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Thirty-fifth Issue

Match'Em Bible Quiz

Answers for quiz from last issue are below. Score yourself 100pts for the first answer, 200pts for the second answer, 300pts for the third, and so on.

Angelic Chorus

- Mary, earthly mother of Jesus
 - Gabriel visited Mary in Bethlehem.
 - Gabriel told Mary that Elizabeth was expecting.
 - Mary told the angel she would have not part of this plan.

Shepherds

- A great host of angels first greeted the shepherds.
- b. Upon seeing the angel, the shepherds went immediately to Bethlehem.
- The shepherds kept the news of the angels to themselves.

Zechariah

- a. Was told by the angel to name his son John.
- b. The angel's name was Michael.
- c. The angel appeared at his home in Jerusalem.

Hagar

- An angel told her to name her son Ishmael.
- b. An angel appeared to her on Mount Horeb.
- c. An angel appeared to her in Sarai's tent.

5. The women at the tomb

- The angel was sitting on the stone in front of Jesus' tomb.
- The angel did not speak to the women.
- c. The angel was sitting inside the tomb.

6.

- An angel told him he would not stand trial in Rome.
- b. An angel told him only two lives would be lost in a shipwreck.
- An angel told him all on board ship would be saved.

7. Lot

- The angels wanted to spend the night at Lot's house.
- Lot's sons-in-law invited the angels to their houses.
- c. The angels blinded the men of Sodom.

8. Balaam

- He beat his donkey three times.
- The angel told him to say anything to Balak.
- c. The angel broke his arm.

Daniel

- a. Daniel's companions also saw the angel.
- b. The angel appeared to Daniel at Cyrus's palace.
- The angel came to tell Daniel what is written in the Book of Truth.

10. Revelation

- The seven candlesticks are the seven angels.
- John was to write to the angels of the seven churchs.
- The seven angels brought John food on Patmos.

Answers from last issue:

1.A (Luke 15:27,31); 2.B (Gen.25:28); 3.C (Gen. 25:34); 4.B (Num. 13:17,23); 5.A (John 21:13); 6.A (Dan. 1:11-12); 7.C (Josh. 5:11-12); 8.B (Jer.24:1) 9,C (Isa. 38:21-22); 10.B (Gen 30:15-16)

Be The Best

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill, Be a scrub in the valley, but be The best little scrub by the side of the rill; Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the grass, And some highway happier make; If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass, But the liveliest bass in the lake!

If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail;
If you can't be a sun, be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you failBe the best of whatever you are.



This game can be played by two or twenty! Divide players into even teams, however many you want. Each team gets a pencil and a piece of paper on which a five to eight letter word is written right-side-up vertically on the left side and upside-down vertically on the right side, with lines connecting the first and last letters. The object of the game is to make the largest words possible in fifteen minutes with only the given first and last letters. After the fifteen minutes are up, the teams take turns reading their words for each letter group. They are rewarded one point for each letter of each word. If a word is not in the dictionary, no points are given for it. If a word is misspelled, points are given only for the correct letters. Here is one

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below for you to try, to see what it looks like.

Use words that fit the holiday or occasion, or just something for fun.



Mom's Page

"Give me a new idea," I said,
While musing on a sleepless bed;
"A new idea that'll bring to earth
A balm for souls of priceless worth;
That'll give men thoughts of things above,
And teach them how to serve and love,
That'll banish every selfish thought
And rid men of the sins they've fought."

The new thought came, just how, I'll tell;
'Twas when on bended knee I fell,
And sought from HIM who knows full well
The way our sorrow to expel.
SEE GOD IN ALL THINGS, great and small
And give HIM praise whate'er befall,
In life and death, in pain or woe,
See God, and overcome thy foe.

I saw HIM in the morning light,
HE made the day shine clear and bright;
I saw HIM in the noontide hour,
And gained from HIM refreshing shower.
At eventide, when worn and sad,
HE gave me help, and made me glad.
At midnight, when on tossing bed
My weary soul to sleep HE led.

I saw HIM when great losses came,
And found HE loved me just the same.
When heavy loads I had to bear,
I found HE lightened every care,
By sickness, sorrow, sore distress,
HE calmed my mind and gave me rest.
HE's filled my heart with gladsome praise
Since I gave HIM the upward gaze.

'Twas new to me, yet old to some,
This thought that to me has become
A revelation of the way
We all should live throughout the day;
For as each day unfolds its light,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.
Life will, indeed, a blessing bring,
If we SEE GOD IN EVERYTHING.
~A.E. Finn





Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, and nudge me when I've said enough!

Beauty Tips From the Past

I found this in an old newspaper article.

Last Touches

If you run out of your favorite face massaging agent, one good substitute is salt mixed with cold cream.

It stimulates the skin and leaves it soft in texture. However, care should be taken not to rub this mixture into the skin too vigorously. Manipulate it easily into the face and stop when



your face gently glows. Vigorous rubbing will leave the skin raw and irritated.

After you have reached the glowing stage, make sure you remove the cream and salt completely from your complexion. After removing it with a tissue, use mild soap, or oatmeal and warm water to wash your face.

And if you need a facial, but it's too late to go out for one or even for a jar of cream, honey, aside from tasting sweet, can make you look that way. Simply spread a thin film of honey over your face and neck, leave it on for about 5 minutes, all the while patting it gently with your fingertips. The honey creates a suction and pulls, exercising tired muscles and tissue. Cold water will remove the honey from your face quickly and efficiently, leaving your complexion glowing and smooth.

Little tea bags, which, after use, are thrown away have a definite place in the beauty world. They're ideal for relieving eye fatigue and strain. After having made tea with them, let them cool and while still damp, place them over the closed eyelids and allow them to remain there during a 15 minute relaxation period. They feel (and look) like the herbal eye packs made by cosmeticians for this use.

God Will Take Care Of You

J.C. Penny, who descended from a long line of Baptist preachers, was well on his way establishing successful a career when the 1929 Great Depression threw him into crisis. His business deals turned sour, and Pennev became overwhelmed with anxiety and insomnia. He developed a painful case of shingles and was hospitalized, but tranquilizers and drugs only made things mental worse. His state deteriorated until, as he later said, "I was broken nervously physically, filled and despair, unable to see even a ray of hope. I had nothing to live for. I felt I hadn't a friend left in the world, that even my family turned against me."

But one morning he heard singing coming from the little hospital chapel. The words of the song said, "Be not dismayed

God Will Take Care of You

Civilla D. Martin

W. Stillman Maria

1. Be not dis-mayed
2. Thro'days of toil,
3. All you may need
4. No mat · fer what

Be - neath His wings
When dan - gers fierce
Noth · ing you ack
Lean, wea - ry one,

God will take care of you,

God will take care of you,

Thro' ev - ery day,

O'er all the way.

God will take care of you.

whate'er betide / God will take care of you."

Entering the chapel, he listened to the song, to the Scripture reading, and to the prayer. "Suddenly, something happened. I can't explain it. I can only call it a warm, brilliant sunlight." All worry left him as he realized more fully than he had ever imagined just how much the Lord Jesus Christ cared for him. From that day J.C. Penney was never plagued with worry, and he later recalled those moments in the chapel as, "the most dramatic and glorious twenty minutes of my life." He later became one of America's greatest retail merchants.

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On a Sunday in 1904, Civilla Martin was in Lestershire, New York, where her husband, Walter, was compiling a collection of hymns for the Practical Bible Training School. They were planning to travel to another town that day, for Martin had a preaching assignment. Civilla woke up sick, and Martin was about to cancel his plans, when their young child piped up and said: "Oh, Daddy, you don't have to stay home because of mother–God will take care of us."

Martin proceeded to the train station and fulfilled his appointment. When he returned, Civilla handed him the words of "God Will Take Care of You," which she had written in his absence. Going to his little organ, Martin composed the music, and it was first published in the songbook he was compiling for the school.

You Said A Mouth Full

Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. Psalm 141:3

It is one of the first real accomplishments of our life: communication. Baby says, "Dah" and we all get excited because he is learning to talk. Soon baby is jabbering whole sentences worth of blabber, thinking he is talking like you and me and we think it is wonderful. It is not long, however, until you can make some sense out of what he is saying and then you begin to wonder where he gets so much to talk about. That is when we generally wonder why we were so quick to teach him how to talk in the first place. ©

The Bible says very much about what we say. In searching out scripture for this study I have found that the list is nearly endless. We need to realize that what we say makes much more of an impact on our lives and on the lives of others than we can even imagine. Do you know that we will be held accountable for every word that we say? Jesus says in Matthew 12:36-37: "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." According to Webster, "give account" means that we will have to explain to God why we said the things that we said, to explain and give reasons for our words. Wow! Think about that for a little while. Think about all the words that you say in just one day. If everyone knew all the words that you said just yesterday, how would you feel about that? Yet we are going to be accountable for the words that we say in a lifetime.

I am sure that the kind of words that we say will make a difference. You will notice that in the passage above it says, "every idle word". The definition for "idle" is useless, vain, of no importance, and unprofitable. We may call it "small talk" or "shooting the breeze". Just so many words without anything really said that is of any importance or benefit.

King David knew the importance of words when he wrote, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer." (Ps. 19:14) He knew that your tongue can get you into a lot of trouble, "Thou lovest all devouring words, O *thou* deceitful tongue." (Ps. 52:4) Words are more powerful than we realize. With just a few words we can encourage someone to be strong and respectable, and with just a few words we can destroy the very heart and spirit of another.

There are many reasons why people talk so much. Some want to show others just how much they know. They read books and listen to documentaries and really do know a lot of things, which is not bad, but they want to tell everyone they meet about everything that they have learned. To them, all this wonderful information is interesting and they can go on for an hour or more without stopping. "Knowledge puffeth up." (1 Cor. 8:1b) "A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards." (Prov. 29:11) It is not bad to share information about something when it is needed, but the harm comes when you chatter on about things that do not apply to the moment just so you can show how much you know about things. If you keep it until it is needed, your knowledge about something can really come in handy and be a blessing instead of an aggravation. "Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom." (James 3:13)

Some people like to talk a lot so that they can be noticed. "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking." Jesus was instructing his disciples not to be like the Pharisees who made long, loud prayers in front of everyone so that they would appear more spiritual. They were doing so to get attention and the praise of men. "The LORD will destroy the house of the proud:" (Prov. 15:25a)

There are those who must out-do everyone else in the crowd. Whatever has been done, they have done something better. Whoever someone mentions, they have met them and know them personally. They think that bragging and making themselves appear better than everyone else will make them more popular and admired, but normally it only makes others want to shun them. These sort of talkers have much worse problems, such as being talebearers (gossips) and liars.

The devil sets all sorts of traps along our way to entice us to think and talk about things that do not matter. The best trick he has is that these things are not bad things singularly but that your mind can be taken up with the world in such a way that you do not think on the things of God at all. For example, it is not bad for you to want your hair to be healthy and look nice but you can become so obsessed with hairstyles and treatments that you forget that your hair is suppose to honor God and be your covering. It can eventually become a source of flirtation and vanity, and it is all you can talk about. The same is true with anything that you would want to mention; clothes, music, boys, sports, computer games, movies, just to name a few.

The things that we talk about are a perfect reflection of what is in our heart. What do you like to talk about when you get with your friends? If it is not your habit to talk about the things of God and church is the farthest thing that you would want to discuss with your friends, it could mean that your heart has never been given to the Lord in the first place. When there is something that you really love, you talk about it freely and to everyone that you meet, right? Do you not think that if you loved the Lord Jesus the way that you should when you are His bride that you would want to talk about Him, that He would be a part of your conversation, that the things you said would at least not be offensive to Him? I am not saying that you should go around quoting scripture all the time or that you should never talk about anything but the Bible. But if you are ashamed to talk about the things of God for fear of what others will think of or say about you, then He will be ashamed of you before His Father. "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." (Mark 8:38)

If you try to just change a habit of talking too much and do not fix the problem at the source (a surrendered heart) then you will be no better than the Pharisees that we mentioned before. Jesus was pretty rough with them when He addressed that issue in Matthew 23:26-27, "Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." You can not make the outside clean if the inside is still full of worldly thoughts, ideas and desires. What is in your heart will eventually come out, no

matter how you try to hide it. "for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." (Mat. 12:34b)

For the next few days, be aware of the things that you say and the subjects that you like to talk about. Just be yourself without purposefully changing anything that you would normally do and say, just so that you can take note of those things personally. If you have never done this before, the things you discover may surprise you. Look deep into your own heart and try to discern what your own motives are for saying and doing the things that you do. Too often we do not give enough thought to the state of our heart and mind. We get so caught up with the things that are going on every day that before we know what has happened we have let busyness pull us away from righteousness.

Talk less; listen more. A saying that I have adopted is, "Let your words we few and true." The more you say the easier it is for you to "put your foot in your mouth," or say something that you will wish that you had not said. Solomon put it this way, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few." (Eccl. 5:2)

Below is a poem that was found in my mother-in-law's Bible after she went to be with the Lord. If we would but remember what are words can do it would help us eternally. May God bless you as you seek to honor Him.

Words

A careless word may kindle strife;
A cruel word may wreck a life;
A bitter word may hate instill;
A brutal word may smite and kill;
A gracious word may smooth the way;
A joyous word may light the day;
A timely word may lessen stress;
A loving word may heal and bless.

Calling All Friends!

I was wondering if there are any of you girls who would like to be pen pals. If so, just write me a card or send me an email (teresa3@vamex.com) and give me your name, age, address, and a few things about you. If any of you have brothers that would like to contact other brothers, they may also add their names here. I ask that you please be honest in your information and faithful to the person that writes to you, faithful not only in writing but in being an encouragement to each other in Christ. Please be honest, also, in keeping to your own gender. This is not intended for a meeting place; be honorable to Jesus, your parents, and your friend.

My name is Elisabeth A. Miller. I am me my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill 12 years old and am homeschooled. My favorite colors are blue and brown. love to ride four-wheelers, bake cookies. read and ride my bike. If you would like to write to me, my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring, MO 63952

My name is Esther R. Miller. I am 13 years old. My favorite things to do are ride four-wheelers, scrapbooking and taking pictures. I also like to play piano. My favorite colors are blue, black and brown. If I had a hobby it would be photography. If you would like to write

Spring, MO 63952

My name is Daniel Miller. I am in 10th grade homeschool and my favorite colors are orange, red & blue. I am really interested in aviation and the part it played in history. I am also interested in the study of ancient civilizations. If you would like to write me my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring, MO 63952



If You Would Be My Friend

It's always nice to have one To walk along with you, To share your fun and laughter, Or cry a tear or two. But if you really want to, Please do these things for me, For we can help each other To walk circumspectly. Be truthful in your stories And say things that are pure, Don't make me doubt my parents, My soul cannot endure. To worldly things, don't tempt me But lift up Jesus' Name, And if you do, I promise you, That I will do the same.

~T.Miller



God-Honored Women of the Bible





Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Normally, I do not like pictures of Jesus because they just do not portray my Lord the way that His Word describes Him. He did not have long hair nor was He a feminine looking man. This particular painting, however, is so full of what I would think Jesus' love for His mother must have been. The artist, Liz Lemon Swindle, puts it this way, "I created this painting because I find great joy in exploring the relationships between our Savior and the people He knew and loved. This wonderfully tender piece captures the great respect He had for His mother."

Mary had a hard time all the way through Jesus' life. Being found with child while in her betrothal time made her a fornicator, which could have gotten her killed if Joseph (who knew the baby was not his) had not been convinced by God that the child was holy. Accepting the responsibility for the child made both of them guilty and worthy of ridicule. So all through her life she carried the mark of Mary, the fornicator. We know that is not true, but no one else was as certain of His conception as Mary was. She kept many of the things that she knew and experienced in her heart and pondered them there. God entrusted her with the world's greatest treasure, not only in His birth but also for His entire lifetime.

Jesus not only loved Mary because she was His mother but also because she was a soul that He had come to redeem. Although some would put Mary in a higher position than necessary, Jesus made it very plain that although special, she was one of the many that are dear to His heart. In Mark, chapter 3, Mary and his brethren (siblings), came to the place where Jesus was, calling him, and when He was told this, His reply was, "Who is my mother, or my brethren? And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother." This was not meant to put Mary down but so that all could see that He did not put one person above another, even if that person was his closest next of kin. So as you celebrate His birth this year, think of how very special you are to Him.

Crafts

Here are a few gift projects that you can make for Christmas. Enjoy!

Aprons

Aprons make great gifts and can be really fun to make. In the picture to the left, this one is called a "Four Corners Apron". You could use a small square tablecloth to make it if you like. As you can see, the top corner is

folded down and stitched where you would attach the neck binding. Attach the ties at the right and left corners and you have it!

Another way to make an easy apron without gathering and still get a great fit is to sew the apron on to a pocket waist band without the gathers, then insert a 12-15 inch piece of elastic in the pocket, stitching them secure on either end. Then simply add the ties. Or, using the same concept, make it like an open-down-the-back skirt with a pocket waist band, insert elastic to fit

the waistline, add a button and button hole for a fastener. See how festive you can make them, or add names or verses to make them personal.





Garden Journal

If you have a friend that likes to work in the garden or just likes to keep a journal, here is an idea for you. Using a top or side wire bound note book, you can either work with the design that is already on the notebook or cover it with cloth or paper to look pretty. Tie a few coordinating colors of ribbon or strips of cloth on the wires, add a fabric flower, ribbon, word stickers, whatever looks nice and you have it. Try adding a verse about gardens on the inside cover. You could also tuck some packets of seeds in the pages to help them with next years garden plans.

Friendship Note Cards with Box

This can really be a nice gift for a good friend. You can use various boxes, such as old crayon boxes, cigar boxes, any kind of box that has a lid that is attached at one side. Cover the box with whatever you like, adding your own personal touches with ribbons, flowers, stickers, etc. The cards can be cut from card stock. On one side of the cards, glue a picture of different birds, flowers, jewels, rocks or animals, or maybe some hobbie that you and your friend have in common. On the other side of the cards, print the name of the object or theme on the other side, plus a memory verse that you like that would encourage. For example; if on one side of the card you have a picture of a rose, on the other



side you could write, "Tiffany Rose" with the verse, "I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. (Ps. 89:1) Make enough cards to fill the box. With a hole punch, make a hole in the upper corner of each card and run a ribbon through them to fasten them together.

Cookies in a Tin

If you like to give cookies for Christmas, here is a good idea for you. The first box is a decorated chip can with an extra long cover on the lid. If this is not big enough, the bottom picture is a decorated oatmeal box. Try decorating a plain purchased gift bag to match. You could use this idea with a snack mix or something else that would be fun to eat.

Cooking Counter

Romaine Salad with Avocado Dressing

1 med. ripe avocado, peeled and cubed

½ cup mayonnaise

½ cup vegetable oil

3 tablespoons lime juice

2 garlic cloves, peeled

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon hot pepper sauce

1 bunch romaine, torn

3 med. tomatoes cut into wedges

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

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1 can (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained

2 green onions, chopped

Corn Chips

For the dressing, place the first seven ingredients in a blender; cover and process until blended. In a large bowl, combine the romaine, tomatoes, cheddar cheese, olives and onions. Drizzle with the dressing and toss to coat. Sprinkle with corn chips. Serves 12.





½ pound sliced fresh mushrooms
½ cup chopped celery
5 tablespoons butter, divided
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 cups milk
2 cups cubed cooked turkey
2 cups cooked egg noodles
¼ cup chicken broth
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon dried thyme
1/8 teaspoon white pepper

½ cup dry bread crumbs

In a large skillet, saute mushrooms and celery in 3 tablespoons butter until tender. Combine cornstarch and milk until smooth; stir into mushroom mixture. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Cook for 1 minute or until thickened.

Stir in the turkey, noodles, broth, salt, thyme and pepper. Pour into a greased 2-qt. baking dish. Melt remaining butter; toss with bread crumbs. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for 20-25 minutes or until heated through. Serves 4.

Orange Cream Cheesecake

(Note: If you only have an 8" springform pan, like me, use some of the ingredients in a few small dessert cups for individual cheesecakes. These are fun to serve to the younger ones.⊚)

Crust: 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
½ cup butter, melted

Filling: 1 package (3 ounces) orange gelatin 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened

1 1/4 cups sugar

1 can (5 ounces) evaporated milk 1 teaspoon lemon juice

1/3 cup orange juice concentrate

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed (plus 2 cups more for topping)

Combine the cracker crumbs, cinnamon, orange peel and butter. Press onto the bottom of a greased 10" springform pan. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Prepare gelatin according to package directions. Set aside ½ cup at room temperature. Chill remaining gelatin until slightly thickened, about 80 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar for 2 minutes. Gradually beat in milk and lemon juice concentrate, vanilla and room-temperature gelatin. Fold in whipped topping. Pour over prepared crust.

In a mixing bowl, beat whipped topping with ¼ cup sugar. Beat in refrigerated gelatin (mixture will be thin). Chill for 3 minutes. Gently spoon over filling (pan will be full). Refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.





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