

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 91:5-6

You will **not** fear the **terror** of **night**, nor the **arrow** that **flies** by **day**, nor the **pestilence** that **stalks** in the **darkness**, nor the **plague** that **destroys** at **midday**.

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Bible Word Search Answer on Page 12

P A W P L A G U E W  
 E E N B F R Y A D D  
 A O S A T L A Q O E  
 R M Z T N A I E T S  
 R R I I I S H E F T  
 O J G D T L R T S R  
 W H N A D R E U O  
 T O L L O A O N L Y  
 T K R R O Y Y K C S  
 S S S E N K R A D E

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

bears, 3 lions, 7 serpents, Locust swarm

4. From Acts 13, who was called "A man after mine own heart"? Gideon, David, Matthew, James

5. In John 19, who said, "What I have written, I have written"? Daniel, John the Baptist, Pilate, Jesus

6. From Genesis 1:20, on what day did God create the birds? 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th

Answers on bottom of Page 12

**"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 Lazarus in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?

2. What happened to Jeroboam's hand on confronting the man of God at the altar? Fell off, Turned to salt, Became a viper, Dried up

3. The children making fun of Elisha's bald head were torn apart by? 2

## Seeds of Hope



Shortly before leaving for college my saintly pastor came to visit me and offer me a few words of advice on the importance of being well prepared to serve God. During our conversation he advised me to take every course that had anything to do with speaking or writing. "Larry," he said in a voice that reflected sincerity and compassion, "it does not matter how much you know about the Bible, if you can't explain it so people can understand it, accept it and live it, you'll be letting God down." It made good sense to me and I followed his recommendation carefully.

One of the classes I took emphasized the difficulty of people hearing what a speaker says and interpreting it correctly.

It is easy to hear what someone says but quite difficult to pass it on without changing the words and the meaning that the speaker intended. When this happens something is lost in "transmission" and it could be a matter of life and death if the message passed on is incorrect or inconsistent.

The importance of the integrity of God's message is clearly presented in Psalm 92:5, "Your statues stand firm!" That means "Whatever God said is so." His Word contains no errors, no mistakes and no information that can lead us astray if accepted as written. In fact, the word for statues emphasizes the fact that Scripture rests on the integrity of God our Creator. His statements, promises, warnings and commands are not to be changed to meet the desires of man but to proclaim and present the everlasting covenant between God and man.

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## Stickeler's Puzzle



How many anagrams can you find for each word?

- 1) regains
- 2) hornets
- 3) listen
- 4) petals

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by Dawn Reed  
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We were making "fish bags" last Wednesday in our kid's class. Jonah was so excited to be making a craft with toothpaste, he squirted two tubes on TOP of the baggie instead of inside. His sister, Suzanna, had been more successful, but she was licking the excess. "Mmmm, that's good!" she informed us. "Don't eat it!" I exclaimed. "Keep it in the bag!" Gavin learned from the others and got his toothpaste right in the baggie.

I reminded them periodically, "You can't do this with your toothpaste at home..." I began. "Cause we'll get in BIG TROUBLE!" They all cheered together and laughed. Sometimes you just have to do crazy fun things at church!

Our lesson was "The Coin in the

## A Coin in the Fish and Toothpaste

Fish's Mouth" found in Matthew 17. I don't know if you've read it lately, but it's full of good stuff. The kids loved it!

Gathered around on the floor, I had the pleasure of sharing the story using pictures from freebibleimages.org. They remembered "taxes" from when Mary and Joseph had to go to pay taxes in Bethlehem.

Peter was challenged by the tax collectors in Capernaum. He answered quickly but knew he had no money to pay the two-drachma tax. When he saw Jesus a bit later, He knew all that was going on. To get the money to pay the taxes for both of them, Jesus instructed Peter to go to the lake and throw out his line.

The kids thought that was strange. We talked about what they do if they need money: go to a bank, their moms and dads or a grandparent. They'd never been fishing for money in water.

When we put ourselves in Peter's sandals that day, it was significant that Jesus told him to go get money from a fish. Peter had been a fisherman his whole life. He had made money CATCHING fish, but not once was it ever recorded that he had found money IN a fish. Another thing to note about the sto-

ry: Jesus told Peter to throw out his line. He didn't mention bait.

The children and I laughed at how crazy Peter must have thought it was, but he still obeyed Jesus. The picture showed Peter dropping one line in the water and sure enough, he caught a fish. And inside that fish...was a coin exactly enough to pay the taxes.

I told them when we love and obey Jesus, He will always meet our needs. It might be in crazy ways, but He will! "You can ask your parents. They may be able to tell you stories," I said. I got a little choked up and they looked at me funny. I can tell story after story of how God has met the needs of my family!

To finish the whole thing, our fours and fives made "fish bags". They put fish stickers all over baggies and then we filled them with small tubes of blue toothpaste. It looked like an underwater scene! Simon Peter began a roller coaster ride when He had followed Jesus! Every day with Jesus was sweeter (and wilder) than the day before. The same is true for us!

Using a fish and a coin, Jesus showed Peter what Psalm 23:1 really meant: "The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need," NASB.

## The Work of the Man of God

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In 1 Corinthians 1:21, it is written, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

I thought it would be interesting to see just what the so-called learned-men of this world had to say about this subject, and this is what I found. One that preached divine, this I never considered, to deliver a sermon, this I agree on; father, not in my Bible; reverend, now they have gone too far! And a host of others.

No wonder that there is so much confusion. So, basically, in my limited mind, I have concluded that preaching is simply made up of two things, studying the Word of God and telling others just what it says. I base this upon 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." And not being ashamed to do so. And then also, in verse 2, Paul says, "... commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

How is importance of preaching described? In 1 Timothy 4:16, Paul tells Timothy, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

In 2 Peter 2:5, Noah is mentioned as "a preacher of righteousness." This he did at a time when the world before the flood was described as being great in wickedness. So much so that their only thoughts were only evil, consistently. Also, that the earth was corrupt before God and filled with violence. So how would you like to have been in Noah's place while conditions were like they were? Now, I don't know how well you many have informed yourself to the present world condition, but, as I view it, we can't be far behind them.

So, what did Noah preach? I believe he preached

what God told him to preach, 'that because of their unbelieving and extreme wickedness, he was going to destroy man with a great flood of water which would cover the whole face of this world.' And we read that this is exactly what took place. Just read Genesis 7:17-24. See if it is true.

How do we relate to our present world? I don't know just how far we have advanced to the day of the second coming of our Lord to eternal judgment, but we have information in God's Word that warns of the impending judgment to come upon this world through the agency of fire and not water. I believe that every indication was that men did not believe that a flood of water would come, because it had never rained upon the earth before. In 2 Peter 3, Paul talks about it, saying that scoffers would come ridiculing the second coming of Jesus. We have plenty of those even today. And then proceeds to tell them it was the same in Noah's day. But then, he once again reinforces God's plan by saying, "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Peter 3:7

In verse 10, he describes the terror of that day, saying, "the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

In verse 12, Peter calls this action a "dissolving." Then he concludes with this warning in verse 11, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness."

Friends, this is a word of warning from God, don't be foolish like the persons of Noah's day wherein all perished except Noah and his family. He concludes in verse 17, "beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness."

Believe the Gospel and obey its complete teachings today. This is the job of the preacher.

For further study, call or visit with us at any time, 1-859-369-4165.

Sincerely, Bob Casey



"Announcing Mrs. John Weebly, to \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of caviar."

Scrambler's Answer on Page 12

## 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!

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WAKES	<input type="text"/>
Somber	<input type="text"/>
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TODAY'S WORD

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