

Now, concerning those wells that we have dug that the devil has stopped up with earth - they are being excavated and water will spring forth; even from the low places.

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We believe that the Bible rightly divides the word of truth and is our rule of faith and practice.

We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ – that He was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified and resurrected to justify us of our sins.

We believe in water baptism by immersion in water.

We believe that the Bible was written by inspired men of God and is the revealed word of God to man.

We believe in the Trinity – that there is only one true and living God who has chosen to reveal Himself as Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe in the Five Fold Ministry – that the Church should operate and be led by Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.

We believe in miracles and divine healing.

We believe in the Millennial Reign of Christ.

We believe in the Final Judgment.



THE WORD IN REVIEW

Look To Him—Jesus—He Settles All Matters

Sunday July 30, 2023

Hebrews 12:2
looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. Ps 34:19

Being a believer will eventually mean that we must go through afflictions, but the Word of the Lord is clear; He will deliver us out of **ALL** of them.

David: As a shepherd boy faced wild animals that tried to devour the sheep, he faced ridicule from his brothers who called him insulting names, he faced a great enemy—Goliath, he was sought after by the King and his army and he fought many battles.

Joseph: Hated by his brothers, sold into slavery, accused wrongfully by a sex demon and sentenced to prison and suffered indignity.

Moses: Had to run away from the life of the rich and famous and demoted to sheep rearing; from a palace and had to settle for the back of a mountain, had to face a stubborn Pharaoh who was demon possessed, helped the Israelites to escape suffering and they turned against him.

Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundred-fold, because the LORD blessed him [Gen 26:12]

In order for us to walk in this kind of blessing, we must consult God first (pray) and be willing to work. It is the Lord that will bring the increase, we cannot do it ourselves. The Lord increased Isaac greatly to the point where the king's house took issue with him.

Then Abimelek said to Isaac, "Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us." So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar... [vv. 16, 17]. A low place.

Trouble followed him to Gerar. However, despite the Philistines constant efforts to frustrate his work by filling the wells he had dug with earth, the Lord continued to bless him and eventually intervened, removing Abimelek from off his back.

... "We saw clearly that the LORD was with you; so we said, 'There ought to be a sworn agreement between us'—between us and you. Let us make a treaty with you 29 that you will do us no harm, just as we did not harm you but always treated you well and sent you away peacefully. ...[vv. 28, 29].

Isaac was able send them away peacefully. We need to get to the place where we can put the matter in God's hands and leave it. If we look to Him, He will settle it.

Presented By:
Bishop Jack Drummond Jr

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Matthew 5:9

I decree and declare that we shall love our enemies, we shall bless them that curse us, we shall do good to them that hate us. We shall pray for them which despitefully use and persecute us for we are children of our father in heaven in Jesus name.

Matthew 5:44-45

I decree and declare that we shall not be weary in doing good for in due season we shall reap if we do not faint.

Galatians 6:9

I decree and declare that we shall always rejoice in the Lord so that the peace of God which passes all understanding shall keep our hearts and mind through Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:4, 7

I decree and declare that we shall pray without ceasing for the Lord is at hand.

1 Thessalonians 5: 17

I decree and declare that we shall pray for each other so that we may be healed and be delivered from all our troubles in Jesus name.
Amen.

James 5:16.



Pension Fund and Tax Relief

It is critical that people have a retirement plan. This plan may be in the form of a lucrative business venture or a pension plan. We do not stay young forever and need to think about the days when “our legs don’t work like they use to be-fore”.

One of, if not the most popular pension plans is the defined benefit pension plan where both the employer and employee contribute to the pool of funds set aside for the employee’s future benefit.

The employer generally matches a percentage contribution from the employee up to a maximum amount. In Jamaica, you can contribute up to a maximum of 20% of your salary to a pension fund. That is, if you earn \$200,000 gross monthly, you can contribute a maximum of \$40,000 to the fund. The beauty of this contribution is two things:

1. This savings is deducted directly by the employer before you get the salary in the bank account. This terminates the risk of mishandling the money and not saving towards your fund.
2. The savings are deducted from your gross income before it is taxed. Technically you are paying less taxes because now the taxes are on the “reduced balance” after the pension funds have been withdrawn.

It is never too late to start, so please consider it if you have not done so. Why would you not want to pay less tax to the government? A pension plan helps to do just that!

By MIT. Donrossi Simpson



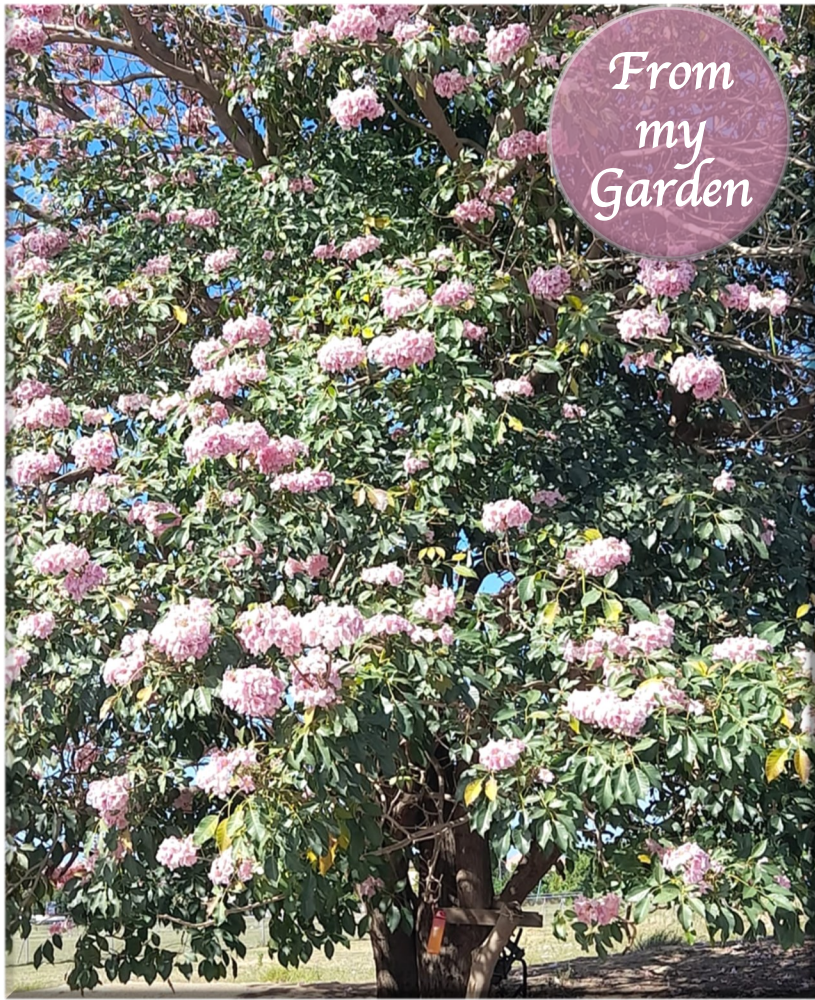
My God is an
AWESOME GOD.

When God blesses
you He does it ex-
travagantly.

He prepares a table
before us in the
presence of our
enemies.

He anoints our
heads with oil; Our
cups run over.

He does it pressed
down, shaken to-
gether, and run-
ning over. A little
here, a little there,
and then comes
the **overflow.**



In Mark 4:20 we read about the 30-fold, 60-fold, and 100-fold increase to those whose seed is sown on good ground, that heard the Word and Received it. But we have a God who specializes in the 1000 times more blessings in Deuteronomy 1:11.

This is the GREATNESS of the God we serve. There are no limits or boundaries where our God is concerned.

One Reggae Artiste sang about a "Trailer Load " of blessing many years ago. But that is way too small to contain the measure of BLESSINGS God has for us.

Father God, just as the blooms overwhelm the trees and reach the sky, so too are your Blessings coming to us.

We thank you, praise you, and worship you as we joyfully receive all the many blessings you have already prepared for us collectively and individually as Children of The Most High GOD.

Walk in EXPECTANCY.

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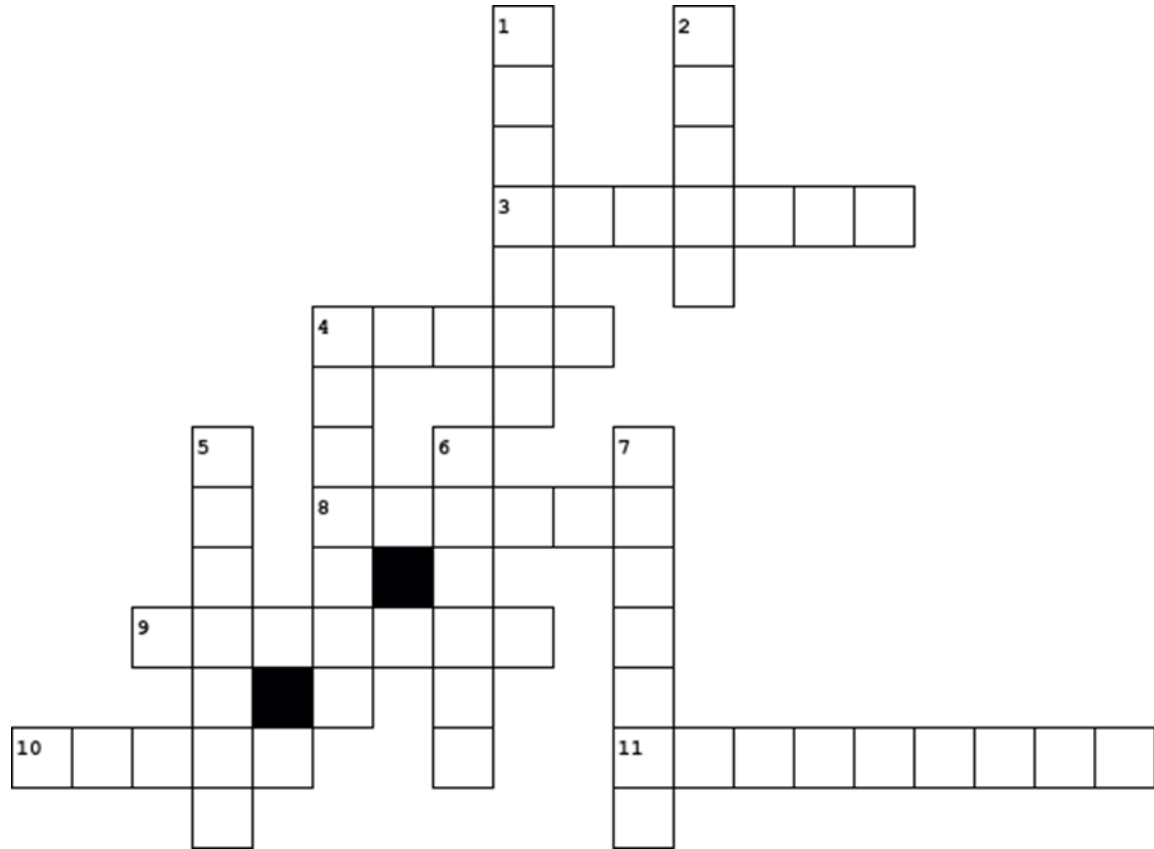
Deut. 1:10-11 [NKJV]

The LORD your
God has increased
your numbers so
that today you are
as numerous as the
stars in the sky.
May the LORD,
the God of your
ancestors, increase
you a thousand
times and bless
you as He has
promised!

By Grace Beckett



Crossword Bible Puzzle



Children's Page

Across

- 3. Which woman in the Bible had twins?
- 4. Who helped Jesus carried the cross to Calvary?
- 8. What is the name of the doubtful disciple Jesus had?
- 9. What is the name of the angel who appeared to Mary?
- 10. He hanged himself after he betrayed Jesus.
- 11. Give the name of the cousin of Jesus' mother.

Down

- 1. The kings of Egypt were called _____
- 2. He denied Jesus 3 times
- 4. Rachel and Leah were _____
- 5. The people chose a murderer instead of Jesus.
- 6. His brothers sold him into slavery
- 7. Abraham's first son.

By Min Norine Johnson



Trusting God

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trusting God entails believing in His reliability, His Word, His ability and His strength.

How can we say we trust God, but do our own thing at times? Do we trust our husbands/ wives, our children or our relatives more than we trust God? Let us trust God more and this is indicated in Psalm 118:8 which states:

“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man”.

Trust God in all circumstances. We are only faced with circumstances that are in accordance with His will.

Even when the things in life hurt and we can't comprehend why the horrible/difficult things happen. Just remember that **we walk by faith and not by sight.**

God loves us so let us trust Him instead of worrying. His promises are true, God is not a man that he should lie, therefore whatever He says, He will make it good.

Let us ask God to strengthen our confidence in Him through our difficulties, pain and fear.

By MIT. Charmaine Thomas

Selah



Greetings



Beauty for Ashes

Wonderful, merciful Father, precious Redeemer and friend, Almighty, infinite father!!!!

God sometimes guides circumstances, whether good or bad, in order to draw you closer to himself.

At times you may have a need because he wants you to turn to him for help.

When he answers, he will be glorified and your faith will be built up.

God may supply what you need to make it through your difficulties rather than remove them.

When you ask for God's help, you gain the chance to see all the things he can do. Take your difficulties and weaknesses to God in prayer.

Ask him to use them in a way that reveals his strength and greatness.

Remember the One who makes all things possible for you; the One who gave His life, and redeemed you from destruction and eternal death.

His name is Jesus.

By Min. Loveta Knight



“Yes, garlic and herbs can improve your cholesterol...but not garlic and herb potato chips.”

Health & Fitness

Hailings, God’s people. I hope you’re all having a blessed fitness journey. Today, I wanna talk to you guys about the Holistic Remedy and Holistic Medicine influencers on social media. For those of you who aren't familiar with these people, it’s basically folks who have traveled to rural parts of Jamaica, other Caribbean islands, Africa, and Asia. They learnt about our natural remedies using special herbs (or bush as we call them in Jamaica) then they make money teaching it to others on Tik-Tok, Instagram etc. Some of them may have Jamaican or African parents, hence, **SOME** of what they teach is true. They are literally teaching us what our parents and fore-parents have known for centuries. Some of the common things entail using guiney-hen weed for cold and sinus problems, using honey garlic for sore throat, which are things we may already know.

These media influencers pass off this information as if they researched and invented these remedies on their own. That isn't the main issue however. The real problem is when these people begin to tell viewers to boil and blend random fruits, veggies and herbs together and lie about it being able to help or heal you when consumed just to get Likes and Views.

If you want to use natural remedies, I suggest you speak to your own grandparents or someone from the countries who knows about Bush Teas and Bush Remedies. These internet people will lead you astray just for a few dollars.

Remember, diet and exercise doesn't have to be hard, it just needs to be done.

By MIT. Dario Dowie



Genesis—A Closer Look

Chapter 11

The Tower of Babel

Name means "gate of God" also "confusion". Elsewhere in the OT, the name is also rendered as **Babylonia**. It symbolizes pride and rebellion. It was built during the period after the flood in a plain in the land of Shinar (v. 2).

The structure was constructed with brick because here was no stone in southern Mesopotamia. It corresponds in general to a notable feature in Babylonian religion; the ziggurat or temple tower - built in successive stages with outside staircases and a religious shrine at the top. It became a world-renowned city under Hummurabi (about 1728-1686 B.C.).

Assumed empire status under the Chaldean kings.

Well known for its wealth, commercial trade and royal splendor, the city's walls were so thick that chariots could pass each other on them going in opposite directions. Private homes were also large, some with as many as 26 rooms and several courtyards.

Also noted for its development of mythology, philology, medicine, mathematics and astronomy.

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech (v. 1)



The Bible

Verses 1-9: The desires for permanent stay and close association degenerated into evil, and pride and ambition were the outcome (v. 4).

This sin provoked divine judgment and confusion led to dispersion and failure of the project.

Verses 10-24: The genealogy from Shem to Terah.

Verses 26-28: Terah moves his family to Haran. The attention was concentrated on one line preparing for the genealogy of Abraham from Shem.

Verses 29-30: Abram's marriage to Sarai.

Verses 31-32: The first move of Abram. The third start of humanity.

By Min. Stephannie Ellis

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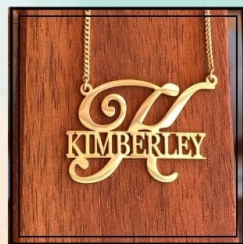
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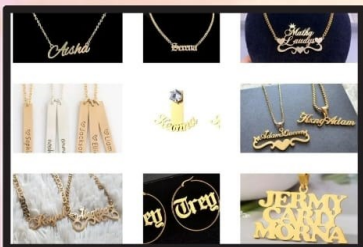
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