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- Signs of the Times, November 24, 1890

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### Prophecy News Alert!

#### Scoffers / Mockers / Deriders

#### By Elene Rodgers

With all the major events prophesied in the Bible for the last days, I wondered how people could read the prophecies, see them taking place, but still not repent and submit to God? As I was thinking and studying, I saw a tactic that will be used in the last days – scoffers / mockers / deriders.

2 Peter 3:1-7 reveals, "This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: (2) That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: (3) Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, (4) And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. (5) For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: (6) Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: (7) But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

This is confirmed in Jude 1:17,18; "But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; (18) How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts."

According to Strong's Greek Dictionary, scoffers and mockers are the same Greek word G1703 *empaiktēs* which is a derider, - mocker, scoffer. They all have the same meaning and the same purpose. "To deride someone or something is not merely to criticize or insult them, but to lower them (or attempt to lower them) in others' esteem by making them appear ridiculous or worthy of mockery. www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/deride

So, at the most solemn time in earth's history, with the destiny of billions of people in the balance of decision that will determine if they will perish or have everlasting life, Satan will attempt to persuade people to let go of their hold on Christ by making a mockery of the promise of God and deriding the people of God.

I am glad that even though Moses was mocked, he understood the value of the reward for the righteous. His life is a witness for those living in the last days to remain faithful to God because there is a resurrection: "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. (24) By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; (25) Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; (26) Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. (27) By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." (Hebrews 11:23-27)

So, be aware of this tactic prophesied to be used in the last days and do not fall for it.

#### The Advent Missionary Command Magazine's Mission

There is a world perishing, in need of light. The mission of this magazine is to inspire you to arise and fulfill the commission given us by Jesus to go into all the world teaching and preaching the everlasting gospel. We must be lights for Christ.

The people are to be called to "behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world" and accept His gift of salvation. God's law is to be upheld, the Seventh-day Sabbath is to be clearly presented before the people. Babylon is to be revealed and the people are to be called from it. This is the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14 that unites with the Fourth Angels' message of Revelation 18.

This message must go to all the world. We hope this magazine encourages you to go forward giving this message, seeking to save the lost!



#### That I May Dwell Among Them

#### By Elijah M. Rodgers

When God created Adam and Eve, they enjoyed face to face communication with God. God had placed them in the Garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. Everything was very good.

In the garden, they would experience the matchless love of God. "In the cool of the day" they walked and talked with their Creator. From the Almighty Creator Himself, they could learn the mysteries of this earth and the entire universe. They daily enjoyed their connection with God, but sadly something changed all that was heretofore limitless life, limitless love, and limitless peace.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed the express command of God, sin with its deadly results came into this world. In Genesis chapter 2, God gave a warning to Adam. They could freely eat of all the trees of the garden except one tree that Satan had been bound to. This tree was known as the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. There and only there Satan, the fallen rebellious angel, could have access to them. (Revelation 12:7-9). But God warned Adam of this danger. God gives everyone a choice of who they will serve. This tree was a test if they would be loyal to God or follow Satan's rebellion. If Adam and Eve stayed away from the tree they would have been safe from the temptation of Satan.

The Lord commanded Adam to "not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Genesis 2:16,17 But when God came to the garden to ta

Sadly, Eve ventured toward the forbidden tree. At the forbidden tree, Satan used a snake to draw her to the tree. The snake said "Ye shall not surely die", "your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods". Genesis 3:1-5

When Eve "...saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Genesis 3:6 They transgressed the direct command of God.

Adam had heard the warning from God Himself, yet he rebelled. In sin, they would be trapped and were doomed to experience the fruit of sin—death. Without a Savior, they would have no hope.

The immediate effects of sin were seen in that they lost the covering that God had given them. Heretofore, God had covered them. They "were not ashamed." (Genesis 2:25) After sin, "...the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons." Genesis 3:7

God no longer covered them. They saw themselves as they were, separated from God. They were naked and ashamed. They tried to fix their new and first At this point they may not have realized that sin had separated them from God. But when God came to the garden to talk with them, instead of communicating with Him, they no longer wanted to be in His presence. Genesis 3:8 says, "And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden." They no longer wanted to see God. The voice of God that had warmed their hearts, now made them afraid. They had enjoyed walking and talking with God, but after they sinned, they ran away from God!

This really showed their spiritual condition. They were separated from God. Isaiah 59:1,2 says, "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear." Because of sin, they lost the face to face communication with God.

God told Adam that the result of disobedience would be death. After Adam sinned, death came upon all creation. Romans 5:12 says, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners..." and became the servants of sin "...dead in trespasses and sins". (Romans 5:19 and Ephesians 2:1). Humanity had no remedy to deal with our sin problem and ultimately the fruit of sin - death, "For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness." (Romans 6:20).

Humanity's physical and spiritual nature became corrupted by sin. There was nothing they could do to get themselves out of the situation they were in. Even with their aprons of fig leaves, they could not enter the presence of God. Sin brought pain, suffering, and death upon the world, but God would implement a plan to redeem humanity.

After Adam's and Eve's disobedience, God In the next chapter, we see that sacrifices could have just left humanity to face the results of sin - death with no hope. But though undeserving and unworthy, our Creator implemented a plan of salvation, a plan to redeem us from the bondage of sin and restore the lost connection with God.

Speaking to the serpent, who was representative of Satan, God said "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:15) Here Jesus proclaimed to Satan that God would rescue men and women from the bondage of sin. There would be a division between the seed of the woman, representing God's people, and the seed of the serpent representing the rebellious. Most importantly, the crushing of the head of the serpent announced to the universe that Satan and rebellion would be crushed. Satan would be eternally defeated.

The bruising of heel of the seed represented the sacrifice our Creator would make to rescue humanity. That seed represents Christ. God Himself would be the atonement for our sins "...and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2 Our Creator would take our eternal condemnation and death of sin in our stead. But in the bruising of the head, Christ would eternally crush the head of the serpent.

In Genesis 3:21, the LORD God made

coats of skins, and clothed them. Those coats of skin required death. The death of the animal pointed to the sacrifice Christ would make to save us from sin and cover us with His righteousness. Referring to Christ, John the Baptist said, "...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) As a lamb, Christ would make the ultimate sacrifice to save humanity.

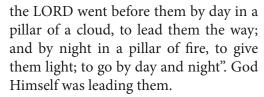
Because of the separation they had experienced from God, the LORD God sent Adam and Eve "...forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken." (Genesis 3:23).

were made. Abel brought the first of his flock of sheep and offered them before God. "And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering". (Genesis 4:4).

The sacrifice of the Lamb was a constant reminder of what sin had broughtdeath. Abel and those that followed after, offered the lamb with the full assurance of faith in the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:" Galatians 1:4

Later in time, God choose the children of Israel to be a "be a peculiar treasure" if they would keep the covenant God had made with them. (Exodus 19:5). They were to be a beacon of light in a dark world that had lost sight of God and the promised Messiah.

After God had brought the children of Israel out of Egypt with "a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm" the Lord led them into the wilderness. This wilderness (Deuteronomy 26:8) environment was not easy, but God daily provided for them, protected and guided them. Exodus 13:21 says, "And beauty of the LORD". (Psalms 27:4)



In Exodus 25:8 the Lord told Moses, "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." God wanted to dwell with his people. In Exodus 29:45 God said, "And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God."

God would abide with them in the sanctuary just as He had been with His people in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to lead the children of Israel in their journey in the wilderness. (Exodus 13:21).

When the sanctuary was completed "a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle." And "...the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys." (Exodus 40:34-38).

God would use this sanctuary as a teaching tool for Israel regarding His plan of salvation. The mission and ministry of the Messiah would be seen in this sanctuary and in its daily and yearly services. They would learn about the effects of sin, and what God would do to make atonement for their sins. They would learn about the Lamb of God who was to come and be the sacrifice for their sins and the sins of the whole world.

The lesson that can be gleaned from the sanctuary were not only for the children of Israel, but for believers in the promised Messiah throughout the ages. The Messiah is the sanctuary manifest. In the sanctuary they would see the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In the sanctuary, they would see Christ and "behold the



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#### God so Loved the World

By Ellen G. White

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Who can measure the love of God? Angels cannot comprehend it; it is to them a depth of mystery that they cannot fathom. Angels marvel at the divine love manifested for fallen men; but men themselves remain indifferent and unimpressed. Few respond to the love of God. Few appreciate the marvelous love of Christ in his life of suffering, in his death of shame. Behold him humiliated, mocked, sent from Pilate to Herod, and from Herod Pilate, condemned, crucified, to suspended on the cross, a reproach of men, despised of the people. The sentence of condemnation that was merited by guilty man, angels saw fall upon the innocent Son of God, the loved Commander of their hosts. Well might they be astonished at the love that sustained the Sufferer, who died that we might live. Paul writes, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." This should be the language of our hearts also. It is in the cross that our hopes of eternal life are centered; and as we look to Calvary, seeing what sin has done, how can we live any longer therein? It was our sin that caused the the spectacle of the cross with sorrow

death, even the death of the cross; and in him dwelt the fullness of the Godhead.

Christ was the Majesty of heaven; and yet behold him dying in man's stead. What love is this! "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Well might the angels forsake heaven when Christ was crucified, and behold Son of God to humble himself unto and astonishment. They looked upon a sight never before seen, never to be him, and he saw himself as God saw forgotten. Beholding him upon the him, full of mistakes, stained with sin, cross revealed to them, as it should he cried out, "O wretched man that I to us, the hatefulness of sin. They saw how much it cost to free man from the body of this death?" terrible power of evil. And after this display of divine love, shall man exalt himself? shall man be lifted up? Shall he robe himself in the filthy rags of his own righteousness, and presume to stand before God? Shall he reject the man cometh unto the Father but by against the commandments of the of the benefits of saving grace, to Lord?

the divine law. Looking to Calvary, we can see how vain are man's efforts when devoid of Christ's merit to give them efficiency. The great acquisition to an impenitent world is the cross of Calvary. Paul gloried in the cross, and well he might; for it was here that he humbled himself that he might be lifted up to true greatness. The price paid for his redemption revealed to him the value of his soul. The Son of God had to die for the sins that Paul had committed; the blood shed on the cross was for him, to save him from eternal ruin. The precious blood of Christ was of such value that a full atonement was made for the guilty soul, and this was to Paul his "glory." It was through the blood of Christ that he had redemption, even the forgiveness of sins.

Paul realized his weakness, and well he might distrust his own strength. Referring to the law, he says, "The commandment, which was ordained to life. I found to be unto death." He had trusted in the deeds of the law. He says, concerning his own outward life, that as "touching the law" he was "blameless;" and he put his trust in his own righteousness. But when the mirror of the law was held up before

am! who shall deliver me from the

Paul beheld the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. He heard the voice of Christ saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no precepts of God, and live in rebellion me." He determined to avail himself become dead to trespasses and sins, to have his guilt washed away in the In the cross is an unanswerable blood of Christ, to be clothed with argument as to the immutability of Christ's righteousness, to become a branch of the Living Vine. He walked with Christ, and Jesus became to him-not a part of salvation, while his own good deeds were another part, but—his all in all, the first and last and best in everything. He had the faith that draws life from Christ, that enabled him to conform his life to that of the divine example. This faith claims nothing for its possessor because of his righteousness, but claims everything because of the righteousness of Christ.

In the gospel the character of Christ

is portrayed. As he descended step by step from his throne, his divinity was veiled in humanity; but in his miracles, his doctrines, his sufferings, his betrayal, his mockery, his trial, his death by crucifixion, his grave among the rich, his resurrection, his forty days upon earth, his ascension, his triumph, his priesthood, are inexhaustible treasures of wisdom, recorded for us by inspiration in the word of God. The waters of life still flow in abundant streams of salvation. The mysteries of redemption, the blending of the divine and the human in Christ, his incarnation, sacrifice, mediation, will be sufficient to supply minds, hearts, tongues, and pens with themes for thought and expression for all time; and time will not be sufficient to exhaust the wonders of salvation, but through everlasting ages, Christ will be the science and the song of the redeemed soul. New developments of the perfection and glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, will be forever unfolding. And now there must be perfect reliance upon his merit and grace; there must be distrust of self, and living faith in him. - Signs of the Times, November 24, 1890





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## The Timing of the Story of the Manna

#### By Elene Rodgers

There is so much time given in the Bible, God obviously wants us to know the timing of events. Time is a very important aspect of the setting of a story that helps readers comprehend more details. Knowing when an event happened can explain what caused it to happen. Seeing an event on a timeline puts it in the context of the broader picture of the entire timeline which illustrates how they are connected on a central theme. Also, because time is an absolute truth, it reveals accuracies and inaccuracies of statements made regarding the timing of an event. In this article we will be using two Bible study tools that were developed by using the time given in the Bible, (1) The Evidence book and (2) a calendar of the years in the Bible, to understand the timing of the story of the manna God provided. For these two times to line up together with a story in the Bible is absolutely amazing and proves that the times given on the calendar and in The Evidence book are true.

<u>The Evidence</u> book puts the years given in the Bible on a chart to keep an account of the years since Creation. In addition to knowing the years, a calendar is used to arrange all the days of a particular year into weeks and months. If you know the year of an event and the calendar for that year, you can find out the day of the week for any specific date in that year.

The Bible gives enough information so we can make a calendar for the years up to the time of King Hezekiah when the shadow on the sundial went back 10 degrees which changed time significantly around the world.

Did you know that the world was on a 360 days a year cycle with 12 months in a year, 30 days in a month, and seven days in a week? Time was in perfect harmony. The Bible tells us the days of the week in the first book of the Bible in the first chapters. Genesis 1:5,8,13,19,23,31 and Genesis 2:2,3 says, "(5) And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. (8) And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. (13) And the evening and the morning were the third day (19) And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. (23) And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. (31) And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. (3) And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." The number of the months in the year is given in 1 Chronicles 27:1, 15 as captains were placed over 24,000 who served the king "...month by month throughout all the months of the year... (15) The twelfth captain for the twelfth month..." The number of the days in a month is shown in the account of Noah and the flood. Genesis 7:11 says, "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." Genesis 8:3,4 "And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. (4) And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat." From the second month to the seventh month is five months. Since there were 5 months (from the 2<sup>nd</sup> month 17<sup>th</sup> day of the month to the 7<sup>th</sup> month 17<sup>th</sup> day of the month) with 150 days, the number of days per month were 30. The 12 months with 30 days in each month added up to 360 days in the year.

Knowing this we can make a calendar for the year of Creation at the beginning of time and then continue with a calendar for the next years. Interestingly, after seven years the calendar repeats the same cycle. This seven-year cycle makes it easier to know what the calendar looks like for later years because all the years since Creation that are multiples of 7 have the same calendar as the year of Creation; years 7, 14, 21, 700, 1652, and 2534 all begin the year with the first month on the first day of the week. The calendar for the year 2535 since Creation would begin with the same day as the 1st year after Creation, 2536 would begin the same as the 2nd year after Creation, and the calendar for year 2537 would begin the same day as the 3rd year after Creation.

Now let's put the calendar and <u>The</u> <u>Evidence</u> book to the test. We are going to use the story of the manna because a date is given that as we follow the story we will have a date with a certain day of the week. For the calendar to be accurate, the story has to line up with the day of the week given in the story.

As shown in <u>The Evidence</u> book on page 87, the year the children of Israel departed out of Egypt on the Passover was 2537 years since Creation. Exodus 16:1 gives us a specific date for that year: "And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt."

It was on Passover that the children of Israel departed out of Egypt in the month Abib. (Exodus 13:3,4) The month of Abib became "...the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." (Exodus 12:2) The second month after Abib was known as Zif: "And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD." (1 Kings 6:1)

So, the second month after the children of Israel departed out of Egypt was Zif

and on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of that month the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin. The story continues in Exodus chapter 16, "(4) Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. (5) And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. (7) And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? (13) And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host. (15) And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them. This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat. (16) This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents. (19) And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning. (20) Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning,

and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. (21) And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. (22) And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. (23) And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and see that ye will see the; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. (24) And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. (25) And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field. (26) Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none."

(Study information on calendar below.)

Since this story matches the time given in the Bible, it confirms the accuracy of <u>The Evidence</u> book and the calendar. There are other stories in the Bible given during the year when Israel departed out of Egypt and we will continue to learn more about the timing of other events in the next volume of the newsletter.

Putting this story on the calendar for 2537 years since Creation:

ZIF (APF	RIL/MAY)					
Sunday (1 <sup>st</sup> Day)	Monday (2 <sup>nd</sup> Day)	Tuesday (3 <sup>rd</sup> Day)	Wednesday (4 <sup>th</sup> Day)	Thursday (5 <sup>th</sup> Day)	Friday <b>(6<sup>th</sup> Day)</b>	Sabbath (7 <sup>th</sup> Day)
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Wilderness of Sin	16 Manna given	17 Bred worms	18 Twice amount	19 Sabbath
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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#### Healthy Living Recipes | Toum (Lebanese Garlic Sauce)

I did not even know this dish existed until recently. When I first saw it, I asked if it had butter in it and asked again after tasting it and inquired what was in it. The ingredients are very simple but the technique is what makes it look and taste buttery. This recipe may take some trial and error before getting the thick, buttery consistency. Don't give up. Before putting out this recipe, I tried making toum and messed up, it still was delicious but runny instead of thick. To avoid some common mistakes, it is important to follow the steps.

1 cup fresh, full, and firm garlic cloves (peeled)

2 tsp. salt

2-3 Tbsp. lemon juice (freshly squeezed)

3 cups oil (any neutral flavored expeller-pressed oil, not extra virgin olive oil unless using a mortar and pestle because extra virgin olive oil may become bitter when blended at high speeds for a long time.)

I started with cold ingredients, but that may not be as important.

Please follow steps carefully!

Step 1: In a food processor (note: I used a medium 8 cup food processor.) add the garlic and salt and blend until it becomes a paste. (I turned the processor off and scraped down the sides putting the garlic back around the blades before turning it on again. I did this four times before going to the next step.) It is VERY important that the garlic becomes a PASTE before proceeding!

Step 2: Pour half of the lemon juice and thoroughly mix into the garlic paste.

Step 3: Make sure food processor is on high speed then slowly drizzle in  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of oil. I found that using a squeeze bottle is helpful in drizzling in the oil. (Note: Do NOT pour in all the oil fast, this is very important for the emulsification process!) Continue to keep the food processor on high speed.

Step 4: Slowly add in the rest of the lemon juice.

Step 5: Very slowly drizzle in the remaining oil. (This may take about 15 minutes.)

If you do not follow the steps patiently, the recipe will liquefy instead of emulsify. When complete, it should look thick and creamy, similar to whipped butter. At this point, the toum tastes very garlicky, but it will mellow out over time. Store it in a glass container with a tight lid in the refrigerator. To give it a significantly milder garlic, buttery flavor, you may want to make it a week prior to serving. Enjoy!





#### Health Benefits of Garlic

#### By Carlene Rodgers

Garlic is commonly used as a flavorful addition to food and has been used for thousands of years. Not only is garlic flavorful, but it has potent health benefits.

Garlic has anti-microbial properties which destroy bacteria, fungi, viruses, and parasites without the harmful side effects of drugs. "Recently, antibiotics and most drugs on the market have shown unwanted symptoms and the emergence of resistant pathogenic microorganisms, toxic effects related to these drugs, and withdrawal issues restricting their use in many countries ... "1 "Garlic contains compounds that can prevent bacterial proliferation or cause apoptosis without harming the infected organism. To fight these microorganisms, garlic is considered as strong as broad-spectrum antibiotics."<sup>2</sup> It further says, "Garlic is reported to be more effective with fewer side effects than commercial antibiotics; as a result, it may be utilized as a substitute for antibiotics." <sup>3</sup> How garlic fights against bacteria is stated, "Garlic extracts demonstrate antibacterial activity due to various bioactive components present in them which breaks down bacterial cell membrane resulting in bacterial cell death." <sup>4</sup> Garlic even contains anti-fungal properties against many types of fungus. "Additionally, garlic oil can be applied externally to cure ringworm, warts, and skin

#### parasites." <sup>5</sup>

"Garlic's ability to inhibit cancer growth i.e., tumor vessel formation by inducing the expression of survival genes work based on stimulating helper T-cells which is linked to helping the immunity system fight various infections as well as cancer. Garlic showed strong anti-cancer activity, particularly in connection to digestive tract tumors. Consumption of garlic reduced the risk of esophagus, stomach, and colon cancer, according to human population research."<sup>6</sup>

exhibits Garlic cardiovascular protection. It reduces blood pressure, prevents thrombosis (thrombosis is the formation of blood clots in the blood vessels obstructing blood flow which can be deadly), prevents the buildup of plaque in the arteries, reduces blood lipids, lowers cholesterol buildup, and lowers triglycerides levels.<sup>7</sup> A clinical trial showed that, "...a combination of garlic and lemon juice resulted in an improvement in lipid levels and blood pressure of people with hyperlipidemia." 8

Garlic protects the brain from neurodegenerative disease and



"inhibits the brain's frontal lobe degeneration, promotes memory and learning retention, and prolongs the lifespan." <sup>9</sup> Garlic even contains antidiabetic and anti-obesity properties.<sup>10</sup>

A 12 week study showed that garlic was shown to be useful in the alleviation of those suffering with osteoarthritis symptoms. Garlic was found to have "anti-inflammatory and painkiller effects," lowering "pain intensity in obese women with osteoarthritis of the knee".<sup>11</sup>

God has given us an abundance of things to eat for our benefit and enjoyment and garlic is one of them!

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 1:2

End Notes:

<sup>1 9 10</sup> Chemical Constituents and Pharmacological Activities of Garlic (Allium sativum L.): A Review | https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/ PMC7146530/

<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup> <sup>7</sup> <sup>11</sup> Medicinal and therapeutic properties of garlic, garlic essential oil, and garlic-based snack food: An updated review | https://pmc.ncbi.nlm. nih.gov/articles/PMC9978857/

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#### Bible Study

#### What Are You Chasing?

#### By Cary Rodgers

Billions of people around the world make lifetime decisions based on money, fame, power, and influence. They give much of their time and money chasing after empty dreams, ambitions, and goals that do not lead to everlasting life, but instead to everlasting damnation and death.

What are you chasing? Are you chasing prestige, money, wealth, and positions of authority? Are you chasing a high through drugs or healing through prescription drugs? If or when you reach what you are chasing, what do you find? Is it happiness, joy, peace, humility and truth? Or is it pain, chaos, vanity, emptiness, lies, deception, pride, sin, sickness, and death?

If you chase the worldly pursuits you will be living a life like a rat running in a tread wheel. They are running but getting nowhere. The faster they run, the faster they get to nowhere and the faster they wear out. This is "rat race living", running but getting nowhere.

King Solomon was at one time the wisest and richest person on this earth as a result of gifts from God. 1 Kings 10:23 says, "So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom." He had everything. He got whatever his heart desired. In our modern times and currency, Solomon was worth trillions of dollars. In verse 26, the Bible reveals that he had an entire city to hold some of his stuff such as chariots and horses. He wrote about 3,000 proverbs in the book of Proverbs from the wisdom of God to encourage, inspire, and teach many lessons about life and God. He also wrote the Songs of Solomon.

Sadly, Solomon corrupted what God gave to him as a pure gift to chase after the things of the sinful world. He married several heathen wives that led him into idolatry and rebellion against God. According to 1 Kings 11:1, "Solomon loved many strange women." He became extreme and excessive in fulfilling His lustful and covetous sinful flesh. 1 Kings 11:3 says that he married "seven hundred wives, princesses and three hundred concubines:

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and his wives turned away his heart." How Solomon could have so many wives is beyond comprehension! One wife is God's plan. As a result of these strange wives and concubines, Solomon exchanged the true God with the false gods. Solomon did evil and became a spiritual failure in the eyes of God. He was the wisest man who became the most foolish man because he chased after idolatry and vanity.

In old age, Solomon confessed his errors on chasing the wrong things that severed his relationship with God. He repented and confessed his sins and turned back to God. Near the end of his life, he served God with all his heart and was a living testimony and inspiration. He wrote the book of Ecclesiastes as a book that revealed his testimony, transformation, and the lesson he learned in life. Ecclesiastes Solomon became a means preacher. preacher of truth. Solomon realized that life is empty without God in which he says, "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity," Ecclesiastes Vanity means emptiness with no 1:2. purpose and mission for the glory of God. In this state of living, all that is done is meaningless and a state of failure.

Many years ago this was my life, running but getting nowhere. One day after work and close to the end of fighting traffic, God got my attention to wake me up to the truth. God said to my mind in a still small voice, "Cary, you did everything you were told to do; you got your education. So what did you do after that?" I said "well I started working, Lord." "So what's after that?", God said. I said, "Get house, car, etc.. and keep working, Lord." "So what's after that?," said the Lord. "They tell me that I need to save money in my 401K (retirement fund) and then retire Lord." "So what's after that, Cary?" "I retire, Lord." Then the Lord continued and said, "Now, Cary what's after that." I said, "death." Let me pause for a second, I could see at this point that God was taking me from my past, to my present and future. The next question, pierced me and really got me to think about my spiritual walk with God. He said, "So what did you do for Me?" This question pierced me because I was still very busy in church. So I said, "Lord, what do you mean, what did I do for You?, I thought I was doing it for you. I am an Elder in the church, Youth Leader, Family Life Leader ... " God said, "Yes, but that's what you do for them, but what are you doing for Me" to reaching the community with the gospel. I was speaking to God so I had to tell the truth. I said, "Nothing." This also had a profound impact on my spiritual walk with God. My whole perspective began to change. The pursuit of worldly gain and money began to fade. I began to become more awake spiritually to the things around me. God



transformed my life in which evangelism and ministry become a priority in my life via Pathway to Peace Ministries.

We must live our life for Jesus Christ because life is too short. Life is just a vapor. "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away," according to James 4:14. A vapor is a mist of water that quickly fades away. Understanding this reality, only what you do for Jesus Christ has everlasting results for the kingdom of God.

We must fully let go of Satan's worldly entertainments and attractions. We must have total victory over sin through the blood of the Lamb. We must daily yield our lives to him and allow Him to transform our characters into a new creation after His likeness. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new", 2 Corinthians 5:17. We must pray without ceasing, and study the Word of God daily for its sanctifying power. We also must be an evangelist for Jesus Christ sharing the everlasting gospel to our homes, community, and world. Amen.

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Teresa Rodgers sitting by the pond when she visited Pathway to Peace Ministries.

## In Loving memory of Teresa Rodgers

On December 10, 2024 my mother, Teresa Rodgers, passed away awaiting the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. She was an amazing mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and wife. She dedicated her life in sharing the everlasting gospel. Her children's ministry was powerful in reaching young people for Jesus Christ for almost 60 years. She loved the Lord and was a great supporter of Pathway to Peace Ministries and its mission over the past 20 years until her death.

In loving memory, *Cary, Elene, Carlene, Elijah, and Nehemiah Rodgers* 



## Is Your All on the Altar of Sacrifice?

#### By Nehemiah Rodgers

Genesis 1:31 says, "And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good…" But then sadly sin entered into the world and marred the image God made. Romans 5:12 says, "...sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Because of this the Bible says, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you..." (Isaiah 59:2).

Man was separated from His Creator because of sin and the result of sin is death. God did not want the earth to remain in this condition. Because of His love for humanity, He made a provision to save man from sin. John

3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus humbled Himself even to the death of the cross and took the form of a man who came as a tiny little baby born in a little manger and "was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5). If He did not die, we would have no hope. He died in our stead, so that we can live. Because Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death; [and this has never changed the wages of sin is still death, but the Bible says] but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." In order for us to receive this gift, we must go through the same process spiritually. 1 Peter 2:21, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His

steps." "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phillippians 2:5)

Christ paid the price for sins. All we have to do is accept the gift He has offered. This is a gift that we must obtain by self-sacrifice and self-denial. Matthew 10:38 says, "And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." What does it mean by taking up a cross? "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? Romans 6:6 reveals, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." When we are crucified with Christ the old man of sin is crucified and we live the life of Christ.

Ephesians 4:22 says, "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;" So the old self, the old habits are put away. You have resolved to give yourself to God and are enabled to exert an influence which is a savour of life unto life.

"Self is crucified. Christ lives in us, and the power of the Spirit attends our efforts; then the soul is refined and elevated. Light from the heavenly sanctuary shines upon us, and we are enabled to exert an influence which is a savor of life unto life. By a union with Christ, by living faith, we are privileged to enjoy the efficacy of His mediation. We are crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, risen with Christ, to walk in newness of life." ST October 11, 1899, par. 15

In this process, we are renewed into the likeness of God. Just like baptism, we go under the water and come up alive spiritually in the newness of Christ. That is why baptism is by immersion. We are publicly demonstrating a full commitment to Christ and his calling. Romans 6:1-7 says, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? (2) God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? (3) Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

(6) Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. (7) For he that is dead is freed from sin."

The process of self-sacrifice is not easy. How do we press through? James 4:7,8 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (8) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

God is saying, give it all to Him, because we have no strength. The Bible says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28-30)

We cannot deny ourselves in our own strength because without him we can do nothing. "God takes men as they are, and educates them for His service, if they will yield themselves to Him. 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

When we take up our cross we have it and we walk with God. We are never to let it go. It is something that is constant. When we follow God, it is constant! When self is put aside, "...these are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." (Revelation 14:4)

Will you accept the call, will you give your all, will you make a full surrender? Do not say, "Lord I will give you all but this one thing I want to keep. "It's



not much you know." No, God says in Matthew 6:23-24, "But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! (24) No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Are you going to let anything get in between God and you? We cannot let anything get in the way and distract us. We need to focus upon Christ. Will you let all the vanity and worldly entertainment get in your way? We must let ALL of those things go and follow Christ!

Just like Jesus took up the cross, will you take up your cross and give your all to follow him? Unless this takes place, we carry with us the evil that destroys our happiness. How many blessings are lost to professed followers of Christ, because they have not yielded themselves to God completely! 1 John 2:15-17 says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

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#### The Gate

By Elijah Rodgers

#### **Overview of the Sanctuary**

There were two main parts to the sanctuary. The first was the Outer Court and the second was known as the Tent of the Congregation. Individuals entered the Outer Court through the Gate which was the door or entrance into the sanctuary. The first item seen in the Outer Court was the Altar of Sacrifice. After the Altar of Sacrifice, they would come to the Laver which had water in it.

#### The Sanctuary

The Tent of the Congregation was to give us an understanding of the divided into two parts, the first being process of how we are saved from sin the Holy Place and the second the through the ministry of Jesus Christ. Most Holy Place also known as the Holiest of All. The Veil divided the Now, we will examine the Gate of the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. Sanctuary in more detail. In the Holy Place, there was the Table of Shewbread on the right and on the The gate was the only entrance point left was the Candlestick with Seven into the courtyard of the Sanctuary. Lamps. In front of the Veil separating You could not enter in from the sides the Holy Place from the Most Holy or the back. There was only one way. Place was the Altar of Incense. The That one door was a testimony that Most Holy Place contained the Ark there is only one way to salvation of the Covenant. This was where the that God has ordained, that is Jesus presence of God dwelt.

Christ. There is a new belief that many are accepting today that says

The Sanctuary was a teaching tool that there are many ways to God, but

there is only one way that leads to life: upon him; and with his stripes we are they be red like crimson, they shall be "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, healed. (6) All we like sheep have as wool." the truth, and the life: no man cometh gone astray; we have turned every one unto the Father, but by me." (John to his own way; and the LORD hath These four pillars made three sections 14:6). in any other: for there is none other (Isaiah 53:5,6). name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Matthew 1:21-23 (Acts 4:12).

shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, was not just given these colors by interpreted is, God with us." happenstance. There was significance in these colors.

commandments of the Lord. Numbers chapter 15:38-40 God commanded the Children of Israel of their garments throughout their blue". "That ye may remember, and holy unto your God."

kings often were arrayed in purple. When they placed a crown of thorns on Christ head and mocked Him as their king, "they clothed him with purple" according to Mark 15:17-20.

shed on our behalf washing "us from our sins in his own blood" "as of a spot". Revelation 1:5; 1 Peter 1:18,19.

"Neither is there salvation laid on him the iniquity of us all."

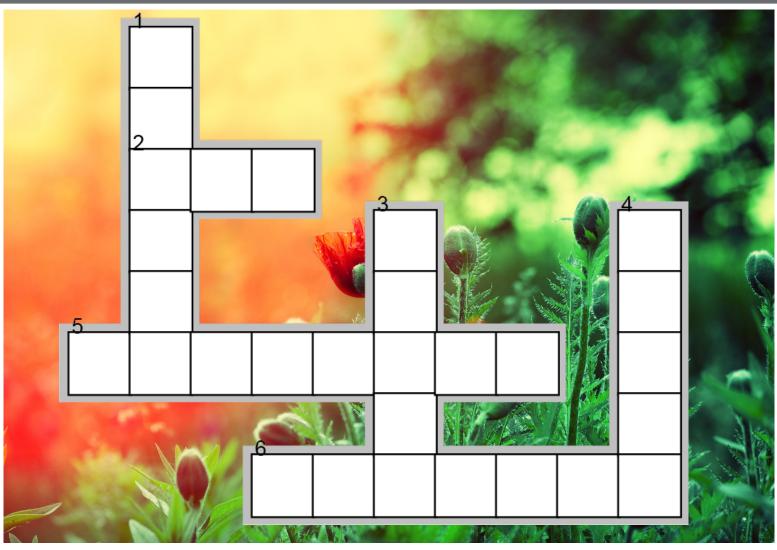
bring forth a son, and thou shalt call the Godhead bodily." (Colossians 2:9) his name JESUS: for he shall save his The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have Exodus 27:16 gives more details of the people from their sins. (22) Now all been actively involved in the Plan of Gate, "And for the gate of the court this was done, that it might be fulfilled Salvation. We see this at the baptism which was spoken of the Lord by and anointment of Jesus Christ before of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and the prophet, saying, (23) Behold, a He began His earthly ministry. When fine twined linen, wrought with virgin shall be with child, and shall Jesus came out of the water the "Spirit needlework: and their pillars shall be bring forth a son, and they shall call of God", came down "like a dove" and four, and their sockets four." The door his name Emmanuel, which being rested upon Him and the Father said

The fine linen represents justification that is received when the that came by water and blood, even Blue was to remind them of the righteousness of Christ is received Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by In through his blood. In Revelation water and blood. And it is the Spirit 19:7,8 the bride of the Lamb was that beareth witness, because the "arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: to "make them fringes in the borders for the fine linen is the righteousness bear record in heaven, the Father, the of saints." In Revelation 7:9,13,14 Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these generations, and that they put upon John saw "a great multitude which no three are one." 1 John 5:6,7 "In the the fringe of the borders a ribband of man could number, of all nations, and name of the Father, and of the Son, kindreds, and people, and tongues, do all my commandments, and be stood before the throne, and before to advance throughout all the earth. the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands". "And one Purple was a color of royalty. The of the elders answered, saying unto The Gate me, What are these which are arrayed understanding of the one way of in white robes? and whence came salvation through Jesus Christ: "I am they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou the door: by me if any man enter in, he knowest. And he said to me, These shall be saved, and shall go in and out, are they which came out of great and find pasture." (John 10:9). "And tribulation, and have washed their this is the record, that God hath given Red represented the blood that Jesus robes, and made them white in the to us eternal life, and this life is in his blood of the Lamb." In Psalms 51:7 Son. (12) He that hath the Son hath David prayed, "Purge me with hyssop, life; and he that hath not the Son of lamb without blemish and without and I shall be clean: wash me, and I God hath not life. (13) These things shall be whiter than snow." In Isaiah have I written unto you that believe The wages of sin is death, "But he 1:18 the Lord pleads, "Come now, on the name of the Son of God; that was wounded for our transgressions, and let us reason together, saith the ye may know that ye have eternal life, he was bruised for our iniquities: LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, and that ye may believe on the name the chastisement of our peace was they shall be as white as snow; though of the Son of God." (1 John 5:11-13)

in the gate. This represented the unity of Divinity in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit from eternity as one God: "And she shall "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of from heaven, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew the 3:15-17; John 1:32-33. "This is he Spirit is truth. For there are three that and of the Holy Ghost" the gospel is (Matthew 28:19).

> gives us a visual

## The Missionary's Crossword



#### Across

- 2. If you chase the worldly pursuits, you will be living a life like a \_\_\_\_\_ running in a tread wheel. They are running but getting nowhere.
- 5. 2 Peter 3:3, 4 "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days \_\_\_\_\_, walking after their own lusts,
  (4) And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."
- 6. Acts 16:31 "And they said, \_\_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

#### Down

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ has anti-microbial properties which destroy bacteria, fungi, viruses, and parasites without the harmful side effects of drugs.
- 3. Exodus 25:8 "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may \_\_\_\_\_ among them."
- 4. Exodus 16:4 "Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may \_\_\_\_\_\_ them, whether they will walk in my law, or no."

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