

## 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."

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

Bible Word Search Answer on Page 12

D Y **W H O E V E R** W  
 S O T E Q L S M Y W  
 D S G H L H R O M O  
 R R E I G E R S O D  
 Y E W R T I L T H A  
 J S F L T L M G W H  
 A T E U E R I L W S  
 K H N W G H O Y A E  
 S S D G I E Y F A G  
 L O R D T R U S T S

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

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

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, Jehu

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

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-

## seeds of Hope



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.

The Psalmist suggests 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 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

STICKELERS [sic]  
by Terry Stickels

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

- 1) Ungulates are animals that have   ?  .
- 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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by Dawn Reed  
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Since COVID came to the U.S., I've been obsessed with Noah. Many times during the initial shutdown/quarantines, I have pondered the man on the ark.

My first thoughts were about his isolation. He was with his family along with many furry and feathered friends, but they were cut off from the rest of the world—just as we were in the beginning. I consoled myself with the reminder that Noah had to stay on the ark until it was exactly the right time to disembark. Oh, the thoughts of each day. So many had died. The heartache was immense—for him, for us.

Before COVID, I hadn't realized how much that old, old story applied to this very century. This week I am fixated on his after-ark

## After the Flood/After Covid

experience.

While they were no doubt relieved and may have kissed the muddy ground after Noah and his family got off the boat, it wouldn't have been a piece of cake. Yes, they had built the ark and it had taken forever. Yes, they had been on the boat for a year. Yes, they were finally, finally off the ark. But now, there was more hard work ahead: starting over. They were building new homes, a new life, new futures.

Wow. I get it. I feel that's where we are today—post COVID. No ministry was unchanged. Doors shut on countless opportunities. If not closed entirely, many churches and missions were surely transformed by the virus. Those in ministry were forced to stretch way out of the box, showing flexibility, perseverance, and patience.

My personal ache was that our jail ministry was completely shut down. I don't have to tell you what happens when you take Jesus out of a place.

Many of you reading this have experienced the loss or change of a ministry. You are overwhelmed, wondering where to begin. Again, we can find inspiration from Noah. His exit from the ark was an entrance into a changed world. It's interesting that we are talk-

ing about the same time frame. In a year, Noah's world—the whole world—had changed. So has ours. All the years before are now memories. The work is hard and different.

I wonder if Noah was lonely. He only had his family to talk to. Thankfully today, God networks and knits us together with others 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 Solomon 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 forsake you until all the work... is finished," 1 Chronicles 28:20.

Noah had no idea how his story, God's story, was going to turn out. Nor do we.

I picture the scene... Noah, looking every bit of his 601 years, exhaling deeply, shoulders sagging at the new, monumental task before him. Just when starting over seemed so overwhelming...

A rainbow appeared in the sky.

## Have you ever thought of quitting?

by BOB CASEY, preacher  
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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 mentioned 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 along.

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 ye 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 with an enthusiasm, doing much for the Lord.

Dick Burnett, a partially blind fiddler from Kentucky, wrote the song, "I am a man of lonesome sorrow." 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. <sup>38</sup>This 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



"You've changed a lot in ten years... I just knew it was you! I recognized your \_\_\_\_\_."

## SCRAMBLERS

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!

Dams

SLEEVE

Delicate

RENTED

Singer

CARTON

Survey

DUSTY

TODAY'S WORD

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