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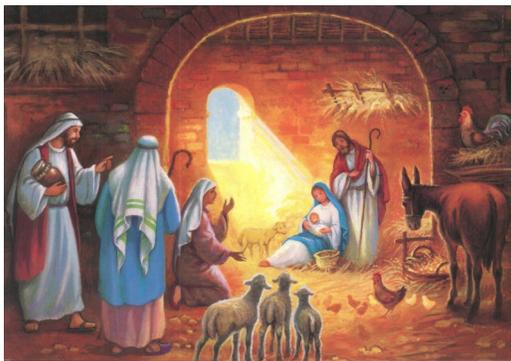


"A Church Where Everybody is Somebody and Christ is Lord of ALL"

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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

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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

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Benjamin O. Davis Sr.



Born: July 1, 1877 (official) May 1880 (per census document) Washington, D.C., U.S

Died: November 26, 1970 (aged 93, official; aged 90, per census document) Chicago, Illinois, U.S.

Place of burial: Arlington National Cemetery

Allegiance: United States of America

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From The Pastor's Desk



November 2017

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

I pray you are enjoying all that is holy in this season of JOY! Let's join together and give thanks for the Lord's great glory. We are coming to the close of 2017. The year has been challenging for us, we have prayed together, rejoiced together, cried together, and endured in faith together. I want to thank you for your labors of love and loyalty as we approach a new SEASON.

We may live in changing and challenging days, yet I'm reminded of the fact that we serve a God who is always willing to bless us, not just so that we will HAVE a blessing, but so that we too, will BE a blessing!

Truly at this Christmas Season, we are reminded that we are greatly blessed because of the love of God which was showed in such a powerful way by sending His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to come to this earth.

Let's take on the spirit of Christ this Christmas Season and serve as He would serve, minister as He would minister, but primarily, love as He would love!

On behalf of the entire Pastoral and leadership team here at The Cross, I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and encourage you to remember, "It is more blessed to give than receive" (Acts 20:35).

Much Love to all from the Pastor & First Lady Eledia.

Peace & Blessings,

Pastor Moses Harvill

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: LOVE

One definition for Love can be found in 1 Corinthians 13. Read this chapter every day for a deeper understanding. Other scriptures are found in John 3:16; Romans 5:5-8; Jeremiah 31:3; Ephesians 4:2, 3; Romans 12:9, 10, to name a few.

"If I had the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them, and could speak in every language there is in all of heaven and in earth, but didn't love others, I would only be making noise. If I had the gift of prophecy and knew all about what is going to happen in the future, knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would it do? Even if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love. If I gave everything I have to the poor people, and if I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel but didn't love others, it would be of no value whatever. Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him and always stand your ground in defending him. All special gifts and

powers from God will someday come to an end, but love goes on forever. There are three things that remain faith, hope, and love and the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13) The Living Bible.

Some signs that will help you recognize LOVE in action and will help you begin to cultivate the Fruit of LOVE in yourself: showing concern for others, obeying God's commandments, saving kind words, helping someone with their homework, obeying parents, being patient, being loyal to a friend or to your faith not irritated easily, not envious, not boastful, reading to a small child, visiting the convalescent homes, visiting the sick and shut-ins, sending cards to the sick and shut-ins, hello by serving meals, forgiving someone, doing good deeds, encouraging others, helping an elderly person, being unselfish and sharing with others, being happy when the truth is revealed, letting others get the praise, not rude, not jealous, not proud, reading to an elderly person, visiting the prisons, calling the sick and shut-ins, going on errands cheerfully, helping someone understand God's word. The list can go on. Use your own good judgment and the words found in scriptures to help you identify other deeds of LOVE.

Catch someone showing LOVE this month and let someone catch you being LOVING!!!!

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: JOY

JOY is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It has its beginnings in God and is produced by Faith. It is based on the reality of God and His promises. JOY is not to be confused with happiness which is dependent upon favorable circumstances to sustain it.

The source of JOY must be the Lord. We are to share in the JOY of Christ by a daily walk with Him and a daily practice of rejoicing in the knowledge of Him and His salvation. Unlike worldly happiness, JOY often comes after great affliction and sufferings. JOY is the feeling Jesus had when he suffered for mankind. look for JOY in

- persons who in the midst of difficulty have a cheerful, peaceful spirit. • persons who are "happy in the Lord"
- persons who get excited when they talk about the things of God • persons who are looking forward to being with the Lord and sharing eternal JOY
- • persons who love sharing the Gospel and

enthusiastic about the salvation of souls • persons who demonstrate JOY in their singing, praying, testimony, preaching, teaching, with musical instruments, praise and in their daily walk.

Read: Nehemiah 8:1; Psalm 16:11; Psalm 35:9; Psalm 66:1,2; Isaiah 29:19; 16:24, I Peter 1:3-8.

Remember to look for and acknowledge the signs of JOY within yourself.

WARNING Watch for the enemy of JOY - worldly sorrow which, if allowed, will try to destroy your JOY.

Additional Scriptures: Isaiah 12:1-6, Acts 2:28, Romans 14:17, Romans 15:13, Jude 1:24,25, Hebrews 1:9, Hebrews 12:2, 2 Corinthians 8:1-4



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.*

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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 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.

Spiritual Growth

Key Scripture: *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2)*

Key Thought: God's Word is food for growth.

Prayer: Thank you, Father, for showing me that as I desire and drink the sincere milk of your Word I will grow spiritually¹. All Scripture has been given by your inspiration², and I want to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth³. I will study your Word so that I will never need to be ashamed, because I will know how to rightly divide your Word of truth⁴.

As I walk in the light of your Word⁵, Father, I will meditate upon your precepts, and give myself totally to them⁶. Speaking the truth in love, I will grow up into Christ in all things⁷. Father, I deeply desire to fully know the love of

Christ, which surpasses knowledge, so that I would be filled with all your fullness⁸.

I rejoice, O Lord, in the promise of your Word that tells me that I will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon⁹. My delight, dear Father, is in your Word, and in your Word I will meditate day and night. You assure me that this will cause me to be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, and whatever I do shall prosper¹⁰.

Thank you, Father, for helping me to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory forevermore¹¹.

References: (1) 1 Peter 2:2; (2) 2 Timothy 3:16; (3) Matthew 4:4; (4) 2 Timothy 2:15; (5) Psalms 119:105; (6) 1 Timothy 4:15; (7) Ephesians 4:15; (8) Ephesians 3:19; (9) Psalms 92:12-13; (10) Psalms 1:2-3; (11) 2 Peter 3:18.



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!

PROMISES TO REMEMBER

Devotional Reading:
Colossians 1:9-20

Background Scripture:
1 Corinthians 11; Jude 3

Scripture:
1 Corinthians 11:23-24

EXALT!

Invocation: Speak Lord so that we hear from heaven. Speak through Your word, our teacher, and to each of us. Center our thoughts on You. During this lesson and in the week to follow, let the Holy Ghost energize our spirits for your purpose. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Celebration: "For the Bread, Which Thou Hast Broken," #330, A. M. E. Zion Bicentennial Hymnal; "Sanctuary" (a.k.a. "Lord Prepare Me"), #462, African American Heritage Hymnal.

Declaration: *1 Corinthians 11:23-34*

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the

Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ for all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves. ³⁰ For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions.

ENGAGE

What were some the rules relating to meals that your family had when you were growing up? Did your meals begin with saying grace? Did the meal only start when everyone was seated at the table? Did people have specified seats in which they sat? Did some members of the family get larger portions than other members of the family? Did some members of the family get seconds before other members of the family?

It would be safe to assume that the rules relating to meals that your family had did not make you uncomfortable. However, did you

ever have an occasion to eat at the table of another friends or family member? Did any of their rules make you feel uncomfortable? Such as men eat before women? It being acceptable to drink alcohol as a part of the meal? People being permitted to eat at the table without shirts on?

Discuss the following: With what rules relating to the Lord's Supper, in your local church, are the members of your church comfortable, but which might make an unchurched visitor uncomfortable or a visitor from a different Christian tradition?

EDUCATE

The Scripture passage for today's lesson is one that allows us to view the development of one of the early churches. Like many others, this small budding community in Corinth experienced "growing pains" due to its diverse body of believers. The Apostle Paul wrote the Corinthian epistles to address a variety of theological, sociological, political, economic, and cultural issues impacting that church community. Of particular concern to the Corinthian church was the issue of disagreements among congregants during the Lord's Supper.

This early church was comprised of a mixture of people from a variety of backgrounds, which resulted in different classes forming a community of faith. Beginning in verse 17, we read about the aggressive and inappropriate behaviors of some church

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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 (December 3 - 24)

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
IMMANUEL	God With Us "I AM"	Jesus is God in our midst. In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.
JEHOVAH	"I AM", The One Who Is The Self-existent One	God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful. We need to obey Him.
JEHOVAH- JIREH	The Lord Will Provide	Just as God provided a ram as a substitute for Isaac, He provided His son Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice. God will meet all our needs.
JEHOVAH- MEKADDISHKEM	The Lord Who Sanctifies	God sets us apart as a chosen people, a royal priesthood, holy unto God, a people of His own. He cleanses our sin and helps us mature.

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Benjamin Oliver Davis Sr. (1880 – November 26, 1970) was a United States Army officer. He was the first African-American to rise to the rank of general in the U.S. military. He was the father of Air Force General Benjamin O. Davis Jr.

Early life and education

Davis was born in Washington, D.C., the third child of Louis P. H. Davis and Henrietta (née Stewart) Davis. Biographer Marvin Fletcher has presented evidence that Davis was born in May 1880, citing a June 1880 census document. Fletcher concludes that Davis lied about his age so that he could enlist in the army without the permission of his parents. The birth date that appears on Davis's gravestone at Arlington National Cemetery is July 1, 1877, the date he provided to the army.

Davis attended M Street High School in Washington, where he participated in the school's cadet program. During his senior year of high school he took some classes at Howard University. His father, a messenger for the Interior Department, and his mother, a nurse, urged him to enroll in college after high school. Against his parents' wishes he determined to take a military career.

Career

After graduating from high school, in response to the start of the Spanish–American War, Davis entered the military service on July 13, 1898, as a temporary first lieutenant in the 8th United States Volunteer Infantry, an all-black unit. This regiment was stationed at Chickamauga Park, Georgia, from October 1898 until the unit was disbanded in March 1899. During the war, Davis briefly served in Company D, 1st Separate Battalion of the Washington D.C. National Guard.

Davis was mustered out on March 6, 1899, and on June 18, 1899, he enlisted as a private in Troop I, 9th Cavalry Regiment (one of the original Buffalo Soldier regiments), of the Regular Army. At his post in Fort Duchesne, Utah, he served first as

the troop's clerk and later as squadron sergeant major through 1900. In late 1900, Davis's unit was commanded by Lieutenant Charles Young, the only African-American officer serving in the US military at that time. Young encouraged Davis's ambition to become an officer. Young tutored Davis in all of the subjects that were covered in the officer candidate test, especially mathematics, which had been Young's most difficult subject at the United States Military Academy at West Point. In early 1901 Davis passed the test at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, his highest score coming in the math section. (A second African American, John E. Green, passed the test along with 10 other soldiers.) On February 2, 1901, Davis was commissioned a second lieutenant of Cavalry in the Regular Army.

In the spring of 1901, Troop I was posted overseas to serve in the Philippine–American War. In August 1901, Davis was assigned to Troop F, 10th Cavalry, where he assumed the duties of a second lieutenant. Troop F returned to the US in August 1902. Davis was then stationed at Fort Washakie, Wyoming, where he also served for several months with Troop M. In September 1905, he was assigned to Wilberforce University in Ohio as Professor of Military Science and Tactics, a post that he filled for four years.

In November 1909, shortly after being ordered to Regimental Headquarters, 9th Cavalry, Davis was reassigned for duty to Liberia. He left the United States for Liberia in April 1910, and served as a military attaché reporting on Liberia's military forces until October 1911. He returned to the United States in November 1911. In January 1912, Davis was assigned to Troop I, 9th Cavalry, stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming. In 1913, the 9th Cavalry was assigned to patrol the Mexican–United States border. In February 1915, Davis was again assigned to Wilberforce University as Professor of Military Science and Tactics. From 1917 to 1920, Davis was assigned to the 9th Cavalry at Fort Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands,

as supply officer, commander of 3rd Squadron, and then of 1st Squadron. He reached the temporary rank of lieutenant colonel, but returned to the United States in March 1920 with the rank of captain.

Davis was assigned to the Tuskegee University, Alabama, as the professor of military science and tactics from 1920 to 1924. He then served for five years as an instructor with 2nd Battalion, 372nd Regiment, Ohio National Guard, in Cleveland, Ohio. In September 1929, Davis returned to Wilberforce University as professor of military science and tactics. He was assigned to the Tuskegee Institute in the early part of 1931, and remained there for six years as professor of military science and tactics. During the summer months of 1930 to 1933, Davis escorted pilgrimages of World War I Gold Star mothers and widows to the burial places of their loved ones in Europe.

In August 1937, Davis returned to Wilberforce University as professor of military science and tactics. Davis was assigned to the 369th Regiment, New York National Guard, during the summer of 1938, and took command of the regiment a short time later. Davis was promoted to brigadier general on October 25, 1940, becoming the first African-American general in the United States Army.

World War II

Davis became commanding general of 4th Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, in January 1941. About six months later, he was assigned to Washington, D.C. as an assistant in the Office of the Inspector General. While serving in the Office of the Inspector General, Davis also served on the Advisory Committee on Negro Troop Policies. From 1941 to 1944, Davis conducted inspection tours of African-American soldiers in the United States Army. From September to November 1942 and again from July to November 1944, Davis made inspection tours of African-American soldiers stationed in Europe.

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On November 10, 1944, Davis was reassigned to work under Lieutenant General John C. H. Lee as special assistant to the commanding general, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations. He served with the General Inspectorate Section, European Theater of Operation (later the Office of the Inspector General on Europe) from January through May 1945. While serving in the European Theater of Operations, Davis was influential in the proposed policy of integration using replacement units.

Later life and death

After serving in the European Theater of Operations for more than a year, Davis returned to Washington, D.C. as assistant to the inspector general. In 1947 he was assigned as a special assistant to the Secretary of the Army. In this capacity, he was sent to Liberia in July 1947 as a representative of the United States for the African country's centennial celebration. On July 20, 1948, after fifty years of military service, Davis retired in a public ceremony with President Harry S. Truman presiding. 6 days later on July 26, 1948, President Truman issued executive order 9981 which abolished racial discrimination in the armed forces.

From July 1953 through June 1961, he served as a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission. Davis died on November 26, 1970, at Great Lakes Naval Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Legacy

In 1997, the U.S. Postal Service issued a 32-cent stamp honoring Davis.

Personal life

Davis married Elnora Dickerson in 1902—the two had known each other as neighbors for many years. Their first child was born in 1905, daughter Olive Davis. A son was born in 1912, Benjamin O. Davis Jr. In early 1916, a second daughter was born, but Davis's wife died a few days later from complications of childbirth. The

daughter, Elnora Davis, was named for her. Without a mother for the children, Davis relied upon the grandparents in Washington, D.C. for childcare while he was serving a tour of duty in the Philippines. In 1919 Davis married Sarah "Sadie" Overton, an English teacher at Wilberforce University. They were married for 47 years, the partnership ending at Sadie's death on October 25, 1966.

Davis's son became the first black general officer of the United States Air Force in October 1954.

Dates of rank

- First Lieutenant, USV – July 13, 1898
- Private – June 18, 1899
- Corporal –
- Sergeant Major – 1900
- Second Lieutenant, USA – August 1901 (date of rank February 2)
- First Lieutenant, USA – March 30, 1905
- Captain, USA – December 24, 1915
- Major, National Army – August 5, 1917
- Lieutenant Colonel, National Army – May 1, 1918
- Captain, USA (reverted to peacetime rank) – December 24, 1915
- Lieutenant Colonel, USA – July 1, 1920
- Colonel, USA – February 18, 1930
- Brigadier General, USA – October 25, 1940

Decorations and honors

General Davis' U.S. military decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) and Bronze Star. His DSM medal, awarded by General Order 10, dated February 22, 1945, stated that Benjamin O. Davis was awarded the DSM "for exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility from June 1941 to November 1944." The War Department release issued about General Davis' DSM on February 11, 1945, included the following citation:

For exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility from June, 1941, to November, 1944, as an Inspector of troop units in the field,

and as special War Department consultant on matters pertaining to Negro troops. The initiative, intelligence and sympathetic understanding displayed by him in conducting countless investigations concerning individual soldiers, troop units, and components of the War Department brought about a fair and equitable solution to many important problems which have since become the basis of far-reaching War Department policy. His wise advice and counsel have made a direct contribution to the maintenance of soldier morale and troop discipline and has been of material assistance to the War Department and to responsible commanders in the field of understanding personnel matters as they pertain to the individual soldier.

Additionally, Davis was awarded an Honorary Degree of LL.D. from Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. His foreign awards and honors include of the Croix de Guerre with Palm from France and the Grade of Commander of the Order of the Star of Africa from Liberia.



General Benjamin O. Davis Jr

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members. Since there were no church buildings, one of the wealthy church members hosted the gathering. Following the Greco-Roman tradition at meals, attendees received their meal by their class status. The “Best” wine, bread, and meat was served as designated by the host and the remaining food was served later to the “lesser” classes. The mixture of people from all segments of society - free, slave, laborer, merchants, farmers, shepherds, etc. - resulted in frustrations from the differing treatment the distinct classes received. In verses 20-21, upon hearing of the concerns, Paul writes the church members to address this cultural and social tradition impacting the church. He also addresses the accepted practice in the wealthy or leisure class of gluttony and drinking until intoxicated. Selected individual could eat all they wanted, while others may not have been served at all.

Addressing the division among the congregants, Paul explains the functions in this manner: “For there must be functions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you” (11:19, NKJV). Put another way, “It is necessary to have differences among you so that it is clear which of you have God’s approval” (NCV). The Corinthians church is admonished so that they will remember that the purpose of the Lord’s Supper is to focus on the Lord. Paul’s admonitions also remind us of the importance of Communion within the Kingdom of God. Through Communion, we remember both the old covenant, as well as the new covenant, as well as the new covenant written in Jesus’ blood.

Further, in verses 23-24, Paul gives a full explanation of the holy ritual, stating the words that Jesus gave to His disciples: “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” The chapter concludes with the reminder that when we participate in the Lord’s Supper - eating the bread and drinking the cup - we are telling others about the Lord’s death until He comes. In his correction of the church

at Corinth, Paul helped refocus the group on Christ. Then, as a body, the Corinthian church united around the New Covenant promise to “do this in remembrance” of our Lord.

Paul expected beneficiaries of the new covenant to participate in the Lord’s Supper in a way that was consistent with the tenets of the Christian faith. It is for this reason that Paul used the phrase, “in an unworthy manner” (11:27) to explain how a person who does not explain their own conduct, will be guilty of “damnation to your soul” or “sinning against your body.” Paul suggests that many have grown weak and sick, and others have died for this reason. Although unstated, it is implied, that if one properly takes the Lord’s Supper, there are blessings for the believer.

At the close of the chapter, the Apostle Paul reminds the people that the Lord’s Supper is about keeping the promise to “do this in remembrance of me.” the Corinthians understood that to honor the process, they must leave customary behaviors to their home events. For the church, the sacred communal sharing of the bread, (Christ body) and of the wine, (His blood), are an equalizing and humbling experience for all participants.

ELEVATE

The first-century church at Corinth was challenged by what eventually made the epistle written to them great. Paul’s letter is full of wise counsel and thoughtful instruction that continues to be meaningful today. For instance, the melding of all different kinds of people is a characteristic of the church. When we begin to think of our congregation as the body of Christ, we are united as believers to think of each other in a familial manner. “This is my brother, my sister, my elder and these are my children.” The emotional and spiritual bond that is created is an important part of church membership. This bonding requires spiritual growth and a commitment to becoming a new covenant church family. In the Corinthian church, the influences of a culturally-accepted tradition were an obstacle to melding the varied factions within the church.

The type of spiritual growth necessary to become a church family, requires individual self-examination. Have I left “old traditions and customs” behind? What happens in your church when someone new visits or joins the choir? Are there obstacles that stop that person from becoming a fully, equally, and accepted member of your congregation? Are there traditions that are interfering with the growth of your church family?

Paul encourages every believer to think carefully before participating in the Lord’s Supper. We are still charged to avoid coming to the Lord’s Supper in an “unworthy manner.” if we come instead with a humble heart, a contrite spirit, and an eye focused on Jesus before coming to the Communion Table, then we too will be blessed!

I THINK:

Consider these three areas that were the focus of this week’s Scripture. Church member soften have concerns with other members of the body of Christ, even though we are all beneficiaries of the new covenant.

1. How should we resolve disagreements in the church? How can we honor God when church membership is challenging?
2. As believers, we are required to make and keep promises. However, many people make promises and then won’t do their part. Are there steps we should take to address the concerns in a godly manner?
3. What kinds of preparation do you make as you prepare for the Lord’s Supper? How does Communion support your growth as a Christian?

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 1 Corinthians 11:25

From The Young People-Adult Quarterly (Ages 18 and up) International Sunday School Lessons for Christian Teaching

Characteristics of Love
By Barbara Perry

“Characteristics of Love”, 1 Corinthians 13:13, says, “Now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” Let us pray, Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us so that we can show love to others. Teach us to be patient and kind and treat others the way you always treat us. We confess anything that we have said that is not like you in Jesus’ name, Amen.

In the scripture, notice that these characteristics has nothing to do with feelings. That’s because love is a choice. We can choose to walk in love toward others even when we don’t feel

like it or we choose to do what is right. By choosing to show kindness and be courteous to others. By looking for ways to cultivate the greatest thing in our life-LOVE!

See spiritual maturity isn’t measured by how long we’ve been a Christian, how much we know, or how often we go to church. Spiritual maturity is measured by the way we treat others. It’s measured by the love we allow to operate through us. First Corinthians 13 tells us about the characteristic of love. One characteristic is that it is not rude. That means, when we are walking in love, we treat others with courtesy and respect, Amen



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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 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.

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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 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

The Beauty of Holland

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum, The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very, very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later the plane lands. The flight attendant comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!?" you say, "What do you mean Holland? I signed up for Italy. I'm supposed to be in Italy! All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's a change in the flight plan. They landed in Holland and you must stay. The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guidebooks. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there awhile and catch your breath, you begin to look around, and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills. Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they're bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain will never, ever go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss. But if you spend your life mourning the fact you didn't go to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland.

Source Unknown

Words of Encouragement

There's power in your witness.
Purpose for your pain.
Joy where there's sadness.
Rejoice, Live again.
Represent God in everything. Shine!

The power of your walk is evidence of God's faithfulness.
Your witness is evidence.
Don't allow your situation to hinder your faith witness.
Give witness to your faith. Bear witness. Soar!

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jews first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)



Happening at *The Cross*

November 15-17, 2017

@ 7:00 p.m. Nightly

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017 @ 10:00 A.M.

HOMECOMING/FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY



*Bishop Dennis V. Proctor
will be delivering the sermon!!!*

HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING

READ: Genesis 8:15-9:3

Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field.

Several thousand years ago, God spoke directly to Moses and instituted a new festival for His people. In Exodus 23:16, according to Moses's record, God said, "Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field."

Today countries around the world do something similar by celebrating the land's bounty. In Ghana, the people celebrate the Yam Festival as a harvest event. In Brazil, Dia de Acao de Gracas is a time to be grateful for crops that yielded their food. In China, there is the Mid-Autumn (Moon) Festival. In the United States and Canada: Thanksgiving.

To understand the fitting goal of a harvest celebration, we visit Noah right after the flood. God reminded Noah and his family-and us-of His provision for our flourishing existence on the earth. Earth would have seasons, daylight and darkness and "seedtime and harvest"

(Genesis 8:22). Our gratitude for the harvest, which sustains us, goes to God above.

No matter where you live or how you celebrate your land's bounty, take time today to express gratitude to God-for we would have no harvest to celebrate without His grand creative design. Dave Branon

Dear Creator God, thank You so much for the wondrous way You fashion this world-with seasons, with harvest-time, with everything we need to exist. Please accept our gratitude.

Gratitude is the memory of a glad heart.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

<p>Sunday 8:30 a.m. Church School</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>2nd Sunday Senior Usher Board Meeting (following service) Youth Meeting 1st & 4th Sunday's (following service)</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>Tuesday <i>Special Prayer for Pastor Harvill</i> 6:00—7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting and bible study.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Thursday 6:00 p.m. Steward Board</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Trustee Board (2nd of month) 7:00 p.m. Unity Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Friday <i>Day of Fasting</i> 6:00 p.m. Vision Choir (3rd & 4th of month) 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Cross Street Recovery Ministry (room 2)</p> <p>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)</p>
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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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Wednesday, November 15 - Friday November 17

Saturday, November 18
 9:00 am

Men's Ministry Breakfast Meeting
 (Asking ALL men to please attend.)

Monday, November 20
 6:00 pm

College Committee Meeting
 In Pastor's Study with Dr. Jerome Long

Thursday, November 23
 10:00 am

Thanksgiving Day Service

Saturday, December 9
 9:30 am

Missionary Mass Meeting
 Hosted by
 Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church
 2051 Main Street
 Hartford, CT

Monday, December 11
 6:00 pm

Ministerial Health Alliance Meeting
 Topic: Medicaid Issues
 Our goal for the session is to understand Medicaid and learn how to advocate for better access to healthcare

Thursday, December 14
 10:00 am

Food Pantry Truck
 @Cross Street Church
 Please note: the food pantry truck comes EVERY Thursday of the month @ 10:00 am

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, some-
how!

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 nor 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 power-
ful, and sharper than any two-edged
sword, piercing even to the dividing asun-
der 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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