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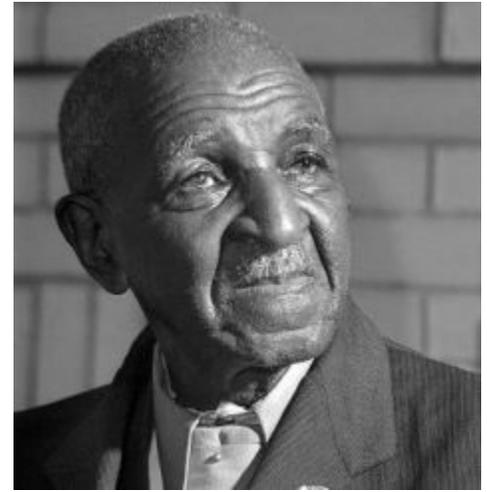
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MAKING THE "SHIFT" FROM
"SERVE US" TO "SERVICE"
Matthew 28:19-20
Building a Viable And Sustainable
Ministry 2020 And Beyond

George Washington Carver

by Arthur Rothstein

Biography:

- **Occupation:** Scientist and educator
- **Born:** January 1864 in Diamond Grove, Missouri
- **Died:** January 5, 1943 in Tuskegee, Alabama
- **Best known for:** Discovering many ways to use the peanut



Where did George grow up?

George was born in 1864 on a small farm in Diamond Grove, Missouri. His mother Mary was a slave owned by Moses and Susan Carver. One night slave raiders came and stole George and

Mary from the Carvers. Moses Carver went searching for them, but only found George left by the side of the road.

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Wednesday, November 16 – Friday, November 18
Revival! Revival! Revival!
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REVIVAL

Key Scripture: *"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea"*
 Habakkuk 2:14.

Key Thought: Earnest prayer paves the way for revival.

Prayer: Lord God, thank you for all the promises of your Word which give me hope for revival. Your Word is alive and dynamic, and it is sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and joints and marrow, and it is a discerner of the

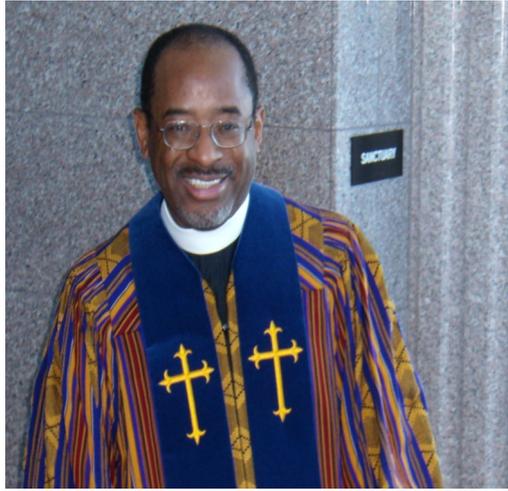
thoughts and intents of the human heart.
¹ Let your Word have its work in my life, Father. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.²

I ask you to hasten the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your glory, as the waters cover the sea.³ I know, dear Father, that it is not your will for anyone to perish. You want all people, everywhere, to come to repentance, and I believe your promises of revival.⁴ Therefore, I will patiently watch and wait for your coming as a farmer waits for the fruit of the earth to

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November 2016

Dear Beloved Family and Friends,

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I pray all is well with you and yours. Thanksgiving is approaching, which is a wonderful time to give thanks for family and friends. The Lord has been good to us, and we give him all the glory.

The Cross Street congregation continues to launch into a brighter future with The Homecoming / Family and Friends Celebration on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. It will be a dynamic worship experience sharing with Family and Friends. We invite you to please share with us on this glorious day. Dinner will be served.

I am also inviting you to share a gift along with other family and friends towards a lump-sum contribution to be presented to the church. Your generous contribution added with others will assist us in reaching the goal. These funds will go to support a ministry that cares, and as an act of love for the awesome sacred space the Lord has provided for worship & praise and serving families of the community. Please write your check payable to the Cross Street AME Zion Church and mail to P.O. Box 223, Middletown, Ct. 06457 or you can give on-line www.crossstreetamezion.org.

As part of the celebration, we will be providing gift cards to assist families of the church and community. Together we are making a real difference for families of the congregation and community. Thanking you in advance for your prayers and participation.

With Love,

Reverend Moses L. Harvill, Pastor

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.
2 Corinthians 9:10 NLT

The fruit of the Spirit abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman..."He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the "beauty of the Lord will be upon us" (Psalm 90:17) and "we shall bring forth fruit unto God" (Romans 7:4)."

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: GENTLENESS (KINDNESS)

"But the fruit of the Spirit- is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, GENTLENESS, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance....". (Galatians 5:22, 23)

GENTLENESS is an attribute of God. It denotes moderation, tenderness, sweet reasonableness, calmness and graciousness. It mellows all that is harsh and austere. It calms troubled waters, settles turmoil and heals strife.

GENTLENESS can only be produced in us by the Spirit of God. Do not mistake GENTLENESS for weakness. Jesus is referred to as gentle, throughout scripture. His approach to people and situations was a gentle, firm and sometimes tough manner, yet, his action embraced GENTLENESS. He was not harsh, angry or impatient when he taught, healed and counseled. He was gentle with the weak, those who were emotionally, physically or spiritually weak. He was gentle with His words. "A soft answer turneth away wrath" (Proverbs 15:1). Jesus used the power of words in GENTLENESS. He understood that harsh words crushes a spirit, but that gentle words encourage and heal wounded spirits.

GENTLENESS is a motivator - it encourages the believer to share the gospel and to nurture other Christians. It comforts and urges people to live for Christ. GENTLENESS embraces wisdom. It produces a "harvest of righteousness". GENTLENESS is power - not macho, but meek; not timid and weak, but useful and effective; not prideful and self-seeking, but humble and gracious.

HOW DO WE CULTIVATE THE FRUIT OF GENTLENESS?

PRAYER!!! Pray to be available to others, give yourself to others unselfishly. Be humble, listen to others, let your light shine where darkness dominates. A gentle person cannot be a loner, GENTLENESS does not grow in isolation, it seeks persons to minister to. Practice kindness, check your thoughts, tame your tongue, control your anger, watch your words, do they comfort or cause pain?

LOOK FOR PERSONS WHO:

- have meek, quiet spirits
- are gracious and humble
- are slow to anger and are forgiving
- uses words of encouragement
- seeks to reconciliation and restoration
- are patient
- shares the gospel and nurture other Christians
- speaks softly

WARNING

Be aware of the enemies of GENTLENESS: **pride, selfishness and manipulation.**

Additional Scriptures:

Isaiah 63:7-8; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; Titus 3:1-4; James 3:17; 1 Peter 2:18; 2 Samuel 22:36, Ephesians 4:32

God's Provision Prayer

Great is your faithfulness, O God, my Father. Morning by morning new mercies I see. I know that your hands will supply all that I need. Thank you, Lord, for your loving care and supply in my life. I claim the promises of your Word today. I believe your Word, and I look forward to all you are going to do in my life.

You are Jehovah-jeer, my provider. You know exactly what I need, when I need it, and how my needs will best be met. Thank you for the delight you experience as you give me the desires of my heart. I love you, and you love me.

Thank you, Father, for your great mercies which are new in my life each morning. Your grace and loving favor are upon me

and within me. Indeed, your loving kindness is better than life to me. Thank you for always providing me with my daily bread, and so much more. I rejoice in you and in the knowledge that you are the God of more than enough.

Thank you, Father, for caring about me and my loved ones. I know you want all needs to be met, and you cannot fail in meeting them. I praise you for the wonderful realization that you do fulfill all your promises in my life.

Thank you for your word which will never return to you void. I claim the promises of your Word for me, my family, and our lives. I take my stand upon the solid promises of your Word, Father. Thank you for meeting my every need. Amen

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:16-21

Ephesians 3:16-21 Prayer

Heavenly Father, I (we) pray according to Ephesians 3:16-21, I (we) ask You to grant each of us, myself, _____, and _____ according to the riches of Christ Jesus' glory, I (we) ask You to strengthen our inner man with might through Christ Jesus, that through faith, Christ may dwell in our hearts; that we are rooted and grounded in love, and we may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height of Christ' love – to know the love of Christ; that we may be filled with all the fullness of You, Heavenly Father. I (we) thank You that Christ Jesus is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us, to Him be the glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen!



The Prayers of Kierkegaard
 Edited by Perry D. Lefevre

THE THOUGHT OF THEE

Father in Heaven! When the thought of Thee wakes in our hearts let it not awaken like a frightened bird that flies about in dismay, but like a child waking from its sleep with a heavenly smile.

I WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY

And when at times, O Lord, Thou seemest not to hear my voice, my plaint, my sigh, my thanksgiving, I will even then continue to pray to Thee until Thou hearest my thanksgiving because Thou hast heard me!

WE WOULD TURN TOWARD THEE

Father in Heaven! We would turn our soul and our thoughts toward Thee for Thou art the one who lifts up and casts down. Though we are honored in the world; though we are responsible for important things among men, our effort, our conduct, our aspiration, our hope in this world have not found acceptance before Thine eyes, Thou just God: Oh what then is such human glory compared with this misery! Though cast down, annihilated, misunderstood, abandoned-alone with our care in this world-yet. Thy glance sees in secret and is

delighted to question us about our effort, our conduct, our desire, our hope in this world. Oh what then are these adversities as compared with happiness! Humiliated and broken by the thought of our fault; strangers before men through our sins with no word of consolation; yet our repentance has found a way to Thy merciful God, and has found grace I Thine ears. Oh what then are these sufferings as compared with this happiness! Yes, Lord, we would turn our thoughts and our soul toward Thy will, for Thou art the one who raises up and casts down—toward Thee, our Father which art in Heaven.

WE SEEK THEE AT THIS HOUR

Father in Heaven! Our thought is turned is turned toward thee; again it seeks Thee at this hour, not with the unsteady step of a traveler but with the sure flight of a bird homeward bound. Grant then that our confidence in Thee be not a fugitive thought, a momentary leap, a mistaken appeasement of the heart and flesh. Grant that our aspirations toward Thy Kingdom, our hopes for thy glory, be not unproductive birth pangs or waterless clouds, but that from the fullness of our heart they will rise toward Thee, and that being heard they will quench our thirst like the refreshing dew and satisfy us forever like Thy heavenly manna.

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy. Psalm 99:9



Sunday School is a Family Affair

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages – 3 to 103
 New Members Class meets at the same time.
 (For Transportation Needs Please call the Church 860-344-9527)

Come Grow with US!

FROM BEGINNING TO END

Devotional Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Scripture: Revelation 22:12-21

Key Verse: *“I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”* Revelation 22:13

Central Thought: Jesus’ words are true: He *“will come again and receive us unto Himself,”* (John 14:3).

Lesson Objective: To survey the biblical references to the *“Second Coming”* in order to see the importance of this hoped-for reality.

Lesson Introduction

People are aware that things have a beginning and an end. The beginning and the end of human life especially concerns us. We tend to ponder the question, what is the source and final purpose of human life? Numerous attempts have been made to answer this question. Many sacred and secular books, poems, essays, and others works have been written to try to answer it. Revelation affirms that God, who is the Alpha and Omega, controls all things. Therefore, the answer to the question lies with God, the Creator and Sustainer of everything that exists. Today’s lesson stems from what is labeled the epilogue and benediction, the last verses of the final chapter in the Book of Revelation, the Apocalypse, dealing with not merely the last things, but the new beginning, the new creation of God. Jesus reveals Himself as the One who is behind these revelations made to John by the angel and declares the imminence of His return to bring to pass the promises made.

Lesson Outline

I. Jesus Declares His Return: Revelation 22:12-15.

¹² “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

II. All Are Invited to Heed the Call: Revelation 22:16-21.

¹⁶ “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; ¹⁹ if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Lesson Comments

I. Jesus Declares His Return: Revelation 22:12-15.

The ending of Revelation functions in at least three ways: 1) It serves as an epistolary ending to the book (parallel with Rev. 1:4-6). 2) It echoes several clear connections with chapter 1. and 3) It repeats some of the major emphases of the entire book. Rev. 22:8 serves as John’s stamp of approval upon his work: it is what John *“Heard and saw.”* The command of the angel in verse 10 not to seal up the words is the reverse of the command given to Daniel 8:26; 12:4, 9. There is no need to seal up the message until the end time, for already *“the time is near”* (Rev. 22:10). In verse 11, the author may be saying that the time is so short that there is little hope that sinners will repent. But this verse need not be read fatalistically. It may be both a warning and an exhortation: Let everyone continue to live as they so choose, but they will each reap the appropriate rewards or punishments for their actions. Thus in verses 12 and 13, Jesus is speaking with urgency, declaring His imminent return, judgement, and

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Pray for all of our children, teens, young adults in this school years that God’s hands will be upon them keeping them from all hurt, harm and danger. Also pray for all of our families, friends, and all of God’s children.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18
 "... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)
 Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)
 The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)
 Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)
 Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)
 Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)
 which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (New King James Version)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,^[a] against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Read the BIBLE in ONE Year

NOVEMBER

1 Luke 22-24
2 John 1-3
3 John 4-6
4 John 7 10
5 John 11-13
6 John 14-17
7 John 18-21

8 Acts 1-2
9 Acts 3-5
10 Acts 6-9
11 Acts 10-12
12 Acts 13-14
13 Acts 15-16
14 Acts-17-18
15 Acts 19-21

16 Acts 22-24
17 Acts 25-26
18 Acts 27-28
19 Romans 1-4
20 Romans 5-8
21 Romans 9-11
22 Romans 12-16
23 1 Corinthians 1-4

24 1 Corinthians 5-8
25 1 Corinthians 9-12
26 1 Corinthians 13-16
27 2 Corinthians 1-3
28 2 Corinthians 4-6
29 2 Corinthians 7-9
30 2 Corinthians 10-13

DECEMBER

1 Galatians 1-3
2 Galatians 4-6
3 Ephesians 1-3
4 Ephesians 4-6
5 Philippians 1-4
6 Colossians 1-4
7 1 Thessalonians 1-5

8 2 Thessalonians 1-3
9 1 Timothy 1-3
10 1 Timothy 4-6
11 2 Timothy 1-4
12 Titus 1-3
13 Philemon
14 Hebrews 1-4
15 Hebrews 5-7

16 Hebrews 8-10
17 Hebrews 11-13
18 James 1-2
19 James 3-5
20 1 Peter 1-2
21 1 Peter 3-5
22 2 Peter 1-3
23 1 John 1-2

24 1 John 3-5
25 2 John, 3 John, Jude
26 Revelation 1-3
27 Revelation 4-8
28 Revelation 9-12
29 Revelation 13-15
30 Revelation 16-18
31 Revelation 19-22

JANUARY

01) Genesis 1-2
02) Genesis 3-5
03) Genesis 6-9
04) Genesis 10-11
05) Genesis 12-15
06) Genesis 16-19
07) Genesis 20-22

08) Genesis 23-26
09) Genesis 27-29
10) Genesis 30-32
11) Genesis 33-36
12) Genesis 37-39
13) Genesis 40-42
14) Genesis 43-46
15) Genesis 47-50

16) Exodus 1-4
17) Exodus 5-7
18) Exodus 8-10
19) Exodus 11-13
20) Exodus 14-17
21) Exodus 18-20
22) Exodus 21-24
23) Exodus 25-27

24) Exodus 28-31
25) Exodus 32-34
26) Exodus 35-37
27) Exodus 38-40
28) Leviticus 1-4
29) Leviticus 5-7
30) Leviticus 8-10
31) Leviticus 11-13

Advent

Advent is the season of expectation, hope and celebration of the past, present, and future comings of Jesus Christ to the world. Advent embodies a vital element of Christian faith. The Advent season has marked the beginning of the Christian Year since the eighth century and it consist of the four weeks before Christmas.

Color: The traditional color is purple which signifies preparation and penitence. The color blue is the contemporary or alternate color used by some denominations during Advent. Blue is symbolic of hope.

| Name of God | Meaning | Application |
|-------------------|--|--|
| EL OLAM | The Eternal God The Everlasting God | He is the Beginning and the End, the One who works His purposes throughout the ages. He gives strength to the weary. |
| EL ROI | The God Who See Me | There are no circumstances in our lives that escape His fatherly awareness and care. God knows us and our troubles. |
| EL SHADDAI | The All Sufficient One, The God of the Mountains, God Almighty | God is the all-sufficient source of all of our blessings. God is all-powerful. Our problems are not too big for God to handle. |
| IMMANUEL | God With Us "I AM" | Jesus is God in our midst. In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form. |

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George was raised by the Carvers. Slavery had been abolished by the [13th amendment](#) and the Carvers had no children of their own. They took care of George and his brother James like their own children teaching them to read and write.

Growing up George liked to learn about things. He was especially interested in animals and plants. He also liked to read the Bible.

Going to School

George wanted to go to school and learn more. However, there weren't any schools for black children close enough to home for him to attend. George ended up traveling around the midwest in order to go to school. He eventually graduated from high school in Minneapolis, Kansas.

George enjoyed science and art. He initially thought he may want to be an artist. He took some art classes at Simpson College in Iowa where he really enjoyed drawing plants. A teacher of his suggested he combine his love for science, art, and plants and study to become a botanist. A botanist is a scientist that studies plants.

George enrolled in Iowa State to study botany. He was the first African-American student at Iowa State. After earning a bachelor's degree in science, he continued on and earned his master's degree as well. George became known as an expert in botany from the research he conducted at the school.

Professor Carver

After getting his masters, George began to teach as a professor at Iowa State. He was the first African-American professor at the college. However, in 1896 George was contacted by [Booker T. Washington](#). Booker had opened an all-black college in Tuskegee, [Alabama](#). He wanted George to come teach at his school. George agreed and moved to Tuskegee to head up the agricultural department. He would teach there for the rest of his life.

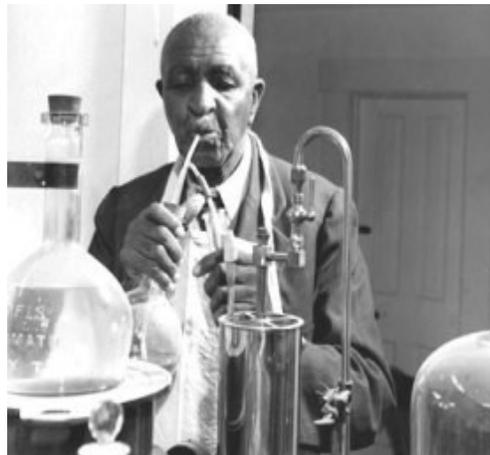
Crop Rotation

One of the main crops in the south was cotton. However, growing cotton year after year can remove nutrients from the soil. Eventually, the cotton crop will grow weak. Carver taught his students to use crop rotation. One year they would grow cotton, followed by other crops such as sweet potatoes and soybeans. By rotating the crops the soil stayed enriched.

Carver's research and education into crop rotation helped the farmers of the south be more successful. It also helped to diversify the products that they produced.

The Peanut

Another problem for farmers was the boll weevil. This insect would eat cotton and destroy their crops. Carver discovered that boll weevils don't like peanuts. However, farmers weren't so sure that they could make a good living off of peanuts. Carver began to come up with products that could be made from peanuts. He introduced hundreds of new peanut products including cooking oil, dyes for clothing, plastics, fuel for cars, and peanut butter.



George working in his lab

Source: USDA

In addition to his work with peanuts, Carver invented products that could be made from other important crops such as the soybean and sweet potato. By making these crops more profitable, farmers could rotate their crops and get more production from their land.

An Expert on Agriculture

Carver became known around the world as an expert on agriculture. He advised [President Theodore Roosevelt](#) and the U.S. Congress on matters of agriculture. He even worked with Indian leader [Mahatma Gandhi](#) to help with growing crops in India.

Legacy

George Washington Carver was known throughout the south as the "farmer's best friend". His work on crop rotation and innovative products helped many farmers to survive and make a good living. His interest was in science and helping others, not in getting rich. He didn't even patent most of his work because he considered his ideas as gifts from God. He thought they should be free to others.

George died on January 5, 1943 after falling down the stairs at his home. Later, congress would name January 5th as George Washington Carver Day in his honor.

Interesting Facts about George Washington Carver

- Growing up George had been known as Carver's George. When he started school he went by George Carver. He later added the W in the middle telling his friends it stood for Washington.
- People in the south at the time called peanuts "goobers".
- Carver would sometimes take his classes out to the farms and teach farmers directly what they could do to improve their crops.
- His nickname later in life was the "Wizard of Tuskegee".
- He wrote up a pamphlet called "Help for Hard Times" that instructed farmers on what they could do to improve their crops.
- It takes over 500 peanuts to make one 12-ounce jar of peanut butter.

Source: Ducksters.com

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come forth, after the early and latter rains. ⁵ Bring forth the latter rain of your Spirit upon earth, O God.

It excites me to anticipate the day when you will pour out your Spirit upon all flesh. Thank you for that stirring promise, Father. I believe is imminent, and when it happens, the young men and women will prophesy, old men will dream dreams, and young men will see visions. ⁶ You, Lord God, will make bare your holy arm for all the world to see, and all the ends of the earth will see your salvation. ⁷ I seek your promised revival, Lord.

When the revival fires you promise are ignited, Father, you will do a new thing in our midst. You will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. ⁸ Thank you, Lord God. You will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away. You will bind up that which was broken, and you

will strengthen that which was sick. You will decree your judgment upon the people of the earth. ⁹

Lord, I ask you to usher in the end-time revival you have promised to your people. I look forward to that glorious revival with zeal and faith. I believe it will cause all the ends of the world to remember you and to turn toward you. All the nations will worship before you, because your's is the Kingdom, Father. ¹⁰ My Father in heaven, your name is hallowed. I pray that your kingdom will come, and your will shall be done, on earth as it is in heaven, for yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen. ¹¹

References: (1) Hebrews 4:12; (2) Psalms 51:10; (3) Habakkuk 2:14; (4) 2 Peter 3:9; (5) James 5:7; (6) Joel 2:28; (7) Isaiah 52:10; (8) Isaiah 43:19; (9) Ezekiel 34:16; (10) Psalms 22:27-28; (11) Matthew 6:9-13.



WHY IS SUNDAY SACRED?

Scriptures: Genesis 2:2, Exodus 20:8, Exodus 31:13-16, Matthew 28:1-6 and Mark 16:1-8

Introduction: Many people are confused about Sabbath Day worship and Sunday worship. This lesson will clarify the question through God's word and refute confusion about why we worship on Sunday.

Lesson Aim: To understand that God's word is truth from Genesis to Revelations, and to appreciate and celebrate God's **New Testament Covenant.**

The Sabbath is a holy day established by God. The word Sabbath means "rest." God sanctified the 7th day of the week, Saturday as the Sabbath, and declared it

holy unto you. (Genesis 2:2; Exodus 20:8-11). God did not make a gentle suggestion for His people, the Israelites to rest from their own labors; instead, He mandated it.

The Sabbath Has Two Purposes:

1. The Sabbath is a day commanded the Jews to rest from their own secular labors.

2. It is the 7th day of each week set aside to remember all that God has done for His people and to worship and praise Him for it.

The **Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent God** set aside a day out of each week for his people and sanctified it as holy. He knew humankind needed a day out of each week to relinquish our hurried, bustling lives of rushing and hustling. Therefore, He mandated this day for praise, worship, and thanksgiving to Him, so He could refresh and renew our spirits. Only God can make us holy, because He is holy and He said in His Word: "Be ye holy as I am holy." **Read: Leviticus 11:45-** "I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore, be holy as I am holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16- But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; v-16-

For it is written: Be holy for I am holy.

The Sabbath Is A Sign Between God And Man:

Read:

- Exodus 31:13-18
- Isaiah 59:13-14

Question: What is the punishment for desecrating the Sabbath?

Further Study of the Old Testament Relating to This Sabbath Lesson:

- Exodus 31:12-18
- Leviticus 19:3; 30
- Ezekiel 20:12-20
- Isaiah 1:13; 58: 13-14;
- Isaiah 66: 23-24

Later in Old Testament times, the Jewish elders added their traditions to the simple Sabbath Law; so much so, that the law became burdensome and even foolish for the people. Then, in the New Testament, Jesus came teaching against the Jewish elders and leader's traditions, but not against God's established Sabbath Law.

"New- moons" and "Sabbaths" refer to monthly offerings (Numbers 28:11-4) and weekly and special annual Sabbaths on the Day of Atonement and Feast of

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appropriate rewards to both the faithful and the faithless. In verse 13, the exalted Christ applies to Himself titles elsewhere applied to God: Alpha and Omega (cf. 1:8; 21:6), first and last (cf. Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Rev. 1:17; 2:8), beginning and end (21:6).

II. All Are Invited to Heed the Call: Revelation 22:16-21.

In this passage, Jesus speaks again and identifies Himself as being the one behind the revelations, using other familiar names and description. In response to Christ’s promise that He is coming soon (22:7, 12) the Spirit and the bride (i.e., the church) extend their own invitation to “come” (22:17). Some interpreters suggest that the invitation, “come” is directed not to Christ but to nonbelievers, inviting them to the faith. But clearly, the first and second can be seen to be directed to Christ and the last two are invitations to believers and nonbelievers: “Everyone who is thirsty” and “anyone who wishes to take the water of life” (v.17).

Lesson Sidelights

We as Christians affirm the significance of the “Second Coming” of Christ in the unfolding history of God’s saving acts. It is an intricate part of promises to the disciples and all believers. Christ promised to go and prepare a place for us and to return and receive us to Himself. He promised in the sharing of the Communion meal that He would not drink of the fruit of the vine until He would drink it new with us in the Father’s kingdom. His promise of return is found in other places. We have so many reasons to have faith in this promised event. We also accept Christ’s coming in glory as the central message of Revelation and sense the urgency of Jesus’ invitation to enter the kingdom. We gladly respond to His call to discipleship involving repentance and personal holiness, and His invitation to become part of God’s kingdom and receive the gift of “water of life” that Jesus offers.

Lesson Applications

I think we all have heard accounts and theories about how the universe began and how it may one day end. Such accounts are almost infinitely varied in detail, but they tend to include some basic themes. Many accounts begin with earth, or with earth retrieved from water. In some of them, gods, people, and animals emerge from the earth (just as plants still do). In others, the process begins when a creature, such as a crab or tortoise, dives into a primeval ocean and brings up a small piece of earth from which the universe is created. Myths of these kinds are common among American Indians and aboriginal Australians (who place before the moment of creation a period called “the time of dreaming”). Several mythologies, including one developed in China, begin with the splitting in two of a cosmic egg. In the Chinese version, this is followed by the growth of a giant whose limbs eventually form the observable world. A dismembered giant features also in the Germanic (or Norse) account of creation. The Germanic version begins with a magic emptiness—one of the most characteristic features of creation accounts. The Hebrews imagine a moment when all is void, with darkness on the face of the deep. In Greece, the account begins with Chaos, meaning a gaping emptiness. In Egypt and Mesopotamia, a boundless ocean sets the primal scene. One of the most popular scientific theories is the Big Bang one. As one can see, an entirely different theme emerges with the ancient Hebrews. They declare, briefly and to the point, that God did it. Although we may usually be so overwhelmed by daily life that we hardly have interest in questions of ultimate significance, there comes a time when we have the fear that life is running out of control and we need some assurance that somewhere there is something greater than ourselves that we can rely on, maybe the author of the universe and source of control.

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International Sunday School Lessons for Christian Teaching

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| <p>Great is your faithfulness, O God, my Father. Morning by morning new mercies I see. I know that your hands will supply all that I need. Thank you, Lord, for your loving care and supply in my life. I claim the promises of your Word today. I believe your Word, and I look forward to all you are going to do in my life.</p> <p>You are Jehovah-jeer, my provider. You know exactly what I need, when I need it, and how my needs will best be met.</p> <p>Thank you for the delight you experience</p> | <p>as you give me the desires of my heart. I love you, and you love me.</p> <p>Thank you, Father, for your great mercies which are new in my life each morning. Your grace and loving favor are upon me and within me. Indeed, your loving kindness is better than life to me. Thank you for always providing me with my daily bread, and so much more. I rejoice in you and in the knowledge that you are the God of more than enough.</p> <p>Thank you, Father, for caring about me</p> | <p>and my loved ones. I know you want all needs to be met, and you cannot fail in meeting them. I praise you for the wonderful realization that you do fulfill all your promises in my life.</p> <p>Thank you for your word which will never return to you void. I claim the promises of your Word for me, my family, and our lives. I take my stand upon the solid promises of your Word, Father. Thank you for meeting my every need. Amen</p> |
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Tabernacles Leviticus 16:31; 23, 34, and 39).

The people worshipped but did not feel sorry for their sins; so they continued offering sacrifices for forgiveness. But gifts and sacrifices mean nothing to God, when they come from someone with a corrupt heart.

Sacrifices were to be an outward sign of their inward faith in God. Many people today are like the Israelites of old, who placed more importance on the rituals of their religion than on the God they worshipped.

Now, to answer the question asked in the lesson topic, **Why Is Sunday Sacred?**

After the ascension of Jesus Christ, His disciples met on the ascension of Jesus Christ, his disciples met on the first day of each week for rest, praise and worship. The Jews celebrated both Sabbaths for awhile, but the Gentile Christians having never kept any such day before, celebrated only Sunday, the first day of the week was the day the New

'Testament Christians observed as the day Christ arose. Therefore, Sunday observance came into the church during "New Testament" times.

Read:

- Matthew 28:1-6
- Mark 16: 1-8;
- Luke 24:1-12
- John 20:1-9.

The Law written in Exodus 24:31 and Leviticus 19:9-10 prevented farmers from becoming greedy and ignoring God on the Sabbath, and these laws also protected laborers from being overworked. Deuteronomy 23:25 made provisions for travelers and for the poor among the people.

However, Jesus Christ came fulfilling the Prophets and the Law.

Read:

- Matt. 5:17-18;
- Luke 24:14-44

Question: Should we observe Saturday worship instead of Sunday?

A Shadow of God's Reality: The Law served as a shadow of the reality of things to come in the person of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son.

Read:

- Matthew 5:17-22
- John 20:1; 19
- Matthew 22:34-40

Scriptures for Study

- Galatians 4: 10 - 11
- Mark 3: 4,
- Colossians 2: 16 - 17,
- Hebrews 8: 7 - 12,
- Revelations 14: 13

Remember, the Lord said, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of man is even Lord of the Sabbath." (Mark 2: 23 - 27)

Study Scriptures

- Mark 3: 4; 2: 27 - 28,
- Luke 6: 5,
- John 5: 17 -24,
- Acts: 13: 4; 16: 13; 18: 4

GOD'S GRACE IN FULL FORCE

By Rick Warren

Your circumstances cannot change the character of God. God's grace is still in full force! –Rick Warren

"Now that the worst is over, we're pleased we can report that we've come out of this with conscience and faith intact, and can face the world — and even more importantly, face you with our heads held high. But it wasn't by any fancy footwork on our part. It was God who kept us focused on him, uncompromised" (2 Corinthians 1:12 MSG).

Regardless of your circumstances and how you feel, hang on to God's unchanging character.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 1:12, *"Now that the worst is over, we're pleased we can report that we've come out of this with conscience and faith intact, and can face the world — and even more importantly, face you with our heads held high. But*

it wasn't by any fancy footwork on our part. It was God who kept us focused on him, uncompromised" (MSG).

Your circumstances cannot change the character of God. God's grace is still in full force. He is still for you, even when you don't feel it.

Remind yourself what you know to be eternally true about God: He is good, he loves you, he is with you, he knows what you're going through, he cares, and he has a good plan for your life.

Raymond Edman, one of Billy Graham's mentors, once said, "Never doubt in the dark what God told you in the light."

So, what has God told you in the light that you now doubt in the dark? Why do you think you doubt God now? Remember, your circumstances cannot change the character of God.



Revival

Wednesday November 16, 2016-Friday November 18, 2016

7:00p.m nightly

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| <p><u>Wednesday Nov. 16 2016</u> Rev. Jacqueline King-Revivalist Spottswood A.M.E. Zion Church, New Britain, CT</p> <p>Cross St. Women's Choir Singing Senior Ushers Serving Guest Choirs</p> <p>*Team A providing refreshments</p> | <p><u>Thursday Nov. 17, 2016</u> Bishop William McKissick-Revivalist New Jerusalem Christian Church, Middletown, CT</p> <p>United Choir Singing Contemporary Users Serving Guest Choirs</p> <p>*Team B providing refreshments</p> | <p><u>Friday Nov. 18, 2016</u> Rev. Derril Blue-Revivalist Mt. Olive A.M.E. Zion Church, Waterbury, CT</p> <p>Men & Children's Choirs Singing Guest Choirs</p> <p>*Team C providing refreshments</p> |
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ALL ARE WELCOME

Homecoming/Family & Friends Day

Sunday November 20th 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Robyn Anderson-Turner Guest Preacher
Blackwell A. M. E. Zion Church, Hartford, CT
All Choirs Singing along with other Guests

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JOY FOR ALL

READ: Luke 2:8-15

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Luke 2:10

On the final day of a Christian publishing conference in Singapore, 280 participants from 50 countries gathered in the outdoor plaza of a hotel for a group photo. From the second-floor balcony, the photographer took many shots from different angles before finally saying, "We're through." A voice from the crowd shouted with relief, "Well, joy to the world!" immediately, someone replied by singing, "The Lord is come." Others began to join in. Soon the entire group was singing the familiar carol in beautiful harmony. It was a moving display of unity and joy that I will never forget.

In Luke's account of the Christmas story, an angel announced the birth of Jesus to a group of shepherds saying, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born

to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

The joy was not for a few people, but for all. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son" (John 3:16).

As we share the life-changing message of Jesus with others, we join the worldwide chorus in proclaiming "the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love."

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come!"

Father, give us eyes to see people of all nations as recipients of Your grace and joy.

The good news of Jesus's birth is a source of joy for all people.

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Cross Street Recovery Ministry the "Hope Line" is in operation 24 hours per day. Please call 860-754-4606 if you, a friend and/or a family member are in need of counseling and/or are in crisis, **PLEASE** dial the "Hope Line". All information will be confidential.

CROSS STREET MINISTRY OF RECOVERY

We can't but through God, all things are possible. How might we pull on God's strength to help each other recover?

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

2nd Sunday Senior Usher Board Meeting (following service)
Youth Meeting 1st & 4th Sunday's (following service)

Monday

7:00-9:00 p.m. Bible Study, Eddy Shelter
6:00 p.m. Zumba
7:00 Media Ministry (1st and 3rd of month)

Tuesday Special Prayer for Pastor Harvill

6:00—7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting and bible study.

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Zumba
6:00 p.m. Ministerial Staff (1st of month)
7:00 p.m.. Praise & Worship Choir rehearsal,
8:00 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Steward Board
7:00 p.m. Trustee Board (2nd of month)
7:00 p.m. Unity Choir Rehearsal

Friday Day of Fasting

6:00 p.m. Vision Choir (3rd & 4th of month)
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Cross Street Recovery Ministry (room 2)

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Pastors Aide (2nd)
11:00 a.m. Security Ministry Meeting (2nd Saturday of month)
12:00 noon Missionaries (2nd Saturday of month)

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

November

Tuesday, November 8

- **Election Day**
- **12 noon prayer**
- **6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study**
(Congregation Fasting 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

Thursday, November 10 ☐ 6:00 p.m.
Combined Steward Board & Trustee Board Meeting

Friday, November 11 ☐ 6:00 p.m.
Family Fun Night for children, youth, adults, and seniors. Please invite your family & friends to attend

Saturday, November 12

- 8:30 a.m. **Men's Breakfast** honoring our Vets and young men ages 11 to 18.

- 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. **At The Cross Job Fair** - Macy's has over 700 jobs available. Do not miss out on this opportunity

Sunday, November 13
Jersey Day. Wear your favorite team Jersey or team colors in celebration for Family & Friends Day/Homecoming (#440Homecoming)

Monday, November 14 ☐ 6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.

Congregation Fasting

Tuesday, November 15 ☐

- 12 noon - 12:30 **Prayer line** (641) 715-3273 code 861471. Please take a prayer lunch and call in
- 6:00 p.m. **Prayer & Bible Study**

Wednesday, November 16 – Friday, November 18

Revival! Revival! Revival!
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Saturday November 19
Dance Ministry Celebration

Sunday, November 20
Homecoming/Family Friends Sunday (#440Homecoming)
Making the Shift from Serve us to Service. Matthew 28: 19-20

December

December 16 ☐ 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Gala "Something Special"

Doxology

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Jude 24-25



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"I am a Christian"

By Maya Angelou

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."
I'm whispering "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not holier than thou.
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace, somehow!

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision and make it plain on tablets,
that he may run who reads it.
Habakkuk 2:2

The Jabez Prayer

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying,
"Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.
1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

"God's Word

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"
Hebrews 4:12

Prayer: Forever, O Lord, your Word is settled in heaven. I bless you because you have given me rest according to all that you have promised to me. Not one word of all your good promises has ever failed. In light of this truth, I will walk in your Word at all times. I love your Word, Father, it is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. All of your words are pure, O God, and you are a shield to me. Lord God, your way is perfect, and

your Word is tried. You are a shield and a mighty buckler to me as I trust in you. With your Word you made the heavens, O Lord. all of your promises are yes in Christ, unto your glory, O God. You have spoken through your Word since ancient times, in order to give light to those who sit in darkness, and you guide my feet in the way of peace.

Your Word is quick, alive, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It pierces even to the dividing asunder of my soul and spirit, and of my joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of my heart.

Father, I am thankful for your Word, and I will endeavor to walk in the light of your Word all the days of my life.

If you were to die today, do you know where you will spend eternity ???

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