

FEBRUARY 28

Read Deuteronomy 22–24

CHAPTER 22

THOU shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

2 And if thy brother *be* not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.

4 ¶ Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift *them* up again.

5 ¶ The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so

are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

6 ¶ If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *whether they be* young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:

7 *But* thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and *that* thou mayest prolong *thy* days.

8 ¶ When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.

9 ¶ Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

10 ¶ Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

11 ¶ Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, *as* of woollen and linen together.

12 ¶ Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest *thyself*.

13 ¶ If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,

14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:

15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth *the tokens of the damsel's virginity* unto the elders of the city in the gate:

16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her;

17 And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech *against her*, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these *are the tokens of my daughter's virginity*. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him;

19 And they shall amerce him in an hundred *shekels* of silver, and give *them* unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought

up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing be true, *and the tokens of virginity* be not found for the damsel:

21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

22 ¶ If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, *both* the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

23 ¶ If a damsel *that is* a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her;

24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, *being* in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

25 ¶ But if a man find a

betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die:

26 But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; *there is* in the damsel no sin *worthy* of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so *is* this matter:

27 For he found her in the field, *and* the betrothed damsel cried, and *there was* none to save her.

28 ¶ If a man find a damsel *that is* a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found;

29 Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

30 ¶ A man shall not take his father's wife, nor discover his father's skirt.

CHAPTER 23

HE that is wounded in the *H*stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

2 A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not

enter into the congregation of the LORD.

3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:

4 Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.

5 Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.

6 Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.

7 ¶ Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he *is* thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a stranger in his land.

8 The children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD in their third generation.

9 ¶ When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep

thee from every wicked thing.

10 ¶ If there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp:

11 But it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash *himself* with water: and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp *again*.

12 ¶ Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad:

13 And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee:

14 For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

15 ¶ Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee:

16 He shall dwell with thee, *even* among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy

gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

17 ¶ There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.

18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

19 ¶ Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury:

20 Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

21 ¶ When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; *even* a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

24 ¶ When thou comest into thy neighbour's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put *any* in thy vessel.

25 When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn.

CHAPTER 24

WHEN a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's *wife*.

3 And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth *it* in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her *to be* his wife;

4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that *is* abomination

before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

5 ¶ When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: *but* he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

6 ¶ No man shall take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge: for he taketh *a man's* life to pledge.

7 ¶ If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put evil away from among you.

8 ¶ Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do.

9 Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.

10 ¶ When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge.

11 Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend

shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee.

12 And if the man *be* poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge:

13 In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant *that is* poor and needy, *whether he be* of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that *are* in thy land within thy gates:

15 At his day thou shalt give *him* his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he *is* poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 ¶ Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, *nor* of the fatherless; nor take a widow's rai-

ment to pledge:

18 But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 ¶ When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

20 When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean *it* afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In verses 1-8 of chapter 22 we are given the law of brotherhood. We may note in verse 5 that God gives instructions that women and men should not put on each other's apparel. Ignoring the distinctive place of male and female as intended by God was an abomination.

In verses 9-12 of chapter 22 the law emphasizing separation is given. Common distinctions in everyday life are presented to emphasize the need of separation from evil, and devotion to the Lord. In the New Testament we read in II Corinthians 6:11 and 7:1 where God emphasizes again the need of separation of His people from the world. Togetherness with the world only blights the testimony of a Christian and hurts his dedication to and effectiveness for the Lord. Guard your testimony, and strive daily to live the life which God has called you to live, that the name of Jesus Christ might be honored and glorified in everything you do.

Finally, in chapter 24, laws are given concerning divorce. Verses 1-4 record the Mosaic concession on divorce. This was not a commandment, as the Pharisees who encountered Jesus wrongly concluded (Matthew 19:7,8), but merely a concession. That is, it was something which Moses allowed because of the hardness of the hearts of the people of Israel (cf. Matthew 5:31,32; 19:3-12; I Corinthians 7:10-15). We are living in a day when people take the holy acts of matrimony very lightly. God's instructions concerning divorce still stand. I am very fearful for our country, unless we return to God's teachings and principles concerning marriage and the home. Strong homes and churches are the foundations for any great country, and my heart aches because of what I see in our homes and churches today. My prayer is that God will send a revival to the home and to our local churches, that we might again turn from our wicked ways and turn to God for His leadership. I trust you will join with me in this prayer.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession" (Proverbs 28:10).

HYMN FOR TODAY

SWEETER AS THE YEARS GO BY
Words and Music by Lelia N. Morris,
1862-1929

For the believer, growing older should mean a greater awareness of God's love and fellowship as well as a time of greater usefulness in Christian service. The golden years can and should be the most fruitful time of life. A lifetime of companionship with God should result in a mellow and gracious Christ-like spirit. Because there are fewer demands and pressures for life's necessities, the older Christian should have opportunities for effective ministry that he never before attempted.

There is nothing more tragic, however, than to see a professing Christian become disgruntled and self-centered in later years. It is true that we simply bring into full bloom the traits that were begun in our early years. If we wish to have positive and productive attitudes in our senior years, we must begin to develop these traits while we are still young.

Author and composer Mrs. Lelia Morris was an active worker in the Methodist church. She continued to write gospel songs during the last 15 years of her life, even after going blind in her early fifties. "Sweeter as the Years Go By" was written during the early years of her blindness. It is said that during this difficult time in her life, Mrs. Morris used a 28-foot long blackboard with music lines on it to help her hymn writing. In all, Lelia Morris wrote more than 1,000 hymn texts, as well as many of the tunes. Her handicap never deterred her from being effective and productive for God. Even in blindness she found her Lord sweeter as the years went by.

*Of Jesus' love that sought me, when I was lost in sin;
of wondrous grace that brought me back to His fold
again;
of heights and depths of mercy, far deeper than the sea,
and higher than the heavens, my theme shall ever be.*

*He trod in old Judea life's pathway long ago;
the people thronged about Him His saving grace to
know;
He healed the broken hearted, and caused the blind to see;
and still His great heart yearneth in love for even me.*

*'Twas wondrous love which led Him for us to suffer
loss—
to bear without a murmur the anguish of the cross;
with saints redeemed in glory let us our voices raise,
till heaven and earth re-echo with our Redeemer's
praise.*

Refrain:

*Sweeter as the years go by, sweeter as the years go by;
richer, fuller, deeper, Jesus' love is sweeter,
sweeter as the years go by.*

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 9: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 10.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

EULA HEWITT

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1854

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WAS STARTED AT RIPON, WISCONSIN.

Whether you are a Republican or Democrat, as a Christian you will know the need of Christian politicians today. How we should pray to God to give us politicians who have Christian character, integrity, and honesty and who will lead our nation away from socialism and communism toward freedom. Many of us are alarmed at the rising trend of socialism in our nation, and the rising trend toward compromise and communism. Many hold the Republican Party very dear. Pray for politicians everywhere.

ANOTHER MONTH IS ENDING.

My, how time flies! Already we are two months into this year. Take stock of what you did for Christ in this month and what Christ did through you this month. Tomorrow begins another month. Thirty-one days of opportunity lie ahead of you. Dedicate yourself to make March a great month in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1747

THE BIRTHDAY OF JOHN TYLER.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1784

PHYLLIS WHEATLY, POETESS, DIED.

She was born in 1753.

1871

SECOND ENFORCEMENT ACT gave federal officers and courts control of registration and voting in congressional elections.

1942

RACE RIOT, SOJOURNER TRUTH HOMES, DETROIT.

1943

PORGY AND BESS OPENED ON BROADWAY with Anne Brown and Todd Duncan in starring roles.

1977

DEATH OF COMEDIAN EDDIE ("ROCHESTER") ANDERSON (71).

1968

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CIVIL DISORDERS (the Kerner Commission) said white racism was the fundamental cause of the riots in American cities. The commission said America was "moving toward two societies, one black, one white, separate and unequal.

1704

ELIAS NEAU, A FRENCHMAN, OPENED SCHOOL FOR BLACKS in New York City.

1708

SLAVE REVOLT, NEWTON, LONG ISLAND (N.Y.). Seven whites killed. Two black male slaves and an Indian slave were hanged and a black woman was burned alive.

1778

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY in precedent-breaking act authorized the enlistment of slaves.

1859

ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE REQUIRED FREE BLACKS TO CHOOSE between exile and enslavement.

1879

SOUTHERN BLACKS FLED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION IN "EXODUS OF 1879." Exodus continued for several years. One of the major leaders of the Exodus movement was a former slave, Benjamin ("Pap") Singleton.

1940

UNITED STATES POPULATION: 131,669,275. Black population: 12,865,518 (9.8 per cent).

RICHARD WRIGHT'S *NATIVE SON* PUBLISHED.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 18

AUTHOR: David.

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

This Psalm was written after David had won a victory over Goliath's family. It is a Psalm of joy, a Psalm of victory, a Psalm of exaltation. The Psalm is also found in 2 Samuel 22.

It is noteworthy that though this was a wonderful victory, it was a needless battle. Goliath and his family should not have even been alive. God had told Joshua and his people to destroy and drive out the heathen in the land of Canaan. Among these people to be driven out and destroyed were the Anakites. These were giant people, the ones whom the spies mentioned upon returning to the promised land to report to the children of Israel. Josahua, however, did not destroy all of the Anakites but let some live in Gaza, in Gath and in Ashdod. Because of Joshua's incomplete obedience, much grief was brought to the people of God by the descendants of Anak. It is never right to obey our God partially. We must completely obey Him, for those things that we fail to crucify in our lives will return to haunt us in the future.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

This Psalm was sung and read after deliverance from a great struggle. The Jew would sing it after he had recovered from an illness or after he had won a great battle. It was also a Psalm that was used on Thanksgiving Day or during the Thanksgiving season. Has God recently given to you a great victory? Have you recently recovered from a serious illness? Join David in his shout of victory in Psalm 18.

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.