



## The Acmar Soul Miner

Searching for wisdom  
As for hidden treasures...  
For the Lord gives wisdom



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### What Comes Into Our Minds

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."<sup>1</sup>

Those are the words of A.W. Tozer. Aiden Wilson Tozer was an American Christian pastor, author and spiritual mentor who lived from 1897-1963. He opened his book, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, with that declaration.

Likewise, Gary Inrig opened his book, *The Parables: Understanding What Jesus Meant*, with the words of Tozer. Over and over, Christ sought to scrape away the residue of misinformation and misunderstanding that obstructed people's view of His Father.

In the Book of John, the disciple John tells us that it is Jesus who explains to us the Father.

**Jesus said, "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father ... I am in the Father, and the Father in Me ..." (15:7, 10)**

After Jesus' crucifixion on the cross and resurrection from death, Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene. Jesus said to Mary:

**"Go to My brethren and say, 'I am ascending to My Father and your father, and to My God and your God.'" (20:17)**

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray in Matthew 6:9, He said to pray in this manner:

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name ...**

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<sup>1</sup> Inrig, Gary. *The Parables: Understanding What Jesus Meant*. Grand Rapids, MI: Our Daily Bread Publishing, 1991, page 11.

In *Drawing Closer: A Step-by-Step Guide to Intimacy with God*, Glen Martin & Dian Ginter write, "God wants us to grow in our relationship in such a way as to think of Him as Father."<sup>2</sup>

"Our Father in Heaven," has little to do with location, but more to do with a state of perfection. There is not an earthly father alive who is not somewhat aware of his own inadequacies and insecurities. But God as our Father is perfect.

What kind of Father is our God in heaven? Martin and Ginter cite five attributes of God.

(1) God is a **passionate** Father. God is filled with compassion and wants us to realize we are loved and cared for by Him.

(2) God is a **persistent** Father. You can always count on our Heavenly Father because He's worthy of our trust and is faithful.

(3) God is a **personal** Father. He always has time for each one of His children, individually. He knows our name and hair on our head.

(4) God is a **prepared** Father. Nothing surprises our Heavenly Father because He is capable of handling every situation.

(5) God is a **permanent** Father. Our loving Father is an eternal Father who will never leave you; that is His promise to us.<sup>3</sup>

What comes to your mind about God? It is the most important thing about you.

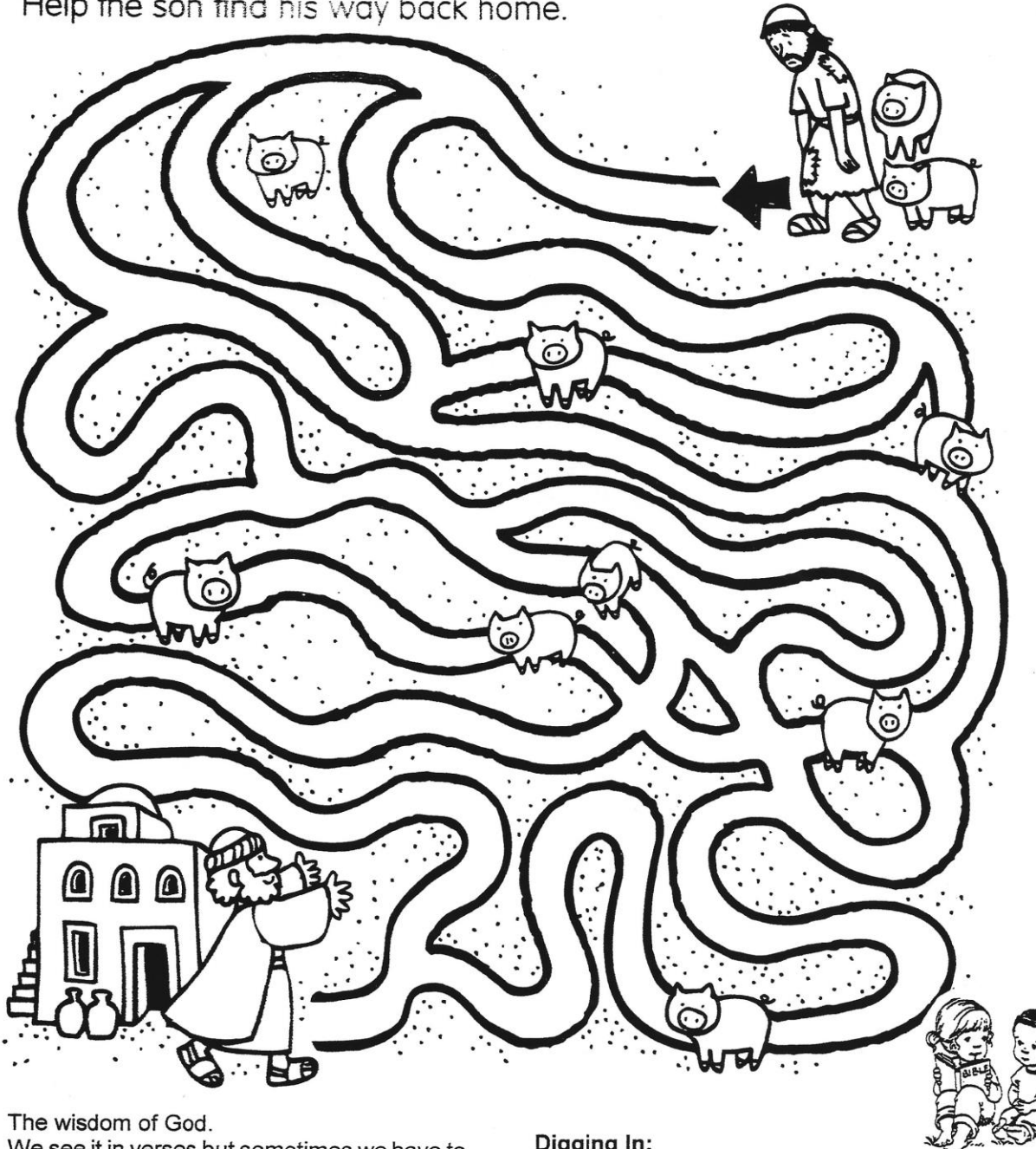
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<sup>2</sup> Martin, Glen & Ginter, Dian. *Drawing Closer: A Step-by-Step Guide to Intimacy with God*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1995, page 87.

<sup>3</sup> Martin & Ginter. Pages 88-92.

# Children's Camp

Help the son find his way back home.



The wisdom of God.

We see it in verses but sometimes we have to dig to uncover the meaning.

## Look Here:

***When the son was still a great way off, his father saw him and had great compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.***  
(Luke 15:20)

## Digging In:

A son asked his father for money and left. He went to another county a long way off. He wasted the money on bad things. He was hungry and got a job feeding pigs.

He went home to ask his father for a job. The father saw him coming, and ran to him. He welcomed his son and forgave him..

## The Acmar Community Quilt

The article below appeared in the *St. Clair News Aegis* on July 29, 1996. During the time of Alabama Fuel & Iron's operation in Acmar, segregation was the norm. So the company built a church for the "white" miners and their families, and a church for the "colored" miners and their families. While the church we are using today on Old Acton Road never had a cemetery, the "colored" church on Acton Road had a cemetery across the road from the church. Once the company closed, it was left up to individuals or the community to maintain. As many residents grew older, this was not always possible.

### Citizens want Acmar Cemetary restored

By GARY HANNER  
News-Aegis Editor

ACMAR—One of the last historical sites that was part of the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company in Acmar is in bad shape. The Acmar Cemetery needs restoring and several Acmar Cemetery Committee members are working hard and looking for help.

"I think it is a disgrace that a cemetery in our county and town is in this type of condition," said Wayne Bosworth, a member of the Acmar Cemetery Committee. "It is a disgrace because the cemetery is in the city limits of Moody. Our ultimate goal is to restore this cemetery, but we need some help."

Another committee member who would like to see the cemetery

restored is Barbara Evans. Her husband was buried in the new cemetery, which is adjacent to the old one. Also, her brother-in-law was buried there two years ago and her father-in-law in July.

"I believe the new cemetery was established in 1965," said Evans. There are so many of our friends and family who are buried in the old cemetery."

According to committee members, the cemetery was established in 1907. The first person buried there was a man named Hi Pockets. Some say there are over 100 people buried there. Many of the buried were killed in the war while others were killed in the mines.

So many of the graves have sunk in and a lot are unmarked.

Adeline L. Scott was one of the

last buried in the old cemetery even after the new one was established. She was buried in 1973 but wanted to be buried next to her husband.

According to Evans, there was some fear of burying her next to her husband because it was believed she would have been buried on top of another grave. She was, however, buried a few feet from her husband.

"It is my understanding that the Mining Commission has records of deaths and we will go to the Mining Commission to research records," said Bosworth.














The committee has been to the Moody City Council and have received financial help on the new cemetery. The committee plans to ask the council for some financial help in restoring the old cemetery.



Photo by Gary Hanner

**LOOKING IT OVER**—Members of the Acmar League and Cemetery Committee look at a grave that has sunk in at the Acmar Cemetery. They are hoping to restore it. Pictured (l-r) are: Peter Paul, Wayne Bosworth, Sandra McCray, Demetrie Hunter, Barbara Evans and Ora Morton.

Today, the cemetery is beautifully maintained!

June 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
VISIT ACMAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE	Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	<i>Soul Miner</i> on the Website in Gallery		1	2	3
4  CHURCH 9 am	5	6	7  MCA 3-5 White's Chapel	8	9	10
11  CHURCH 9 am	12	13	14  CHURCH SUPPER 6 pm	15 MOODY BINGO 10  James Turner	16	17  Maggie Lamphear
18 CHURCH 9  FATHER'S DAY	19  JUNE- TEENTH	20	21 MCA 3-5 White's Chapel First Day of Summer 	22	23	24
25 CHURCH 9  Heather Reeves	26  Henry Turner	28	29	30  Clara Byers  Calye Fernandes		

#### Soul Food for June

Mon., May 29  
Tue., May 30  
Wed., May 31  
Thur., June 1  
Fri., June 2  
Sat., June 3

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Luke 15:8-10  
Philippians 4:10-13

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Moody, AL 35004 Phone: 205 640 4325  
Moody Crossroads / Intersection Hwy. 411/Cty. Rd. 10  
Take County Rd. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;  
Travel 1 mile; Turn right on Acmar Rd.; travel 2 miles;  
Left onto Old Acton Rd., Church is on the left

Mon., June 5  
Tue., June 6  
Wed., June 7  
Thur., June 8  
Fri., June 9  
Sat., June 10

Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:1-12  
Romans 4:1-3, 13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26  
Genesis 24:12-27  
Matthew 13:31-35



Mon., June 19  
Tue., June 20  
Wed., June 21  
Thur., June 22  
Fri., June 23  
Sat., June 24

Genesis 21:8-21  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6:1-11  
Matthew 10:24-39  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 10:25-29

Mon., June 12  
Tue., June 13  
Wed., June 14  
Thur., June 15  
Fri., June 16  
Sat., June 17

Genesis 18:1-15  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35 - 10:8  
1 Peter 5:6-11  
Matthew 6:25-34

Mon., June 26  
Tue., June 27  
Wed., June 28  
Thur., June 29  
Fri., June 30  
Sat., July 1

Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42  
Zechariah 2:1-5