

50 Topical Bible quizzes



Bible questions for you to answer... *(Bible study aids in quiz format.)*

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I hope you have an interest in testing and increasing your Bible knowledge, if so you should find these quizzes enjoyable and enlightening.

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– The GNB does greatly simplify our understanding of some of these verses so I will quote it here.

Let's dive into the quiz, starting in the Old Testament book of Leviticus 19:32-34... "Show respect for old people and honor them. Reverently obey me; I am the LORD. (33) "Do not mistreat foreigners who are living in your land. (34) Treat them as you would an Israelite, and love them as you love yourselves. Remember that you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

– **Q1. God uses repetition in His Word to emphasize a matter, what is emphasized here...**

- a/ Mistreating of foreigners. b/ Disrespecting people. c/ These are God's commands.

– **These commands are repeated by Jesus at various times, as found in Matthew 19:19...** (where Jesus answered a young man) "respect your father and your mother; and love your neighbor as you love yourself."

– **Q2. Who are the elders involved in this command?**

- a/ your neighbor. b/ your mother and father. c/ nobody, age has no bearing here.

Next some negativity in the elders...

Luke 9:18-22... One day when Jesus was praying alone, the disciples came to him. "Who do the crowds say I am?" he asked them. (19) "Some say that you are John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say that you are Elijah, while others say that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life." (20) "What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are God's Messiah." (21) Then Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell this to anyone. (22) He also told them, "The Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. He will be put to death, but three days later he will be raised to life."

– **Q3. Jesus' prophecy is sadly acted out by the religious elders, up to and even after the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross, why did these elders deny Jesus as the Messiah?**

- a/ He was not what they expected. b/ They feared a loss of control. c/ Both a & b

– **Q4. As we read of the religious elders and leaders of that day, what lesson can we learn?**

- a/ to let God's Holy Spirit define our reactions. b/ to crave control. c/ to resist change.

Acts 4:18-23... So they called them back in and told them that under no condition were they to speak or to teach in the name of Jesus. (19) But Peter and John answered them, "You yourselves judge which is right in God's sight—to obey you or to obey God. (20) For we cannot stop speaking of what we ourselves have seen and heard." (21) So the Council warned them even more strongly and then set them free. They saw that it was impossible to punish them, because the people were all praising God for what had happened. (22) The man on whom this miracle of healing had been performed was over forty years old. (23) As soon as Peter and John were set free, they returned to their group and told them what the chief priests and the elders had said.

– **Q5. Here we find the chief priests and elders of that day also acted against...**

- a/ the government. b/ the Romans. c/ the early church.

If you do a Bible search, you will find so much resistance by those elders...

– However, let's look ahead to the CHURCH ELDERS after the Day of Pentecost.

Acts 15:4-6... When they arrived in Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church, the apostles, and the elders, to whom they told all that God had done through them. (5) But some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and told to obey the Law of Moses." (6) The apostles and the elders met together to consider this question.

– **Q6. We find here that the elders were important _____ in the early church...**

- a/ trouble makers. b/ decision makers. c/ evil forces.

(Quiz continues on Pg.#2)

About 'Senior (& other) Saints' (Pg.#2)

As we read through this debate in the early church, (*Acts 15:1-39*) we come to the verses which tell us of the final decisions made by the Apostles and the elders...

Acts 15:27-29... We send you, then, Judas and Silas, who will tell you in person the same things we are writing.

(28) The Holy Spirit and we have agreed not to put any other burden on you besides these necessary rules: (29) eat no food that has been offered to idols; eat no blood; eat no animal that has been strangled; and keep yourselves from sexual immorality. You will do well if you take care not to do these things. With our best wishes."

-- Q7. If you have read about this debate, you find that the chief question was if new believers...

a/ had to attend Bible school. b/ had to be baptized. c/ had to be circumcised.

-- Q8. Their answer went against the demands that the _____ made.

a/ apostles wanted. b/ circumcision group. c/ elders wanted.

-- Q9. The elders came to an agreement in their decision with the aid of the...

a/ religious leaders. b/ the government. c/ the Holy Spirit.

Again let us let God's Word draw us to a close...

Titus 2:1-8... But you must teach what agrees with sound doctrine. (2) Instruct the older men to be sober, sensible, and self-controlled; to be sound in their faith, love, and endurance. (3) In the same way instruct the older women to behave as women should who live a holy life. They must not be slanderers or slaves to wine. They must teach what is good, (4) in order to train the younger women to love their husbands and children, (5) to be self-controlled and pure, and to be good housewives who submit themselves to their husbands, so that no one will speak evil of the message that comes from God. (6) In the same way urge the young men to be self-controlled. (7) In all things you yourself must be an example of good behavior. Be sincere and serious in your teaching. (8) Use sound words that cannot be criticized, so that your enemies may be put to shame by not having anything bad to say about us.

-- Q10. If elder saints in the church want to gain Godly obedient respect, we must behave in a manner that...

a/ dictates a dress code. b/ deserves it. c/ condemns change.

-- Q11. In Vs. 7 elder saints are to teach the younger Christians by...

a/ constantly scolding them. b/ repeating the scriptures. c/ being an example of good behavior.

-- Q12. Vs.8 continues to tell the elder saints to 'use sound words' so that...

a/ we hinder criticism. b/ we don't give the enemies of the church any ammunition. c/ both a & b.

If you examine Titus 2:1-8 carefully, you find that it is not just dealing with the respectful treatment of elders, it is speaking to the witness of every stage of adulthood.

-- Therefore... We all are required to hold a careful watch over our behaviors, for they WITNESS to those around us of what a follower of Jesus is about.

I pray that as we all age we may live up to and learn what Titus 2:1-8 has to teach us, so we may indeed, be sober, sensible, and self-controlled, and to be sound in faith, love, and endurance... In the same way the elders should be an example of people who live a holy life. (KK)

Bible Quiz #17 – About, 'Who is God?' versus 'Who is man?' (Good News Bible Version used here)
-- This quiz will look at what Genesis #1, and Job #38 tell us about this comparison.
Mark the correct answer... (Pg.#1)

Let us stand in the place of Job, a faithful follower of Jehovah, to gain his human perspective...

Job 38:1-3 Then out of the storm the LORD spoke to Job. (2) Who are you to question my wisdom with your ignorant, empty words? (3) Now stand up straight and answer the questions I ask you.

-- Q1. What do you see here as God addresses Job's complaints and struggles?

- a/ God speaks as an equal. b/ God wants advice from Job. c/ God speaks as a wiser being.

Let's move on to the questions God asks Job...

Job 38:4-5... Were you there when I made the world? If you know so much, tell me about it. (5) Who decided how large it would be? Who stretched the measuring line over it? Do you know all the answers?

-- Q2. God is aggressively challenging the knowledge of Job...

- a/ of scripture. b/ of the origin of the world. c/ of space.

Job 38:6... What holds up the pillars that support the earth? Who laid the cornerstone of the world?

-- Q3. God is asking about how...

- a/ the earth is suspended. b/ matter came into being. c/ man originated.

The answer to this is found in Genesis 1:1... In the beginning, when God created the universe,

-- Q4. Genesis starts by stating God created...

- a/ the earth. b/ day and night. c/ the universe.

-- Q5. We have found out that the universe has everything...

- a/ hung from invisible wires. b/ suspended in free space. c/ being carried around by Atlas.

Continuing in Genesis 1:2-5... the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. (3) Then God commanded, "Let there be light"—and light appeared. (4) God was pleased with what he saw. Then he separated the light from the darkness, (5) and he named the light "Day" and the darkness "Night." Evening passed and morning came—that was the first day.

-- Q6. Genesis 1:2 states that everything was...

- a/ formless and desolate. b/ firm and solid. c/ bright and cheery.

-- Q7. So this start begins with a lightless universe, with some sort of formless water, and God speaks _____ into existence. (Fill in the blanks)

- a/ the earth. b/ the light. c/ the universe.

-- Q8. Without a huge amount of stretching of our imaginations, God speaking light into this dark universe could well be of His creation of...

- a/ rainbows. b/ lightning. c/ the sun and stars. (Note: then there was day & night)

On to the next question God asks of Job...

Job 38:7-8... In the dawn of that day the stars sang together, and the heavenly beings shouted for joy. (8) Who closed the gates to hold back the sea when it burst from the womb of the earth?

-- Q9. God is asking about the...

- a/ formation of Earth's waters. b/ formation of the stars. c/ origins of song.

The answer is found in Genesis 1:6-8... (Continued on Pg.#2)

About, 'Who is God?' versus 'Who is man?' (Pg.#2)

Genesis 1:6-8... (6-7) Then God commanded, "Let there be a dome to divide the water and to keep it in two separate places"—and it was done. So God made a dome, and it separated the water under it from the water above it. (8) He named the dome "Sky." Evening passed and morning came—that was the second day.

God next answers His own question from Job (8), and then asks yet another humbling question.

Job 38:9-12... It was I who covered the sea with clouds and wrapped it in darkness. (10) I marked a boundary for the sea and kept it behind bolted gates. (11) I told it, "So far and no farther! Here your powerful waves must stop." (12) Job, have you ever in all your life commanded a day to dawn?

-- Q10. Why is God asking such humbling questions of a man?

a/ To remind us of who He is. b/ To remind us of who we are. c/ both a & b.

Again, we find the description of how God set the boundaries of the waters in Genesis 1:9-10... Then God commanded, "Let the water below the sky come together in one place, so that the land will appear"—and it was done. (10) He named the land "Earth," and the water which had come together he named "Sea." And God was pleased with what he saw.

Let's close off the reading of scriptures there, with God stating He is pleased with His creation...

-- I hope you agree that an eternally existent God, who is able to SPEAK THINGS into creation, was, and is, and ever will be, beyond our ability to fully understand or correct. (KK)

About, 'Who is God?' versus 'Who is man?'

-- Q11. The BIG question remains - Do you know that God...

a/ is your Creator, Lord, and Savior? (John 3:16-17)

John 3:16-17... For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. (17) For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.

b/ doesn't exist, man is supreme? (Psalm 14 1-2)

Psalm 14:1-2 Fools say to themselves, "There is no God!" They are all corrupt, and they have done terrible things; there is no one who does what is right. (2) The LORD looks down from heaven at us humans to see if there are any who are wise, any who worship him.

I pray that our loving, merciful Creator God will reveal these truths to each and every heart and mind. (KK)

Bible Quiz #18 – About, 'Victory over Fear' (King James Version of the Bible used here)

– This quiz will look at the recorded words of the famous King David of Israel.

(Mark the correct answer)

Psalm 27:1-14 (A Psalm of King David)...

– It is important to note that this is a song written by King David, in a time of trouble. Many Bible scholars think it was written of the time of the rebellion of Absalom, David's son, when David fled Jerusalem. (Found in 2nd Samuel 15)

(Vs.1) The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

-- Q1. David asks this question...

- a/ to remind Himself of who God is. b/ to find out who he should fear.

(Vs. 2-5) When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. (3) Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. (4) One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. (5) For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

-- Q2. King David desires "to dwell in the house of the Lord"... How does that apply to us?

- a/ We need to move into the church. b/ That temple was destroyed.
c/ God's house for us is His presence, we should want to live in His presence.

-- Q3. In Vs.3 David expresses his confidence... What is David confident of?

- a/ That his army can handle any enemy. b/ That God will protect him. c/ That he is good at hiding.

-- Q4. In Vs.4 David says "that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life"... What purposes are listed about so dwelling in God's presence? (See Vs.4)

- a/ To worship God (behold His beauty). b/ To learn from and pray to Him (enquire). c/ Both a & b

-- Q5. How can we dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of OUR lives?

- a/ Move into the church. b/ Accept that the Holy Spirit lives in us. c/ That only happens in Heaven.

(Vs.6) And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

-- Q6. Vs. 1-5 gives us a setting of ongoing attacks, what is remarkable about David's words in Vs.6?

- a/ David is going to praise God anyway. b/ David is certain of God's deliverance. c/ both a & b.

(Vs.7) Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

-- Q7. Why would David be still crying out to the Lord?

- Because... a/ He is still under attack. b/ David knows more attacks will follow. c/ both a & b.

(Vs.8-9) When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek. (9) Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

-- Q8. What is the factor that King David is reminding God of, as he asks God to stay with him?

- a/ David's heart seeks after God. b/ David's offerings are all paid up. c/ He's a church regular.

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About, 'Victory over Fear' (Pg.#2)

Continuing in Psalm 27...

(Vs.10) When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

-- Q9. Vs.10 is a bit of a shocking statement of David's faith because it says that...

a/ God wants us to be abandoned by our parents. b/ even if our parents forsake us, God won't.

(Vs.11) Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. (12) Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

-- Q10. Here we find that when our enemies sow confusion and lies, what should we ask of God?

a/ To destroy our enemies. b/ To find us a place to hide. c/ For God to teach us how to overcome.

(Vs.13) I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

-- Q11. What keeps King David 'alive and kicking'?

a/ He believed in God's goodness. b/ He believed he would overcome his troubles. c/ both a & b.

(Vs.14) Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.
And so ends this SONG OF KING DAVID...

-- Q12. What is the message that King David is trying to communicate to you and I?

a/ Sometimes God's timing is not to our liking, we need to by faith wait to see God's deliverance.

b/ When God's timing seems long, if we courageously wait on Him, He will give us the strength to wait.

c/ both a & b.

As stated before, God's house for us is His presence. We are able to live day by day in the security of His Tabernacle, His presence is able to remove all FEAR of the future, and of the attacks of the enemy.

-- We find the proof of this in 1st Corinthians 6:19-20 (GNB) Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and who was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourselves but to God; (20) he bought you for a price. So use your bodies for God's glory.

-- Therefore as a born-again Christian, you can walk boldly before all men without fear, for as you follow God, He walks with you. ...(KK)

Bible Quiz #19 – About, 'The Rapture' - English Standard Version of the Bible used here (Pg.#1)
– This quiz will focus on 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 & 1st Corinthians 15:50-54.

This is NOT about Revelation 19:11-14 which refers to when Jesus comes to judge the world.

– 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 refers to the rapture of (all) God's people away from a world facing His judgment.

As you read these verses it is obvious they are not speaking of the same event...

Revelations 19:11-16 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. (12) His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. (13) He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. (14) And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. (15) From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. (16) On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. (14) For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (15) For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. (16) For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (17) Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (18) Therefore encourage one another with these words.

– Paul doesn't want us to be 'ignorant', instead he wants to encourage us...

So let's dig into 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18.

(Fill in the blanks)

– **Q1. From Vs.13,** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not _____ as others do who have no _____.

a/ sing - tune b/ grieve - hope c/ dance – party

– **Q2. In Vs.14,** Paul states we believe that, "through Jesus, God will _____ those who have fallen asleep."

a/ wake up all b/ weep over all c/ bring with him

– **Q3. And yet in Vs.16,** Paul states that "the dead in Christ will _____."

a/ rise first b/ sleep on c/ roll over

– **Q4. How can "those who have fallen asleep" come back with Christ, and then join the dead in Christ rising from the dead?**

– This controversy is answered when as you read other scriptures, you understand that in death... it is _____, and our spirit goes to be with the Lord the moment we die.

a/ our body that sleeps b/ an error in scripture c/ not going to happen

– **Q5. From Vs.17,** "Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord _____, and so we will always be with the Lord."

a/ on the earth b/ in the city c/ in the air

In 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 we read of how the believers ascend into heaven to meet with Christ. This is NOT the Second Coming when Jesus comes to judge and reign over the earth... This is what Christians call 'The Rapture' of His followers.

Next, we look at WHY we need the 'Rapture' (Pg.#2)

About, 'The Rapture' (Pg.#2)

-- Why do we need the 'Rapture'?

SEE 1st Corinthians 15:50-55 (ESV) I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (51) Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. (53) For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. (54) When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." (55) "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

-- Q6. 1st Corinthians 15:50... I tell you this, brothers: _____ cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

- a/ all you sinners b/ flesh and blood c/ the gentile nations

1st Corinthians 15:51-52... Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

-- Q7. Here Paul tells us that "we shall _____."

- a/ wake up b/ sleep on c/ be changed

1st Corinthians 15:53... For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

-- Q8. We find that to enter heaven we have to be changed from...

- a/ mortal to immortal b/ perishable to imperishable c/ both a & b

1st Corinthians 15:54-55... When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." (55) "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

-- Q9. Here we are told that when our bodies are brought to life and rejoin our spirits, they are made new, for they are changed from...

- a/ mortal to immortal b/ perishable to imperishable c/ both a & b

-- We get an understanding of why we have a 'rapture' of the saved, before the final judgment from...

1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 (ESV) But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. (14) For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (15) For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. (16) For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (17) Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (18) Therefore encourage one another with these words.

-- Q10. As we study this remarkable eternal transformation, designed to bless all who acknowledge the truth of our Creator God, and His plan of salvation through Jesus Christ our soon coming King of Kings, and Lord of Lords... What are we to do with this GOOD NEWS?

- a/ Keep it a church secret. b/ Lord it over the worldly. c/ Encourage one another with this promise.

What a great promise, to meet our loving God and Savior! -- I hope to meet you all as well some great day, when we will have forever to get to know one another better... God bless until then! (KK)

Bible Quiz #20 – Do you know the hymn, 'The Old Rugged Cross'? (Pg.#1)

Q1. From Verse 1... (Fill in the blanks, by circling the correct lyrics)

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross
The emblem of _____,
And I love that old Cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

a/ glory and power b/ faith and pride c/ suffering and shame

The crucifixion was not invented by the Romans. The Persian Empire first used it around 550 BC. It was meant to be the most horrible, and humiliating execution possible. To simply execute a 'criminal' they had many other methods, for example, beheading.

- There was no delay or right of appeal in the Roman Empire. If the Governor so decided, it was done, quickly and irreversibly. And some executions were meant as a lesson for any other insurrectionists. For enemies of the state, they made the spectacle as public, humiliating, and long drawn out as possible.

- This was a way of advertising, so to speak, what happens to any who oppose Roman Rule. They would be nailed to a cross, in a public place, so everyone passing by could hear them scream and watch their death agony for a couple of days. Then their body would be left on the cross to feed the birds and dogs.

- **The Romans figured that this would deter others from following such people, and I expect it was a very effective way of keeping people subjugated to their reign.**

- **This bears witness to the dilemma of Pontius Pilate the governor of Judaea recorded in...**

Luke 23:13-24 (ESV) Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, (14) and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. (15) Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. (16) I will therefore punish and release him." (18) But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"— (19) a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. (20) Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, (21) but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" (22) A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." (23) But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. (24) So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted.

Q2. From Verse 2... (Circle the correct lyrics)

Oh, that old rugged Cross so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me.
For the dear Lamb of God, left _____,
To bear it to dark Calvary.

a/ His office uptown b/ His glory above c/ all His wealth

SEE Luke 9:18-22 (CEV) When Jesus was alone praying, his disciples came to him, and he asked them, "What do people say about me?" (19) They answered, "Some say that you are John the Baptist or Elijah or a prophet from long ago who has come back to life." (20) Jesus then asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah sent from God." (21) Jesus strictly warned his disciples not to tell anyone about this. (22) Jesus told his disciples, "The nation's leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make the Son of Man suffer terribly. They will reject him and kill him, but three days later he will rise to life."

-- This same question Jesus asked, "What do people say about me?" - Still separates those who truly KNOW Jesus, from those only who know who Jesus claimed to be.

(Quiz continues on Pg.#2)

Do you know the hymn, 'The Old Rugged Cross'? (Pg.#2)

Q3. From Verse 3... (Circle the correct lyrics)

In the old rugged Cross, stain'd with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross, Jesus suffered and died,
To _____.

a/ transfer riches to me b/ deliver glory to me c/ pardon and sanctify me

SEE Romans 3:25-26 (CEV) God sent Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life's blood, so that by faith in him we could come to God. And God did this to show that in the past he was right to be patient and forgive sinners. This also shows that God is right when he accepts people who have faith in Jesus.

Q4. From Verse 4... (Circle the correct lyrics)

To the old rugged Cross, I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where _____.

a/ His glory forever I'll share b/ the sun's shining all day c/ I'll dance rejoicing all day

SEE 1st Corinthians 15:50-57 (CEV) My friends, I want you to know that our bodies of flesh and blood will decay. This means that they cannot share in God's kingdom, which lasts forever. (51) I will explain a mystery to you. Not every one of us will die, but we will all be changed. (52) It will happen suddenly, quicker than the blink of an eye. At the sound of the last trumpet the dead will be raised. We will all be changed, so that we will never die again. (53) Our dead and decaying bodies will be changed into bodies that won't die or decay. (54) The bodies we now have are weak and can die. But they will be changed into bodies that are eternal. Then the Scriptures will come true, "Death has lost the battle! (55) Where is its victory? Where is its sting?" (56) Sin is what gives death its sting, and the Law is the power behind sin. (57) But thank God for letting our Lord Jesus Christ give us the victory!

Q5. From the Refrain... (Circle the correct lyrics)

So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged Cross,
And exchange it some day _____.

a/ and be found b/ for a town c/ for a crown

SEE the Apostle Paul's writings in 2nd Timothy 4:7-8 (CEV) I have fought well. I have finished the race, and I have been faithful. (8) So a crown will be given to me for pleasing the Lord. He judges fairly, and on the day of judgment he will give a crown to me and to everyone else who wants him to appear with power.

For a look at how we will honor God with our 'crowns' see Revelations 4:10-11. (KK)

*In closing a good rendition of the song 'The Old Rugged Cross'
(Can be found on YouTube) www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIPMGNf2mL4*

Bible Quiz #21 – Do we live in PERILOUS TIMES? (From 2nd Timothy 3)

This chapter is from a letter written by the Apostle Paul to Timothy.

-- You may marvel at how these words apply to the days we now live in...

Let's check it out... (Circle the correct answer.)

2nd Timothy 3:1-17 (CEV) You can be certain that in the last days there will be some very hard times. (2) People will love only themselves and money. They will be proud, stuck-up, rude, and disobedient to their parents. They will also be ungrateful, godless, (3) heartless, and hateful. Their words will be cruel, and they will have no self-control or pity. These people will hate everything that is good.

Q1. From Verse 1... Are we also living through "some very hard times"?

a/ No, everything is wonderful. b/ Yes, all over the world people are hurting.

Q2. From Verse 2... "People will love only _____."

a/ fame and glory b/ faith and God c/ themselves and money

Q3. How do those who "love only themselves" behave?

-- They... a/ disregard the rights of others. b/ respect people with other faiths and viewpoints.

Also from Verse 2... "They will be proud, stuck-up, rude, and disobedient to their parents."

Let's look for these faults in society today...

Q4. How do the "proud and stuck up" behave?

They... a/ believe they are superior to others. b/ are always willing to learn from others.

Q5. How do the "rude" behave?

They... a/ verbally attack and threaten others. b/ show restraint and respect at all times.

Q6 Have you ever been disobedient to your parents?

a/ No, I was always a perfect child. b/ Yes, guilty as charged.

Q.7 What does it mean to be "ungrateful"?

a/ Seeing the good that others are trying to do. b/ Seeing no value in the efforts of others.

Q8. What does it mean to be "godless"?

a/ Believing there is no Higher Power. b/ Seeing a Higher Power at work in life.

Q9. Continuing to test ourselves from Verse 3, "(They will also be...) _____."

a/ kind and loving. b/ heartless and hateful. c/ considerate and respectful.

Q10. Also from verse 3... How do we keep from using "cruel" words?

a/ By displaying self-control and pity (of others in error). b/ By losing it and getting aggressive.

-- Again from verse 3 note... These people will hate everything that is good.

Q11. First answer this question, Why did God record His commands for mankind in the Bible?

a/ Because He wants to control you. b/ Because He wants to protect you.

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Do we live in PERILOUS TIMES? - From 2nd Timothy 3 (Pg.#2)
(Choose the correct answer)

Q12. Next, see the command from the Bible in Joshua 24:14-15, "But if you don't want to worship the LORD, then choose right now!"

-- Does this ability to choose to follow God or not, indicate a God who wants to control you?

a/ Yes, because He lets bad things happen when I refuse to follow Him.

b/ No, He wants me to freely step into His loving care, not forced obedience.

Q13. So why do people hate God's commands for mankind in the Bible?

a/ They are blinded by a spirit of self-will. b/ They are deceived by Satan. c/ both a & b

Since we are already risking offending those who think there is no God...

-- Let's step into our modern-day controversies... That of Abortion, and the right to assisted suicide.

Q14. Which position below supports those who desire free abortion and assisted suicide?

a/ There is no God, so the choice of life or death always remains our decision.

b/ God is the giver of life and as such every life must be viewed as sacred and precious.

I will let 2nd Timothy 3:4-5 bring this quiz to a close...

(4) They will be sneaky, reckless, and puffed up with pride. Instead of loving God, they will love pleasure. (5) Even though they will make a show of being religious, their religion won't be real. Don't have anything to do with such people.

Q15. Does God allow homosexual activity in the Bible? (You choose the correct answer.)

a/ Yes, we are told to love one another as in John 13:35.

b/ No, the reasons for this are clear in 1st Corinthians 6:9-20.

Hopefully, I have avoided any problems with censorship policing, for these days speaking out about God's love and care for mankind as written in the Bible can be misread and labeled 'Hate speech'.

-- Such is the measure our modern-day societies are living out verses 4-5 above.

However, don't think all is doom and gloom, for if we allow God to be our strength as Paul did, his words which close off this chapter should encourage us to keep doing good and avoid bitterness.

(SEE Vs. 16-17) Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live. (17) The Scriptures train God's servants to do all kinds of good deeds.

-- While not having full knowledge of the sufferings of those who question their physical body's sex, I have seen the temptations to various sexual deviances, and following God's Word I understand that it is not the confused person who is put at odds with God, it is their unnatural sexual activities which must be stopped to enter His protection and loving care. He loves the sinner, but can not accept sin. Abstinence from unnatural sexual activity must accompany a Christian's walk if they suffer sexual confusion and yet seek a relationship with God. ...Let's all Be strong, and God will bless! (KK)

Bible Quiz #22 – About a 'Heart Change'... ESV of the Bible used here. (Pg.#1)
(We look into what God says about the heart of mankind.)

As in most literature and indeed the way mankind has looked at the inner workings of our thoughts and desires, we find that the HEART was considered an instrument of thoughts and emotions... (Perhaps this comes from that feeling that most of us have experienced in tragedy and emotional trauma, where we sense a pain in our chest, a tightening and truly uncomfortable hurt that seems to originate there.

-- We now understand that these things originate in our minds, not our hearts.

-- So first we will start with what scripture tells us of what is in the 'heart of the flesh'...

Genesis 6:5-6 (ESV) The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (6) And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

Q1. Vs.5 above states... (Choose the correct answer.)

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts _____ was only evil continually.

- a/ of his mind b/ of his soul c/ of his heart

Q2. From Deuteronomy 4:29 But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with _____ and with all your soul.

- a/ a good telescope b/ all your heart c/ all your mind

Q3. From Joshua 24:23 He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and _____ to the LORD, the God of Israel."

- a/ incline your heart b/ give your offering c/ cry out loud

This shows us that as recorded for early mankind's understanding, the term 'the heart' implied the thoughts and emotions that motivate us all. This heart of flesh we have can motivate us towards good or evil. However, our nature tends to want to look after number one, and as such our fleshly hearts tend to self-centered desires.

-- As the Prophet Jeremiah wrote in his book of Jeremiah 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? (10) "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

Q4. Whose thoughts are recorded in Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

- a/ God's b/ Jeremiah's

Q5. Whose thoughts are recorded in Jeremiah 17:10 "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

- a/ God's b/ Jeremiah's

We see here that God understands the separation of mind and 'heart'... This also confirms what we can all sense, that there are thought processes that do not involve pure rational thinking... (eg. - emotions).

(Quiz About a 'Heart Change' – continues on Pg.#2)

(Pg.#2) **Now let's look at a 'change of heart'...** (Choose the correct answer)

We start with the fact that Jeremiah put forward that our fleshly 'hearts' are "deceitful above all things, and desperately sick..." -- **Then comes the change...**

Psalm 51:9-12 (of David...) Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. (10) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (11) Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. (12) Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Q6. What is King David asking God for?

a/ For God's judgment. b/ For God to excuse his sins. c/ For God to change his heart.

Q7. Psalm 51:10 reads: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew ____ within me.

a/ a right spirit b/ an old excuse c/ a recent diversion

Q8. King David knew that God could...

a/ excuse sin b/ hide faults c/ change hearts

About the 'heart', let's now hear from the New Testament...

Matthew 22:36-38 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" (37) And He (Jesus) said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (38) This is the great and first commandment.

Q9. Can a fleshly heart obey this command to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind?

a/ Yes, If we enter a monastery. b/ No, for our hearts of flesh tend to self-centeredness.

Q10. From Luke 6:45 (Jesus said) The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

-- Can an evil person change and become a good person?

a/ Yes, If they enter a monastery. b/ No. c/ Yes, if they turn and follow Christ.

To close this quiz, let's see what the Apostle Paul wrote of 'heart changes'...

Romans 10:8-10 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); (9) because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Q11. (Vs.9) reads... because, ____ confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

a/ if you b/ don't ever

Q12. The words, "if you" describe a choice to be made, therefore, Paul is telling us that we can...

a/ Never change our hearts and believe Jesus is Lord.

b/ Choose to change our hearts and believe Jesus is Lord.

-- I pray that all who read this have already confessed with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believed in your heart that God raised him from the dead... for then you've already received that CHANGE OF HEART, and are truly saved. Some great day I will be able to walk and talk with you in Glory. (KK)

Bible Quiz #23 – Bible knowledge in the song, 'I know whom I have believed' (Pg.#1)
Written by Major Daniel Webster Whittle

Compared with 2nd Timothy 1:8-12 – (Mark the correct answer)

In this quiz, we'll examine how the lyrics to this song align with the scriptures that inspired them...

Refrain (*Which answers the questions the song's verses pose.*)

But "I know Whom I have believed, And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed Unto Him against that day."

Let's start comparing the refrain with 2nd Timothy 1:8-9 (GNB) Do not be ashamed, then, of witnessing for our Lord; neither be ashamed of me, a prisoner for Christ's sake. Instead, take your part in suffering for the Good News, as God gives you the strength for it.

Q1. What factor can encourage us to "not be ashamed" of our faith in the Lordship of Jesus?

a/ Knowing whom we put our faith in. b/ Trusting human leadership.

See how the refrain takes its lyrics right out of 2nd Timothy 1:12 (KJV) ..."for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

Q2. Here the Apostle Paul states that, "(I) am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him..." - What has been committed to Jesus to keep?

a/ Paul's savings account. b/ Paul's reputation. c/ Paul's faith in his salvation.

Q3. Paul continues, "I have committed unto Him against that day." - What day is this about?

a/ The day of his retirement. b/ The day of Judgment. c/ The day of his trial.

Onto Verse #1...

I know not why God's wondrous grace To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love Redeemed me for His own.

& Verse #2

I know not how this saving faith To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word Wrought peace within my heart.

Relating this verse to 2nd Timothy 1:9 (GNB) He saved us and called us to be his own people, not because of what we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace. He gave us this grace by means of Christ Jesus before the beginning of time...

Q4. How does this scripture answer the WHY of this song's verse #1?

It's because of... a/ Paul's high religious standing. b/ Paul's sacrifices. c/ the grace of Jesus.

Q5. Further from 2nd Timothy 1:9 Paul states, "He gave us this grace by means of Christ Jesus before the beginning of time..."

- How can God's grace be extended BEFORE the beginning of time?

Because... a/ God saw the fall of man before He created man.

b/ God's plans included the crucifixion of Jesus to save mankind before He created Adam and Eve.

c/ Both a and b.

(See the page #2 for the final verses)

Bible knowledge in the song, 'I know whom I have believed' (Pg.#2)

Looking into Verse #3...

I know not how the Spirit moves, Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word, Creating faith in Him.

Again we see the harmony of this verse with our scripture from 2nd Timothy 1:10 (GNB) but now it has been revealed to us through the coming of our Savior, Christ Jesus. He has ended the power of death and through the gospel has revealed immortal life.

Q6. What does the word gospel mean here?

It's... a/ a type of music. b/ the teachings of Jesus and the apostles. c/ the traditions of the church.

We see that the Apostle Paul indeed is still proclaiming the Good News (Gospel) of Jesus as the Savior of mankind for it is recorded for us all to read in 2nd Timothy 1:11-12 (GNB) God has appointed me as an apostle and teacher to proclaim the Good News, (12) and it is for this reason that I suffer these things. But I am still full of confidence, because I know whom I have trusted, and I am sure that he is able to keep safe until that Day what he has entrusted to me.

Closing with Verse #4...

I know not what of good or ill May be reserved for me,
Of weary ways or golden days, Before His face I see.

& Verse #5

I know not when my Lord may come, At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I walk the vale with Him, Or meet Him in the air.

Q7. How do most historians think that Paul died?

a/ Beheaded in Rome. b/ Drowned in a shipwreck. c/ Of old age in Patmos.

It is commonly held that Paul was beheaded in Rome under the rule of the cruel Roman Emperor Nero.

Q8. What do these lyrics of our song's verse #4 say to you?

SEE: "I know not what of good or ill may be reserved for me, of weary ways or golden days, before His face I see."

a/ We don't know if life will give us good or bad days. b/ We can expect only good days from God.

Q9. What about these lyrics of our song's verse #5?

SEE: "I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noontide fair. Nor if I walk the vale with Him, or meet Him in the air."

a/ We may someday also walk "The Valley of Death".

b/ We may be taken up to meet Jesus as in the Rapture.

c/ It talks of the possibility of both of these occurrences.

Paul closes his thoughts in 2nd Timothy 1:8-12 (GNB) But I am still full of confidence, because I know whom I have trusted, and I am sure that he is able to keep safe until that Day what he has entrusted to me.

-- May we like Paul, hold fast to our faith so we may find our Savior's welcome on the Day of Judgment. (KK)

Bible Quiz #24 – Bible knowledge of God's Heart... From Luke 15:17-32 (Pg.#1)

If you read Luke chapter 15 you find Jesus teaching with three parables (*a story designed to teach some truth or moral lesson*). He ends the first one of a lost sheep rescued, and the other of a lost coin found, by making the point that there is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

This parable followed, it's about two sons of a loving father, one insists on leaving the father's protection to live a life of self-centered pleasure, while the other remains loyal to the father, and expects the father to prefer him over his straying brother.

-- This is to teach us how God our heavenly Father also loves each of us, whether we choose a good or an evil life.
-- It is sad that this example may be hard to grasp for those who have suffered abusive parenting, however, we must ask God's Holy Spirit to show all of us the fact of our Heavenly Father's great love.

Luke 15:11-17 (GNB)... Jesus went on to say, "There was once a man who had two sons. (12) The younger one said to him, 'Father, give me my share of the property now.' So the man divided his property between his two sons. (13) After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. (14) He spent everything he had. Then a severe famine spread over that country, and he was left without a thing. (15) So he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him out to his farm to take care of the pigs. (16) He wished he could fill himself with the bean pods the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything to eat. (17) At last he came to his senses and said, 'All my father's hired workers have more than they can eat, and here I am about to starve!'

-- This is an amazing example of how God understands the heart of men and women who seek self-centered pleasure and excitement... It is also an all too often scenario that such pursuits follow in life.

Q1. What happens in Vs.13-14?

- a/ The son's wealth is lost. b/ Bad times fall upon the area. c/ Both a & b.

Q2. What happens in Vs.15?

- a/ The government steps in with welfare help. b/ This once-wealthy son finds a job feeding pigs.

Q3. What happens in Vs.16-17?

- a/ The pig's food starts to look good. b/ He regrets leaving home. c/ Both a & b.

Continuing in Luke 15:18-20... I will get up and go to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. (19) I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired workers." (20) So he got up and started back to his father. "He was still a long way from home when his father saw him; his heart was filled with pity, and he ran, threw his arms around his son, and kissed him.

Q4. In Vs.18-19... This young man decides to...

- a/ turn to drugs and alcohol to numb the pain. b/ return home and apologize. c/ steal to survive.

Q5. What do we see in Vs.20?

- a/ The father still watches for his lost son. b/ The father still loves his straying son. c/ Both a & b.

Reading in Luke 15:21-20... 'Father,' the son said, 'I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son.' (22) But the father called to his servants. 'Hurry!' he said. 'Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. (23) Then go and get the prize calf and kill it, and let us celebrate with a feast! (24) For this son of mine was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.' And so the feasting began.

Q6. What is Jesus trying to teach us in Luke 15:21-20?

- a/ Our Heavenly Father still loves the lost. b/ God will not reject any who repent. c/ Both a & b.

(Quiz continues on Pg.#2)

Jesus went on to teach of other reactions in Luke 15:25-30... "In the meantime the older son was out in the field. On his way back, when he came close to the house, he heard the music and dancing. (26) So he called one of the servants and asked him, 'What's going on?' (27) 'Your brother has come back home,' the servant answered, 'and your father has killed the prize calf, because he got him back safe and sound.' (28) The older brother was so angry that he would not go into the house; so his father came out and begged him to come in. (29) But he spoke back to his father, 'Look, all these years I have worked for you like a slave, and I have never disobeyed your orders. What have you given me? Not even a goat for me to have a feast with my friends! (30) But this son of yours wasted all your property on prostitutes, and when he comes back home, you kill the prize calf for him!'"

Q7. When the faithful son comes from working in the fields, what does he discover?

- a/ A hot bath and a warm welcome. b/ Everyone watching a soap opera. c/ A party going on.

Q8. His reaction to all the music and dancing is to...

- a/ join in and celebrate. b/ refuse to go in. c/ look for a pub that was still open.

Q9. Do you think the wayward son deserves this party?

- a/ Yes, because he's family. b/ Yes, because everyone deserves a party.
c/ No, but the father is so happy to see him back that he feels the need to celebrate.

Q10. The faithful son feel angry because...

- a/ they've never celebrated his faithfulness. b/ they've killed his prize calf. c/ he's had a hard day.

Jesus ends this illustration in Luke 15:31-32... 'My son,' the father answered, 'you are always here with me, and everything I have is yours. (32) But we had to celebrate and be happy, because your brother was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.'

Q11. From Vs. 31, what do we find the father had as a reward for this faithful son?

- a/ A smaller part in his inheritance. b/ Nothing, it has all been given to the returning son.
c/ Everything the father has will be given to him.

Q12. Perhaps you have been a long-time faithful follower of Jesus, as have I, if so how does this parable apply to us?

- a/ We must see that EVERY human being is precious to God the Father.
b/ We must also see how God's family needs to celebrate every lost soul saved.
c/ If we resent any sinner being forgiven and received with joy, we need to repent of such thoughts.
d/ All of the above...

In Luke 15, Jesus tried to show us God's heart for His special creation, mankind.

- I hope His use of these examples recorded in Luke 15 opens our eyes and hearts to understand the reasons that God deals with us all with much more mercy and grace than we deserve... (KK)

Bible Quiz #25 intro – On the wisdom and ignorance of King Solomon...

These scriptures answer the question... How can people with great earthly understanding and high IQ's, not comprehend God's purpose in life, while those who are considered less knowledgeable do?

(A series of three quizzes based on **Ecclesiastes 3:1-22**)

-- **Jesus told us of this in Mark 10:13-16 (CEV)** Some people brought their children to Jesus so that he could bless them by placing his hands on them. But his disciples told the people to stop bothering him. (14) When Jesus saw this, he became angry and said, "Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God. (15) I promise you that you cannot get into God's kingdom, unless you accept it the way a child does." (16) Then Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them by placing his hands on them.

**So with that in mind let's look into the understanding of one of history's wisest of men...
King Solomon who's thoughts are recorded in the book of Ecclesiastes.**

After completing the three quizzes accompanying this session here is my suggested outcome as a Bible answer to the question: How can people with great earthly understanding and high IQ's, not comprehend God's purpose in life, while those who are considered less knowledgeable do?

So where did the 'Wiseest of Mortal Men' mess up?

SEE 1st John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. (17) And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

The simplest minds can grasp God's wisdom in life when the most educated sometimes don't.

-- **I hope God's Holy Spirit is able to give you understanding, reassurance, and comfort, as we close with what Jesus said about the judgment coming after death in Matthew 11:25-30** At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; (26) yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. (27) All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. (28) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

-- If you don't know about the 'REST' Jesus has for you, please contact a Christian and ask them for more information. You can also use the contact forms on my website to contact me...

— *God bless, (KK).*

Quiz on Wisdom #1 - God reveals that there is a time for everything...
(Circle the correct answer)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (ESV) For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: (2) a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; (3) a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; (4) a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; (5) a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; (6) a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; (7) a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; (8) a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Q1. From Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, what life lessons can we learn from observing nature?

- a/ Everything has a beginning and an end. b/ Nothing lasts forever. c/ Both a & b.

Q2. Does the idea of eternity confuse these 'truths'?

- a/ Yes, because the idea of the eternal means there is no end.
b/ No, the idea of eternity must be rejected because everything will end, even the stars will burn out.

Now from Ecclesiastes 3:2-8...

Q3. Does God's creation ever feel totally at ease with the fact that there is a "time to die"?

- a/ Yes, I have seen that God's creatures are comfortable with death.
b/ No, I have never witnessed God's creatures to be comfortable with death.

Q4. Why do you think in nature every creature fights so hard to live?

- a/ Because death is foreign to them. b/ Because they fear dying. c/ Both a & b.

Q5. Does the Bible tell us that death was part of God's original creation?

- a/ No, we are told in **Romans 5:12** "Adam sinned, and that sin brought death into the world. Now everyone has sinned, and so everyone must die." (See also **Genesis 3:3**).
b/ Yes, why else would Adam and Eve need the 'Tree of Life' in **Genesis 2:9**?
- Interesting thought but it doesn't agree with **Romans 5:12...** (KK)

Now I'm going to ask you to read Revelations 20:10... "and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

-- A Bible study of angels will yield an understanding that they are spiritual beings, and when the fallen angels are tossed into the "Lake of Fire", which the Bible calls the "Second Death", they do not die but are tormented forever. (See **Revelations 20:11-15**)

Q6. So, what else in creation did God make that will live forever?

- a/ Angels, both faithful and fallen angels (demons). b/ Dinosaurs. c/ Aliens.
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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 is a beautiful way of pondering mortality, however when viewed only through the wisdom of mortal man, it leads Solomon to the question he asks in our next quiz...

"What gain has the worker from his toil?"

Quiz on Wisdom #2 – What gain has the worker from his toil?

We look further into the words of wisdom, proceeding to Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 (ESV) What gain has the worker from his toil? (10) I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. (11) He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. (12) I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; (13) also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man. (14) I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.

(Circle the correct answer)

We start with Solomon's understanding of man's (and woman's) earthly endeavors and ambitions.

Q7. Ecclesiastes 3:9 What _____ has the worker from his toil?

a/ pains b/ gains c/ loss

(Solomon here reveals his frustration with temporal labors)

Please note that he was one of the major players of development and construction in Earth's history.

Q8. Ecclesiastes 3:10 I have seen the business that _____ to the children of man to be busy with.

a/ leaders have given b/ ambition has given c/ God has given

Q9. From your own understanding, would you say that constructive labor is healthy?

a/ Yes b/ No

Q10. From Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

-- What thoughts has God placed in the hearts of mankind?

a/ of ambition b/ of wealth c/ of eternity

Q11. From Ecclesiastes 3:12 I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live;

-- What does Solomon note is the best for mankind?

a/ Having many wives and fame. b/ Building mansions and wealth. c/ Being happy and doing good.

Q12. From Ecclesiastes 3:13 (I perceived) also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

-- What things are listed here as God's gifts to mankind?

Gifts of... a/ provision and enjoyment of healthy labor. b/ luxury and wealth.

Q13. Ecclesiastes 3:14 I perceived that whatever God does _____; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.

a/ passes away b/ endures forever c/ matters not

Next, in Ecclesiastes 3:15-22 we will look at the failure of earthly wisdom to comprehend God.

Quiz on Wisdom #3 on the lack of knowledge of the Worldly Wise... (Including King Solomon)

Ecclesiastes 3:15-22 That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away. (16) Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness. (17) I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work. (18) I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts. (19) For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. (20) All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return. (21) Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth? (22) So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?

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Q14. What has been "driven away" here that God is seeking?

- a/ justice & righteousness b/ wickedness & pleasure c/ control & obedience

Q15. What has replaced that which God is seeking?

- a/ ambition b/ pleasure c/ wickedness

Q16. Ecclesiastes 3:17 I said in my heart, _____ the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.

- a/ I will judge b/ God will judge c/ time will judge

From Ecclesiastes 3:18-20 I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts. (19) For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. (20) All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return.

Q17. What phrase from these verses is often repeated at funerals?

- a/ from dust to dust b/ all is vanity c/ we are but beasts

Q18. What is revealed of Solomon's understanding of death in these verses?

- a/ we all die b/ death is the end c/ both a & b

From Ecclesiastes 3:21-22 Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth? (22) So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?"

Q19. What lack of Solomon's understanding of death is revealed in these verses?

- He doesn't know... a/ if there is life after death b/ if death is the end c/ both a & b

-- King David knew things that his son lacked knowledge of... SEE Psalm 16:7-11 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. (8) I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. (9) Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. (10) For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. (11) You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Q20. In Psalm 16:11... What is David saying about his knowledge of what comes after death?

- He's sure that... a/ we all die. b/ death is the end. c/ God will not abandon him to Sheol.

Q21. What does Sheol mean?

- It means... a/ a coral reef. b/ the world of the dead. c/ eternal sleep.
(In Hebrew, Sheol simply means "the place of the dead")

Q22. What words in Psalm 16:11 indicate David's knowledge of eternal life?

- a/ You make known to me the path of life; b/ in your presence there is fullness of joy
c/ at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. d/ All of these.

Concluding thoughts are found back in the intro portion to these quizzes... (KK)