### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 91:1-2

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the **LORD**, "He is my **refuge** and my **fortress**, my **God**, in whom I trust."

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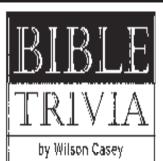
### **Bible Word Search Answer on Page 12**



Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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1. Is the book of Haman

in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Genesis 21, who did Abraham banish to the desert in addition to Hagar? Laish, Haman, Ishmael, Laban

3. Which two disciples asked Jesus if they could sit on his right and his left? Philip, James, Thom-

as, John

4. Samson was put into prison as a political enemy of whom? Romans, Israelites, Philistines, Assyrians

5. From Matthew 17, who did Jesus send fishing to find tax money? Andrew, Peter, Paul, Judas

6. After her first husband died, who did Ruth marry? Isaiah, Ahab, Boaz,

#### **Answers on bottom** of Page 12

"Test Your Bible knowl edge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.



Nearly all of us have some method for planning our daily activities. With no plan to follow, our time will likely be wasted and our days meaningless. Often, however, our carefully detailed plans can be completely disrupted by an emergency or unexpected demand. In Psalm 92, however, we find a simple way to open and close each day and bring God's presence into our lives.

that we begin the day with a "proclamation" - we are to "proclaim the love of God." If we begin each day by proclaiming the love that God has for us, it will remind us that we are safe and secure in His love and that nothing or no one can destroy us. Then, as the day unfolds and when the

unexpected occurs and things seem upside down, we can know that He is holding us close to Himself and that He will protect us from that which might harm us. It is in His love that we are safe and secure. As Paul wrote, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." It is His love that keeps us close to Him and no one or nothing can break this bond that comes from Him.

As we end each day, we are advised to praise God for His faithfulness. Indeed, by His grace He has brought us through another day and He has proven Himself to be trustworthy. Even when tragedy strikes The Psalmist suggests or the light of His presence is dim, we have the assurance that He is with us.

If "things" look bad today, we can always look back at our "yesterdays" and see God at work in our lives and praise Him for His trustworthiness and faithfulness.

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# Stickeler's Puzzle

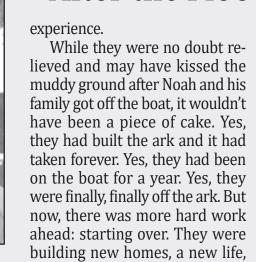


See if you can find the answers to the following trivia questions:

- 1) Ungulates are animals that have <u>?</u>. 2) Pertussis is a medical condition
- more commonly known as \_?\_.
- 3) True or false? If you mix equal amounts of red and green paint, you'll create brown paint.
- 4) A heptagon (7-sided figure), is sometimes called a ?.

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new futures. Wow. I get it. I feel that's where Since COVID came to the U.S., we are today-post COVID. No min-I've been obsessed with Noah. Many times during the initial on countless opportunities. If not shutdown/quarantines, I have closed entirely, many churches and missions were surely trans-My first thoughts were about formed by the virus. Those in minhis isolation. He was with his famistry were forced to stretch way ily along with many furry and out of the box, showing flexibility, feathered friends, but they were perseverance, and patience. cut off from the rest of the world-

just as we were in the beginning. I jail ministry was completely shut finished," 1 Chronicles 28:20. consoled myself with the reminddown. I don't have to tell you what until it was exactly the right time of a place.

to disembark. Oh, the thoughts of Many of you reading this have each day. So many had died. The experienced the loss or change of looking every bit of his 601 years, heartache was immense-for him, a ministry. You are overwhelmed, wondering where to begin. Again, Before COVID, I hadn't real- we can find inspiration from before him. Just when starting ized how much that old, old story Noah. His exit from the ark was applied to this very century. This an entrance into a changed world. week I am fixated on his after-ark It's interesting that we are talk-sky.

ing about the same time frame. lieved and may have kissed the world-had changed. So has ours. muddy ground after Noah and his All the years before are now family got off the boat, it wouldn't memories. The work is hard and different.

I wonder if Noah was lonely. taken forever. Yes, they had been He only had his family to talk to. Thankfully today, God networks and knits us together with others now, there was more hard work who are in ministry to share and encourage. Find your network!

Pastors, preachers, ministry leaders, teachers: Press on! Don't give up! The Lord will help you in a post-COVID world! As Soloistry was unchanged. Doors shut mon faced the enormous mission of building the temple, his father David encouraged him. Take his words to your own heart: "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or My personal ache was that our forsake you until all the work...is

Noah had no idea how his stoer that Noah had to stay on the ark happens when you take Jesus out ry, God's story, was going to turn out. Nor do we.

> I picture the scene...Noah, exhaling deeply, shoulders sagging at the new, monumental task over seemed so overwhelming...

A rainbow appeared in the

## Have you ever thought of quitting? by BOB CASEY, preacher **Cornerstone Church of Christ**

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pondered the man on the ark.

for us.

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Many people have thoughts about quitting this or that at times, and this is natural for one to do in plotting their future. But for the Christian, we are told just the opposite. In **1 Corinthians 4:2,** Paul says, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." All Christians are to be good stewards. **1 Thessalonians 5:24** says, "Faithful is he that *calleth you, who also will do it.*" **Revelation 2:10** says, "... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a *crown of life.*" I know that, in time, all will have to cut back on their physical activities, but as long as we have some ability to work for the Lord, we ought to do it. Retirement from service to the Lord is not men- with an enthusiasm, doing much for the Lord. tioned in the Bible.

At this time in my life, I am still thankful for any remaining ability that I have in still attempting to preach the Gospel of Christ. In **2 Corinthians 4:1-5**, Paul is saying, "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; <sup>2</sup>But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: <sup>4</sup>In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. <sup>5</sup>For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

Now, of all of my years of attempted preaching, this is what I have tried to do, make Christ known in all his truths, for this is the only thing that will save any of us. Sadly, I can also say that in my younger years, I made some mistakes as all do, but now I realize that this was only a maturing process. But, I never even thought about quitting. Even with the devil fighting back, still we were victorious through

it all; plus, God continually blesses us as we struggle

But, this I have learned: that when you stand and practice what is right, you will have oppositionary forces from the devil fight you on every turn. But, even our Lord told his disciples in **John 16:33**, "In the world ve shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Then Paul returned to Antioch, after his missionary trips, and he said through experience, "... that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22 Can we say what Paul says in **Romans 5:3-5**, "but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; <sup>4</sup>And patience, experience; and experience, hope: <sup>5</sup>And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy *Ghost which is given unto us."* 

So, we might conclude this, that if the devil is not giving you any trouble, you may not be attempting

Dick Burnett, a partially blind fiddler from Kentucky, wrote the song, "I am a man of lonesome sor-<u>row</u>." This, I cannot say, but I can say that I have many regrets. Regrets to see some who obeyed the Gospel, yet returned to take up sin again. Regrets to see solid, faithful brothers and sisters go the way of the grave; yet knowing that their souls were not safe. Regrets at having brethren that you thought were faithful, to turn on me to do one much hurt, and other things as well. But, through it all, I have never thought about quitting. You see, I do want to have the Lord say unto me, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Matthew 25:21 But, then, I wish for all I have met and will continue to meet, this same thing.

In **Matthew 22:37-39**, it is written, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

So, if you do, you will not ever quit.

If you read this, we would like to hear it. Call (Waco) 1-859-369-4165 or write Bob Casey, 6168 Fike Road, Waco, KY 40385.

Sincerely, Bob Casey



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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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