

CHAPTER 11

AND when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples,

2 And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring *him*.

3 And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.

4 And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him.

5 And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt?

6 And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go.

7 And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on

him; and he sat upon him.

8 And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed *them* in the way.

9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

10 Blessed *be* the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

12 ¶ And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not *yet*.

14 And Jesus answered and said

unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard *it*.

15 ¶ And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16 And would not suffer that any man should carry *any* vessel through the temple.

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard *it*, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.

20 ¶ And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

27 ¶ And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,

28 And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?

29 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 The baptism of John, was *it* from heaven, or of men? answer me.

31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all *men* counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.

33 And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

CHAPTER 12

AND he began to speak unto them by parables. A *certain* man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about *it*, and digged *a place* for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.

2 And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.

3 And they caught *him*, and beat him, and sent *him* away empty.

4 And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded *him* in

the head, and sent *him* away shamefully handled.

5 And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some.

6 Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.

7 But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.

8 And they took him, and killed *him*, and cast *him* out of the vineyard.

9 What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others.

10 And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:

11 This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

12 And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way.

13 ¶ And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the

Herodians, to catch him in *his* words.

14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see *it*.

16 And they brought *it*. And he saith unto them, Whose *is* this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's.

17 And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.

18 ¶ Then come unto him the Sadducees, which say there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying,

19 Master, Moses wrote unto us, If a man's brother die, and leave *his* wife *behind* him, and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

20 Now there were seven

brethren: and the first took a wife, and dying left no seed.

21 And the second took her, and died, neither left he any seed: and the third likewise.

22 And the seven had her, and left no seed: last of all the woman died also.

23 In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife.

24 And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?

25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.

26 And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I *am* the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?

27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

28 ¶ And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked

him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.

31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him *any question*.

35 ¶ And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is

the Son of David?

36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he *then* his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

38 ¶ And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and *love* salutations in the market-places,

39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:

40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

41 ¶ And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

43 And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all

they which have cast into the treasury:

44 For all *they* did cast in of

their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 11 records Mark's account of the week before Jesus' crucifixion. In it we read of His triumphal entry (verses 1-11); the Temple cleansed (verses 15-18); and the lesson of the barren fig tree (verses 12-14, 19-25).

Verses 22-26 have been labeled, "The Prayer of Faith." In answering the disciples, Jesus said, "Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." Christians today can exercise this type of faith. However, many times when we pray, we do not pray in faith. God will not answer if we do not exercise faith. God longs to give us the desires of our heart; but we must come to Him in faith, believing. Then our desires will be met.

Many times Christians wonder if what they are asking for is God's will for them. If there is a settled peace within your heart about the matter, the Holy Spirit will give you the assurance to ask for it and the faith to believe that you will receive it. If you have doubts, then simply pray that God's will be done.

Verses 25 and 26 give the reasons why there are hindrances to our prayers being answered. Jesus said, "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Do you have a grudge against someone and have been unable to forgive? If so, then your prayers cannot be answered. I have talked with many people who feel they cannot forgive someone for something that person has done to them. This is Satan's way of trying to defeat Christians. God says we must forgive! And through the power of His grace, He will help us to forgive. The words of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, are very explicit concerning the matter of forgiveness. If you have a problem in this area, I trust you will turn it over to the Lord, and experience the joy of salvation and answered prayer in your life.

In chapter 12:28-34 Jesus gives the great commandments. The first is, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,

and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." The second is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Following the giving of the second commandment, Jesus said, "There is none other commandment greater than these."

Our society today is very selfish. Individuals are prone to put themselves before anything or anyone else. God's chain of command is—God first, our neighbor second, and us third. How happy and full our lives would be if we would but follow God's chain of command. I wonder today how many of us truly love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Do we really love our neighbors? It should be the desire of every Christian to have a greater capacity for love and compassion for those around him. We should love people for Christ's sake. God loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son to die on the cross for us.

Jesus has called us to be ambassadors and messengers for Him, to be His servants, ready and willing to proclaim the great message of salvation. In order for us to be faithful servants, we should love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We should also love those about us so much that we can truly say, "I love my neighbor as myself."

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known" (Proverbs 10:9).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 33: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 9.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY

**VIETTA GARRETT
ANGELA HARRIS**

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1931

THOMAS EDISON DIED.

How we should thank God for the contributions that Thomas Edison has made to our comfort and to

our civilization. Why not pause to look at the electric lights you enjoy and thank God for them. There are many, many other things for which we can thank God that were contributed to us by Thomas A. Edison.

1842

THE FIRST TELEGRAPH CABLE WAS LAID IN NEW YORK HARBOR.

Let us thank God for the wonderful yet intricate telegraph system. Each of us is within just a few minutes of a loved one even though he might be around the world. May we praise God for this privilege we enjoy in our generation.

1867

ALASKA WAS CEDED TO THE UNITED STATES.

We can pause today to thank God for our friends in Alaska. Let us pray for our Christian brethren in Alaska and for those who spread the Gospel in this needy area.

1949

STUART HAMBLIN WAS CONVERTED.

Stuart Hamblin was saved about 4:30 in the morning on this date. He has given us many blessings through his songs. Perhaps the best known of these are "It Is No Secret" and "I've Got So Many Million Years I Just Can't Count 'Em."

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1867

Monroe Baker, a well-to-do black businessman, named mayor of St. Martin, Louisiana. He was probably the first black to serve as mayor of a town.

1874

South Carolina Republicans carried election with reduced margin. Republican tickets was composed of four whites and four blacks: R.H. Gleaves, lieutenant governor; Francis L. Cardozo, treasurer; Henry E. Hayne, secretary, of state; H.W. Purvis, adjutant general.

1895

National Medical Association founded in Atlanta.

First blacks elected to the House of Representatives. Black Republicans won three of the four congressional seats in South Carolina: Joseph H. Rainey, Robert C. Delarge and Robert B. Elliott. Rainey was elected to an unexpired term in the Forty-first Congress and was the first black seated in the House.

1945

Spingard Medal awarded to Paul Robeson for his singing and acting achievements.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 104–106, 111–113, 135, and 146–150

AUTHORS:

These Psalms were written by various authors, predominately David.

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALMS:

These form a new group of Psalms called the “Hallelujah Psalms.” Hallelujah means “Praise ye Jah,” or “Praise ye Jehovah.” An interesting thing about the word “hallelujah” is that it is the same in every language. It is the one word in all languages that becomes the common denominator. We cannot all speak the same language about most subjects, but when it comes to praising the Lord, we all speak the same language.

These Psalms are divided into three groups—group one ends with hallelujah. In this group are Psalms 104 and 105. Group two begins with hallelujah. This includes Psalms 111 and 112. Group three both begins and ends with hallelujah. Included are Psalms 106, 113, 135, and 146 through 150.

It is interesting that with the passing of the years David’s praise becomes greater. The term, “Praise ye the Lord,” is included more and more in the Psalms written near the end of David’s life. He once said, “I will praise Him more and more,” and so he did. As these Psalms are read, the reader should picture an aged David lifting his hands and voice Heavenward thanking God for His grace, for His mercy, for His lovingkindness and for His faithfulness.

THE WAY THEY WERE USED BY GOD’S PEOPLE:

The Jews would use these as doxology Psalms when they wanted to praise the Lord. They were used at any time. They were much like our songs, “Praise Him, Praise Him, Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer,” “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” etc. In other words, they were general songs of praise used at any occasion the heart leaped with joy.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

THINGS RECEIVED IN ANSWERED PRAYER FROM PROMISES IN THE SCRIPTURES

(Assignment 33)

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.)

Salvation promised.

() Jeremiah 29:13

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Great things promised.

() Jeremiah 33:3

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Anything promised.

() Matthew 18:19

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

All things promised.

() Matthew 21:22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Good things promised.

() Luke 11:13

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?