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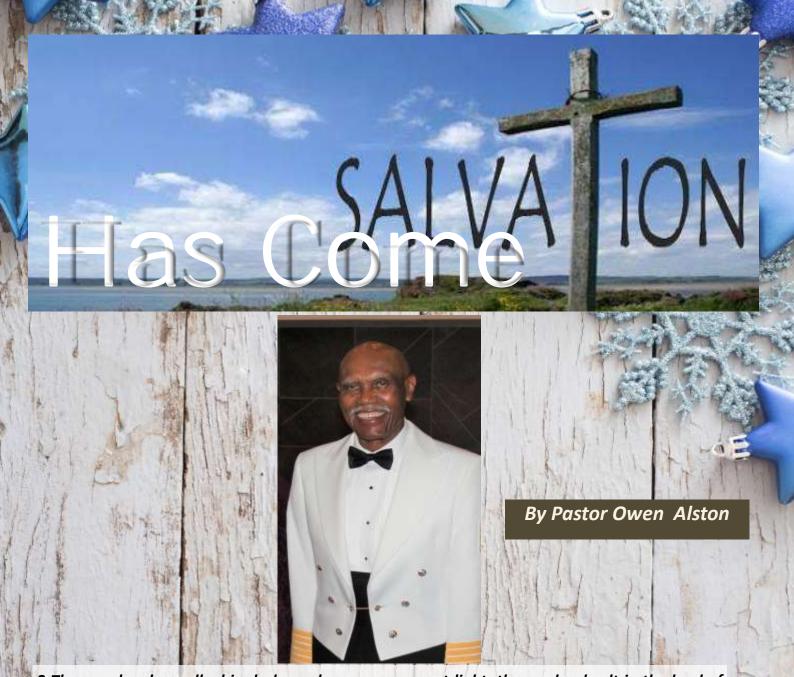
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- 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.
- 3 You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; they rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.
- 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.
- 5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, and garments rolled in blood, will be used for burning and fuel of fire.
- 6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:2-7)

Salvation Has Come

As we enter into this traditional season of celebration, I want to share a word with you that I pray will be an encouragement to you as I attempt to unveil the true meaning of the season. This is a prophetic text written by the prophet Isaiah that is revealing the love that God has for the whole world in providing a redeemer to take away our sin. The world without God is dark. Not only is there total darkness, there is no hope for life. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (Ephesians 2:4,5).

"For unto us a child is born" – This is the means whereby God has chosen to bring light into the world. "Those who dwelt in the

land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined."

This great act of God's love is for all times. For we who live on the earth today can reap the benefit of the great light which is none other than Jesus Christ. My appeal to all readers is to respond to the greatest gift of all time. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. I pray that we not allow ourselves to be so distracted by this world system that we miss seeing the great light that shines in the world - Jesus Christ. We are cautioned by God to set our minds on things above, not on things on the earth. This season of celebration provides a great opportunity for us to allow this great light to shine in our lives that men will see our good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven.

"Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end." O, that I may help you to understand the blessedness of receiving this glorious light that has come into the world. Your life will never be the same again. The revelation of life has no end. One of the great joys of this life is to love and share with others. "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful

men who will be able to teach others also" (II Timothy 2:2).

My gift to you this year is Jesus Christ, The greatest gift of all time. Would you make a choice today and ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior? He is waiting for you and your family. If you have received the gift, you will never be the same again. "...of His government and peace there will be no end."







Grace Is The Place

By Rev. Steven Pereira

Grace is the place where we need to be. Grace is the place for you and for me. Grace is the place where God set us free. Grace is why our Jesus hung from a tree, because of God's grace he died for me.

It was His Grace by faith that I'm born again, His Grace and mercy will never end.

No matter what I'm going through, His Grace will always see me through.

It's all sufficient, it has no end, Grace should be your closest friend.

When trouble finds you, run to Grace, He will gladly take your place.

Grace is not a doctrine where we can hide, you see,

Grace is a person who can set you free!

Free from troubles, free from sin, free from all the thoughts within.

His Grace is what sets the captive free!

No more bondage, no more pain, no more driving you insane.

No more stress, you've been set free,

His Grace is always there for me.

Your chains are gone, just believe!

Believe that Jesus set you free, the day he died on Calvary!

Then 3 days later He rose from the grave, Grace was born again that day.

A day of triumph, a great victory,

His enemies scattered as Grace stole the keys!

The gates of captivity opened wide, never again to hold you inside.

You've been released, you've been set free,

all because Grace now holds the key.

So, walk with boldness in His Grace, always let Him lead the way. He'll never, ever put you down, His Grace will lift you off the ground,

when life's troubles knock you down.

Grace is the place where love holds the key.

You will never be locked in a cell, with the threat that you might be going to hell.

for whom The Lord sets free, he is eternally free,

never to sit in a cell, you see,

because Grace is the place for you and for me!

The Expectation of the Son

By Deborah Peniston

"What is man that You are mindful of him, and son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands" (Psalm 8:4-6 NKJ).

God wanted a family. "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God, He created him; male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27). "And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life: and man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). God placed man in the world He created, the world He fashioned. He took much care making the world good for man, and He gave man dominion and authority because man was made in His image. "And God blessed them and said to them, be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it..." (Genesis 1:28a AMP). You see God had a plan, and when His creation fell in sin, the plan of salvation was activated. "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" (Genesis 3:15 NKJ). This plan would require a Savior who would redeem all of mankind. It would Jesus, the Son of God, who would leave His throne to become the propitiation or blood atonement for all sin. "Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges, he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8 NLT).

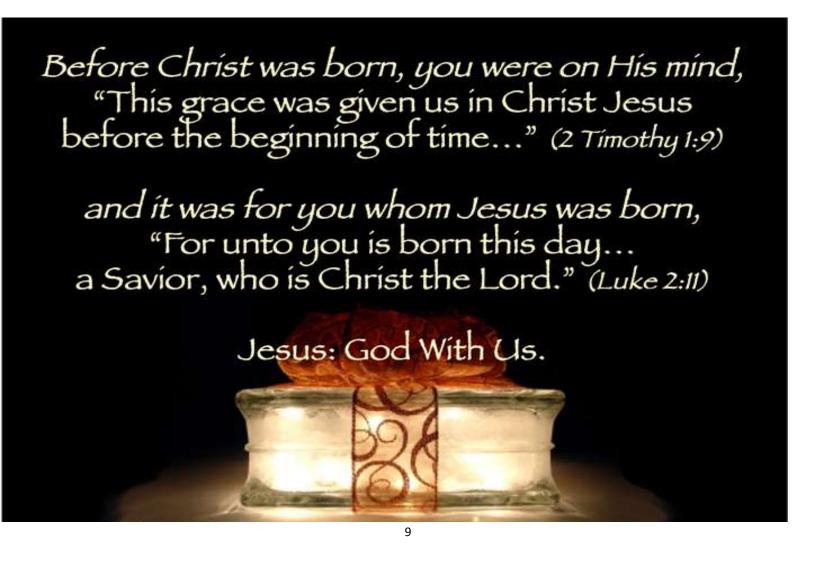
"And so it is written, 'The first man Adam became a living being.' The last Adam

became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man" (1 Corinthians 15:45-49 NKJ). This heavenly Man, Jesus the Christ, humbled Himself to the point of shame and death for mankind... for you and for me. He did what was expected of Him. He surrendered His will to the Father's. "O My Father, if it is

possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will" (Matthew 26:39). "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done" (Matthew 26:42).

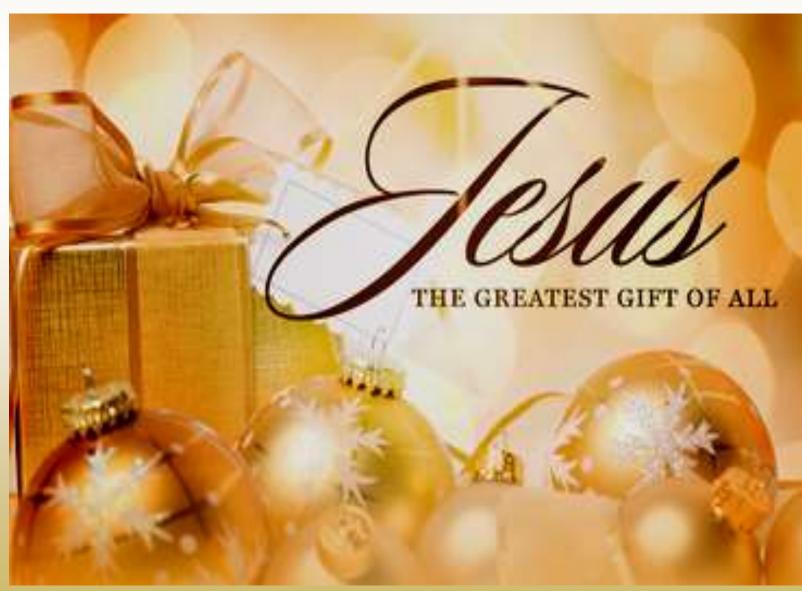
All for this was for us. For God so loved us, that He gave us Jesus. "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the children of God" (I John 3:1).

As we celebrate this Advent season, let us remember what was expected of the Son and how He willingly offered Himself to save us. Now we are the sons and daughters. What is the Father's expectation of us?



"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:6, 7). "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life" (Philippians 2:12-16a).

"Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world" (I John 4:17). That's the expectation.





GOD LOVES YOU

JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS

YOU CAN RECEIVE JESUS NOW AND KNOW GOD'S LOVE

The basis of the Prayer of Salvation comes from Romans 10:9-10, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."

However, I would like to direct you to Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by Grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Grace is mentioned over 100 times in the Bible. Grace is God's unmerited favor and because of God's grace, we receive eternal life and a promise of heaven. Grace is necessary for salvation as we cannot do enough good works or make enough right choices to earn our salvation. The Bible teaches that we are justified by the grace of God (Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7). Justified means declared not guilty. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, all charges against us are dropped and we are free from sin. When God forgives our sins, the record is wiped clean. It is as if we had never sinned.

A preacher once explained grace with this acronym:

God's - Riches - At - Christ's - Expense PRAY THIS PRAYER OUT LOUD:

Heavenly Father, In Jesus' name I repent of my sins and open my heart to let Jesus come inside of me. Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank you Father, for saving me in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you've prayed this prayer of salvation with true conviction, you are now a follower of Jesus.

Welcome to the family of God! We encourage you now to find a local church where you can be baptized and grow in the knowledge of God through His Word, the Bible.

Submitted By: Jacqueline Cuavers

Trust In the Lord

By: Yvonne Shaw



The Bible is God's word full of truth for every situation and circumstance we face in life. God's word can replace anxiety and fear with hope, joy and peace if we allow it. The Word gives peace for troubled minds and freedom from fear. Trusting in God doesn't depend on situations or circumstances; it's completely giving ourselves to Christ and walking in faith. We look around and see so much.

This year has been a learning experience for everyone and hopefully we have been and are still attentive students. The past few months have been an eye opening experience and we've had an opportunity to self-evaluate, meaning evaluating only one person ourselves, and if we are honest most of us need improvement. Here's the good news: it's not too late for improvement. Our God is a loving God who sacrificed His only Son for us because of His

love for us; He is our Good News.

I discovered that when we say we trust God sometimes we really don't because there's no action behind our words. We are to be doers of the word. When the world looks at us, people should see something different about us as children of God. Let us walk boldly in the Word not afraid but trusting what He told us, keeping our confidence in the Great I Am. We are the examples for the world as we keep our light shining bright not hidden. Do we absolutely trust God and believe His word? We might think we are trusting God but are we really? The Bible tells us to not be deceived.

Today there is so much fear in the world and it's so easy to get caught up if we don't keep the Word before our eyes and in our hearts. We have to completely trust God. Approximately 300 times in the Bible there are scriptures that tell us to "fear not...do not be afraid." God knows exactly what we need nothing is a surprise to God.

Everything that is good (our joy, our peace, our

given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace". Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5 (NLV)	Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)
The LORD is my strength and my [impenetrable] shield; My heart trusts [with unwavering confidence] in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I shall thank Him <i>and</i> praise Him. Psalm 28:7 (AMP)	Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope <i>and</i> overflow with confidence in His promises. Romans 15:13 (AMP)	The LORD is my light and my salvation Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the refuge <i>and</i> fortress of my life Whom shall I dread? Psalm 27 (AMP)
Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.] John 14:27 (AMP)	For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Isaiah 41:13 (KJV)
Finally, believers, rejoice! Be made complete [be what you should be], be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace [enjoy the spiritual well-being experienced by believers who walk closely with God]; and the God of love and peace [the source of lovingkindness] will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11 (AMP)	Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (KJV)
Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7 (NLT)	Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed (intimidated), for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (AMP)

health) comes from God and everything that is bad (destruction, pandemic, illness) comes from the devil.

Keep these scriptures in the midst of your heart to encourage you to trust God and not fear:

As we celebrate this Christmas season and think about all of the sacrifices that Jesus made for us, let us renew our thinking and walk in faith, love, joy, peace and be a blessing to one another.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas!





Recently the Spirit led me to realize that I have not been as excited or zealous as I once was regarding the things of God. I have not fallen into a state of apostasy, but more a position of apathy. In years past I was excited to follow what some 2000 years ago used to be called The Way, later to be named Christianity. Recently, as I said, the Spirit led me to remember the way I used to be and prompted me to understand that this is common to all as are all challenges. So, with the prompting of the Spirit I began to search for the things that used to make me, for lack of a better term, excited.

Webster's dictionary defines zeal as "eagerness and ardent interest in pursuit of something". This definition perfectly de-

scribes how we start out, eager and full of interest in all the things of God. You would think that, as we learn more about the Word, we would become more excited. But we do not seem to, do we?

As with all things relating to our faith, we need to turn to the Scriptures for guidance. In speaking to the Church of Ephesus in Revelations 2:4,5 the Lord says, "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place – unless you repent." This means that we are to remain the way we were when we first come to the Lord and when we stall, we

need to return the "first works", the way we acted when we were first saved when we were "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13).

When we first come to know the Lord, we are filled with all kinds of excitement and it shows. Little by little we tend to let that excitement fade. We tell ourselves that we are still in love with the Lord, and we genuinely are, I believe, but our actions have changed. We still can get fired up during Praise and Worship, but the rest of our time, when we are not in church, we become stale.

Jesus called us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19). For most of us this commandment is fulfilled, not by going to another country and serving as missionaries, but by our actions. It is how other people see us that shows there is something different about us and gives us the opportunity to testify about the saving power of Jesus. As we mature as Christians, we can tend to forget the zeal that we had in realizing we have been given the greatest gift of all, redemption from our sins and salvation in the eyes of God.



So, how do we recapture that zeal, that excitement? We choose to, of course! Yes, I know it is easier said than done. The first step is to choose to return to zealousness, then you turn to the Lord for His help in this. "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). God wants us to have every good thing and we know that He will help us; all we do need to is ask. "Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them" (Mark 11:24). If this is not something to be excited about, I do not know what is!

Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Romans 12:11-12 NIRV





End Of Year Reflections

We have arrived at the close of another year, and what a year this has been. When I think of God's Grace and how wonderful He has been to us, I can only rejoice and be glad in Him. "For a thousand years in your sight are like yester-day when it is past. And like a watch in the night". (Psalms 90:4 NKJV) It seems like the closer we draw to God, the shorter the years become.

The year of 2020, we are celebrating Thirty (30) years of ministry. Looking back to the beginning of this vision, it seems as yesterday. The joy of interacting in the lives of others is the great factor that has made the time seem so short. As we labor with God, we become more like Him. Romans 8:29 says, "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son..."

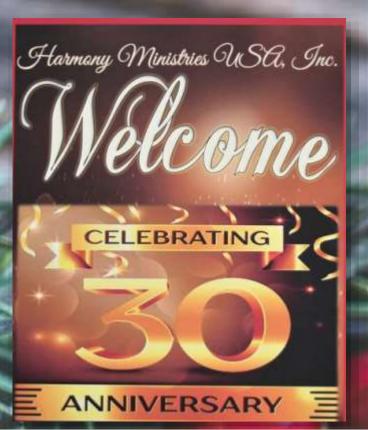
As we look back over the past year, what seem to look like challenges, I encourage you to see them as opportunities to prove that God's Word works. The world has never been a challenge to God but has always been an opportunity to prove our faith in His Word. "Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, go stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life". (Acts 5:17-20)

Closing out this year, and looking forward into the New Year, I want to encourage all of us to make a quality decision to be faithful to the calling that has been given us. Choosing love as a commandment and not an option, purposely looking at God's Word and not the circumstances around us.

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth". (Colossians 3:1-2)

I decree that the vision given this ministry, in the upcoming year, will far surpass that of the previous year.

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Moments captured at our 30th Anniversary Formal Gala on October 16, 2020













Happy 30th Anniversary Harmony Ministries Church







Edmes

- **Bible Bowl Questions**
- 1. What appeared as a sign after the Great Flood?
- 2. If we follow Christ's teachings, how many times do we have to forgive our neighbors?
- 3. What is the 8th commandment?
- 4. How many times did Moses tap the rock to bring forth the water?
- 5. Where was the body of Jesus placed?
- 6. To what country did Jacob and his 12 sons move because of the famine?
- 7. Where did Jesus tell Peter he would find some money to pay taxes?
- 8. What is the name of the parable about a rebellious son who repents and returns?
- 9. Who was Moses' brother who acted as his mouthpiece?
- 10. Which of Christ's apostles was a tax collector?
- 11. Who saw the first rainbow?
- 12. How many years did the children of Israel wander in the wilderness?
- 13. How was John the Baptist killed?
- 14. What happened to the first commandments Moses brought down?
- 15. Which of the four gospels begins with a "J".
- 16. Why did the sailors throw Jonah overboard?
- 17. On what day of the week was Christ's body placed in the tomb?
- 18. What priesthood did John the Baptist hold?
- 19. Who was the king that loved Daniel?
- 20. Jesus said, "I am the and the life of the world."
- 21. How did The Lord cleanse the earth from wickedness?
- 22. Which of the apostles once walked on water?
- 23. What part of the Bible was written before the birth of Jesus Christ?
- 24. The earth was created in how many days?
- 25. How many people passed by the attacked man in the parable of the Good Samaritan without helping him?
- 26. Who was the prophet leader of the Old Testament city that was lifted into heaven?
- 27. What was Christ doing when he said, "Make not my father's house a house of merchandise?"
- 28. What city were Lot and his wife told to flee to?
- 29. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem?
- 30. Who is the first comforter?
- 31. Did Moses enter the promised land with his people?
- 32. What did The Lord tell Samson to never do, lest he lose his great strength?
- 33. What was Jacob's name changed to?
- 34. After Christ healed the ten lepers, how many returned to thank him?
- 35. Where did King Nebuchadnezzar put Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego when they refused to worship an idol?

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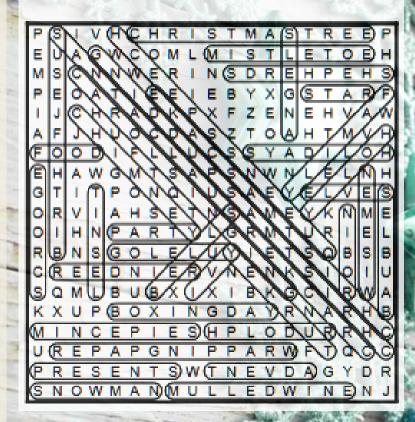
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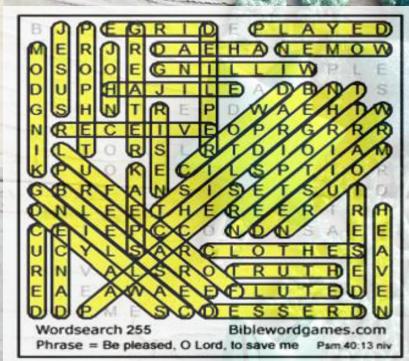
- 1. (Rainbow)
- 2. (Seventy times seven or forever)
- 3. (Thou shalt not steal)
- 4. (Twice)
- 5. (In the tomb)
- 6. (Egypt)
- 7. (In the mouth of a fish)
- 8. (The Prodigal Son)
- 9. (Aaron)
- 10. (Matthew)
- 11. (Noah and his family)
- 12. (Forty)
- 13. (His head was cut off)
- 14. (Moses broke them)
- 15. (John)
- 16. (To calm the storm)
- 17. (Friday)
- 18. (Aaronic)
- 19. (Darius)
- 20. (Light)
- 21. (A flood)
- 22. (Peter)
- 23. (Old Testament)
- 24. (Six days)
- 25. (Two)
- 26. (Enoch)
- 27. (Cleansing the temple)
- 28. (Zoar)
- 29. (To be taxed)
- 30. (Holy Ghost)
- 31. (No)
- 32. (Cut his hair)
- 33. (Israel)
- 34. (One)
- 35. (Into a fiery furnace)

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