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GOD'S PROMISE FOR THIS MONTH

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MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ who has guided us so gently till today, surely goodness and mercy have followed us all through. God has graciously brought us into another month; let's love Him more, praise Him more, and serve Him more! I prayerfully greet you that you may grow in all graces. This month God's promise for us, ***Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.*** (Isaiah 61:7)

In the Old Testament when this scripture was written, God's people were going through a very difficult time. They were being held captive against their will and mistreated by other nations. God sent this word to encourage them and give them hope for their future. When the time came, God was faithful to His Word!

There is a fair amount of agreement that the book of Isaiah can be divided in three major sections: Isaiah 1-39, Isaiah 40-55, and Isaiah 56-66. The first section (Isaiah 1-39), seems to be concerned very much with righteousness as a human activity. The prophet, inspired by God, repeatedly calls the people to righteous living, but they consistently fail to live righteously, and as a consequence, they are threatened with destruction and exile (especially in 1:21, 28:17, and 33:14-16). In the second section (Isaiah 40-55), the exile is treated as a fact, and "with only a few exceptions, the righteousness discussed is God's." His righteousness is displayed by his determination not to leave them in an exiled condition, and also to make them righteous (Isaiah 53:11). Thus, there is a tension between the first two major sections of the book. While the people are not righteous, righteousness is expected of them, because they are dealing with a righteous (and holy) God. The solution to this problem is found in the third section of the book (56-66) which continues "the discussion of righteousness in a most remarkable way." The people will be able to keep justice and righteousness only with the help of God, because God's salvation will come and his deliverance will be revealed (Isaiah 59:1). Despite people's failures, God's demand for righteousness has not changed, "but the enabling cause for such behavior is not to be in human effort.

HOW TO RECEIVE DOUBLE FOR YOUR TROUBLE

1. Follow Jesus as your Messiah

The first part of the chapter (Isaiah 61:1-3) clearly portrayed Jesus is our Messiah. Our God is so awesome He can take our setbacks and convert them into set ups. He can turn our down turns into turn around. He can transform our messes into messages, our testing into testimonies, and what we have done wrong into something He can use for right. With Him, demotion can become promotion. What looks to us like digressing may actually be progressing and humiliation could really be preparation for exaltation. God is the great conserver; He will give you miles for your trials and stars for your scars. He can give us beauty for ashes, joy for mourning, praise for heaviness, and double for all of our trouble.

2. Forgive those who have caused you trouble.

We read it in the Lord's Prayer, (Mathew 6: 12) 'Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors'. We have prayed it how many times, and yet do we really enter into the depth of what this actually means? Now of course, the disciples, who were hearing this prayer for the first time, they wanted their sins to be forgiven - who wouldn't? But it appears that they struggled with this concept, that if their sins were to be forgiven, personally, they had to offer forgiveness to those who had offended them and trespassed against them. They struggled with this idea of forgiving others. We see this, because the Lord had to reiterate this principle a little bit further down, if you look at verse 15: But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. He wants to make sure that they get this, it's vitally important: if you want to have fellowship with your Heavenly Father, nothing between, you want to keep the communication gates open, you have got to forgive others if you want to be forgiven by God!

The story of Joseph has a great importance in our daily lives as we are the church we have to learn to forgive and forget. We are the ones who suffer most when we choose not to forgive. When we do forgive, God sets our hearts free from the anger, bitterness, and resentment and hurt that imprisons us. Many a times, it can be extremely difficult to forgive. It is so much easier for us to take revenge than to give forgiveness to those who wrong us. But my dear children of God in such a situation let us remember what Jesus did. He was arrested in Gethsemane, beaten and whipped and then march Him to the High Priest's home. He had to listen to the false witnesses that were brought to declare testimony against Him and was mocked and jeered by the crowd. But throughout all the pain and agony he was going through, Jesus prayed "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Beloved in Christ, Are you going through a difficult time today? Let this word bring you encouragement, too. God wants to give you double for your trouble. He is the God of restoration—that means He's not going to just repay you for every wrong done, He's going to go above and beyond and make things even better than they were before. If you are facing challenges today or going through a time of adversity, remember, it's always darkest just before the dawn appears. Your days are destined to shine brighter because God is faithful. As you stay in faith and are obedient to His Word, you'll receive double for your trouble and see His promises come to pass!

God wants to give you double joy for all our shame and confusion. God wants to bless us with everlasting joy, not just a joy that here on moment and that next it is gone. It is what is rightfully ours through faith in the finished work of Jesus. Furthermore, God said that he would do it in their land. This means we can receive it here and now and don't have to wait until we get to heaven.

"Double for our trouble"

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STORY FOR THE MONTH

John Harper (The Titanic's Last Hero)



John Harper was born to solid Christian parents on May 29th, 1872. It was on the last Sunday of March 1886, when he was thirteen years old that he confessed The Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior of his life. He never knew what it was to "sow his wild oats." He began to preach about four years later at the ripe old age of 17 years old by going down to the streets of his village and pouring out his soul in earnest entreaty for men to be reconciled to God.

As John Harper's life unfolded, one thing was apparent... he was consumed by the word of God. When asked by various ministers what his doctrine consisted of, he was known to reply "The Word of God!" After five or six years of toiling on street corners preaching the gospel and working in the mill during the day, Harper was taken in by Rev. E. A. Carter of Baptist Pioneer Mission in London, England. This set Harper free to devote his whole time of energy to the work so dear to his heart. Soon, John Harper started his own church in September of 1896. (Now known as the Harper Memorial Church.) This church which John Harper had started with just 25 members, had grown to over 500 members when he left 13 years later. During this time he had gotten married, but was shortly thereafter widowed. However brief the marriage, God did bless John Harper with a beautiful little girl named Nana.

Ironically, John Harper almost drowned several times during his life. When he was two and a half years of age, he almost drowned when he fell into a well but was resuscitated by his mother. At the age of twenty-six, he was swept out to sea by a reverse current and barely survived, and at thirty-two he faced death on a leaking ship in the Mediterranean. Perhaps, God used these experiences to prepare this servant for what he faced next...

It was the night of April 14, 1912. The RMS Titanic sailed swiftly on the bitterly cold ocean waters heading unknowingly into the pages of history. On board this luxurious ocean liner were many rich and famous people. At the time of the ship's launch, it was the world's largest man-made moveable object. At 11:40 p.m. on that fateful night, an iceberg scraped the ship's starboard side, showering the decks with ice and ripping open six watertight compartments. The sea poured in.

On board the ship that night was John Harper and his much-beloved six-year-old daughter Nana. According to documented reports, as soon as it was apparent that the ship was going to sink, John Harper immediately took his daughter to a lifeboat. It is reasonable to assume that this widowed preacher could have easily gotten on board this boat to safety; however, it never seems to have crossed his mind. He bent down and kissed his

precious little girl; looking into her eyes he told her that she would see him again someday. The flares going off in the dark sky above reflected the tears on his face as he turned and headed towards the crowd of desperate humanity on the sinking ocean liner.

As the rear of the huge ship began to lurch upwards, it was reported that Harper was seen making his way up the deck yelling, "Women, children and unsaved into the lifeboats!" It was only minutes later that the Titanic began to rumble deep within. Most people thought it was an explosion; actually the gargantuan ship was literally breaking in half. At this point, many people jumped off the decks and into the icy, dark waters below. John Harper was one of these people.



That night 1528 people went into the frigid waters. John Harper was seen swimming frantically to people in the water leading them to Jesus before the hypothermia became fatal. Mr. Harper swam up to one young man who had climbed up on a piece of debris. Rev. Harper asked him between breaths, "Are you saved?" The young man replied that he was not.

Harper then tried to lead him to Christ only to have the young man who was near shock, reply no. John Harper then took off his life jacket and threw it to the man and said, "Here then, you need this more than I do..." and swam away to other people.

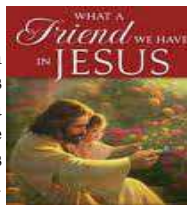
A few minutes later Harper swam back to the young man and succeeded in leading him to salvation. Of the 1528 people that went into the water that night, six were rescued by the lifeboats. One of them was this young man on the debris.

Four years later, at a survivors meeting, this young man stood up and in tears recounted how that after John Harper had led him to Christ. Mr. Harper had tried to swim back to help other people, yet because of the intense cold, had grown too weak to swim. His last words before going under in the frigid waters were, "Believe on the Name of the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." Does Hollywood remember this man? No. Oh well, no matter. This servant of God did what he had to do. While other people were trying to buy their way onto the lifeboats and selfishly trying to save their own lives, John Harper gave up his life so that others could be saved.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends..." John Harper was truly the hero of the Titanic!

BIRTH OF A SONG (What A Friend We Have In Jesus)

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" has long been associated with the United States of America. This is probably due in part to the fact that this country has a reputation for being the most generous nation in the world. After World War II, the United States and its people helped rebuild the very nations that attacked us. When countries-even those who were enemies of the United States-have experienced great national disasters such as earthquakes, floods, or famine, Americans have



always been among the first to respond with aid. In Christian circles it may be the American missionaries who are the best known of the foreigners who go into the most remote parts of the Third World to bring help and hope.

Though many in the U.S. judge the country, its government, and its people as not coming close to the ideals set in motion by Christ, most of the world's people are still amazed by America's dynamic rush to help "the least of these." In hundreds of

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millions of minds, the U.S. has traditionally been viewed as a Christian country because of the compassion it has shown to those in need. So for many of those whose lives have been saved or altered by America's outreach and generosity, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" is the song that best defines their view of this country. Yet this old hymn was not written by an American; rather, it was composed in Canada by a man who was born in Europe.

One hundred and fifty years ago, two businessmen stood on a frigid Port Hope, Ontario, street corner as snow spit from a gray sky. In the midst of that bitterly cold day, a little man carrying a saw walked by. After the two friends watched the woodcutter pass, one of them observed, "Now there is a man happy with his lot in life. I wish I could know his joy!"

"He seems to be happy, all right," the other agreed. Then he added, "I know he is a very hardworking, honest man."

"If he is such a happy worker and honest too," the first businessman responded, "then maybe I should run after him and hire him to cut some wood for me. I am going to need some more to make it through the long winter months."

"Oh," came the laughing reply, "he would not work for you."

"And why not?" demanded the first man. "I would pay him a fair wage!"

"It's not that at all. You see, Joseph Scriven only cuts wood for people who cannot afford to pay anyone to cut it for them, or for those who cannot cut it for themselves. Scriven gives his work to the people in need and takes nothing for himself."

The man who exemplified Christian charity was born in Ireland in 1819. He did not have a life so charmed that faith came easily. In fact the woodcutter with the bright smile and gentle manner had suffered more heartache and woe than would hit most families in three generations. The son of a captain in the British Royal Marines, Joseph received a university degree from London's Trinity College in 1844. A man of great faith and determination, he quickly established himself as a teacher, fell in love, and made plans to settle in his hometown. Then tragedy struck. The day before his wedding, his fiancée drowned.

Overcome with grief, Scriven left Ireland to start a new life in Canada. He taught school in Woodstock and Brantford before establishing a home in Rice Lake. It was there he met and fell in love with Eliza Rice. Just weeks before she was to become Scriven's bride, she suddenly grew sick. Though the best doctors from across the area were called in, nothing they did seemed to help. In a matter of weeks, Eliza died. A shattered Scriven turned to the only thing that had anchored him during his life-his faith. Through prayer and Bible study he somehow found not just solace but a mission. The twenty-five-year-old man decided to take to heart Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." He sold all his earthly possessions and vowed to give his life to the physically handicapped and financially destitute. It was a vow he never broke.

Ten years later Scriven received news that his mother had become very ill. The man who had taken a vow of poverty did

not have the funds to go home and help care for the woman who had given him birth. Heartsick, feeling a need to reach out to her, Scriven first turned to prayer and then to words. In a letter to his mother, this friend of the friendless wrote the story of his life in three short verses he called "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Scriven who later said, "The Lord and I wrote the song together," shared the poem with a few acquaintances. One of them took copies to a music publisher. Within two years the little poem of inspiration had been published and coupled to a tune written by an American lawyer, Charles Converse.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" might have remained as obscure as Joseph Scriven if it had not been for the American evangelist Dwight L. Moody. Moody came across the song some two decades after it was written and believed it to be the most touching hymn he had ever heard. It was Moody, through his meetings, teachings, and books, who gave the song a national platform and probably created the impression that "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" had been written in the United States.

In the late 1800s American missionaries took the hymn to the four corners of the globe. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was one of the first American songs learned by many of those touched by these missionaries' work. Because of missionaries the song became so associated with the United States and its people that by the turn of the century many Eastern European immigrants sang "What a Friend" as they arrived at Ellis Island. Many of these potential Americans did not understand a single word of English, but in their hearts they believed the United States was a place where Jesus was everyone's friend.

The same thoughts and inspiration that Joseph Scriven wanted to give his sick mother in 1855, the idea that missionaries passed along in foreign lands for generations, and the hope that immigrants clung to as they arrived in the United States were adopted by millions of Christians during World War I and World War II. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was usually sung in American churches on the Sunday morning before a church member left for missionary service. This song, along with "Amazing Grace," was also the most common hymn played if that same man was lost in combat. Thus for tens of millions of Americans, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" became the spiritual reinforcement that got them through the most trying times of their lives. In the process the hymn had somehow grown beyond the autobiographical testimony of an Irishman, whose life had seen little but trouble and sacrifice, and into an anthem whose message was universal in moments of insecurity and doubt.

Ironically, Joseph Scriven drowned in a Canadian lake in 1886. While he did realize that the poem meant only for his mother's eyes had become meaningful to others, the man with the giving spirit did not live long enough to see "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" taken to every corner of the globe. Yet Scriven, who spent fifty years cutting wood and giving all he had to "the least of these," would have surely been pleased to know that his life's message, written in a poem, has inspired so many for so long.

ARTICLES FOR THE MONTH

Truths and Science

Creator only Knows about Creations (Mr. Lawrence)

Introduction: Through this article I would like to share the mighty strength, amazing power and the real value of the scripture of the bible given by God the Father. Many times we are reading and meditating the scriptures without knowing its real value as well as the way it works in our life. Preachers and the Churches are edifying us some extent through references as well as the incidents happening around us. Here, I like to show how the biblical truths vital and functions as the base for scientific inventions? I am going to cover the scientific inventions of past or long-ago and the present era including Information technology, Business and General Management, Entrepreneurial enhancement, Legislation, Physical and Medical science, Astronomy and Aerospace Engineering, Political and Economical science and many more.

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The overall goal of this article is to enhance our understanding and knowledge to know the real value of the scriptures, so that we may inherit the blessings of God in full. The bible says our Father has prepared many good things since the creation of the world **1Corinthians 2:9-10**. Also He has great desire to bless us immeasurably **Genesis 12:3, Psalm 23:5**. The Bible is the life giving manual, which brings blessings both to us and our descendents in full. Apostle Paul says **"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what the hope of his calling is, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints."** **Ephesians 1:18**

Listen carefully the statement of the world renowned scientist Sir Isaac Newton about the biblical base for his inventions. **"Isaac Newton believed that the Bible is literally true in every respect. Throughout his life, he continually tested Biblical truth against the physical truths of experimental and theoretical science. He never observed a contradiction. In fact, he viewed his own scientific work as a method by which to reinforce belief in Biblical truth."** Link --- <http://www.reformation.org/newton.html>

Concerning God the creator of the universe, atheists says "the universe has come from tiny particles – Big-Bang Theory." Evolutionary theory of Darwin says "human being has evolved from monkey." See what Isaac Newton said **"This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being....This Being governs all things, not as the soul of the world, but as Lord over all; and on account of his dominion he is wont to be called Lord God "pantokrator," or Universal Ruler.** Link --- <http://www.icr.org/article/newton/>

Let us see some evidences to enhance our understanding and enlightenment.

Invention	Scientist	Period	Biblical Base
Galaxies	Thomas Wright and William Herschel	1750 AD	Gen 15:5 "if thou be able to number stars"
Anesthesia	Humphrey Davy	1801 AD	Gen 2:21 "God caused deep sleep ,, took ,, a rib"
Yeast - Bacteria	Anton Van Leeuwenhoek	1680 AD	Ex 12:15 "Ye shall put away leaven out of your houses"

Galaxies: When God promised Abraham concerning his descendents, God took Abraham out from his tent and show him the stars of the sky and told him to count the numbers of them. God clearly mentioned a solid truth to human-being that the "number of stars are countless or immeasurable" This truth has been found by the scientist during 1750 AD but it was clearly told long ago by God. Even today no astronomer counts the numbers of the stars of the sky. The creator only knows about the creations.

Facts: The central galaxy of the Abell 2029 galaxy cluster, 1,070 million light years distant in Virgo, has a diameter of 5,600,000 light years, 80 times the diameter of our own Milky-Way galaxy.

Anesthesia: **Genesis 2:21** has given a clear account about a major surgery done in Adam. God removed one of the ribs of Adam. The bible says "Adam was in deep sleep, not even know what was happened in him." When he woke up, he saw Eve with joy. Can you imagine a painless surgery in the medical history before inventing anesthesia? The bible has given the base for inventing anesthesia long before.

Yeast and Bacteria: **Exodus 12:15** is talking about the unleavened bread. In some translation, it has been mentioned by name yeast. We know well, yeast is a kind of bacteria uses for fermentation. God told about yeast long before the invention. **Leviticus chapter 13-14** is also talking about leprosy on walls and garments caused by a living organism called by name bacteria.

Fact: the Medic-Planet.com encyclopedia notes that leprosy "can survive three weeks or longer outside the human body, such as in dust or on clothing". It is no wonder that God commanded the Levitical priests to burn the garments of leprosy victims! (**Leviticus 13:52**)

Friends, do understand "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable ... **2 Timothy 3:16**. Meditate the truths and look them from heavenly perspective and do spiritual map. Enjoy the heavenly blessings in full **John 10:10**. We will see more examples in future. May, God bless you all according to His riches and glory.

Prayer: Father, thank you for the wonderful scripture you have given to us. Reveal the truths, so that we may grow in understanding and depend you in all our ways and enjoy heavenly blessings. In Jesus Christ name we pray. Amen...

BIBLE QUIZ FOR THE MONTH

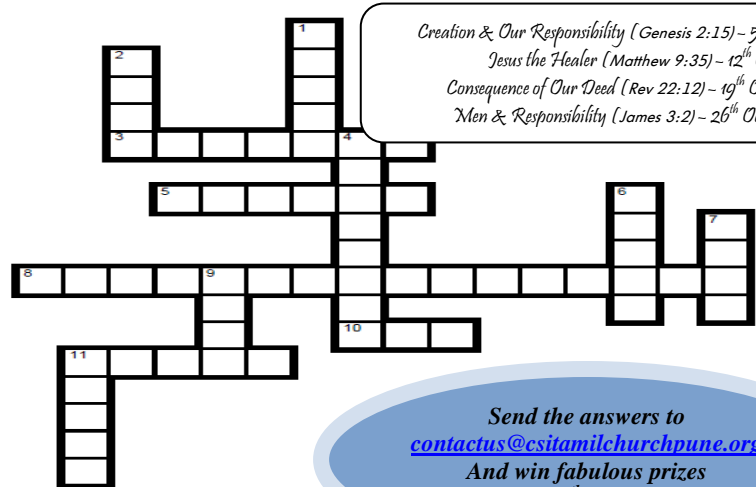
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Across

Down

- 3 Spiritual leaders (7)
- 5 Moses' successor (6)
- 8 Holy chest (3,2,3,8)
- 10 Days when they walked round Jericho once (3)
- 11 Times they walked round Jericho on the last day (5)

- 1 They fell down flat (5)
- 2 Temporary living site for the soldiers (4)
- 4 Musical instruments (8)
- 6 Survivor from Jericho (5)
- 7 Town (4)
- 9 Flame (4)
- 11 Cry (5)



Creation & Our Responsibility (Genesis 2:15) - 5th Oct '14
Jesus the Healer (Matthew 9:35) - 12th Oct '14
Consequence of Our Deed (Rev 22:12) - 19th Oct '14
Men & Responsibility (James 3:2) - 26th Oct '14

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