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John 17:17

FOLLOW THE LEADER

By Kirk Tooley

Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children. Ephesians 5:11

It is interesting how children entertain themselves. It seems that kids can come up with a game to play with kids they have only known for a few minutes. Just throw them a ball of any kind, and they are ready to go. Who can remember playing games such as Follow The Leader, Simon Says, Mother May I, or Red Light, Green Light? One game seems to occur naturally as a child. Follow The Leader is a game that all children have participated in. Children seem to desire to be led. Children essentially play follow the leader when they imitate their older siblings or their parents. How many times have we seen a child slip on dad's shoes and a tie and play like dad or the child donning an apron like their mom? These games are not only fun but also important in the development of our children. Children are so good about having a follower's attitude.

Paul, writing to the church in Ephesus, encourages the brethren to be followers. This implies that he wants them to recognize the authority of the leader. Who or what is the leader? This passage indicates that Christians need to follow God. Submit to His authoritative will by being obedient to His commands. Perhaps there is more that we need to follow. We not only need to submit to His commands, but we should also follow Him by desiring the same things He desires. For example, righteousness. Christians must be righteous, seeking the truth. God is pure and holy. Members of the Lord's body must follow His purity and holiness. God has a deep love for the souls of His creation, especially those that are lost.

Do we follow His lead with the same deep love, compassion and concern for our brethren and lost souls? God has shown us His love by the sacrifice He made by giving His son as a sacrifice. What sacrifices do we make to reciprocate love to the Almighty? David said in Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want." God, our leader, blesses us a great deal, and with wealth and riches. Are these blessings received with great humility? Is there thankfulness to our Leader for His blessings? Or, do we let material wealth cloud our relationship with our Leader? Our Leader, God, is always there for His faithful children. Do we follow His character of loyalty by being loyal to Him? Do we attend every opportunity to study His words, to pray to Him, sing to Him and worship Him? Or, do we find other things to put in place of study and worship times?

Jesus told Peter to follow Him. The scriptures tell us that they dropped their nets and left all. Paul says we are to follow Him as dear children. We should take on the attitude of the child when following God. As the child we should have complete trust and faith in our leader. He won't make us do anything that will harm our spiritual character. He will lead us in the right path. Finally, the end of the way to which He leads is one of beauty, peace and tranquility. It is an eternal bliss, a land of purity to be spent in the midst of the Great Leader, Jehovah God.

Will you follow God with complete trust, faith and loyalty? Will you lay aside your personal desires and cares to follow him? Jesus wants us to follow Him. All should desire to follow Him. Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden." This verse clearly teaches that Jesus wants you to follow His lead and His teachings. Why? So that all may find rest for their souls.

May we all strive to follow God as dear children.

Old Paths For A New Generation

By Tom Stewart



From time to time I would like to present you with excerpts from the writings of those who in the early 19th Century were trying to restore the New Testament Church. In today's church and world we are always trying to find something "new" to do to attract our youth to the church. Instead of something new, I hope we can look at something old which made the church grow.

These excerpts are taken from the Declaration & Address of the Christian Association by Thomas Campbell in 1809:

1. "Our desire, therefore, for ourselves and our brethren would be that rejecting human opinions and the inventions of men, as of any authority, or as having any place in the church of God; we might forever cease from farther contentions about such things; returning to, and holding fast by, the original standard; taking the divine word alone for our rule; The Holy Spirit for our teacher and guide, to lead us into all truth; and Christ alone as exhibited in the word for our salvation – that, by so doing, we may be at peace among ourselves, follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

2. "That it is the grand design, and native tendency, of our holy religion, to reconcile and unite men to God, and to each other, in truth and love, to the glory of God, and their own present and eternal good, will not, we presume be denied, by any of the genuine subjects of christianity. The nativity of its Divine Author was announced from heaven, by a host of angels, with high acclamations of 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good-will toward men.' The whole tenor of that divine book which contains its institutes, in all its gracious declarations, precepts, ordinances, and holy examples, most expressively and powerfully inculcates this. In so far then, as holy unity and unanimity in faith and love is attained; just in the same degree is the glory of God, and the happiness of men, promoted and secured. Impressed with those sentiments, and, at the same time grievously affected with those sad divisions which have so awfully interfered with the benign and gracious intention of our holy religion, by exciting its professed subjects to bite and devour one another; we cannot suppose ourselves justifiable, in withholding the mite of our sincere and humble endeavors, to heal and remove them."

In future articles we will continue to bring excerpts and articles from some of the great writers of the church. As said in the beginning, something old is still very relevant in today's church. Even some believe the Bible itself is not relevant in today's world, that it is outdated and of little practical use. Hopefully we can prove that sound doctrine is never outdated and that we should rely on the Bible and sound teaching as our foundation. As previously stated in the excerpts above, we need to unite as a church so that we can reach out to the lost of the world with confidence. If you wish to do more personal study, there is a restoration web site, www.mun.ca/rels/restmov, this site will give you a great opportunity to see and read what our church forefathers were writing and how they stood up to false doctrine in the church. I again encourage our young people to not discard what is old, but to cling to it to help overcome those difficulties in today's life.

Part I of this series follows:

"Why Not Be JUST A CHRISTIAN?"

Part I

The Advantage of It

"In these days of many sects and conflicting teachings it is a great advantage to be simply a Christian, and nothing more than a child of God, a follower of Jesus Christ. "But," you ask, "is such a thing possible under the religious circumstances of our day?"

"How is the average man ever to find his way where so many paths cross one another, and each one seems as good as the rest? Where so many guides shout, 'Come this way!' and 'Go that way!' and 'Lo here!' and 'Lo there!' It does indeed seem impossible; and many who would be glad to be on the right ground before God have despaired of the undertaking.

"Some have concluded that none are right, and have settled down in indifference. Some think that all are right, and drift on, compromising and without convictions. Some, weary of the problem, have found a false rest in trusting in an 'infallible church,' or some 'infallible' man who settles all questions by his simple dictum. Another says, 'I go to hear them all, and when I find the right one I will accept it.' That latter way seems fair to the average man. But what an impossible task it would be to investigate **all** the creeds and doctrines. Time would fail, and head and heart be confused and bewildered if anyone should seriously attempt it. It usually terminates in the man's accepting the first thing he happens to meet that seems good and plausible. Barring the case of many who lack the interest and sense of need to make any personal, independent search after truth, it is the general way for a man religiously inclined, to take up the first view that strikes and pleases him, or to fall in with any sect or denomination with which he has happened to have been thrown in contact. Having identified himself with the said view or sect, he considers himself thenceforth bound to loyalty to that party, and is henceforth set for its defense, and supersensitive to any criticism of it.

"Such are the usual courses men pursue in regard to religious views and affiliations. But that none of these ways will lead a man to the truth ought to be clear to any man who will think a moment. It is a mere chance game. And the chances are not as good as one out of a hundred. In fact, truth is never obtained by blind grabbing or by following the plausible teachings of men. Instead of trying to examine and decide upon any or all beliefs and teachings extant, there is a shorter and better way. That way can be summed up in one word:

"CHRIST"

"**'Come unto me and learn of me.'**" - Matt. 11:28, 29. There is an instant relief in the very thought. We can set aside the whole troublesome tangle of religious beliefs and go straight to Him who is "the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6). He alone is right and true, and every one who would be a disciple must come directly to Him and learn of Him.

"But after the first flash of light and hope such a thought would bring, there arises a misgiving. 'Do you suppose that I could understand, that I could find the one, true way by taking the matter up personally with the Lord, through His word? Have not others done so and failed? Is there not vast room for differences and misapprehensions? Where so many good people

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Upcoming Events

- Bible Search Competition March 5-6, 2004
 Southwest church of Christ
- Southwest Bible Camp June 13-18, 2004
 Southwest church of Christ
 Hensel Memorial Camp
- Summer Bible Camp July 25-30, 2004
 Central church of Christ
 Hensel Memorial Camp
- Central Texas Teen Lectureship November 19-20, 2004
 Central church of Christ

{We cannot attend all events, therefore, please use biblical judgment when attending an event listed above}

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Space is limited to one column length [approximately 600 words in 11 point type]. It must include your name, address, school classification and place of worship.

Editor’s note: We reserve the right to exclude items we deem unacceptable, using God’s Word as our guide.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
 Romans 12:2



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have erred and strayed can I hope for better success? I am not learned: where the scholars and doctors differ, how can I know I am right?’ But the difficulty is not so great as it appears. In the first place it is not a matter of scholarship, or of man’s wisdom and ability, but a question of **Attitude** and of **Trust**: of trust, in that we can not afford, like Peter, to look at the winds and waves of difficulty (Matt. 14), but we must rely on the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord that calls us, ... and it is a question of attitude, because it is not to the wise and prudent that God shows His ways (Matt. 11:25; 1 Cor. 1:26, etc.), but to the poor in spirit, the humble, the hungry and thirsting after righteousness; to those who will to do His will, to the ‘sheep’ who hear His voice. (Matt. 5:3-6; John 7:17; 10:4, 27.) It was the same breath in which Jesus stated this, that He invited the weary and heavy laden to come to Him that He might give them rest; and to assume His yoke and to **learn of Him**. (Matt. 11:25-29.) This, then, is the one great step, for every man who would find the way: Commit your life with all its hope and prospect to the Lord Jesus, and address yourself to learn from Him. There is a sphere in which scholarship is helpful; and I do not say that men may not help one another; but the only true help a man can, after all, render his fellow-man is to point him to the word of the Lord that there he may find and see for himself what is the will of God in Christ Jesus to us-ward.” Why Not Be Just a Christian?, R. H. Boll, 1916.

With our effort to give you material from the past in what we call our Old Paths for a New Generation, we present R. H. Boll’s article on Why No Be Just a Christian? This is part one of three parts of this very relevant subject for today even though it was written in 1916. Hope this and the other material we will bring in this series will build your faith in just being a Christian.

[Editor’s Note] – R. H. Boll was born in Germany in 1875, and came to America when he was 14 years old. He attended Nashville Bible School in 1895 under the presidency of J. H. Harding. He obeyed the gospel and preached in Texas, Tennessee and Kentucky. In 1909 he was first page editor of Gospel Advocate, leaving that employment in 1915. He preached sound doctrine until 1917 when he began teaching on the subject of premillennialism, stating that they were opinions which he held, and that he in no way wanted to cause division. Division was the result. A biographical sketch of Boll is given by a close friend and co-worker, E. L. Jorgenson, and can be found at www.therestorationmovement.com. Boll propagated his views at a preacher training school he had in Louisville, Kentucky.]

*And God said, This is the token
of the covenant
which I make between me and you
and every living creature
that is with you,
for perpetual generations.*
 Genesis 9:12

Design in Nature: The Teleological Argument

By Karl Ruetz

Teleology: The study of purpose or design.

The argument presented under this topic suggests that where there is a purposeful design, there must be a designer. The deduction being made, of course, is that order, planning, and design in a system are indicative of intelligence, purpose, and specific intent on the part of the originating cause. The logical argument goes like this:

1. If the Universe indicates purposeful design, there must have been a designer.
2. The Universe indicates purposeful design.
3. Thus, the Universe must have had a designer.

Design of the Universe

Our Universe operates under exact scientific laws. This “exactness” allows us to land men on the moon, operate cars, and predict stellar events such as solar eclipses and the reappearance of comets. Men such as Berkeley, Descartes, and Spinoza attributed this functional harmony to God. Modern physicists emphasize that nature “mysteriously operates on mathematic principles.” But, do not attribute this fact to God.

The Universe is big. Twenty billion light years in diameter is the latest guess. It is estimated to contain one billion galaxies and 25 sextillion stars. To put this in perspective, if you were to draw a map of the Milky Way galaxy and represent Earth and Sun as two dots one inch apart, we would need a map 25,000 miles wide just to get to the center of our galaxy. Now while the size is impressive, the inherent design is even more so. The Sun’s interior temperature is estimated to be over 20 million degrees C. The Earth is located at exactly the correct distance from the Sun to receive the proper amount of heat and radiation. Ten percent closer or further and life couldn’t exist here. The Earth rotates at a speed of 1,000 miles per hour at the equator and moves around the Sun at a speed of 70,000 miles per hour.

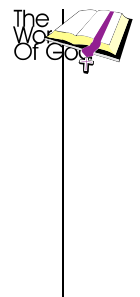
All this while the entire solar system moves 600,000 miles per hour in an orbit so large it would take over 220 million years to complete a single orbit. However, as the Earth moves around the Sun, it departs from a straight line by only one-ninth of an inch every eighteen miles. If it departed by one-tenth of an inch, we would come so close to the Sun that we would be incinerated; if it departed by one-eighth of an inch, we would find ourselves so far from the Sun that we would all freeze to death. The Moon is 240,000 miles from the Earth. The Moon’s gravitational pull causes the tides of the oceans. If the Moon orbited at a distance of 200,000 miles, the tides reach 35-50 feet high over the entire surface of the Earth. If the Earth’s rotation speed was halved, there would be such extremes of hot and cold that we could not grow enough food. If it was doubled, the growing seasons would be so short we still couldn’t grow enough food.

The water in the oceans moderates the temperature of the Earth. Look at the extreme temperatures in a desert region compared to a well watered region. Water holds its temperature much better than land does. If the Earth were not 4/5 covered in water, temperatures on Earth would be far more extreme. Also, we depend on 90% of the planet’s oxygen coming from microscopic plants in the seas.

Is this not evidence of a design? Can a reasonable person believe that these exacting conditions for supporting life occur by chance? We’re back to the fact that it is just as statistically likely that a tornado could sweep through a junk yard and assemble an operational 747 as all these conditions for life could occur by chance. Even atheist Richard Dawkins had to admit “[t]he more statistically improbable a thing is, the less we can believe that it just happened by blind chance. Superficially, the obvious alternative to chance is an intelligent Designer.”

Bible Search – Mark [Circle the answer]

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| 1. What was basic to accepting the gospel and entering the kingdom? | |
| Go to church on Sunday | Believe and Repent |
| Study and Confess | [1:15] |
| 2. Which are more important? | |
| Relationships with family | Relationships with Christ |
| Relationships with friends | [3:35] |
| 3. What did Jesus do when a storm arose while He and the disciples were in the Sea of Galilee? | |
| Prayed | Covered His eyes |
| Stilled the storm | [4:39] |
| 4. What hindered the rich young ruler from following Jesus? | |
| His family | He was afraid |
| His possessions | His friends |
| [10:22] | |
| 5. What did Jesus do to the salesmen and money-changers in the temple? | |
| Shook their hands | Purchased their wares |
| Cast them out | [11:15] |
| 6. What was the name of the wife of Herod who caused John’s death? | |
| Mary | Priscilla |
| Rachel | Herodias |
| [6:17] | |
| 7. What was the attitude of demons toward the authority of Jesus? | |
| Laughed at Him | Touched His garment |
| Acknowledged His authority | [5:7] |
| 8. What did Jesus do for the paralytic before He healed him? | |
| Prayed with him | Studied with Him |
| Forgave him | [2:5] |
| 9. When there was a conflict between a commandment of God and a tradition of men, what did the Pharisees follow? | |
| The traditions of men | The government |
| God’s commandments | [7:8-9] |
| 10. How is Jesus’ coming described by Mark? | |



He will come on a Sunday

He will come in the clouds

He will fly American [13:26]

How I Defend the Truth . . .

Greatness of the New Testament Church

I. Great By Prophecy

Ephesians 3:8-11 – Paul reveals mystery
Genesis 3:15 – the church is enmity of Satan
Isaiah 2:1-4 – place of establishment
Acts 2:29-31 – promised of David

Mark 9:1 – *And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.*

II. Great By Divine Origin

Hebrews 3:4 – God is builder of all things
Ephesians 5:23 – Christ is the head
1 Peter 2:4-7 – Christ is chief cornerstone

Matthew 16:18 – *And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

III. Great Price Paid For It

Jesus gave His life for it.
1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – soul is bought with a price
Ephesians 5:25 – Christ loved the church
John 15:13 – No greater love than to give your life

Acts 20:28 – *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

IV. Great Because It Is Governed by Divine Law

Hebrews 1:1-2 – God speaks through Son
James 1:5 – God gives wisdom
Romans 8:2 – Law of the Spirit of life in Christ
Acts 17:30-31 – God will judge
Ephesians 2:19-20 – foundation of apostles and prophets

Matthew 17:5 – *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*

V. Great Mission

Mark 16:15-16 – Preach the Word
1 Corinthians 14:12 – Edification
James 1:27; Galatians 6:10 – Benevolence

VI. A Great Destiny

1 Corinthians 15:24 – Will Not Pass Away

John 14:1-3 – *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

VII. Great Terms To Describe It

Colossians 1:13 – Kingdom of God's Son
1 Corinthians 12:27 – Body of Christ
1 Timothy 3:15 – Church of the Living God
Ephesians 5:23 – Bride of Christ
Acts 2:47 – Saved

Ephesians 1:22-23 – *And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.*

Resolution – 2004

“To resolve” is to make a decision and commit to stick to your decision. An assertive resolve is found in Psalm 51:10, *Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.* David continues in Psalm 104:30, *Thy sendest forth thy spirit, ...: and thou renewest the face of the earth.*

Paul tells the Christians at Corinth in 2 Corinthians 4:16, *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.* He reminds the church at Ephesus in Ephesians 4:23 *to be renewed in the spirit of your mind.*

First Thessalonians 1:3 reinforces the determination Christians must have, *Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.* Jesus tells His disciples in John 14:15, *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

Hold always in remembrance Philippians 4:8-9, *... whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

I am resolved no longer to linger,
Charmed by the world's delight;
Things that are higher,
Things that are nobler,
These have allured my sight.

I am resolved to go to the Savior,
Leaving my sin and strife;
He is the true One,
He is the just One,
He hath the words of life.

I am resolved to follow the Savior,
Faithful and true each day,
Heed what He sayeth,
Do what He willeth,
He is the living way.

I am resolved to enter the kingdom,
Leaving the paths of sin;
Friends may oppose me,
Foes may beset me,
Still will I enter in.

Chorus:
I will hasten to Him,
Hasten so glad and free,
Jesus, greatest, highest,
I will come to Thee.

Great Songs of the Church; Words: Palmer Hartsough;

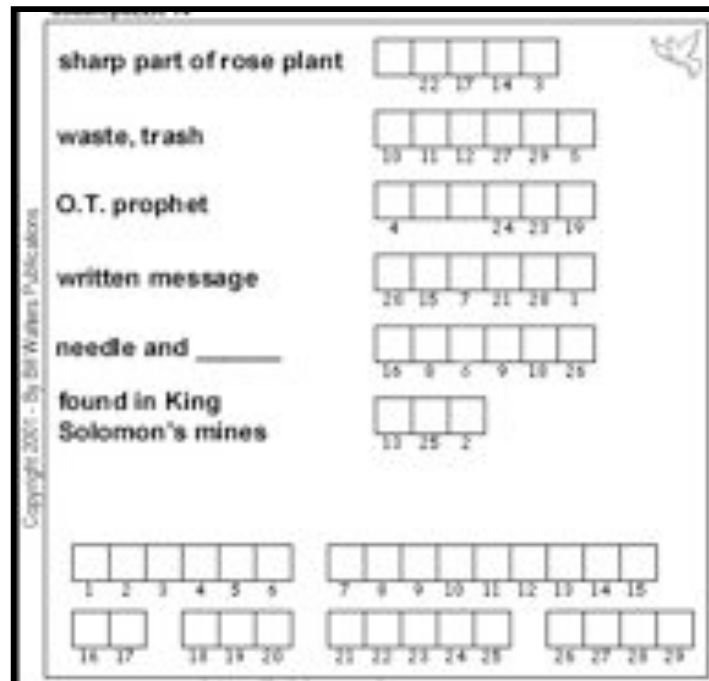
Music: James H. Fillmore

"I THAT SPEAK UNTO THEE AM HE"

- John 4:26

Other Names for Christ

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 FATHER

GLORIOUS
 JESUS
 LAMB
 LIFE
 LORD
 MEDIATOR
 MIGHTY
 PASSOVER
 PHYSICIAN
 POTENTATE
 SHEPHERD
 SON
 TRUTH
 WONDERFUL
 WORD

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When do we do our best to edify and encourage others – when we attend church services, or when we stay home?

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. Romans 14:19

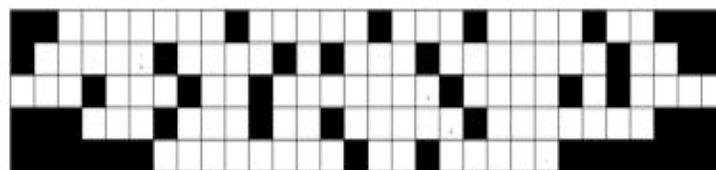
And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. Romans 15:14

Wherefore comfort [encourage] yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

How is it then, brethren? When ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. 1 Corinthians 14:26

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"



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FALLEN PHRASE

To solve these puzzles, insert the letters in each column into the boxes below them to form the words of a Bible quotation. The letters are not necessarily in order-it's up to you to determine which letter goes in which box **below** it. **Each letter will be used once and only once.** Black squares usually indicate the end of a word but are also used as spacers at the beginning and ending of a quotation **Solution on Back Page**

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ACROSS

- 1 as though I ____ seen the face of God (Gen 33:10)
 4 what is a man profited, if he shall ____ the whole world..? (Matt 6:26)
 8 earneth wages to put it into ____ with holes. (1,3) (Hag 1:6)
 12 Moses said unto God, Who ____, that I should go unto (2,1) (Exod 3:11)
 13 all the dust of the land became ____ throughout all the land of Egypt (Exod 8:17)
 14 no one of these shall fail, none shall want her ____ (Isa 34:16)
 15 that he might ____ him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father (Gen 37:22)
 16 Which ____ shadow of things to come; but the body is (Col 2:17)
 17 And ____ gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air (Gen 2:20)
 18 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the ____ of death (Acts 2:24)
 20 that he was Rebekah's son: and she ____ and told her father (Gen 29:12)
 22 also learn to maintain good works for necessary ____ (Titus 3:14)
 25 divided them in the midst, and laid each ____ one against another (Gen 15:10)
 29 Therefore shall ____ leave his father and his mother (Gen 2:24)
 32 Then said I, ____, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. (Jer 1:6)
 33 If we ____ to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? (Job 4:2)
 34 only a handful of flour in a ____, and a little oil in a jar (1 King 17:12) (NKJ)
 35 LORD hate: yea, seven ____ abomination unto him (Prov.6:16)
 37 Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old ____ (Gen 25:8)
 38 I came forth from the Father, ____ come into the world (John 16:28)
 40 he said, I know not: I my brother's keeper? (Gen 4:9)

- 41 Render therefore to all their ____ (Rom 13:7)
 42 because God hath ____ graciously with me (Gen 33:11)
 43 the ____ thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house (Gen 45:16)
 45 the priest shall take some of the ____ of oil, and pour it into the palm (Lev 14:15)
 47 and at an hour when he is not ____ (Luke 12:46)
 51 ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, ____, Father (Rom 8:15)
 54 yet seven days, ____ will cause it to rain upon the earth (Gen 7:4)
 57 the north quarter was from the ____ of the sea at the uttermost part (Josh 15:5)
 58 neither shall they ____ a rough garment to deceive (Zech 13:4)
 59 the earth was without form, and ____; and darkness (Gen 1:2)
 60 These ____ the three sons of Noah: (Gen 9:19)
 61 they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the ____ of the sword (Gen 34:26)
 62 twenty he goats, two hundred ____, and twenty rams (Gen 32:14)
 63 Feed me, I pray thee, with that same ____ pottage (Gen 25:30)

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- 1 he was the father of all such as handle the ____ and organ. (Gen 4:21)
 2 Philistine said unto David, ____ dog. (1 Sam 17:43)
 3 For to this end also ____ write, that I might know (2 Cor 2:9)
 4 now we see through a ____, darkly; but then face to face (1 Cor 13:12)
 5 over the fowl of the ____, and over the cattle (Gen 1:26)
 6 frozen water
 7 Bring it ____ to me, and I will eat of my son's venison (Gen 27:25)
 8 Knowing that ____ not justified by the works of (Gal 2:16)
 9 we cannot speak unto thee ____ or good. (Gen 24:50)
 10 laid down their clothes ____ young man's feet. (Acts 7:58)
 11 of the tribe of Dan ... the son of ____ alli, partial word. (Num 13:12)
 19 the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of ____, Moses' minister (Josh 1:1)
 21 In ____ it shall be made with oil; and when it is baked (Lev 6:21)
 23 neither his ____ heavy, that it cannot hear (Isa 59:1)
 24 your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my ____ (Gen 37:7)
 26 And Isaac loved ____, because he did eat of his venison (Gen 25:28)
 27 As a ____ is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit (Jer 5:27)
 28 he lift up his ____ and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him (Gen 18:2)
 29 nor change it, a good for ____ (Lev 27:10)
 30 as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be ____ (Gen 48:5)
 31 a nation ____ company of nations shall be of thee (Gen 35:11)
 35 I ____ be gathered unto my people: bury me with my (Gen 49:29)
 36 I ____ stranger and a sojourner with you (Gen 23:4)
 39 thou our potter; and we ____ the work of thy hand (Isa 64:8)
 41 Therefore God give thee of the ____ of heaven (Gen 27:28)
 44 Esther's ____ and her chamberlains came and told it her (Esth 4:4)
 46 Abraham ____ all that he had unto Isaac. (Gen 25:5)
 48 a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put them on ____ (Num 4:12)
 49 it is a ____ thing that the king requireth (Dan 2:11)
 50 Leah was tender ____; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured. (Gen 29:17)
 51 let all the inhabitants of the world stand in ____ of him (Ps 33:8)
 52 Arise, and take up thy ____, and walk (Mark 2:9)
 53 and put them in a shepherd's ____ which he had (1 Sam 17:40)
 55 I will go down ____, and see whether they have done (Gen 18:21)
 56 if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely ____ (Gen 20:7)

Love in the Eyes of Children

When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth. Billy, Age 4

Love is what makes you smile when you're tired. Terri, Age 4

Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK. Danny, Age 7

Love is what's in a room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen. Bobby, Age 7

If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate. Nikka, Age 6

Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day. Noelle, Age 7

My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night. Clare, Age 6

Love is when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken. Elaine, Age 5

Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day. Mary Ann, Age 4

I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones. Lauren, Age 4

You really shouldn't say "I love you" unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget. Jessica, Age 8

Solution to Doublepuzzle --THORN, REFUSE, DANIEL, LETTER, THREAD, ORE Render therefore to all their dues: *** (Romans 13:7)

Solution to Fallen Phrase: Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. Philippians 3:16

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