

JANUARY 24

Read Exodus 20–22

CHAPTER 20

AND God spake all these words, saying,

2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:

11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 ¶ Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not

covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

18 ¶ And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God *was*.

22 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

23 Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

24 ¶ An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I

record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

CHAPTER 21

NOW these *are* the judgments which thou shalt set before them.

2 If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

3 If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.

5 And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:

6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also

bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

7 ¶ And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.

8 If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

9 And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

10 If he take him another *wife*; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish.

11 And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

12 ¶ He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver *him* into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

14 But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

15 ¶ And he that smiteth his

father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

16 ¶ And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 ¶ And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18 ¶ And if men strive together, and one smite another with a stone, or with *his* fist, and he die not, but keepeth *his* bed:

19 If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote *him* be quit: only he shall pay *for* the loss of his time, and shall cause *him* to be thoroughly healed.

20 ¶ And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished.

21 Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he *is* his money.

22 ¶ If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart *from her*, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*.

23 And if *any* mischief follow,

then thou shalt give life for life,

24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth,
hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 Burning for burning, wound
for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 ¶ And if a man smite the eye
of his servant, or the eye of his
maid, that it perish; he shall let
him go free for his eye's sake.

27 And if he smite out his
manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's
tooth; he shall let him go free
for his tooth's sake.

28 ¶ If an ox gore a man or a
woman, that they die: then the ox
shall be surely stoned, and his flesh
shall not be eaten; but the owner of
the ox *shall be quit*.

29 But if the ox were wont to
push with his horn in time past,
and it hath been testified to his
owner, and he hath not kept him
in, but that he hath killed a man or
a woman; the ox shall be stoned,
and his owner also shall be put to
death.

30 If there be laid on him a sum
of money, then he shall give for the
ransom of his life whatsoever is
laid upon him.

31 Whether he have gored a son,
or have gored a daughter, according
to this judgment shall it be done
unto him.

32 If the ox shall push a
manservant or a maidservant; he
shall give unto their master thirty
shekels of silver, and the ox shall
be stoned.

33 ¶ And if a man shall open a
pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and
not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall
therein;

34 The owner of the pit shall
make *it good*, *and* give money unto
the owner of them; and the dead
beast shall be his.

35 ¶ And if one man's ox hurt
another's, that he die; then they
shall sell the live ox, and divide the
money of it; and the dead *ox* also
they shall divide.

36 Or if it be known that the ox
hath used to push in time past, and
his owner hath not kept him in; he
shall surely pay ox for ox; and the
dead shall be his own.

CHAPTER 22

IF a man shall steal an ox, or a
sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he
shall restore five oxen for an ox,
and four sheep for a sheep.

2 ¶ If a thief be found breaking
up, and be smitten that he die,
there shall no blood be shed for
him.

3 If the sun be risen upon him,
there shall be blood shed for him;

for he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

4 If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double.

5 ¶ If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

6 ¶ If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed *therewith*; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 ¶ If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay double.

8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges, *to see* whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.

9 For all manner of trespass, *whether it be* for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, *or* for any manner of lost thing, which *another*

challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; *and* whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing *it*:

11 *Then* shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall accept *thereof*, and he shall not make *it* good.

12 And if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof.

13 If it be torn in pieces, *then* let him bring it *for* witness, *and* he shall not make good that which was torn.

14 ¶ And if a man borrow *ought* of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof *being* not with it, he shall surely make *it* good.

15 *But* if the owner thereof *be* with it, he shall not make *it* good: if *it be* an hired *thing*, it came for his hire.

16 ¶ And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with

her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife.

17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

19 ¶ Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

20 ¶ He that sacrificeth unto *any* god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

21 ¶ Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.

23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;

24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 ¶ If thou lend money to *any of* my people *that is* poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer,

neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

26 If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down:

27 For that *is* his covering only, it *is* his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I *am* gracious.

28 ¶ Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

29 ¶ Thou shalt not delay *to offer* the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

30 Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, *and* with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.

31 ¶ And ye shall be holy men unto me: neither shall ye eat *any* flesh *that is* torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapters 19-24 describe the giving of the Law to the nation of Israel. It is important that we keep in mind that the Mosaic Law was given only to Israel (Psalm 147:19,20), and that it was set aside at the cross (Colossians 2:14-17; Hebrews 10:1).

According to Numbers 1:1 the nation of Israel spent about a year at Sinai. On the third day of the third month after their deliverance from Egypt, they experienced the terror and wonder of the giving of the Law. Moses was the mediator—he met God on the Mount and delivered God's Word to the people.

Chapters 20-23 give the declaration of the Law. The Ten Commandments are given in chapter 20. The first four commandments give our responsibilities toward God, while the last six give our responsibilities toward man. Nine of the Ten Commandments are repeated in the New Testament for believers today. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," does not appear in the New Testament, since the Sabbath was God's special day under the Old Covenant for the Jews, and the Lord's Day is God's special day for the Church under grace.

The entire Law given in Exodus through Deuteronomy is but an amplification and application of these basic commandments. Note that the first nine commandments deal with outward actions, while the tenth, "Thou shalt not covet," deals with inward attitudes.

Covetousness and lust are the cause of much of the corruption in the world today (II Peter 1:4). If only each of us, as Christians, would be willing to say with Paul, "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." Paul had learned to be content in whatever state God saw fit that he should encounter.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue" (Proverbs 25:23).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 4: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 10.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

TAMISHA COLEMAN
JAMIE WILLIAMS

HYMN FOR TODAY

FROM GREENLAND'S ICY MOUNTAINS by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

We hear many missionary sermons in our churches, but not often do we sing such a beautifully worded and challenging missionary hymn as this one, which was quickly and spontaneously written by Reginald Heber. These well-chosen words and ideas inspire us to spread the blessings of salvation to all people and nations until our Lord "in bliss returns to reign."

Heber was a minister in the Anglican church in England. With his keen interest in world missions, he did much through his writings and influence to promote the missionary activity that greatly increased during his lifetime.

In the summer of 1819, Heber was asked by his father-in-law if he knew a worthy hymn that could be used at a missionary service the next Sunday. Reginald went at once to his study for a few minutes of quiet meditation and soon returned with the first stanzas of this text. His family was very pleased with it. Heber, however, feeling the hymn was still incomplete, returned to his study and completed the triumphant final verse.

Five years later the tune was composed specifically for Heber's text by the noted American educator and church musician, Lowell Mason. It is said that Mason composed this tune with a great sense of inspiration.

Today, Reginald Heber is ranked as one of the foremost 19th century English hymnists, having written 57 well-known hymns, including "Holy, Holy, Holy." As a result of his zeal for missions, he became an Anglican bishop to Calcutta, India, but died there at the age of 43. Notice how large is the Lord's harvest field.

*From Greenland's icy mountains, from India's coral strand,
where Afric's sunny fountains roll down their golden sand,
from many an ancient river, from many a palmy plain,
they call us to deliver their land from error's chain.*

*Shall we, whose souls are lighted with wisdom from on high,
shall we to men benighted the lamp of life deny?
Salvation! O salvation! The joyful sound proclaim
till earth's remotest nation has learned Messiah's name.*

*Waft, waft, ye winds, His story, and you, ye waters,
roll,
till like a sea of glory it spreads from pole to pole;
till o'er our ransomed nature the Lamb for sinners
slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator, in bliss returns to reign.*

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1848

THE DISCOVERY OF GOLD IN THE UNITED STATES.

Perhaps we do not realize the effect gold has on our lives. Gold is considered the most precious of all possessions. In the Bible, we have many things listed as being more precious than gold, which means they are the most precious things. Check your Bible concordance. Look up the word. Find the things that the Scriptures tell us are more precious than gold: then seek to place them in their proper perspective. So often we are prone to think that the end of life is accumulating and making money and riches. This is certainly far from the truth. Life is far holier and loftier than this, and our goals and purposes should be far above the making of money. Someone has said, "Too many of us are making a living when we ought to be making a life." Did not our Saviour say He would add all these things to us? Did not He remind us that He feeds the birds of the air and clothes the lilies of the field? Did not He remind us that Solomon could not purchase the kind of beauty with which Jesus clothes a little lily? May God help us to trust Him for the physical needs and may we seek first the Kingdom of

God and His righteousness.

1908

THE FIRST BOY SCOUT TROOP WAS ORGANIZED IN ENGLAND.

Well do I remember when I was a member of Troop 107 in Dallas, Texas. The Scout oath, Scout pledge, Scout honor, etc., were a part of my life. I suspect that I have never been as proud as I was the day I wore my Boy Scout uniform down the street for the first time. Let us pray for Boy Scouts. Let us pray for boys everywhere and for God's blessings to rest upon them. If you have a boy, pray for him. If you have a grandson, pray for him. One of the great days of my life was when I became the father of a son. I pray God will use him and bless him for His glory.

1965

WINSTON CHURCHILL DIED.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1885

DEATH OF MARTIN R. DELANY (72) politician, ethnologist, and black nationalist, in Wilberforce, Ohio.

UNITED STATES POPULATION: 62,947,714.
Black population: 7,488,676 (11.9 per cent).

1962

JACKIE ROBINSON, FIRST BLACK ELECTED TO THE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME.

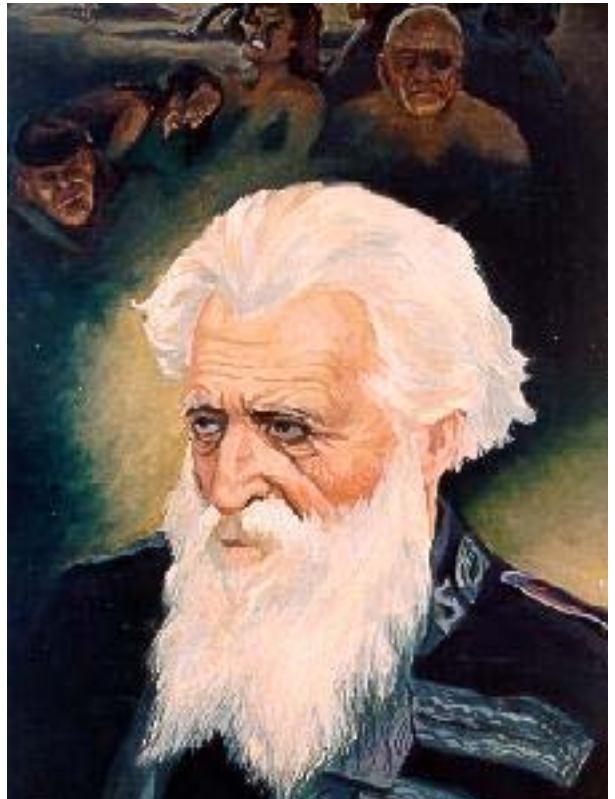
A Christian Life:

WILLIAM BRAMWELL BOOTH

1829-1912

Founder of the Salvation Army. William Booth was born in Nottingham, England. He was converted to Christ through the efforts of a Methodist minister, and soon became interested in working with the outcasts and the poor people of Nottingham. He preached on the streets and made hundreds of hospital calls before he was 20 years of age. From 1850 to 1861 he served as a pastor in the Methodist Church, after which time he and his wife left the church and stepped out by faith in evangelistic work in East London.

It was there that he organized the East London Christian Revival Society. Out of this beginning came the Salvation Army, with its uniforms, organization, and discipline. By 1930 there were branches in 55 countries. Its main emphasis under General Booth was street preaching, personal evangelism, and practical philanthropy. More than 2,000,000 derelicts have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through the work of the Salvation Army since its founding by the general.



The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS:
DEFINITE ASSURANCE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE NEW BIRTH**
(Assignment 4)

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.)

Assurance of an inward witness.

() Romans 8:16

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Assurance given by the Holy Spirit.

() 1 John 4:13

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

Assurance is evident by new love for Christians.

() 1 John 3:14

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Assurance is evident by new life.

() 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Assurance, a result of believing.

() 1 John 5:13

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.