

# MAY 31

## Read Job 9-11

### CHAPTER 9

**T**HEN Job answered and said,  
2 I know *it is* so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

4 *He is* wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened *himself* against him, and hath prospered?

5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger.

6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.

7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealet up the stars.

8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

9 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

10 Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see

*him* not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.

12 Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?

13 *If* God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

14. How much less shall I answer him, *and* choose out my words *to reason* with him?

15 Whom, though I were righteous, *yet* would I not answer, *but* I would make supplication to my judge.

16 If I had called, and he had answered me; *yet* would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.

17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause.

18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.

19 *If I speak* of strength, lo, *he is* strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time *to plead*?

20 If I justify myself, mine own

mouth shall condemn me: *if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.*

21 *Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.*

22. This *is one thing*, therefore I said *it*, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.

23 If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.

24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, *and who is he?*

25. Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

26 They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle *that* hasteth to the prey.

27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort *myself*:

28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

29 *If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?*

30 If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean;

31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in

the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.

32 For *he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.*

33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, *that* might lay his hand upon us both.

34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me:

35 *Then* would I speak, and not fear him; but *it is not so with me.*

## CHAPTER 10

**M**Y soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

3 *Is it good unto thee that thou shouldst oppress, that thou shouldst despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?*

4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth?

5 *Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days,*

6 That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?

7 Thou knowest that I am not

wicked; and *there is* none that can deliver out of thine hand.

8. Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews.

12 Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

13 And these *things* hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this *is* with thee.

14. If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.

15 If I be wicked, woe unto me; and *if* I be righteous, *yet* will I not lift up my head. *I am* full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction;

16 For it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvelous upon me.

17 Thou renewest thy witnesses

against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war *are* against me.

18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!

19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

20 *Are* not my days few? cease *then, and* let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,

21 Before I go *whence* I shall not return, *even* to the land of darkness and the shadow of death;

22 A land of darkness, as darkness *itself; and* of the shadow of death, without any order, and *where* the light *is* as darkness.

## CHAPTER 11

**T**HEN answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified?

3 Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?

4 For thou hast said, My doctrine *is* pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.

5 But oh that God would speak,  
and open his lips against thee;

6 And that he would shew thee  
the secrets of wisdom, that *they are*  
double to that which is! Know  
therefore that God exacteth of thee  
*less* than thine iniquity *deserveth*.

7. Canst thou by searching find  
out God? canst thou find out the  
Almighty unto perfection?

8 *It is* as high as heaven; what  
canst thou do? deeper than hell;  
what canst thou know?

9 The measure thereof *is* longer  
than the earth, and broader than  
the sea.

10 If he cut off, and shut up, or  
gather together, then who can hin-  
der him?

11 For he knoweth vain men: he  
seeth wickedness also; will he not  
then consider *it*?

12 For vain man would be wise,  
though man be born *like* a wild  
ass's colt.

13. If thou prepare thine heart,  
and stretch out thine hands toward  
him;

14 If iniquity *be* in thine hand,  
put it far away, and let not wicked-  
ness dwell in thy tabernacles.

15 For then shalt thou lift up thy  
face without spot; yea, thou shalt be  
stedfast, and shalt not fear:

16 Because thou shalt forget *thy*  
misery, *and* remember *it* as waters  
*that* pass away:

17 And *thine* age shall be clearer  
than the noonday; thou shalt shine  
forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

18 And thou shalt be secure,  
because there is hope; yea, thou  
shalt dig *about thee*, *and* thou shalt  
take thy rest in safety.

19 Also thou shalt lie down, and  
none shall make *thee* afraid; yea,  
many shall make suit unto thee.

20 But the eyes of the wicked  
shall fail, and they shall not escape,  
and their hope *shall be as* the giv-  
ing up of the ghost.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Job first answers his critics with a picture of despair. He did not know why he was suffering so bitterly. His family was dead. His wealth and influence were gone. He was suffering without relief. His enemies seemed to have the upper hand. Bildad had accused him of being a hypocrite. In chapter 9 Job acknowledges that he is a sinner, but he clearly denies that he is a hypocrite.

Job complains bitterly and wishes he had never been born. Zophar, who was generally a religious know-it-all, gives his first speech and, finally, Job grows sarcastic at the cutting words of his accusers. Job was a man of like character and passions as men today. Rather than seeing the situation as it really was, and turning it over to God, he began to complain. Rather than comforting Job, Zophar, who was supposedly Job's friend, accused him and told him to put away his iniquity. Zophar was the educated religionist who claimed to know all about Job's situation! His accusations did not comfort or help Job, but made him even more bitter, and led him into the sarcastic words recorded in chapter 12.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors" (Proverbs 8:34).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 18:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

## HYMN FOR TODAY

### MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE

by Samuel Francis Smith, 1808-1895

"Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants." — William Penn

Moved deeply by the desire to create a national hymn that would allow the American people to offer praise to God for our wonderful land, a 24-year-old theological student penned these lines on a scrap of paper in less than 30 minutes in 1843. Yet even today many consider "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" their favorite patriotic hymn and call it our "unofficial national anthem."

The easily singable words of the song are matched with a popular international melody used by many nations, including England, where it accompanies "God Save the King/Queen." The emotionally powerful ideas that Smith expressed had an immediate response. The hymn soon became a national favorite.

The stirring tributes to our fatherland in the first three stanzas lead to a worshipful climax of gratefulness to God and a prayer for His continued guidance.

Following his graduation from Harvard and the Andover Theological Seminary, Samuel Smith became an outstanding minister in several Baptist churches in the East. He composed 150 hymns during his 87 years and helped compile the leading Baptist hymnal of his day. He was also editor of a missionary magazine through which he exerted a strong influence in promoting the cause of missions. Later he became the secretary of the Baptist Missionary Union and spent considerable time visiting various foreign fields. Samuel Smith was truly a distinctive representative of both his country and his God.

*My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From ev'ry mountain side let freedom ring!*

*My native country, thee, land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love:  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song:  
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.*

*Our father's God, to Thee, author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!*

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1955

**RACIAL SEGREGATION WAS BANNED BY THE SUPREME COURT.**

1792

**WILLIAM CAREY PREACHED A SERMON THAT INSPIRED THE MODERN MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.**

The outstanding statement of the sermon is supposedly, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." William Carey was a shoe cobbler who said, "I preach for a living and cobble shoes for expenses."

The words of William Carey concerning his living and expenses should ring in all our ears and hearts.

Our big purpose in life and our big work in life should be serving God. Our big desire should be to do his will, and our secular vocation should be only to meet expenses. Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

**1898**  
**THE BIRTHDAY OF NORMAN VINCENT PEALE.**

**1923**  
**THE BIRTHDAY OF PRINCE RENIER III.**

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

**1870**  
**CONGRESS PASSED THE FIRST ENFORCEMENT ACT WHICH PROVIDED STIFF PENALTIES FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO DEPRIVED CITIZENS OF THE SUFFRAGE AND CIVIL RIGHTS.**

The measure authorized the use of the U.S. Army to protect the rights of blacks.

**1909**  
**SOME THREE HUNDRED BLACKS AND WHITES MET AT THE UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING IN NEW YORK CITY AT THE FIRST NAACP CONFERENCE, MAY 31 AND JUNE 1.**

The NAACP was originally known as the National Negro Committee.

**1955**  
**SUPREME COURT ORDERED SCHOOL INTEGRATION "WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED."**

**1961**  
**JUDGE IRVING KAUFMAN ORDERED BOARD OF EDUCATION OF NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y., TO INTEGRATE SCHOOLS.**

**1979**  
**ZIMBABWE PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENT.**

# THE STORY OF THE PSALMS

## Psalm 46

**AUTHOR:** Moses

### **THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM**

The Israelites had just crossed the Red Sea. The waters had parted for them and had returned to drown the pursuing Egyptian armies, after God's people had crossed. Can you imagine the joy in the heart of the leader, Moses, upon this marvelous deliverance? He then wrote the 46th Psalm. No wonder he said in verse 1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Notice in verse 2 his mention of the sea. In verse 3 you find again the mention of the waters being troubled. In verse 6 you have the heathen raging, referring to the Egyptian armies that had just been defeated.

This Psalm and the 47th, 48th and 49th were for the sons of Korah and were to be sung in public services.

Picture Moses on the safe side of the Red Sea with the enemies destroyed, writing and singing the 46th Psalm.

### **THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE**

This beautiful song was sung every year on the anniversary of the crossing of the Red Sea. It was also sung upon the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, which was on the exact date of the crossing of the Red Sea, just as the crucifixion of Christ was on the same day as the passover. When the enemy has been defeated, the victory has come, and God has raised one from seeming destruction and/or death, the 46th Psalm would be very appropriate reading.

# The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

## MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

### DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I HAVE A FEAR OF RIDICULE"

(Assignment 18)

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.)

( ) Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

( ) Mark 8:38

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

( ) Revelation 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

( ) Luke 12:4

And I say unto you my friends; Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

( ) Luke 12:5

But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.