

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 91:7-8

A thousand **may fall** at your **side**, **ten thousand** at your **right hand**, but it will **not come near** you. You **will only observe with** your **eyes** and **see** the punishment of **the wicked**.

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

Bible Word Search Answer on Page 12

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

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

Eve attempt to cover their nakedness? Sycamore, Fig, Palm, Grape

4. From Judges 7, with how many men did Gideon defeat the Midianites? 3, 30, 300, 3000

5. Who was the mother of Ishmael? Tabitha, Hagar, Ruth, Mary

What was the homeland of Job? Thyatira, Ur, Corinth, Uz

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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 Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Who used the excuse, "My family is poor, and I am the least in my father's house"? Aaron, David, Gideon, Jeroboam

3. With what kind of leaves did Adam and

Seeds of Hope



The word "righteous" in Scripture carries with it the idea of meeting God's standards of doing what it right in the sight of God - being obedient to Him and being just and fair to others. If the "righteous are to flourish like palm trees" what does that mean?

1. Palm trees grow straight up - always looking upward to heaven for light and nourishment. Likewise the Christian looks to God to find His will for their life.

2. Each and every part of a palm tree is useful. The leaves not only provide shelter from the elements but the tree itself has many nourishing and medicinal qualities. The Christian is expected to give

life and hope and nourishment to others.

3. Palm trees are not affected by drought. A palm tree is not affected by the weather and can survive nearly every surface injury. The Christian rooted in Christ draws his strength and well-being from God.

4. The palm tree is an evergreen tree because it draws its life flow within its being, keeping it fresh.

5. The palm tree cannot be grafted into any other tree because it has its own unique identity. Christians have one Master and cannot be grafted to any other identity.

6. Palm trees are an emblem of victory. This was seen when Jesus entered triumphantly into Jerusalem.

7. Palm trees always show a place where water can be found. Christians find their "living water" in Christ who can quench their thirst.

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Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic]
by Terry Stickels

Here is a funny quote by baseball's Yogi Berra. See how long it takes you to unscramble it.

"Otherwise always funerals come they to other go people's yours to won't."

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by Dawn Reed
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Jesus' brother, James, wrote of being double-minded in James 1:6-8: "But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do."

Written concerning "wisdom" (vs. 5), it applies to much more. Double-minded is split-thinking: I want to believe. I want to trust, yet I don't. How many times have I asked but doubted? For me, being double-minded connects to horseback riding.

My son suggested a horse ride last week while we were on vacation. I jumped at the chance-sort of. I had secretly wanted to ride a horse for years but was scared.

A Double-Minded Horse Ride

I quickly began to overthink the whole shebang. On the outside, I looked excited. On the inside, I was growing more unsure by the second. Could I face my fear and have a carefree time of horse-riding with my grown son?

He made the arrangements for us; we would ride the next day.

Our guide's name was Brayden. He spoke in hushed tones to our mounts. We began a leisurely walk along the beach. Almost immediately, my horse lost its footing in a wave and mushy sand. I held my breath. Regaining his step, we picked up the pace. I prayed for our safety. Didn't a guy have a compound fracture a few years ago while riding here? I pondered. I was pretty sure he had.

Focus! I told myself, trying not to picture a cast.

My son was clearly enjoying himself. I was remembering that we didn't really know the guy who was taking us on this jaunt. Could we take him if necessary? (I read mysteries.)

Neither my son nor I had ridden in decades but we seemed to fall right in sync with our horses.

We turned to venture into the woods. Again, I remembered that we barely knew this horse guy, Brayden. Many of my thoughts included the phrase, "knocked in the head". (I read a lot of mysteries.)

The tropical vegetation was

beautiful. No longer concerned about a compound fracture, I wondered when my husband would realize we were missing.

While not typically a fearful person, this time I had caved to a spell of double-mindedness! On the outside, I was smiling. On the inside, I was a mess. My imagination was running amok. Two hours later, we returned unharmed to the place we began. I was exhausted and not from bouncing in the saddle.

I wanted to kick myself! How many times have I not enjoyed "the ride" because I was thinking of all that could possibly go wrong?

When James penned the double-minded verses, had he remembered the story of Simon Peter (Matthew 14)? At first Peter was extremely courageous, jumping out of the boat to get to Jesus. For just a few steps he walked on water! When he saw the wind and the waves, his faith flickered. Down he went, but that wasn't the end. Without hesitation, Jesus grabbed his sinking hand, asking, "Why did you doubt?" The same question applies to this cowgirl wannabe: Why do I doubt?

Father, please help me trust in You and not doubt. Help me to pray and let You work! I don't want to be double-minded ever again!

Jesus is Still Calling

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Ever so often, I feel compelled to speak upon the subject of procrastination, meaning, 'to put off doing things we know that for certain we should take care of.' Since my mind is at present dwelling upon spiritual matters, I will write with the intent of awaking our minds to some true facts. In **Hebrews 9:27**, it says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." There are two immutable facts all of us need to acknowledge and prepare for. But, even the knowing of the uncertainty of both of these, many will put off **listening, hearing, and obeying** the words of our Lord Jesus.

I could not recall the times that when asking someone, 'Do you ever aim to obey the Gospel?' only to have them say, 'Well, one day I hope to do so.' How sad and how dangerous this can be. You know that you are not guaranteed a tomorrow, still you procrastinate. When you are doing this, you are gambling on the supposition that you will live to see a day wherein you will be saved from your sins.

In the Old Testament, written in Proverbs 1:20-33, is one of the strongest applications of Scripture that can be found with regard to putting off one's day of salvation. Also, this text is written to prove that one can sin away his hope of ever having this day, because, 'yes,' once again, by procrastination. When reading this text in Proverbs 1:20-33, our Lord is expressing his strong admonition for all mankind to hear his voice, turn at his reproof, and then through obedience, He will make himself known to them. So, God's mercy is revealed to the totality of mankind. **John 3:16** reveals the mind of Jesus. But in verses **24-33**, he deals with the reality

of the results of putting off obeying the Lord.

Notice, he says in the past tense, 'because I have called.' Who is he talking to? To all of mankind! But then, he says that they refused his call. I ask, 'when does our Lord call you?' He calls through his Word, how ever you become exposed to it. I have offered you my friendship by my extended hand, he says, but you disregarded it. Then, you rejected all my counsel and would not regard it. How sad it is for anyone to disregard the Lord who died for them.

Then, he reveals the dark days of life when one's destiny is in danger (**verses 24-25**). **Calamity**, meaning disaster, **harm**, great **distress**, etc. Also, "I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you."

Then he says, "Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me!"

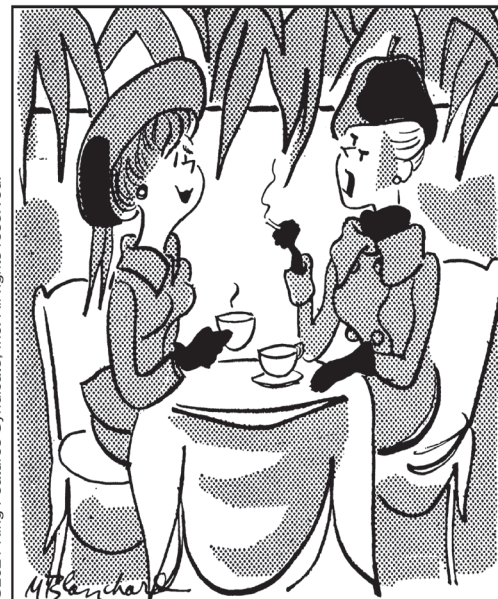
We may ask, 'Why, Lord?' Because in the past days, "they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD." They despised my counsel and my reproof. "Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices." They will now reap what they have sown. "For the turning away (rejection) of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them." 2 Corinthians 5:10 says it will happen.

But, **thank God**, some have and are obeying the Lord and are safely dwelling in the love of our Lord and are free from sin and the evil that came with it.

But, **there is still good news**. Our Lord is still in the saving business, and he will save all who believe in him and will repent, confessing his name, plus consolidating their obedience through being baptized into Jesus for the remission of their sins.

Don't put off obedience. Your hope of Heaven depends on it. Call any time, 1-859-369-4165.

Sincerely, Bob Casey



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"I'd admire his grim determination if it weren't to remain _____."

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!

Curio

FILTER

Curve

RUNT

Austere

BORES

Shiver

GENTIL

TODAY'S WORD