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See With the Eye of Faith

Have you ever sat quietly meditating on the Word of God? You may not realize it, but when you do that, you are using your imagination. Whenever you dream in line with God's Word, you will begin to see your circumstances and your future through the eye of faith.

For example, if you are facing financial trouble or lack, the eye of faith causes you to see yourself prosperous and having plenty. Why? Because thinking according to the Word, even when your pockets are empty, causes you to see a pocketful! In other words, you are trusting and believing God to take care of the situation and meet your need.

Or if you are facing sickness, you will see yourself well, whole, and healthy regardless of the doctor's report. I encourage you to look at your circumstances according to the promises in the Bible. Scripture says that by the stripes of Jesus you were healed (1 Peter 2:24). You are correctly using your God-given ability to imagine by looking at sickness through the lens of the Word.

Meditating on God's Word causes you to see situations as they *really* are according to scripture, not just the way they *appear* in the natural. Envision your life the way it is *supposed* to be—the way God intends it to be!

The Bible never said, "Don't imagine." It simply tells you to cast down imaginations that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God (2 Cor. 10:5).

This issue of *The Word of Faith* is a great place to start exercising your God-given creative imagination and meditate on the truths found in the Word. The "knowledge of God" says, "You're healed" (Isa. 53:5). As you read my article on page 4, imagine yourself healed and cast down every thought otherwise!

The "knowledge of God" says, "All your needs are supplied by God's riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). As you read every article, take time to use the scriptures shared and meditate on God meeting that need in your life—start daydreaming with the Holy Spirit!

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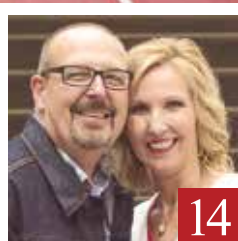
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JESUS CHRIST HEALS YOU!

THE PROPHET MALACHI looked through time and described what he saw: Jesus coming with healing in His hands, ministering to the sick, and delivering those who are bound!

“But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture” (Mal. 4:2 NLT).

Jesus did not come to the earth empty-handed! He came with healing. The day of healing has dawned. The Sun of Righteousness has risen for you personally. This very moment, the rays of His light are shining on you. His beams of healing are radiating over your life. Your hour of deliverance has come!

Let the Lord strengthen and encourage you as you stir yourself up to receive healing from Him.

Confidence

Acts 9:32–34 relates details of the Apostle Peter’s encounter with Aeneas, a paralytic man in a helpless, deplorable state. The Bible doesn’t tell us what happened to Aeneas. We only know that he was bedridden for eight years. He may have been fighting off bitterness because of his lot in life. Perhaps he had been in an accident, injured while working, or even a victim of crime.



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We have no idea why Aeneas was suffering. But his condition shows us the desperate position so many people are in today. Medical science has made a lot of progress, but there are still conditions they cannot cure. Mankind *needs* the intervention of God!

ACTS 9:32–34 (NIV)

32 As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the Lord’s people who lived in Lydda.

33 There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years.

34 “Aeneas,” Peter said to him, “Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat.” Immediately Aeneas got up.

Notice Peter’s confidence and boldness. He didn’t try to cheer up Aeneas. He didn’t tell him Jesus would make it easier to endure his lot in life. He didn’t say that Jesus would help him cope. And he didn’t say, “You must confess whatever sin has caused this problem, and then you will be healed.”

Many people who are sick are not sinning at all. The devil brings sickness wherever he can—that’s one way he accomplishes his mission to steal, kill, and destroy. But God sent His Son so we might have life and have it abundantly. It’s not an abundant life when we are sick, destitute, or always in turmoil! (See John 10:10.)

Boldness

“*Jesus Christ heals you*” is a bold statement. Peter had no hesitation. It wasn’t a question. He had received boldness while traveling with Jesus for three years. His words were very similar to many statements that Jesus made when He dealt with those who were sick:

- To the paralyzed man, “*Get up, pick up your bed, and go home!*” (Matt. 9:6 GNT).
- To Jairus’ daughter after she died, “*Little girl, I tell you to get up!*” (Mark 5:41 GNT).
- To the young man who died, “*Young man! Get up, I tell you!*” (Luke 7:14 GNT).

Time to Act

Peter followed Jesus’ example when he declared to Aeneas, “*Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat*” (Acts 9:34 NIV). Then it was time for the paralyzed man to act.

Once God’s healing power is administered, people who receive it need to act on the Word. They can activate the healing power by their words and by doing something they couldn’t do before. Remember that faith without works, or action, is dead (James 2:20).



When I was a teenager, my dad, Kenneth E. Hagin, was holding a meeting and invited to the altar everyone who couldn't walk or had problems walking. Seven people came forward. Almost all of them needed help getting to the front.

Dad didn't pray for any of them.

He went to each one and said, "Run!" The first one pushed himself up, took a few faltering steps, and then took off running. Right down the line, even the person who was carried acted on the word Dad gave and ran.

But when he spoke to the lady who managed to get to the altar on her own, she said, "I can hardly walk, much less run." Dad encouraged her, but she insisted, "I can't do it. I can't run, and

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FAITH IN ACTION

Activate God's Power

You may be suffering from sickness right now. Perhaps medical science hasn't been able to help you. You may be getting worse, or the doctors may simply be keeping you alive until you can get healed.

Thank God for what doctors can accomplish! But we must look beyond the knowledge of man and look to God, from Whom we receive every good and perfect gift—including healing (James 1:17).

If you need healing, God wants to heal you. He has already made provision for you to be well. His power is available to change your body and drive disease from you. But you have to activate God's power!

When you receive healing, you can declare by faith, "Healing is mine, I have it now!"

Scriptures to Meditate On

1 PETER 2:24 (NLT)

By his [Jesus'] wounds you are healed.

HEBREWS 13:8 (NIV)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

LUKE 18:27 (NIV)

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

JAMES 1:17 (NIV)

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

LUKE 5:12-13 (NLT)

12 In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. "Lord," he said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean."

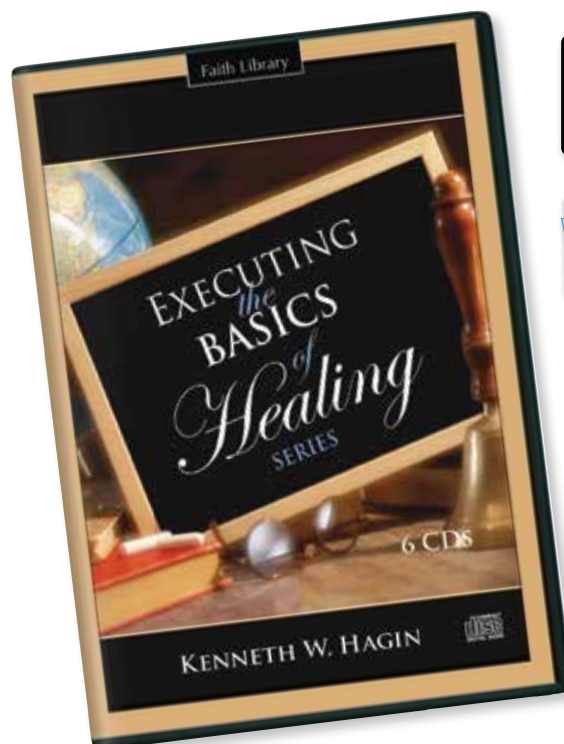
13 Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

I'm not going to try." Guess what? She left that service exactly the way she came.

Sometimes people explain something like that by saying, "The power of God wasn't working tonight." The power of God is *always* working. But the individual has to draw upon that power by acting on the Word for it to work!

God's Word is the ultimate authority. It's time for us to believe and obey it. It's time to rise, be healed by the power of God, and maintain our healing. It's time to live a healthy, blessed life! ♥

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Make Some Noise: **The Kingdom Is at Hand!**

JIM ANDREWS

A YOUNG LADY started a church group in her home. One night as the people were leaving, she noticed a man standing off at the edge of her house. After the last person left, he barged through the front door and threatened to kill her with a knife.

She had learned some things, but she was still a young Christian. With a nearly silent voice, she whispered, “Jesus.” She saw the man shake. She became more confident and said, “Jesus!” He shuddered! She got bolder and louder. “**JESUS!**”

Suddenly the man was on the floor shaking. He dropped the knife, and the woman led him to Christ.

This is the God you serve. He wants to act on your behalf! Wherever you go, you bring the Kingdom of God with you. **IT’S TIME TO MAKE SOME NOISE AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.**

Noise in the Desert

When Jesus came to the earth, it was not a light thing. At that time, people had not heard a prophetic voice in four hundred years. Suddenly a wild man showed up in the desert wearing animal skins, eating honey and locusts, and screaming, “*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!*” (Matt. 3:2 NKJV).

John the Baptist was in the desert preparing a way for Jesus. One day he yelled, “*Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*” (John 1:29 NKJV). Jesus had arrived. He also had a message: “*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel!*” (Mark 1:15 NKJV).

Jesus came to do a new thing. It clashed with the religious system.

Yes, He came to redeem them, but He also came to open the same door to the entire world.

If you grew up in a religious system, it could be hard to step out of that when change comes. With every new season comes a struggle.

Something is going on in the spiritual realm because God wants to get the Church to leave their old ways behind. I wonder if the fullness of time is upon us now to stand up and be a voice to this generation. **MANY VOICES ARE OUT THERE, AND THE CHURCH IS MOSTLY SILENT.**

Lift Your Voice

I read about a bridge that was knocked down by a barge at nighttime. The approaching cars couldn’t see and fell off into the darkness. One man managed to get out of his vehicle and crawl through the mud. He ran up on the road, took his shirt off, and waved it in front of the approaching cars.

The drivers wouldn’t stop. They only saw a muddy, shirtless idiot in the middle of nowhere. Who wants to stop for that? Off they went into the abyss. Finally, the man stopped one car. Once that happened, more people stopped and were saved.

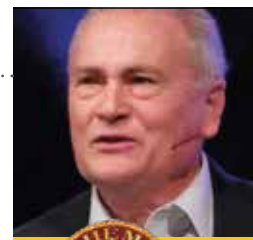
IF PEOPLE ARE GOING OFF INTO THIS PLACE CALLED HELL, SHOULDN’T WE BE WAVING SOMETHING AT THEM?

Let’s not be content with just coming to church. Let’s rise up! The Church is not weak. We are the Body of Christ! Jesus is the head, and we are His body. He is anointed, so we are anointed. We have His commission. We have been sent into all the world with the Word of God in our mouths.

Find people who are hurting. Take the love of God and deliver them out of bondage. Find someone who needs a miracle!

I challenge you to knock on doors and ask, “Do you have any sick people here? I want to pray for them. I believe Jesus will raise them up.” The Bible says that believers will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. Your hands are the only hands Jesus has on the earth. Go out there and find people to pray for! 🙏

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God **Moved** the Cows!

WINTER USED TO be a slow time for Darren Jolliff's tree care business. It changed radically after he read *How God Taught Me About Prosperity*. In the minibook, Kenneth E. Hagin shared how Jesus instructed him, "Don't pray about money anymore. . . . Claim whatever you need or want. Say, 'Satan, take your hands off my finances.' Then say, 'Go, ministering spirits, and cause the money to come.' " "

DARREN REALIZED HE HAD A SAY IN HIS PROSPERITY! He shifted from passively believing God would take care of his finances to claiming the needed money every month. Today, winter brings just as much business as summer.

When his wife, ReJeanna, mentioned an amount to believe for by year-end, it was a giant leap of faith! Darren jumped in and said, "I'll hook up with you!"

One Mile of Trees

Soon a client called about a new job. It wasn't Darren's usual trimming or removal work. The customer wanted new trees across one full mile—522 saplings planted before Christmas. The job was large enough to meet the goal!

Negotiations and details distilled into a contract. Paperwork was ready for signatures, but an obstacle

emerged. The landowner mentioned another contract with a "cow guy."

One Herd of Cows

There was a prepaid arrangement for cattle to winter graze the land. Darren knew that saplings could not survive livestock. While he explored solutions, God prompted him to continue doing tedious prep work.

Darren wrestled with God's instruction. He could immediately start a much smaller job. **TIME WOULD BE WASTED IF THIS JOB DIDN'T COME THROUGH. BUT GOD WOULDN'T LET HIM LOOSE.**

When he relented and brought his team to the property, he noticed a man in a cowboy hat approaching them. Darren laughed, "Are you the cow guy?" He replied, "You're the tree guy?" They had known one another since high school.

He stopped by because the landowner had mentioned the "tree guy." Without Darren asking or trying to work out a deal, he said, "My cows will tear up your trees! Let me talk to the landowner. I can make other arrangements."

Hold On

Instead of moving forward, the plan dwindled! The client proposed ten percent of the original order, 50 trees, individually fenced to protect

the saplings from the cattle. Darren couldn't guarantee they would be safe. Then it seemed like the owner might hold off on planting.

Darren waited for answers. Each day was precious. If they missed the deadline to order trees, the company closed after Christmas, which would push the project into spring.

He fought off frustration, "Lord, I know You sent me this job. I don't know how You'll do it, and I'm not sure what will happen, but I still believe it's You. Thank You that it is happening."

DURING AN UNLIKELY TIME, AN UNUSUAL JOB BROUGHT AN abundant blessing.

A few days later, the "cow guy" worked out a deal to move the cows somewhere else!

Green Light Go

Then it was full-steam ahead! A landscaper let Darren hire his crew at cost. When the trees arrived, even family joined the team. From sunup to sundown, they planted 522 trees in one day—just in time for Christmas Eve the next day.

"IT WAS A MIRACLE!" said Darren. "Through the grace of God, we were able to get it done and get the amount we claimed. I credit that to ReJeanna because she was the one who got behind it and said, 'We need to do this. Let's finish the year strong!'"

During an unlikely time, an unusual job brought an abundant blessing. God did it for Darren and ReJeanna, and He will do it again for you! ♥

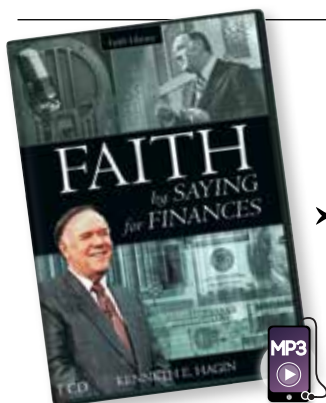
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“Verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

— MARK 11:23

JESUS SAID WE will have what we say. Do you suppose He knew what He was talking about? I believe He told the truth.

If Jesus told the truth, we should check up on what we are saying—especially if we aren’t satisfied with what we have.

Once at a Full Gospel Business Men’s Convention, a lady came up to me after one of the teaching sessions. “Brother Hagin,” she said, “I want you to promise me something.”

“Well,” I responded, “I want to find out what it is first.”

A Mother’s Request

She said, “Promise me you’ll pray every day for my son. He’s 15 years old, and I can’t do a thing in the world with him. I can’t get him to go to church. He’s in a gang, and I’m afraid they’re on drugs. He’s out until 3 and 4 o’clock in the morning. I lie awake at night waiting for the phone to ring telling me he’s in jail.”

I interrupted her before she could say anything more about how bad her situation was. “I’m not going to do it.”

“You’re not going to do what?”

“I’m not going to pray for him, much less pray every day.” That surprised her.

“You’re not?”

“No, ma’am, I’m not. I won’t promise to pray for him.”

“Well!”

“It wouldn’t do any good, because you would nullify the effects of my prayers by your wrong believing and wrong talking,” I said. “It doesn’t matter how many people pray. As long as you keep telling your son he’ll never amount to anything, he’ll wind up in a juvenile detention center or the state prison. He will never make it.”

Her eyes got big. “How did you know I talked that way to him?”

Products of Words

“To be in the mess your son is in,” I said, “you had to talk him into it. We are products of words. Children are products of words.”

Words will make a child love education. And they will make a child want to go to church or keep him or her out of church.

“What am I going to do?” she said.

“First, since you have been talking this way for such a long time, and because he is as old as he is, just leave him alone. He resents you trying to tell him anything. Don’t say anything. Don’t preach at him.

“Second, change your thinking and talking. When you don’t know where your son is, say, ‘I surround my son with faith.’ You have been surrounding him with doubt. Even if your heart doesn’t believe it initially, say it out of your head. Your heart will start believing, ‘I do not believe he will end up in prison. I believe he is coming to God.’ State what you believe.”

“Well,” she said, “I’ll try it.”

“It won’t work if you *try* it. But it will work if you *do* it. Jesus didn’t say we will have whatever we *tried*. He said we will have whatever we *say*.”

The following year, the Full Gospel Business Men invited me to speak at another convention in that same city. After one service, a lady came up to me and said, “Brother Hagin, do you remember me?” I told her I didn’t.

A Good Report

"When you were here a year ago," she began, "I asked you to pray for my boy. You shocked me by saying you wouldn't!"

"I want to tell you one thing," she continued. "Keeping a positive confession works! It didn't look like it would work. My son got worse. Keeping my mouth shut was the hardest thing I ever did. Every day and night I kept saying, 'I surround him with faith. I believe he's coming to God. Things will work out right in his life. I believe he won't end up in a juvenile detention center or a prison.'"

"My head said he was going there because of the crowd he was hanging with. But I said from my heart, 'He's not going to a detention center. I do not believe he will wind up in prison.'"

"It went that way for nearly a year," she continued. "Then one Sunday morning, after he had been out all night, he got up early. Ordinarily, he would sleep in, but he came to the breakfast table. While we were eating, he said, 'Momma, I believe I'll go to Sunday school with you this morning.'"

"I just acted nonchalantly and said, 'Son, you were up awfully late. You probably need rest.'"

"No, I want to go."

"Well, it's up to you, but you only had a few hours of sleep."

"I want to go."

"He went to Sunday school and stayed for church," she said. "The next Sunday, he was out until 4 o'clock in the morning. Again, he was up for breakfast."

"Momma," he said. "I believe I'll go to Sunday school with you this morning."

"Son, you were out late last night. You need the rest, you know."

"Well, yes," he said, "but I can go. I'm going."



CHILDREN ARE
products OF words.

"He went to Sunday school, stayed for church, and that evening he said, 'I believe I'll go back with you tonight.' When the invitation was given, he went to the altar and was saved!"

A Brand-New Son

"Since then," the woman said, "he's been filled with the Holy Spirit. In the same way he was all out for the devil, he's now all out for God. I believe he's going to turn into a preacher! He's a brand-new boy."

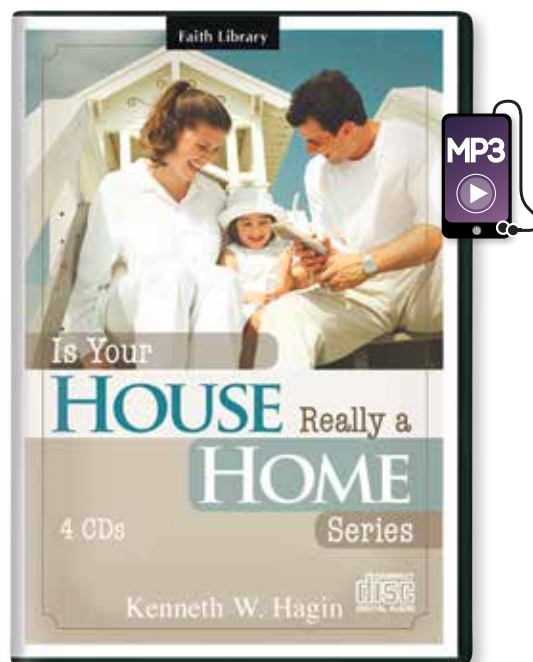
"When you talked to me last year," she said, "at first, I almost got offended. You were so blunt with me. But I saw it and corrected myself. Thank God, because now I have a brand-new son. And I'll tell you something else. He has a brand-new momma."

The woman had been saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and in a Full Gospel church for years, but she told me that day, "I don't think the way I used to think. I almost pinch myself sometimes and say, 'Is this really me?' I used to worry all the time. Now I don't worry anymore. Not only that, I feel good physically. I feel like a young girl. I have vim, vigor, and vitality!"

When the woman began saying the right thing, it worked for her. Jesus said, "*He shall have whatsoever he saith.*" 🕊️

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Survive the Storm

WYATT BROWN



**SPEAKER
HIGHLIGHT**

IN 1989, I was flying a plane using regular radar. We didn't have the advantages of GPS and satellite weather then. I needed to penetrate a line of thunderstorms. When I asked the controller for permission to deviate and go around a storm cell, I didn't know it was hiding an even bigger cell behind it.

I did what pilots are never supposed to do—I flew right into a massive storm.

The plane shook so violently I couldn't read the instruments. Within seconds, I was jerked 1,400 feet above my assigned altitude. Words from my instructors went through my head, "If you ever get into that spot, forget your altitude, and just remember your attitude."

The controller spoke calmly (like the Holy Spirit does to us in a storm), "When you can, turn about 15 degrees to the left. You should be out of the storm in four minutes." Sure enough, I popped back out of the storm.

You never read about me in the papers that day.

Ten years later John F. Kennedy, Jr., piloted a fatal plane crash off Martha's Vineyard. It affected me on several levels. One was this: exactly one year prior, I had flown that same route. I remember thinking, "You can't tell which end is up out here—even on a clear day!" With the water and haze, the color of the ocean went right up into the sky.

The National Transportation Safety Board's accident report noted that other pilots flying that night reported no visual horizon while flying over the water because of haze. The report listed John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s flight training and stated the plane did not malfunction. The probable cause was his failure to maintain control of the airplane during a descent over the water, which was a result of spatial disorientation.

The primary difference that caused me to survive is that I had more training in recovering from "bad attitudes" than JFK Junior had.

Attitude Training

One primary flight instrument is the attitude indicator. It shows the position of the plane in relation to the horizon. When the wings on the gauge align with the artificial horizon, the aircraft is in level flight.

With just one glance, the pilot can tell if the plane's nose is pointed up or down and if the aircraft is turning.

It is critical because the inner ear can be tricked, and the pilot can't tell whether the plane is going up or down.

In attitude training, pilots are trained to recover from unusual attitudes in flight. It can mean life or death. A pilot must be able to control the plane's attitude to survive.

The parallels to our lives are remarkable! **WE MUST ALSO BE ABLE TO CONTROL OUR ATTITUDES TO NAVIGATE LIFE SUCCESSFULLY.**

FAITH IN ACTION

Five Principles for Developing a Healthy Attitude

- 1) **Choose** to think positive.
- 2) **Practice** learning and growing.
- 3) **Find** teachers and be teachable.
- 4) **Conquer** fear.
- 5) **Don't stop** taking action.

Maintain Control

There are few things in life we have control over. But we can control our attitudes. Colossians 3:2 (NIV) tells us to set our minds on things above. That includes attitudes.

You will end up in situations you didn't see coming. Things happen around you that are out of your control. Suddenly, you're in an unusual or bad attitude. To survive life's storms, you must be able to control your attitude.

What is your gauge for a level flight in life? *"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had"* (Phil. 2:5 NLT). Your attitude is the major difference between success and failure. If you think like Jesus, you know you are more than a conqueror. The Holy Spirit is inside you. And you can do all things if you choose to believe. ♥

[Editor's Note: Wyatt Brown is a '78 RBTC graduate and pastors Grace Christian Church in Greenville, South Carolina, with his wife, Debbie. This article was adapted from his message at *A Call to Arms* 2013.]



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HARVESTING THE MIDWESTERN CROP

“I HAVE NEVER been in a church that had a revelation of the Great Commission,” the guest speaker said to Pastor Loren Hirschy (’80, ’81) years ago. When the evangelist spoke those words, Loren’s lips and tongue began to burn, and he had a vision.

Loren saw a two-story white wood farmhouse—one that typically dots the Midwestern landscape. A large group of people was standing on the lawn as if they were waiting for something. Tractor-trailers pulled into the driveway. “The harvest crew is arriving from the manufacturer delivering harvesting equipment,” the Lord said.

God showed Loren that the people on the lawn were newly hired factory representatives. They would gather in the harvest and train others in harvesting. Then the people they instructed would deliver equipment to others and teach them. This scenario would go on and on.

Loren came to understand that the vision had a two-fold meaning. It revealed God’s plan for the Great Commission, and it showed God’s heart for Word of Life Church.

Plowing the Field

For over 30 years, Loren (an RMAI Upper Midwest Regional Director) and his wife, Joy, have pastored Word of Life, in Dubuque, Iowa. It’s a thriving spirit-filled church full of God’s power and love. Around the 20-year mark, Loren realized the congregation was getting older. If something didn’t change, they would start going home to be with the Lord, and the church would no longer be here. “It struck me,” recalls Loren. “We have to reach out to young families.”

The Hirschys and their staff intentionally approached a younger generation and embraced what they refer to as a culture of compelling invitation. “Jesus told us to go into the harvest field—into the highways and byways and compel people to come in,” explains Loren.

Word of Life went through a significant transformation. Every area of ministry had changes made to it. The church board was restructured to include people of all ages, the building was remodeled, and the children’s ministry was made a priority. “We made sure we had a great kids’ area,” says Joy. “We’re involving the

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young people. Helping them bridge into serving and then they have ownership where they feel like this is [their] church too.”

Planting the Seed

Word of Life has opened its doors and heart to the unchurched, without compromising the integrity of the Word. Each week new people come, and many receive Jesus.

One such person was Erin, a young girl in her 20s. She was an atheist who sporadically attended the youth group. One evening, while Loren was on Facebook, he noticed Erin’s name pop up and began a conversation with her. After messaging back and forth, Loren invited her to church. She accepted the invitation.

When Erin came, the pains of her rough, troubled past were washed away. She was born again, healed, and delivered. Soon after, she enrolled in Bible school. Erin now is a leader in the children’s ministry.

Joy and Loren wanted to partner with their community. That prompted Word of Life to take this ministry concept outside its four-walls as a way to engage and meet needs in the towns where they have churches.

During the Christmas season, Word of Life takes a special offering called “The Difference Maker.” And what a difference it has made! The past two years, they purchased camera equipment and StrongArm Jaws of Life equipment for the Dubuque fire department. They also bought body armor for the fire department in Platteville, Wisconsin. “It’s a cool way the Lord has led us to reach out,” says Joy.

Reaping the Harvest

In 2016, Loren traveled to Africa to minister at Rhema Kenya. While there, the Lord instructed him to build the kingdom by starting churches. Since then, Word of Life has become a church that plants churches. Their first church plant in the small college town of Platteville, Wisconsin, soft launched on December 30, 2018. The new outreach quickly made an impact.

A woman who lived across the street noticed people going into the building. Out of curiosity, she went to see what was happening. Once inside, she stayed for the entire service. The woman kept visiting, gave her life to Christ, and sent the church a nice letter about what a difference it was making in her life. The Platteville location celebrated its grand opening on April 7, 2019, and is well on its way to having a significant presence in the community.

Enjoying the Bounty

As God leads, the Hirschys will plant more churches. “[Word of Life] is like a wheel,” says Loren. “We are the hub in the center and spokes are going out. We’re looking at other communities in a circle around us.”

“Being an agricultural state, the towns are small,” adds Joy. “People have to sometimes drive a long way to go to church. Some of them just won’t. You have to go to them. Get closer to them. We’re looking to do that.”

Making a Difference

One month Loren taught a series called *Come Home*. It was based on the story of the prodigal son. To illustrate the part in the story where the father sees his son at a distance and runs to hug him, Loren ran down the aisle randomly giving out hugs. Afterward, a man named Steve came to him and said, “Pastor, God did it again! He healed me! I could not raise my arm above this high. Now look!” Steve lifted his arm high over his head. “When you hugged me, something happened!”

Loren’s favorite part about being a pastor is seeing someone’s life being blessed and watching hope come into their hearts. He loves seeing them get answers and their families get better. It brings joy to his heart when they move into what they were created for. Jeremy was working at a dead-end job. After listening to a message on having a vision, he went back to school and earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting. “He has a different career and future,” exclaims Loren. “Just because of the word he heard in a Sunday morning message!”

Thinking back to his high school years, Loren remembers a teacher asking the class, “How many of you know what you want to do when you graduate?” Loren remembers thinking, “Compared to helping people find and fulfill what God’s plan is for their lives, nothing else matters.”

The Lord later directed Loren to prepare for ministry at Rhema Bible Training College. “What we learned at Rhema has equipped us well,” says Loren. “What Rhema put into us is without compare.”

Joy adds, “Everything Brother Hagin spoke went straight into me like I was a dry sponge. It changed everything about our lives.”

With that foundation intact, the Hirschys are forever committed to changing lives. They are determined to help people fulfill their divine destiny. And they are training harvesters to reach the lost and making a difference one life at a time. ♥

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Who's **Who** in Hell

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EVERYONE WILL FACE eternity one day. The righteous enter “life eternal” (Matt. 25:46), and the unrighteous are cast into hell or the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15). The lake of fire is the final dwelling place for those whose names are not written in the Lamb’s Book of Life (Rev. 20:15).

We should thank God for the revelation His Word gives us concerning Heaven. **IF WE ARE IN CHRIST, WE ARE HEAVEN-BOUND!** We should also thank God for what scripture says about *hell*. Those who haven’t made Jesus their Lord are *not* Heaven-bound. Christians need to reach these people with the Gospel. We must let them know there is a Heaven to gain and a hell to shun.

Who's Who

There once were books that listed people who achieved a degree of prominence in the arts and sciences, in business, and in various professions. Sometimes it’s interesting to know “who’s who” in life. The Bible also gives us a “who’s who” in hell, so to speak.

REVELATION 21:8 (NKJV)

8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with

fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

This scripture lists the kinds of unsaved people who go to hell. We know that those who practice sin do not know the Lord (1 John 3:6–8), and the Bible says without knowing Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, no man can see God (John 3:3; 14:6).

In the story of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19–31, the rich man didn’t go to hell because he was wealthy. He went to hell because he was not *rich toward* God. He left God out of his life and didn’t acknowledge Him as the author of eternal life.

The parable of the 10 virgins (Matt. 25:1–13) illustrates another kind of person who the Bible says will spend eternity in hell. Parables usually convey one central truth the Lord wants to get over to us. The main principle in this parable is to be ready for Heaven as our eternal destination! We need to be ready to meet the Master!

The five foolish virgins weren’t bad people; they were clean and wholesome. But they weren’t ready to meet the bridegroom. There are good people in hell. They are there because they never accepted Christ as their Savior and Lord.

The Bible also says the fool will be cast into hell. In Luke 12:16–21, the foolish farmer had the attitude of

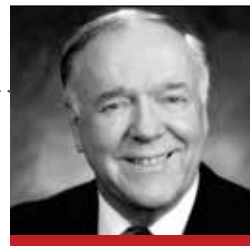
many people today. They are laying up treasures for themselves on the earth. They are enjoying the pleasures of life today without giving any thought to eternal things. But God said to the farmer, *“Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?”* (v. 20 NKJV).

Are You Ready?

IT TAKES MORE THAN BELONGING TO A CHURCH OR BEING BAPTIZED IN WATER TO MISS HELL AND GO TO HEAVEN. The Bible says, *“You must be born again”* (John 3:7 NKJV)!

Are you ready to meet the Master? You can be if you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. The Bible says there is no other name under Heaven but the Name of Jesus by which we can be saved (Acts 4:12). Through Jesus, you can miss hell and be listed among the “who’s who” of *Heaven* where you will dwell eternally with the Lord.♥

[Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin’s book *Classic Sermons*.]

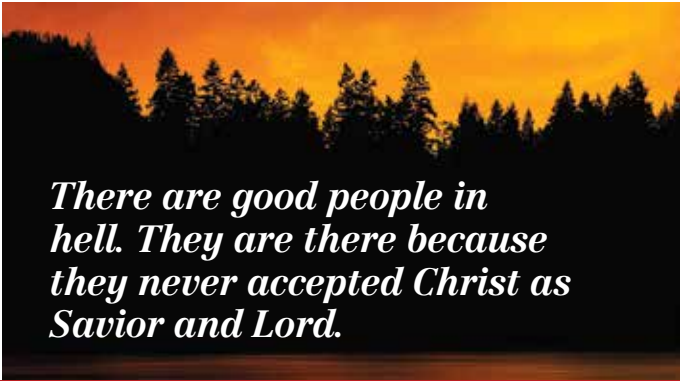


Salvation Prayer

Jesus,

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If you prayed this prayer for the first time, let us know by emailing partnerservice@rhema.org. We want to send you free material to get you started in your new life as God’s child.



There are good people in hell. They are there because they never accepted Christ as Savior and Lord.



CRAIG W. HAGIN

GOD HAS A plan for everyone. He wants each of us to run our race in line with His purpose. But to complete our race, we have to lay aside the weights that hold us back from accomplishing what God has called us to do.

Hebrews 12:1(NKJV) says, “*Therefore . . . , since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay*

aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

It's Time to Lose Weight

Identifying these weights can be both easy and challenging. A weight can be something like watching television instead of spending time with the Lord. The internet can also be a weight as many people spend hours on social media.

At one time, playing video games was a weight for me. I am very competitive and have stayed up all night trying to beat a game level. I have even stayed up every night of the week playing video games. Nothing of value was accomplished, and my lack of sleep affected things I needed to do throughout the week.

Weights that might not be so obvious include shyness or anger issues. I was very shy in high school. Shyness was a weight I had to overcome to fulfill the call on my life. In the Book of Acts, we see believers praying for boldness to preach the Gospel (Acts 4:29).

Other weights can include relationships. By no means am I trying to suggest that dating is wrong. Sometimes people can

become so engrossed in dating relationships they don't take care of their responsibilities.

Weights are things that keep us from running our race. Whether it is something that steals our time or hinders us from stepping out, we must shake off any weight that prevents us from fulfilling our purpose in life.

Be Patient and Stay Focused

Hebrews 12:1 goes on to say, “*let us run with patience.*” This is letting us know that our race may not go as fast as we want it to.

My grandfather Kenneth E. Hagin had pastored for nearly 12 years when the Lord told him he was about to enter the first phase

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perseverance*.

The writer of Hebrews also tells us to “*run the race that is set before us*” (v. 1). We have to focus on *our* race, not another person’s. Just because someone is doing something doesn’t mean that God wants us to do the same thing. We don’t win our race if we run in another person’s lane. Although we may be a blessing to people along the way, we won’t hear, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant!” when we stand before the Lord.

And finally, we are running a marathon, not a sprint. Our race will span our entire life, so we must run with perseverance. Perseverance means “the ability to bear difficulties calmly and without complaint.”

Perseverance keeps going when others have quit. And it’s not bothered by the mistakes we make. It keeps us getting back up, moving forward, and trying again.

No matter what we encounter during our race, we can finish. Philippians 4:13 says, “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*” There may be days when we think we can’t

of his ministry. It took him more than a decade before he was finally ready to start doing the first phase of his calling. But, if he had not pastored, he could not have accomplished God’s call on his life.

make it—that we are not going to finish. But those thoughts are not from God. They are from the devil. He will try to stop us from running our race, but we must unwaveringly stand on the Word and keep advancing toward the finish line.

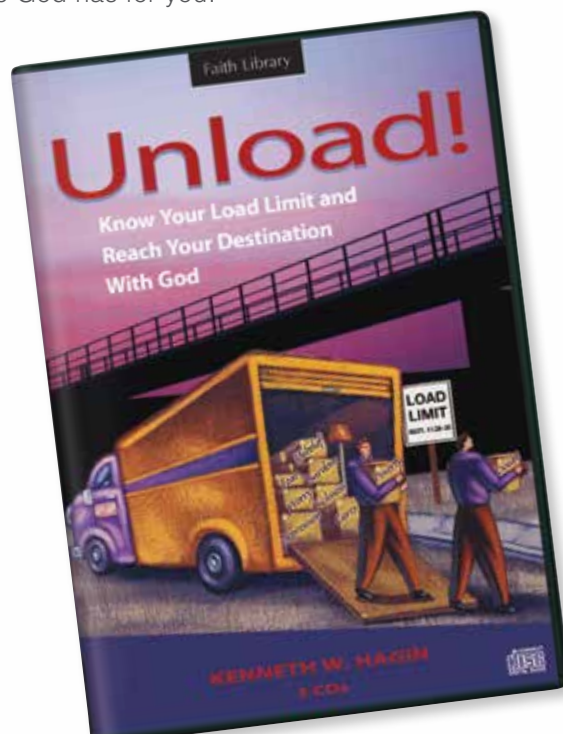
We *can* accomplish anything when our trust is in God. But saying “I can’t” is speaking contrary to the Word. The Bible says we can. Many people try to run their race in their own strength. In ourselves, we can only do so much. But in God, we can do all things!

Let’s shed the weight, pick up the baton, and run the course God has laid out for us. And let’s decide not only to run our race but also to finish it!♥

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Sometimes we don’t realize we are carrying baggage. We have grown accustomed to it, and it has become a part of our lives. But it only keeps us from fulfilling God’s plan and prevents us from having the joy of the Lord in our hearts. Baggage only keeps us in bondage. We all have assignments from God, and the only way to accomplish them is to kick the baggage out the door!

What’s weighing you down today? What’s keeping you from moving forward and running your race? Maybe it’s disappointments, hurts, fear, or worry. Perhaps you’ve experienced rejection, abuse, or low self-esteem. It could even be frustration, sickness, or lack. Whatever it is, now is the time to throw away all the baggage!

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That is exactly why Kenneth and Lynette Hagin flew across the Atlantic in May and June 2019. Souls are at stake.

Peaceful aerial views quickly dissipated into the land-bound hustle and bustle of **LONDON, ENGLAND**, where two Rhema teams awaited the brief stop: REAME (Rhema Europe, Africa, and the Middle East) and RUKI (Rhema United Kingdom and Ireland).

Team leaders debriefed over a meal, and the Hagins shared Rhema Bible Training College's worldwide state of affairs. It is growing! The number of current students reached a new high with a **GLOBAL RBTC ENROLLMENT OF 18,616 IN APRIL 2019.**

Numbers do not reflect prestige—they represent change. For every RBTC student equipped, there are innumerable souls to be reached as each graduate steps into his or her unique calling. The pulse of Christianity is quickening through the diverse regions of Europe, and Rhema is playing a role in shaping nations.

Ministering to Nations

The whirlwind trip took Kenneth and Lynette to a new country every day. With no time to waste, they flew to **CROATIA**. Formerly under communist rule, Croatians have grown in freedom since 1990. The Hagins met with local pastors for an encouraging luncheon, then held a television interview before the first healing meeting. What they experienced became the trend for their public gatherings.

An impressive facility was filled to capacity. Beautiful worship permeated the room, and receptive hearts eagerly received the message. Much of the crowd came to have hands laid on them for healing. Then many responded to the salvation invitation and received Jesus

as their Lord. Before the night ended, Kenneth Hagin ministered to the pastors in attendance. He and Lynette laid hands on them and prayed for supernatural breakthrough and for an anointing to fulfill their call.

Next was **ALBANIA**, also under communist rule until they elected their first president in 1992. The Albanian people have changed along with their country, and Christianity is making an entrance. That particular night after hearing the Word, many more received Jesus, and three-fourths of the crowd found a new freedom: healing.

More healings and salvations followed the next day in **ITALY** on the island of **SICILY**, the largest island on the Mediterranean Sea. **RHEMA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION ITALY** held their regional meeting the following morning. Those attending submitted questions for the Q&A session. The Hagins thoughtfully and transparently shared their wisdom gained through a lifetime of ministry. The general session brought empowerment as Kenneth W. Hagin taught about every member taking their place in the Body of Christ and the importance of being anointed for their position.

The final destination for healing meetings was **GREECE**. Almost the entire audience came forward for healing. One woman suffered a stroke and could not walk. Her sons brought her to the meeting, traveling all night by boat. She began taking steps even before the call for healing! Now she is fully walking again. A private Q&A session was held for pastors and **RHEMA GREECE** students and alumni. Once again, wisdom flowed and hearts were strengthened. Between meetings, there were a few opportunities to see historical and Biblical sites from Athens to Thessaloniki.

The Life-Changing Power of Books

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Mandate to Mission

Kenneth and Lynette continue to keep step with the mandate. It is not only their mission—it is their lifestyle. Their relentless commitment is witnessed by all, shared by the worldwide Rhema family, and reflected in God's mandate to *"Go teach My people faith."* ♥



[Editor's Note: The KHM staff would like to express a very happy 80th birthday to Pastor Hagin (September 3). We are witnesses that your determination does not wane. May you continue to relentlessly press forward!]

Kenneth Hagin Ministries would like to extend a special thank you to the teams from every area who hosted ministry events and their leaders. The tenacity, excellence, hard work, and sacrifice of every person involved is more than appreciated. May you receive rich reward for your investment!

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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

LET GO TO MOVE FORWARD

AS I WAS meditating on Seed Thoughts this month, these verses came to mind: Isaiah 43:18–19 (NIV) *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."*

One of the enemy's strategies to keep us depressed and defeated is to remind us of past failures, mistakes, and wrong decisions. I enjoy listening to people talk more than I like to talk. You can learn a lot from their conversations. I often hear them talk about their past rather than the present or future.

For some, the past holds painful memories. Oftentimes, present decisions are based on painful experiences. The Bible talks much about letting go of the past. God does not want us cluttered with the junk of yesterday. Forgetting our past releases us to embrace our future.

The Apostle Paul says in Philippians 3:13–14 (NKJV) *"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*

Forgetting is a choice. No one can do it for us. It was necessary for Paul to release his past identity as Saul, a persecutor of Christians, to advance in the ministry God called him to. When we accept Christ as our Savior, we obtain a new identity. We no longer identify with the devil but with Jesus. We change teams. We are now on God's side, which is the winning team. I know we all like to win, and what better team could we belong to than God's?

Saul imprisoned many Christians because of their beliefs. But Paul received grace and mercy for his past deeds. When you ask for God's forgiveness, He declares, *"I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins. Put Me in remembrance; let us contend together; state your case, that you may be acquitted"* Isaiah 43:25–26 (NKJV).

My father-in-law often said, "It's not in good taste to remind God of something He has forgotten. If He has forgotten it, you need to forget it too." God removes and forgets our sins. He wants us to put Him in remembrance of His Word rather than our past mistakes and sins.

Your past is not God's future for you. He has a bright future in store for you if you will accept and believe it. Jeremiah 29:11–14 (NLT) says, *"'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you,' says the Lord. 'I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.'*"

God has great plans for you and is doing a new thing in your life. He wants to take you out of your comfort zone and stretch you with new and greater assignments. He is making a way where there seems to be no way. I believe you will experience breakthroughs in areas that you had given up on if you will allow God to do a new thing in you. How do you get God's direction? You must commune with the Lord daily. Don't let fear keep you from achieving all that God has for you.

It frightened me when God began stretching me into new things. I knew the assignments were beyond my ability. I asked for a verse to stand on. It became my favorite verse that I often quote: *"I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]"* (Phil. 4:13 (AMPC)).

Leave the past behind and begin living a life filled with new possibilities! Most of all, walk in the strength of God's promises. ♥

Lynette





Kids' Page

Fearless, A-nointed, I-nward-Led, T-rustworthy, H-eirs of God

PRAISE PHRASE

Put the pictures and words together below and you will have a Praise Phrase from Psalm 34:3.



HIS NAME

Spot the Phony!

The Bible was written in two languages: Hebrew and Greek. All of the words and their definitions below, except for one, are Hebrew and Greek words for "Praise" and "Worship." Can you spot the phony?

- HALAL—TO BE CLAMOROUSLY FOOLISH
- ZAMAR—TO TOUCH THE STRINGS
- BARAK—TO KNEEL
- STUBORNO—TO SIT UPON THE HANDS
- TODAH—TO EXTEND THE HAND
- SHABACH—TO ADDRESS IN A LOUD TONE
- PROSKUNEO—TO KISS TOWARDS

WHO Should Praise God?

Drop the first letter of the name of the items pictured below to the blank below the picture to discover the groups of people that should praise the Lord according to Psalm 148:11–12.











When & Where Should You Praise God?

Is there ever a time or place where it is not appropriate to praise God? Let's see what the Bible has to say about it! Read the scriptures below and draw a square around the words that tell WHERE we should praise God, and draw a circle around the words that tell WHEN we should praise God.



"IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, I GET UP TO THANK YOU."

—PSALM 119:62 (NCV)

"LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM REJOICE IN HIS GLORY. LET THEM SING FOR JOY EVEN IN BED!"

—PSALM 149:5 (NCV)

"THE LEVITES ALSO STOOD EVERY MORNING AND GAVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO THE LORD. THEY ALSO DID THIS EVERY EVENING."

—1 CHRONICLES 23:30 (NCV)

"I WILL PRAISE YOU IN THE GREAT MEETING. I WILL PRAISE YOU AMONG CROWDS OF PEOPLE."

—PSALM 35: 18 (NCV)

"SO I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, AMONG THE NATIONS."

—PSALM 18:49 (NCV)

"PRAISE GOD IN HIS TEMPLE."

—PSALM 150:1 (NCV)

"I WILL PRAISE THE LORD ALL MY LIFE; I WILL SING PRAISES TO MY GOD AS LONG AS I LIVE."

—PSALM 146:2 (NCV)

"SEVEN TIMES A DAY I PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR FAIR LAWS."

—PSALM 119:164 (NCV)

jokes & riddles



"A merry heart does good, like medicine."

—Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

RHYME TIME!

All of the answers to this month's jokes and riddles are rhyming words. So, "Have a ball, y'all!"

What caused Abel's death?
Cain Pain

When the first woman ate the forbidden fruit, what did God have to tell her to do?

Leave, Eve

If Balaam had worked in a prison, what words would he have often heard?

Jail 'em Balaam!

Moses could remember where he stood in every family reunion portrait. Why is this?

Moses Knows His Poses

What do you call Jesus in the river where he was baptized?
Lord in Jordan

If a lawyer agreed to represent Goliath in a court case, what would he have?

A Giant Client

What happened to the baby Jacob the first time he ever opened his eyes?

He saw Esau

ANSWERS:
When and Where Should You Praise God?
Draw squares around: IN THE GREAT MEETING, AMONG CROWDS OF PEOPLE, AMONG THE NATIONS, IN HIS TEMPLE
Draw circles around: IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, MORNING, EVENING, ALL MY LIFE, AS LONG AS I LIVE, SEVEN TIMES A DAY.
Who Should Praise God?
KINGS, PRINCES, YOUNG, OLD, CHILDREN
PRAISE PHRASE
LET US EXALT HIS NAME
SPOT THE PHONY
STUBORNO—TO SIT UPON THE HANDS



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