

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 37:22-24a

Those the **LORD** **blesse**s will **inherit** the **land**, **but** those he **cure**s will be **destroyed**. The **LORD** **make**s **firm** the **step**s of the **one** who **delight**s in **him**; **though** he **may** **stumble**.

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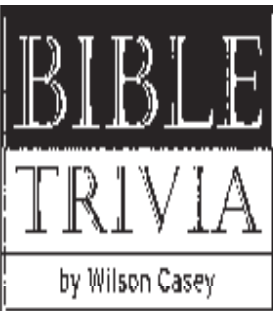
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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- 1 Is the book of Philemon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 6, who, with companions, went through cornfields and picked ears of corn on a Sabbath? Jesus, Mark, Luke, Samson
3. Which book's first

verse is, "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God"? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

4. Which "Mount" provided a contest scene between Elijah and the prophets of Baal? Calvary, Sinai, Bethel, Carmel

5. Which city is often referred to as "Zion"? Bethlehem, Jericho, Jerusalem, Nazareth

6. Who was the first born son of Jacob? Aaron, Joseph, Reuben, Simeon

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Seeds of Hope



There is nothing more precious than the "hug" of a child when it is given to us without our asking for it. It is so innocent and undefiled. It is given voluntarily with nothing expected in return. It is an expression of "thanks" for something we may have done that we can no longer remember. It is given freely, honestly, openly and joyfully because the child has no other way to express its feelings.

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him." The word love in this verse carries with it the idea of being hugged. In other words, God not only loves us by what He says, but by what He does. So, says the Psalmist, "He hugs us" - keeps us as close to

Himself as He possibly can.

When God rescues us from sin and graciously and generously provides us with His salvation, we receive an eightfold blessing. After He rescues us, we have:

His protection: We are not exempt from difficulties but are assured of His presence and grace when they come.

He knows us by name: He recognizes us as unique individuals with a plan from Him for our lives.

He will hear us when we call upon Him and give us His solution for our problems.

He will be with us and deliver us when we are surrounded by life's troubles.

He will honor us when we honor Him.

He will satisfy our needs as long as we live and when our life is over join Him in heaven.

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Stickelers



Match the words on the left with their respective meanings on the right.

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| 1. perfidy | a. green with vegetation |
| 2. intransigent | b. superficial; cursory |
| 3. perfunctory | c. complaining |
| 4. verdant | d. treachery |
| 5. querulous | e. stubborn; unyielding |

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by Dawn Reed
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I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart but it doesn't always show on my face these days. Gravity and age tug at the sides of my mouth lately causing a frown/scowl. (Try not to picture Cinderella's stepmother.)

Who knew this would happen? I've been using cream and moisturizer.

Years ago, I thought older women were upset or even angry when I saw their frown. I realize now they were just resting.

I'm working on my resting face.

At Fitzpatrick, I sit on the front row. Not because I think I'm important, but because I can't pay attention. If I sit in the back, there are lots of shiny

Aging Ungracefully

things to look at, distractions to take my mind off the guy behind the pulpit, and most importantly the Lord speaking.

People often tell me they look at me during the sermon. When my beloved tells a not-from-the-Bible story, they are wondering if it happened just like he is telling it. Now I'm trying to work on my expressions AND my resting face.

Besides fighting a frowny face, my neck is sagging in a weird way. I don't have a full-on turkey neck yet, thank goodness, but am considering two well placed pieces of duct tape to take up the slack. Or a dickie, the mock turtleneck from the 70s. Or a scarf.

I don't have room to mention random chin hairs that appear out of nowhere and can suddenly be seen across a crowded room. Dollars to donuts the one to see it will be the youngest in attendance.

Psalm 139:14 reminds me we are fearfully and wonderfully made. The older I get, the more I feel emphasis on the word "fearfully." From gray hair, crepey skin, to varicose veins, shew!

Did Eve go through this?

God is good and amazing. His imagination and creativity

constantly blow my mind. As he shaped man from the dust and then created woman from his rib, the things He thought and put together are amazing. The skeletal, muscular, nervous, circulatory, and nervous systems are only a few of how we are put together. We have at least 15 feet of intestines!

I love being a Baby Boomer, though I struggle sometimes with technology. I'm thrilled about being in my 60s and wouldn't go back. God's Word promises that He will keep hanging with me until my last breath. "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He Who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you," Isaiah 46:4. Perhaps the best one is Psalm 73:26 (GNT): "My mind and my body may grow weak, but God is my strength; He is all I ever need."

Having always heard it takes less muscles to smile than to frown, I searched the internet for the truth. It gave lots of info but no real answers. I've practiced smiling and then frowning but really can't tell which takes the most effort. (I'm smiling as I type, by the way.)

No matter my age, one thing is for sure: God is faithful.

Do We Appreciate Our Churches?

Message Wednesday, July 9th 2025

Bro. Warren Rogers, Retired Baptist Minister

I have been preaching and speaking for the Lord for 43 years and I have had the privilege to speak in over 175 churches in my travels over Kentucky. One thing stands out in nearly every church you go to, some people are never satisfied. I received the following from a friend; it was written by Pastor James Bell.

"I hear complaints that the sanctuary is too hot or cold. That the pews or chairs are uncomfortable. That the service ran too long. The music wasn't their style. The kid's ministry didn't have enough activities. There weren't enough people like them, they didn't feel connected.

"Meanwhile on the other side of the world, a group of believers gather in a jungle clearing under pouring rain. They're singing with joy--- no chairs, no need for a sound system, no air conditioning. Just a passion for Jesus. Somewhere else, underground churches are whispering hymns for fear of being discovered. In a desert village, believers walk miles for a two-hour gathering.

"No one's clock watching. No one's checking for padded pews. They're just thankful to be together. And maybe that's the real tragedy. We have more resources than any generation before us --- bibles, buildings, bands, but we are poor in

joy. Discontentment is our comfort.

"Sad that we shop churches for convenience. They gather out of desperation. They didn't need stage lights or skinny jeans. They needed Jesus, And they were willing to face prison or death for the joy of being with other believers, singing praises to one true King.

"So, while we complain about thermostats, others are risking their lives for Christ, while we sit surrounded by resources, they worship with none.

"Maybe the room isn't too cold. Maybe their hearts are."

Friends, I enjoyed reading this and I knew that I could not say it any better. It seemed the words were exactly how I feel about the churches' condition today.

I am an ordained Baptist preacher, but I will speak anywhere they will ask me. In the past 3 or 4 years I have spoken in at least 5 or 6 different denominations. The saddest thing I see is the lack of pure joy in going to church. People are too solemn, they are ready to get out of service as quickly as they can with no time for fellowship. Gone is the day when there was an amen corner, ladies waving their hankies in agreement with the preacher. **Jeremiah 6: 6** "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein."

Friends, if you would like to get in touch with me to preach or sing in your church, text or call 606-481-0444.

Bro. Warren Rogers, Baptist preacher

Having a Clear and Good Conscience

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Within the Book of **1st Peter, 3:15-16**, we find these truths, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: ¹⁶Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ."

I ponder the question concerning "what is a good conscience, and how does one retain it or even attain it in the first place," in regard to salvation of the soul. So, each and every time this word is mentioned within the New Testament, these same things are given the Deliverer called Christ, a rescuer and a defender, a giver of spiritual health, and a savior of men's souls. Hence, salvation only comes through Jesus Christ! Acts 4:12

The Apostles proclaim this as they began the message of salvation in Acts 2, also in Acts 13:47, the same salvation is given to the whole world. Paul spoke in Ephesians 1:13 that the truth is the basis of salvation. We are told in **Philippians 2:12** to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." And in **1 Thessalonians 5:9**, salvation can only be obtained through "salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." This is also stated in **2 Timothy 2:10**, "that they may also obtain the salvation

which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." Also in 2 Timothy 3:15. Then, in **Titus 2:11**, it tells us that "the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men."

So today, I will make a very, very strong statement to all who may read this, "If you have not yet obeyed the Lord to the complete salvation of your eternal soul, what are you waiting for?" To arouse your conscience, I will make you awake, first of all, that you may not live to have another opportunity to do the things that will work out your salvation. Second thing, our Lord could return at any day now. Can you consciously say that he won't? You surely must know that when our Lord does return suddenly, all your time to obey him will be eternally lost. No time to hear, no time to repent, no time to confess your sins, no time to be baptized for the remission of your sins, no time to attend to meetings of the church, no time to remember the purpose of Jesus' death by eating the Lord's Supper, no time to sing praises unto the Lord of Glory, no time to help undergird the work of missionaries by giving generously of your prosperity.

But, you will have time to pray for forgiveness, which will not come; you will have time to confess his name on the day of his return, all to no avail. So, in regards to your eternal security, why do you refuse our Master. This I know, if you have not obeyed, then your conscience is not clear and you are not saved from your sins. But, thanks be unto God, you do not have to end this way. God loves you, Christ died to save you and you are precious to him. I implore you, do not continue to live with a convicted conscience. Please consider this today.

Visit with us at Cornerstone. Jesus can return at any time. Call (859) 358-3732.

Sincerely, Bob Casey