

# FEBRUARY 26

## Read Deuteronomy 16–18

### CHAPTER 16

**O**BSERVE the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

4 And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there *any thing* of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning.

5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates,

which the LORD thy God giveth thee:

6 But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

7 And thou shalt roast and eat *it* in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.

8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work *therein*.

9 ¶ Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as* thou beginnest *to put* the sickle to the corn.

10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto the LORD thy God*, accord-

ing as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

13 ¶ Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine:

14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* within thy gates.

15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

16 ¶ Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

17 Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

18 ¶ Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

19 Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.

20 That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

21 ¶ Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

22 Neither shalt thou set thee up *any* image; which the LORD thy God hateth.

## CHAPTER 17

**T**HOU shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God *any* bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evilfavouredness: for that *is* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

2 ¶ If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,

3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;

4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard *of it*, and enquired diligently, and, behold, *it be true, and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought in Israel:

5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, *even* that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

8 ¶ If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose;

9 And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment:

10 And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee:

11 According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, *to* the right hand, nor *to* the left.

12 And the man that will do pre-

sumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel.

13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 ¶ When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that *are* about me;

15 Thou shalt in any wise set *him* king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: *one* from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which *is* not thy brother.

16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of *that which is* before the priests the Levites:

19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, *to* the right hand, or *to* the left: to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

## CHAPTER 18

**T**HE priests the Levites, *and* all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance.

2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the LORD *is* their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

3 ¶ And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether *it be* ox or sheep; and they shall give

unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

4 The firstfruit *also* of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him.

5 For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for ever.

6 ¶ And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the LORD shall choose;

7 Then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brethren the Levites *do*, which stand there before the LORD.

8 They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

9 ¶ When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter

with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so *to do*.

15 ¶ The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Again in chapter 16 we have the principal annual feasts covered. The Passover (verses 1-8); the Feast of Weeks (verses 9-12); and the Feast of the Tabernacle (verses 13-17). Then in verses 18-22 God assures the people that the judges and officers that are to judge the tribes will give the people just judgment.

In verse 1 of chapter 17 we notice the offerings that were sacrificed to the Lord must be unblemished or they were an abomination unto the Lord. Verses 2-7 cover the condemnation of all idolators. Their condemnation was death by stoning, before witnesses. God tells the people in verses 14-20 that “when thou art come unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shall possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me.” The kingdom came some 400 years later (see I Samuel 8). Samuel told the people that in asking for a king they were rejecting God. This is not a contradiction, it is just the fact that God foreknew that they would want a king. He is not approving their actions here in Deuteronomy, but He is foretelling them that generations later they would desire a king over them and would reject the form of government which God had given to them.

Chapter 18 contains one of the most specific predictions of Christ found in the Old Testament. Jesus Himself understood it (John 5:46) and so did Peter (Acts 3:22).

The Hebrew nation was being founded of God as the medium through which one day all nations would be blessed. The statement concerning the Messiah definitely tells us that we would be given another Prophet (Jesus, Who would bear God’s message to all

nations). Judaism was to be superseded by Christianity (the day of grace). God’s plan of salvation is found in Ephesians 2:8,9: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” We are not saved by keeping the Law, but by faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, who completely fulfilled the Law.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

“As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man” (Proverbs 27:19).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 9:** For today’s memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**JAMES BODDIE**  
**MIKE SLOYAN**

## HYMN FOR TODAY

### GOD BE WITH YOU

by **Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904**

Often we hear someone tell us glibly to “have a good day!” Would not a far better farewell for Christians be the loving wish of today’s hymn text—“God be with you”? The added thought of “till we meet again” suggests a sincere desire for continued friendship.

The writer of this hymn text, Dr. Jeremiah Rankin, pastored several prominent Congregational churches throughout the East until 1889, when he became president of Howard University, the noted school for the education of black students. A powerful preacher and an excellent leader and promoter of congregational singing, Rankin wrote much poetry, including the still popular hymn "Tell It to Jesus." He also edited a number of well-known gospel songbooks.

No other hymn except perhaps "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" has been as widely used as this one as a closing benediction in church services. "God Be With You" was a favorite in the Moody and Sankey meetings throughout North America and England. It became the official closing song for the Christian Endeavor Conventions around the world. And still today, no finer farewell can be expressed by Christians to one another as they leave a place of worship than the sincere wish, "God be with you till we meet again."

*God be with you till we meet again,  
by His counsels guide, uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you—  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again,  
'neath His wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you—  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again,  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put His arms unfailing round you—  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again,  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threat'ning wave before you—  
God be with you till we meet again.*

**Chorus:**

*Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
till we meet, till we meet—God be with you till we meet  
again.*

**ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

**1811**

**THE FIRST NAVAL HOSPITAL  
WAS AUTHORIZED.**

Thank God today for hospitals and for those who give themselves to the health of humanity.

**1846**

**BUFFALO BILL WAS BORN.**

He was also known by his real name, William Cody.

**1846**

**THE BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE C. STEBBINS.**

George C. Stebbins was a faithful music director and song writer. He was music director for the First Baptist Church in Chicago; for the Clarendon Street Chapel in Boston, where the famous A.J. Gordon was pastor; and he was the author of many of our fine songs. He wrote the famous song, "Must I go Empty-Handed?" Why not sing a stanza or two of it:

***MUST I GO EMPTY HANDED?***

*Must I go, and empty-handed,  
Thus my dear Redeemer meet?  
Not one day of service give Him,  
Lay no trophy at His feet?  
Not at death I shrink nor falter,  
For my Savior saves me now;  
But to meet Him empty-handed,  
Tho't of that now clouds my brow.  
O the years in sinning wasted,  
Could I but recall them now,  
I would give them to my Savior,  
To His will I'd gladly bow.  
O ye saints, arouse, be earnest,  
Up and work while yet 'tis day;  
Ere the night of death o'er-take thee,  
Strive for souls while still you may.  
Chorus:  
Must I go, and empty-handed?  
Must I meet my Savior so?  
Not one soul with which to greet Him:  
Must I empty-handed go?*

He also wrote a great song, "Saved by Grace." Have you thanked God for your own music director lately? Have you thanked God for your choir? Today would be a good time to thank God for those who have blessed you in the field of music and a good day to write a letter of appreciation to them.

**ON THIS DATE IN  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1869**

**FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT GUARANTEEING  
THE RIGHT TO VOTE** sent to the states for ratification.

# The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

## MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR SEVEN DAYS:

### GOD'S GREAT DESIRE

(Assignment 9)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

#### **That none should perish.**

( ) 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

#### **That none be condemned.**

( ) John 3:17 (John 5:24; 8:11)

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

#### **So He calls him.**

( ) Genesis 3:9

And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

#### **He seeks him.**

( ) Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

#### **He loves him.**

( ) 1 John 4:10

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.