "How Your Donations Are Used" highlights ways that your donations have supported your brothers during these difficult times. We commend you for your love and generous support.

WATCH THE VIDEO *WE ALWAYS "GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOU," AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:*

- What are some of the activities that our donations support?

- What is the best way to provide financial support for our brothers and sisters in need?—See also the [jw.org](#) article "Surplus Offsets a Deficiency"

LEARN MORE ONLINE

How can you make voluntary donations to support the work of Jehovah's Witnesses? Click on the "Donations" link at the bottom of the home page on the *JW Library* app. In many countries there is a link to "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ), which answers common questions about donations.



We Always “Give Thanks to God for You”

Raw Transcript

We feel blessed to be part of a brotherhood that imitates our generous God, Jehovah. Year after year, you diligently give of your time, energy, and financial resources to support one another, both locally and globally. The Governing Body has asked me to convey their sincere appreciation for all that you do. They feel as did the apostle Paul when he wrote at 2 Thessalonians 1:3: “We are obligated always to give thanks “to God for you, brothers . . . , “because your faith is growing exceedingly “and the love of each and every one of you is increasing toward one another.” Although the 2021 service year had its challenges, none of the disasters threatened the bond of faith and love we all share. And your generous donations have played a part in strengthening that bond. The article series “How Your Donations Are Used” has highlighted tangible ways your donations continue to support our brotherhood. Note just a few: Funds are being used to provide JW Boxes in many Kingdom Halls where Internet access is limited, helping hundreds of thousands to access spiritual food. With the support of your donations, we have obtained legal victories, allowing many of our brothers who are part of indigenous communities in Latin America to worship freely. And many of us have benefited from the

increased use of video streaming and conferencing for our meetings and conventions. We want to thank you all personally for what you've done to support these initiatives. We especially appreciate that we have the resources available to help our brothers when disaster strikes. During the COVID-19 pandemic, hundreds of thousands have received relief aid. To date, more than 25 million dollars has been approved to be spent on this relief. What have been the results? This is from two children, Hortreche and Yedidia, in Central Africa, ages 9 and 5: "Dear brothers and sisters from Bethel: "I thank you. "Thanks to Jehovah, to the branch, "and to all who distributed food during the COVID-19 pandemic. "What you did is an expression "of the loyal love mentioned "at Lamentations 3:22: "It is because of Jehovah's loyal love "that we have not come to our finish, "for his mercies never end.' "My sister Yedidia and I thank you very much "and encourage you to keep working "in any service you are assigned, "such as translation, the laundry, "the kitchen, and so forth. Thanks a lot." In Southern Africa, a congregation wrote the branch saying: "It is with great pleasure that we are writing you. "We want to express our appreciation for your support "and the help that we received in December of 2020. "It is challenging for us to make ends meet. "We are struggling daily because of the high cost of living. "But despite these hardships, "the brothers in our

congregation “deeply feel Jehovah’s love. “We thank you for the relief supply “of food and clean drinking water received. “Our source of happiness “is knowing that we are not alone “because we have Jehovah “and the worldwide brotherhood on our side. We are so grateful for your support.” Well, it’s evident that your donations to the worldwide work by whatever means help provide this needed support. What can we expect for the 2022 service year? We expect the number and the intensity of disasters to increase as we move deeper into the final part of these last days, but we see many positive developments on the horizon as well. Under the direction of the Governing Body, we have been working hard on the Ramapo construction project, which will be a site primarily dedicated to media production. You may remember at the 2019 annual meeting that it was announced that site work would begin on this project in 2022. We are happy to report that work on this site is well underway! This will include completing an existing stone bridge, building new roads, removing trees, digging and laying sanitary sewer lines, building retaining walls, as well as the blasting and moving of over one million cubic meters of rock. Additionally, a new entrance will be constructed along with widening the highway for safer traffic flow near the site. And toward the end of the year, foundations for the residence buildings will begin. We eagerly look forward to hearing good reports on

this project as it continues to develop. Like the Christians in Thessalonica, many of you support Kingdom interests financially while enduring your own challenges. Paul commended the congregation in Thessalonica, and we commend you too with his inspired words at 2 Thessalonians 1:4: “We ourselves take pride in you “among the congregations of God “because of your endurance and faith “in all your persecutions and the hardships that you are suffering.” We take pride in your loving work, your acts of faith, and your financial support. Thank you for all you’ve done.

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ness! (Ezek. 16:46-50) God's people ignored countless warnings and continued in their revolting course.

¹⁵ What would Jehovah do? He promised Jerusalem: "I am collecting together all the lovers you have given pleasure to" and, "I will give you into their hand." The former pagan allies of his people would destroy her, stripping her of her beauty and valuable things. "They will stone you and will slaughter you with their swords," he said. What was Jehovah's purpose in executing this judgment? It was not the extermination of his people. Rather, it was this: "I will bring an end to your prostitution." God added: "I will satisfy my rage against you, and my indignation will turn away from you; and I will be calm and no longer feel offended." As was discussed in Chapter 9 of this publication, Jehovah's long-term purpose was to bring about the restoration of his people after their exile. Why? He said: "I myself will remember the covenant that I made with you in the days of your youth." (Ezek. 16:37-42, 60) Unlike his people, Jehovah would prove to be profoundly loyal!—**Read Revelation 15:4.**

15. What was Jehovah's purpose in executing judgment on Jerusalem, offering what hope?

THE PROSTITUTE SISTERS

SEE PARAGRAPHS 16, 17

In Ezekiel chapter 23, we find a stinging denunciation of God's people for their unfaithfulness. In many ways, this chapter parallels chapter 16. Like that earlier message, chapter 23 uses the imagery of prostitution. Jerusalem is said to be the younger sister and Samaria, her older sister. Both chapters show how the younger sister came to follow the older one into prostitution but then exceeded her in wickedness and immorality. In chapter 23, Jehovah gives the two sisters' names: Oholah is the older sister, Samaria, the capital of the ten-tribe kingdom of Israel; Oholibah is the younger sister, Jerusalem, the capital of Judah.*^[a]—Ezek. 23:1-4.

The two chapters have further parallels. Perhaps most significant are these: The prostitutes start as wives to Jehovah and then betray him. Also, there is promise of hope. Chapter 23 offers less explicit hope of redemption, but it does parallel chapter 16 when Jehovah says: "I will put an end to your obscene conduct and your prostitution."—Ezek. 16:16, 20, 21, 37, 38, 41, 42; 23:4, 11, 22, 23, 27, 37.

*^[a] The names are significant. Oholah means "Her Tent [of Worship]"—evidently an allusion to Israel's course of setting up its own centers of worship instead of using Jehovah's temple in Jerusalem. Oholibah, on the other hand, means "My Tent [of Worship] Is in Her." Jerusalem was the home of Jehovah's house of worship.

Do They Prefigure Christendom?

In the past, our publications have said that the two sisters, Oholah and Oholibah, are prophetic types of Christendom with its division between the Catholic and Protestant faiths. However, further prayerful thought and research have raised some probing questions. Was Christendom ever Jehovah's wife in any sense? Was she ever in a covenant with him? Clearly not. Christendom did not even exist when Jesus mediated the "new covenant" with spiritual Israel; nor was Christendom ever a part of that spiritual nation of anointed Christians. (Jer. 31:31; Luke 22:20) Christendom did not arise until well after the death of the apostles. She began her existence in the fourth century C.E. as an apostate, corrupt organization made up of "the weeds"—imitation Christians—of Jesus' prophecy about the wheat and the weeds.—Matt. 13:24-30.

Another key difference: Jehovah held out hope of redemption to unfaithful Jerusalem and Samaria. (Ezek. 16: 41, 42, 53-55) Does the Bible hold out similar hope for Christendom? No! She has no more hope than does the rest of Babylon the Great.

So Oholah and Oholibah do not exist as prophetic types of Christendom. However, their existence does shed light on something even more important: how Jehovah feels about those who misrepresent his holy name and his standards of pure worship. Christendom bears a special load of guilt in this regard because her myriad churches claim

to represent the God of the Bible. What is more, they claim Jehovah's own beloved Son, Jesus Christ, as their leader. But they belie that claim by representing Jesus as part of a triune godhead and by disobeying his clear command to remain "no part of the world." (John 15:19) By her persistent involvement in idolatry and political intrigues, Christendom has proved to be very much a part of "the great prostitute." (Rev. 17:1) Without question, she must share the fate that awaits the world empire of false religion!

¹⁶ Jehovah, through his long and powerful speech recorded in Ezekiel chapter 16, teaches us a great deal about his righteous standards, his sense of justice, and his profound mercy. The same may be said about Ezekiel chapter 23. True Christians today take to heart Jehovah's unambiguous messages about the prostitution of his people. Never would we risk hurting Jehovah as Judah and Jerusalem did! So we want to recoil from all idolatry. This includes greed and materialism, which can be forms of idolatry. (Matt. 6:24; Col. 3:5) We want to remain grateful that Jehovah

16, 17. (a) Why do we no longer say that Oholah and Oholibah are prophetic types of Christendom? (See the box "The Prostitute Sisters.") (b) What practical lessons may we draw from Ezekiel chapters 16 and 23?

has mercifully restored pure worship in these last days and that he will never again let it be corrupted! With spiritual Israel, he has established “a permanent covenant,” one that will never be broken by disloyalty or prostitution. (Ezek. 16:60) So let us cherish the privilege we have to be associated with Jehovah’s clean people today.

¹⁷ What, though, does Jehovah’s speech against the prostitutes described in Ezekiel teach us about “the great prostitute,” Babylon the Great? Let us see.

“She Will Never Be Found Again”

¹⁸ Jehovah does not change. (Jas. 1:17) His feelings about false religion have remained the same throughout the history of that great prostitute. So we are not surprised to see many similarities between his judgment of the prostitutes in the book of Ezekiel and the fate of “the great prostitute” described in the book of Revelation.

¹⁹ Note, for example, that the punishment for the prostitutes in Ezekiel’s prophecies came, not from Jehovah directly, but from the very nations with whom

18, 19. What similarities do we note between the prostitutes described in Ezekiel and the one described in Revelation?

Be Steadfast, Immovable!

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

1. Nations are troubled as never before.
People are fearful of what lies in store.
Firm and immovable we need to be,
Serving our God faithfully.

(CHORUS)

*Steadfast we all need to be;
Far from this world we keep free,
Standing firm to the end,
Unending life we'll see.*

2. Snares of the world and temptations abound.
We can resist if our thinking is sound.
Hating what's bad while we love what is true
Makes us immovable too.

(Chorus)

3. Give to God worship that comes from the heart.
In the Lord's service may we have a part.
Preach the good news, always holding it fast.
Soon the last days will have passed.

(Chorus)

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God's people around the globe have happily shared in witnessing to others about God's Kingdom (See study article 37, paragraph 13)

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(Proverbs 16:31)

1. Here with us are aged ones,
 Those whose youth has passed.
Here among us they endure;
 Still they're holding fast.
Loss of strength besets them all;
 Loss of mates for some.
Father, please confirm their faith
 In the life to come.

(CHORUS)

*Father, you remember
How in faith they've run.
Give them your assurance;
May they hear, "Well done!"*

2. Splendid is gray-headedness
 Found in ways of right.
Beautiful are faithful ones
 In Jehovah's sight.
May we always recognize
 They were once young too.
Loyally they gave their best
 When their strength was new.

(Chorus)

Treasure Our Faithful Older Ones

“Gray hair is a crown of beauty.”—PROV. 16:31.

SONG 138

Beauty in Gray-Headedness

PREVIEW

Faithful older ones are like precious treasures. This article will encourage us to heighten our appreciation for them and will discuss how we can benefit fully from their wisdom and experience. It will also assure older ones that they occupy an important place in God’s organization.

VISITORS to a state park in Arkansas, U.S.A., might find diamonds in plain view on the ground. However, those diamonds are in their natural, uncut state. As a result, many who see the diamonds might not realize what they are looking at and just walk right past these treasures.

² In some ways, our faithful older ones are like those diamonds; they are precious treasures. God's Word likens the gray hair of such ones to a crown. (Read Proverbs 16:31; 20:29) These treasures, though, can easily be overlooked. Younger ones who recognize the value of older ones can gain something more beneficial than literal riches. In this article, we will answer three questions: Why does Jehovah view faithful older ones as treasures? What place does Jehovah have in his arrangement for such ones? What can we do to benefit fully from their example?

WHY JEHOVAH VIEWS FAITHFUL OLDER ONES AS TREASURES

³ Faithful older ones are precious to Jehovah God. He sees them for who they really are on the inside, and he knows and values their wonderful qualities. He

1-2. (a) According to Proverbs 16:31, how should we view faithful older ones? (b) What questions will we answer in this article?

3. In line with Psalm 92:12-15, why are faithful older ones precious to Jehovah?

appreciates it when older ones pass on to younger ones the wisdom they have gained during a lifetime of faithful service. (Job 12:12; Prov. 1:1-4) Jehovah also treasures their endurance. (Mal. 3:16) Their lives have not been trouble free; yet, their faith in Jehovah has never wavered. Their hope for the future is brighter than it was when they first learned the truth. And Jehovah loves them because they continue to declare his name “even in old age.”—Read Psalm 92:12-15.

⁴ If you are getting well along in years, be assured that Jehovah remembers the work you have done in the past. (Heb. 6:10) You have zealously supported the preaching work, and that pleases our heavenly Father. You have endured trials—even heartbreaking

4. What thoughts should comfort our older brothers and sisters?



Faithful older ones are precious to Jehovah God and to his people
(See paragraph 3)

ones—upheld the Bible’s righteous standards, carried heavy loads of responsibility, and trained others. You have done your best to keep pace with Jehovah’s fast-moving organization. You have supported and encouraged others as they pursued the full-time ministry. Jehovah God loves you very much for being loyal. He promises that “he will not abandon his loyal ones”! (Ps. 37:28) He gives you this assurance: “Until your hair is gray I will keep bearing you.” (Isa. 46:4) So do not conclude that in view of your advancing years, you no longer have an important role in Jehovah’s organization. You most certainly do!

GOD HAS A PLACE FOR OLDER ONES

⁵ Older ones have much to offer. Although they may not have the strength they once had, they do have a wealth of experience that they have acquired over the years. Jehovah can continue to use them in various ways, as the following examples from the past and the present show.

⁶ We can find good examples in the Bible of faithful ones who actively served Jehovah into their old age. Moses, for instance, was about 80 years old

5. What should older ones keep in mind?

6-7. Give examples from the Bible of older ones who received blessings for their loyal service.

when he began serving as Jehovah's prophet and representative to the nation of Israel. Jehovah was still using Daniel as His spokesman when the prophet was probably in his 90's. And the apostle John was likely also in his 90's when he was inspired to write the book of Revelation.

⁷ Many other faithful ones were not prominent or well-known, and they could easily have been overlooked. Still, Jehovah noticed them and rewarded their loyalty. For example, the "righteous and devout" man Simeon is mentioned just briefly in the Bible, but Jehovah knew who he was and granted him the privilege of seeing the infant Jesus and of prophesying about the child and his mother. (Luke 2:22, 25-35) Think, too, of the widowed prophetess Anna. She was 84 years old but was "never missing from the temple." Her faithful "meeting attendance" was richly rewarded when on one occasion she too saw the infant Jesus. Both Simeon and Anna were precious to Jehovah.—Luke 2:36-38.

⁸ In modern times, many faithful older ones serve as excellent examples for younger ones. Consider the experience of Sister Lois Didur. She was just 21 years old when she started to serve as a special pioneer in Canada. After that, she and her husband, John, spent

8-9. What contribution do widows continue to make?



Sister Didur,
now in her 80's,
continues in her
faithful service
(See paragraph 8)

a number of years in the traveling work. They later served at Canada Bethel for over 20 years. When Lois was 58, she and John were invited to accept an assignment in Ukraine. What would they do? Would they conclude that they were too old to serve in another country? They accepted the assignment, and John was appointed to serve on the Branch Committee there. After John's death seven years later, Lois decided to stay in her assignment. Now, at the age of 81, Lois continues to serve as a productive and much loved member of the Ukraine Bethel family.

⁹ Widows like Lois may not be noticed as much as they were when their husband was alive; nevertheless, widowhood does not diminish their value. Jehovah highly values sisters who supported their husband for years and now continue to show the same steadfastness. (1 Tim. 5:3) In addition, they provide real encouragement to younger ones.

¹⁰ The many faithful older ones who live in adult care facilities are also spiritual treasures. For example, a brother named Tony now lives in such a facility. He got baptized in Pennsylvania, U.S.A., in August 1942 at the age of 20. He soon faced the neutrality issue and as a result spent two and a half years in prison. He and his wife, Hilda, raised two children in the truth. Over the years, Tony served in three congregations as the presiding overseer (now known as the coordinator of the body of elders) and as a circuit assembly overseer. He conducted meetings and Bible studies at a state prison. At 98, Tony is not ready to take it easy. He keeps doing his very best to serve Jehovah and to work closely with the local congregation!

¹¹ How can we show honor to older ones who live in adult care facilities? Elders can include them in congregation activities to the extent possible. We can show personal attention by visiting them or inviting them to a video chat. We want to give special attention to older ones who may be living in a facility far from their home congregation. If we are not attentive, we could overlook these older ones. Some of them may not find it easy or think it appropriate to

10. What excellent example did Tony set?

11. How can we show that we treasure those who live in adult care facilities?

talk about themselves. But we will benefit greatly when we take the time to draw them out and listen as they tell about the joys they have experienced in Jehovah's organization.

¹² We may be surprised to find that there are outstanding examples of faithful older ones in our own congregation. A sister named Harriette served Jehovah faithfully for decades in her home congregation in New Jersey, U.S.A. Then she moved away to live with her daughter. Brothers in her new congregation took the time to get to know her, and they discovered a treasure. She encouraged them with accounts of field service when she first learned the truth in the 1920's. Back then, she always carried a toothbrush with her when she went preaching—in case she got arrested. In fact, twice in 1933 she spent a week in jail. During such times, her non-Witness, supportive husband cared for their three young children. Certainly, faithful older ones like Harriette deserve to be treasured!

¹³ Our older brothers and sisters have an important role in Jehovah's arrangement. They have seen how Jehovah has in many different ways blessed his organization and them personally. They have learned

12. What can we find in our own congregation?

13. What have we learned about the place that older ones occupy in Jehovah's arrangement?

important lessons from mistakes they have made. View them as a “fountain of wisdom,” and draw on their experience. (Prov. 18:4) If you take the time to get to know them, your faith can be strengthened and you will learn a thing or two!

BENEFIT FULLY FROM THE EXAMPLE OF OLDER ONES

¹⁴ Take the initiative to talk with older ones. (Read Deuteronomy 32:7.) True, their eyesight may have dimmed, their pace may have slowed, and their speech may have softened, but they are young at heart, and they have made “a good name” with Jehovah. (Eccl. 7:1) Remember why Jehovah treasures them. Continue to show them honor. Be like Elisha. He insisted on staying close to Elijah on their last day together. Three times Elisha declared: “I will not leave you.”—2 Ki. 2:2, 4, 6.

¹⁵ Show genuine interest in older ones by kindly drawing them out. (Prov. 1:5; 20:5; 1 Tim. 5:1, 2) Ask such questions as these: “When you were younger, what convinced you that you had found the truth?” “How have your experiences drawn you closer to Jehovah?” “What have you found to be the secret to re-

14. What does Deuteronomy 32:7 encourage younger ones to do?

15. What questions might we ask older ones?



Just as Elisha benefited from being with Elijah, brothers and sisters can benefit from experiences recounted by ones who have long served Jehovah
(See paragraphs 14-15)

aining happy in Jehovah’s service?” (1 Tim. 6:6-8)
Then listen as they tell their story.

¹⁶ When an older one and a younger one talk with each other, both benefit. (Rom. 1:12) You younger ones will enrich your appreciation for the way Jehovah cares for his faithful servants, and the older one

16. How can talking with each other benefit both an older one and a younger one?

will feel dignified. He will enjoy recounting to you how he has received Jehovah's blessings.

¹⁷ Physical beauty usually fades with age, but those who are loyal to Jehovah become more beautiful to him with each passing year. (1 Thess. 1:2, 3) Why is that true? Because over the years, they have allowed God's spirit to mold them and refine them. The more we get to know our precious older brothers and sisters, honor them, and learn from them, the more we will view them as priceless treasures!

¹⁸ The congregation grows stronger not only when younger ones treasure older ones but also when older ones value younger ones. In our next article, we will discuss how older ones can show that they treasure younger ones in the congregation.

17. Why can we say that faithful older ones become more beautiful with the passing of years?

18. What will we consider in the next article?

HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER?

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| ■ Why does Jehovah view faithful older ones as precious treasures? | ■ What role do older ones have in the congregation? | ■ How can younger ones benefit from getting to know older ones? |
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Keep Your Eyes on the Prize!

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(2 Corinthians 4:18)

1. When the eyes of blind ones see again
And the ears of deaf ones hear again,
When the songs of children fill the air
And joy and peace are ev'rywhere,
When our loved ones will return to life,
To an earth that's free from sin and strife,

(CHORUS)

*You will see how God these things supplies,
If you keep your eyes on the prize.*

2. When the wolves and lambs will feed as one,
When the bears and calves bask in the sun,
Then a mere young boy will lead them all,
And they will heed his childish call.
When our tears belong to yesterday,
When our fears and pain have passed away,

(Chorus)