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# Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:**

**DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "THERE IS JUST TOO MUCH TO GIVE UP"**

(Assignment 21)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next 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," page xiii near the front of this book.)

**No rest.**

( ) Isaiah 57:20

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

**No peace.**

( ) Isaiah 57:21

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

**No happiness.**

( ) Revelation 3:17

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

**(Contrast) peace.**

( ) John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid...

**Plenty.**

( ) Psalms 34:10

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

## PSALM 50

A Psalm of Asaph.

**T**HE mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God *is* judge himself. Selah.

7. Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I *am* God, *even* thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, *to have been* continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of

thy house, *nor* he goats out of thy folds.

10 For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16. But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or *that* thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him,

and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an one* as thyself: *but* I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there be* none to deliver.

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth *his* conversation *aright* will I shew the salvation of God.

### PSALM 51

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

**H**AVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I

sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing

aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

### PSALM 52

To the chief Musician, Maschil, *A Psalm of David*, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

**W**HY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God *endureth* continually.

2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good; *and* lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

4 Thou lovest all devouring

words, O *thou* deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

6. The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it*: and I will wait on thy name; for *it is* good before thy saints.

### PSALM 53

To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, *A Psalm of David*.

**T**HE fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: *there is* none that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become

filthy; *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

5 There were they in great fear, *where* no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee: thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

### PSALM 54

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

**S**AVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

4. Behold, God *is* mine helper: the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for *it is* good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.

### PSALM 55

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David.

**G**IVE ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! *for then* would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, *then* would I wander far off, *and* remain in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm *and* tempest.

9. Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it*: neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did magnify *himself* against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But *it was* thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14 We took sweet counsel together, *and* walked unto the house of God in company.

15 Let death seize upon them, *and* let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, *and* among them.

16. As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and

at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: for there were many with me.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

21 *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.

22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In Psalm 51 David is repenting with a broken heart because of his awful sin with Bathsheba. He had committed adultery and attempted to cover it up with murder. It is encouraging indeed to find that the blood of Christ, God's Son, was sufficient to cleanse David from all sin. This Penitential Psalm gives the Scriptural route for a wayward Christian to return to the fellowship of God. We would all do well to constantly pray, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." David knew he was a sinner, and in this Psalm he confesses his sins. True confession of sin involves repentance. There is a vast difference between repentance and confession. Confession is admitting that we have committed sin; while repentance involves godly sorrow for sin and a willingness to turn from that sin.

In Psalm 52 we see David trusting in God and confident of the fact that he would be delivered from his boastful enemies.

In verse 1 of Psalm 53 we read, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Those who advocate that there is no God, or that "God is dead" should note this great verse carefully. How can anyone observe the beauty of nature and say there is no God? The budding of the flowers and trees, the clouds and the rain—everything about us—speaks of God. Truly, only a fool could say there is no God.

Although there are many who claim to believe there is no God, this is generally based upon bitterness because of failure in some area of life. The person has a "chip" on his shoulder against God. Therefore, he mentally decides to disclaim the very existence of Deity. The Bible calls this man a fool. God never speaks of mentally deficient people as fools. The fool is always a person who is arrogant and self-sufficient.

In Psalm 54 David cries to God when the Ziphites told Saul where David was hiding; and in Psalm 55 David is betrayed by his friends. This Psalm, like Psalm 41, seems to belong to the time of Absalom's rebellion, referring specifically to Ahithophel.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour" (Proverbs 21:21).

## BIRTHDAYS TODAY

**NATHANIEL COLMORE**  
**MARY BAKER**

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 21:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**1542**

**DE SOTO DIED.**

**1863**

**WEST VIRGINIA ENTERED THE UNION.**

I met some wonderful Christian young people from West Virginia when I attended the Youth Conference at First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana, a few years ago. Pray for the brothers and sisters who serve God in this great state.

**1736**

**GEORGE WHITEFIELD WAS ORDAINED.**

The sermon was, "Let No Man Despise Thy Youth." It is said that Whitefield could make people weep simply by pronouncing the word "Mesopotamia." He must have been some preacher. Whitefield said that he was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was ordained to preach. When Bishop Benson laid his hands upon George Whitefield, there was such a yielding to the Holy Spirit of God that he was then and there filled with the Holy Spirit. Whitefield was a contemporary of Wesley, and he worked very closely with Wesley. Some give him much credit for Wesley's ministry and success. He could preach to 20,000 people without microphone or public address system.

**1915**

**THE BIRTHDAY OF MYRON CEDARHOLM.**

Myron Cedarholm was president for many years of Maranatha Baptist College in Watertown, Wisconsin.

**1920**

**THE DATE OF THE CONVERSION OF MYRON CEDARHOLM.**

This is interesting, is it not? He was saved on the same date that he was born, just a few years later. A similar experience took place in the family of Jack Hyles. His father-in-law, Mr. C.M. Slaughter, was saved on his 70th birthday. It was Dr. Hyles' joy to lead him to Jesus Christ. He was baptized at 11:00 at night at the Galilean Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, where Dr. Hyles baptized him in the beautiful sacred waters of baptism as they sang, "Happy Birthday to You." He said, "I have two birthdays on the same day, don't I?"

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

**1871**

**KU KLUX KLAN TRIALS BEGAN IN FEDERAL COURT IN OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI.**

Many whites, including doctors, lawyers, ministers and college professors, were arrested and jailed in the anti-Klan campaign. Of the 930 indicted in Mississippi, 243 were tried and found guilty. Some 1180 were indicted in South Carolina and 1849 were indicted in North Carolina.

**1926**

**MORDECAI W. JOHNSON BECAME THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY.**

**1967**

**MUHAMMAD ALI CONVICTED IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, FEDERAL COURT OF VIOLATING SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT BY REFUSING INDUCTION INTO THE ARMED SERVICES.**

He was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to five years in prison. Ali, an opponent of the Vietnam War, had refused to report for service on grounds that he was a Muslim minister.

**1911**

**NAACP INCORPORATED IN NEW YORK.**

**1943**

**NATIONAL CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY ORGANIZED.**

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# A Christian Life . . .

## **ALEXANDER MACK 1679-1735**

Alexander Mack (1679-1735) is considered the founder of the Brethren Movement, oftentimes called the Tunker Movement because of insistence upon trine immersion as a proper mode of baptism. Following careful study of Scripture, Mack found himself out of harmony with the three state churches of Germany because of their formality, laxity in practice, and failure to observe all the New Testament teachings. In 1708, at Schwarzenau, Germany, with seven other like-minded persons, he organized a new denomination with a Christo-Bible-centered emphasis. Persecution caused flight from Germany by way of the Netherlands. They followed others of like faith to America in 1729.

Germantown, Pennsylvania, became their American headquarters. From Mack's initial efforts, three main groups have emerged—the Church of

the Brethren, the old German Baptist Brethren, and a progressive Brethren church, recognized as the Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, and the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches (Grace Brethren), Winona Lake, Indiana, whose motto is: The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible.

