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I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18

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From Pastor's Desk...

Welcome to March.

We have come to the end of quarter 1.

Time runs for those who manage not in wisdom. Time can stand still for us if we want it to.

We have all the time in the world to come to be in HIS Works, All haste and tension comes not from our God who has promised rest to those who believe.

If any of us are falling short of this blessed rest please let March be the month to enter in.

Please ask God for this Rest.

Blessings Abound.

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Word Study : Zion

(Continued from previous month)

Psalms 2:6 - Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Isaiah 28:16 - Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Isaiah 53:1-2 - Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

Three things happen in Zion.

1. God has set His King Upon His Holy Hill of Zion.
2. A foundation is laid in Zion
3. HE would grow before HIM as a tender plant and as a root out of a dry ground.

This is about Jesus Christ and our inner man in the New Testament understanding of truth. Zion means parched ground and it is in this parched ground that God does His Work. Zion is called God's Holy Hill. Only God can see possibilities in a parched land and Only God would plant something beautiful in such a land.

That shows, how the Lord was merciful to plant the image of HIS Resurrected SON in the desert sand of our dark and fallen nature which corresponds to the parched land.

Next let's see, how Isaiah calls out in chapter 53 that Jesus Christ our Lord would grow before God as a tender plant and as a root out of dry ground(parched ground).

When God plants His work in us(our experience of being born-again) He plants the Resurrected Jesus Christ in us who was, *'Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.'* Isaiah 28:16

He was proved to be,

1. A Foundation Stone
2. A Precious Corner Stone
3. A Sure Foundation.

He is now in us as the Resurrected Christ as the foundation of our lives in us being a stone for our foundation, a precious corner stone and a sure foundation.

JESUS CHRIST IS OUR FOUNDATION.

Many erroneously believe that the OLD Covenant is our foundation and that the new covenant in Christ Jesus is a

continuation of it. In Truth, the Old covenant pointed to the foundation that was Jesus Christ WHO would be revealed in these last days IN US(in and as our new man).

Look at the verses below, it shows us the authority of Jesus Christ even from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 13:34-35 - All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Things kept hidden from foundations now revealed through Jesus Christ.

Matthew 25:34 - Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Kingdom prepared from the foundations.

Ephesians 1:4 - According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

We are chosen in HIM before the foundation of the World.

2 Timothy 2:19 - Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

God has raised up Jesus Christ as His King upon His Holy Hill(which is our new inner man), on the old parched nature of ours(Zion).

The True Story of a Magnificent Gift

By Finis J. Dake

I rejected Christianity in my youth, until I found some believers who lived the life they professed. Faced with truth backed by Christian example, I knew I had to make a decision. After weeks of struggling with my conscience, I chose to serve God the rest of my life and do His will, whatever it may be. I had the witness of the Spirit with my spirit that I was a child of God, the blood of Christ having cleansed me from all unrighteousness. I was baptized in water as an outward symbol of an inward work of Christ in my life.

But I was more hungry for God than ever before. I cried out for a closer walk with Him, to be filled with the Holy Spirit. I spent hours in prayer and worship, seeking God.

After three months of wholehearted surrender, I received a great anointing of the Spirit. A cool and rushing wind came over me. From the depths of my being came the “rivers of rushing water” that Jesus promised in John 7:37-39. Torrents of praise began to flow from my lips as I received in measure what the disciples had on the day of Pentecost. It was May, 1920, and I was seventeen years old. I was immediately able to quote hundreds of Scriptures without memorizing them. I also noticed a quickening of my mind to know what chapters and books various verses were found in. Before conversion, I had not read one full chapter of the Bible. This new knowledge of Scripture was a gift to me, for which I give God the praise.

From the time of this special anointing until now, I have never had to memorize the thousands of scriptures I use in teaching. I just quote a verse when I need it, by the anointing of the Spirit.

I then began to study the Bible without ceasing, and have now spent around a hundred thousand hours digging into the wealth of its teachings.

From the first of my studies, I found the Bible to be simple and clear. Daily study, coupled with my ability to quote the Bible as I yielded to the Spirit, helped me “rightly divide the truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). Difficult passages in prophecy and elsewhere did not seem mystifying to me, for what was unclear in one passage was made clear by other scriptures on the same subject. Hours of study provided a rich storehouse to draw from as I yielded to the Spirit. When I was eighteen I enrolled in a Bible Institute to prepare for the ministry. I soon learned that one must either believe what the Bible alone teaches, or spend his life wrestling with the confusing and varied interpretations of men. The professors did not agree among themselves on some of the basic truths, and a number even disagreed with what the Bible plainly stated on certain subjects.

I thus became acquainted with a perplexing array of doctrines. Some of them were in agreement with Scripture and could be proved when all passages dealing with the subject were examined. But others turned out to be “hand-me-down” theology from a former generation of preachers, many of whom were great in spite of their doctrinal errors.

I had to decide either to respect my gift and depend on God and the knowledge of the Word He had given me as a guide to determining scriptural truth, or go along with the crowd.

My decision was firm. I vowed to the Lord never to teach one thing I could not prove with two or three plain Scriptures, agreeing with Paul that “in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established” (2 Cor. 13:1). Believing also that “no prophecy . . . is of any private interpretation” (to be interpreted without comparison with other Scriptures, 2 Pet. 1:20), I reasoned that the Bible is God’s Word in human language and means exactly what it says. Any interpretation which is out of harmony with what is plainly written must be rejected as the theory of man.

It was a big decision for a lad, and cost me a few friends now and again - friends who preferred to listen to almost anyone who had gray hair, rather than a youth just emerging from his teens. But my hair is gray too now, yet my decision remains the same. The prophecies, promises, admonitions and doctrines are there in the Bible the same as they were when I began quoting them years ago. They are in plain language, understandable by anyone who can read and will take time to look up an occasional word in the dictionary.

My early decision has paid off in many ways, one of them being letters I receive now and again from someone who says, “I didn’t have much use for your teaching years ago, but now I find your writings a great help and inspiration.” Such testimonies are my reward for carrying out my early vows to teach exactly what the Bible says on all subjects it deals with.

If I have inspired you to study God's Word with an open mind; if I have influenced you to take Scriptures literally; and if my testimony has made you hungry for God, His Word and His anointing, then I have accomplished the purpose I had in mind - that of blessing your life!

Note:

Dakes had this gift and he used it. He was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Heroes of Faith - William Carey

(Continued from earlier edition)

Carey's First Bible Translation

"Once he felt well, Carey began his daily preaching and private conversation with inquirers in Bengali. Carey carried on the work of Bible translation. As each new portion was prepared it was tested by being read to hundreds of natives. Without Sanskrit, Carey found that he couldn't master Bengali. So with his usual rapidity and industry he started studying Sanskrit. In eight months he had so much learned the language that he wrote, "I am learning Sanskrit language, which is perhaps the hardest language in the world. To accomplish this, I have nearly translated, the Sanskrit grammar and dictionary into English, and have made considerable progress in compiling a dictionary of Sanskrit, including English and Bengali." In 1798, five years after his arrival in India, Carey had completed his first translation of the Bible except the historical books from Joshua to Job, and had gone to Calcutta to obtain estimates for printing the New Testament. Seeing a wooden printing press advertised in Calcutta for £ 40, Carey at once ordered it. On its arrival in his house, he thanked God for the press. Carey was so delighted to have the press that the natives thought that this must be the idol of the English.

On 21 January, 1795, Mr. Carey and Mr. Thomas formed a plan to start two colleges. The plan was to educate twelve lads, six Muslims and six Hindus who will be under the charge of a pundit. They will be taught Sanskrit, Bengali and Persian. The Bible was also to be introduced. The time of their education will

be seven years. In 1799, Carey started a school. It had forty children. The expenses of several orphans were wholly managed by Mr. Carey. They then started a medical mission to the poor. They decide to sell no medicines and take no money for the treatment. They extended the services to the poor and their neighbours.

Carey had a keen desire that the mission should be strengthened as much as possible in order to spread the Gospel throughout Asia and almost all the necessary languages should be learnt. After five years, Mr. Udney found his private indigo factories to be disastrous. He decided to give it up and retire to England.

What from now onwards? Four new colleagues and their families were at sea to join them. Will the authorities give licenses to them? Will they allow the future missionaries to settle with him? Will they renew their licenses? These doubts and many others clouded Carey's mind. He knew not that God had prepared a better and a more secure refuge for his servants."

(To be continued.....)

Recipe Corner

Peccan Tassies

Shared by: Sis. Leela George

Crest: 2 cup flour, 1/2 pound butter (2 stick), 2tbs sugar, 6oz cream cheese

Mix together like pie dough. Refrigerate for 1 hr. Make like small balls about 1 inch diameter. Put in 24 cups of mini baking pan. Shape your own cups by pressing the dough inside the muffin cup.

Filling: 3 eggs, 1 1/2 tsp vanilla, 1 1/2 cup light brown sugar,
4 tbs butter, 1/4 tsp salt, 1 1/2 cup pecans coarsely chopped.

Now pour the filling in the mini muffin cup about 1/2 full. Top with pecan nuts and bake at 375 degree for 18-20 minutes. Cool it for 10 minutes. Store it in the air tight container for up to 5 days.

WRONG TURN

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- 1 JOHN 1:9 KJV

Cross Word Puzzle

Bible Text : John 15:1-10(KJV)

Steps

1. Fill in the missing words from the Bible and use KJV Bible version.
2. Solve the cross word puzzle using the filled in words.

Fill in the Blanks:

1. Herein is my Father _____, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.(John 15:8)
2. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is _____; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.(John 15:6)
3. If ye keep my _____, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.(John 15:10)
4. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear _____ of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.(John 15:4)
5. I am the true vine, and my _____ is the husbandman.(John 15:1)

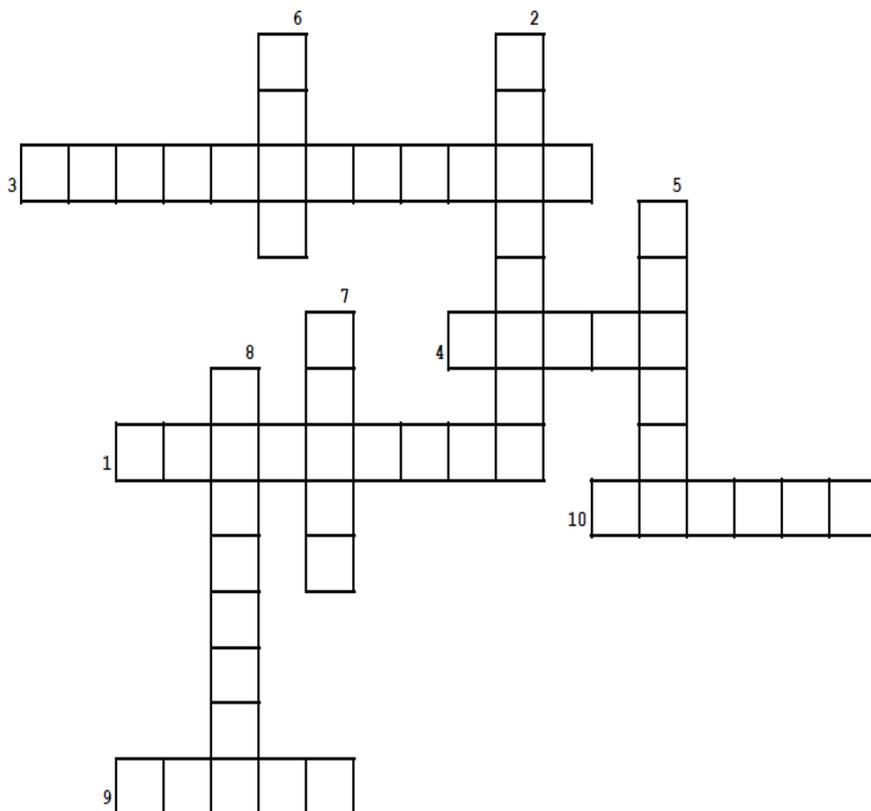
6. I am the _____, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.(John 15:5)

7. If ye _____ in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.(John 15:7)

8. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: _____ ye in my love. (John 15: 9)

9. Now ye are _____ through the word which I have spoken unto you.(John 15:3)

10. Every _____ in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.(John 15:2)



Event Schedule

Sunday Service

09:30 AM - 11:00 AM : Malayalam Worship

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM : English Worship

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM : Sunday School

Special Worship(In Church): Friday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Youth Meetings: Friday 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Bible Study(In Homes):

Wednesday : 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Cell Meetings:

Northeast Philadelphia: Saturday & Sunday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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