

Bible Verses

AND the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shi'-nar; and they dwelt there.

And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

So the Lord scatter them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth; and they left off to build the city.

Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth; and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Ar-phax'-ad two years after the flood:

And Shem lived after he begat Ar-phax'-ad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Ar-phax'-ad lived five and thirty years, and begat Sa'-lah:

And Ar-phax'-ad lived after he begat Sa'-lah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Sa'-lah lived thirty years, and begat E'-ber:

And Sa'-lah lived after he begat E'-ber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

And E'-ber lived four and thirty years, and begat Pe'-leg:

And E'-ber lived after he begat Re'-u two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Se'-rug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:

And Se'-rug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Te'-rah:

And Nahor lived after he begat Te'-rah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Te'-rah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Now these are the generations of Te'-rah: Te'-rah begat Abram, Nahor, and Ha'-ran; and Ha'-ran begat Lot.

And Ha'-ran died before his father Te'-rah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chal'-dees.

And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sa'-rai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Mil'-cah, the daughter of Ha'-ran, the father of Mil'-cah, and the father of Is'-cah.

But Sa'-rai was barren; she had no child.

And T'-rah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Ha'-ran his son's son, and Sa'-rai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chal'-dees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Ha'-ran, and dwelt there.

And the days of Te'-rah were two hundred and five years: and Te'-rah died in Ha'-ran.

WORDS OF LIFE
Biblical Inspiration For The Week

"Happy the people whose God is the Lord!"
—Psalm 144: 15

1. *God wills happiness.* Unhappiness is an ungodly state of life. God wants all of life to be filled with pleasure and fulfillment. These two ingredients add up to happiness. Life should be filled with fun and with a sense of high purpose. High-purposed fun is what God's happiness is made of.

2. *Happiness comes from God.* Some people who smile and grin are not necessarily happy. Smiles are often the mask for pain.

During enslavement, blacks "wore the mask" of outward happiness to fool those who had enslaved them. Yet there is evidence of a deep inner peace and joy in the Lord as those who were enslaved resisted the cruelties of their condition. God had given His own rewards.

1. *Living is creating.* All throughout our lifetime, we are either growing creatively or we are withering on the vine. The choice of which we shall do is up to each of us.

To live is to create happiness, to create fresh pockets of sunshine, of peace, of joy, and of fulfillment. Are you living? Or are you simply withering the days away?

2. *God sets the example.* And what an example is His! He created the earth and heavens from a void. In other words, he took "nothing" and made it into something useful and "glorious." Are

3. *Happiness is a reward.* It is the natural result of following God's will. How well did St. Augustine speak to the experience of all who trust and live in the Lord when he said: "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God; and our hearts are restless until we find rest in Thee."

We can never hear that sentiment too much. How greatly does our world need to know that truth!

you using life? Or are you creating life? We are either parasites or we are benefactors.

3. *When He got so far, God rested.* Are you taking a break in your life's routine? Work and rest. Work and rest. Work and rest. Not necessarily the rest of idleness but the creative rest which comes from a change of pace.

On the Sabbath Day we must change our pace...in God's way. That brings creation to its crowning point, to its perfection.

Prayer Poem

Charles Wesley wrote the hymn, "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" in 1740 on the anniversary of a spiritual change he underwent on Sunday, May 21, 1738.

Originally there were 18 stanzas to the hymn. Five stanzas survive in most hymnals. The hymn is a joyous acclamation of God. It is the expression of supreme happiness in and through the Almighty. Three verses follow:

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!*

Jesus, the Name that charms

Charles Wesley's hymn, "Love Divine," speaks pointedly of life's a movement of creation.

Wesley concludes his hymn thus:

*Finish then thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see thy great salvation:
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns*

*our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.*

*My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy Name.
—Amen*

Joy in the Lord comes to those who have found excitement in performing God's will. It comes by surrender. Hence Charles Wesley's joy on the anniversary of his surrender of his life to God.

*before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.*

Our lives are perpetually being created and re-created. In this way, we move "from glory into glory."

For the Christian, "glory" is an ever-present fact. But its growth, its re-creation into greater glory, is the process by which we become "Lost in wonder, love, and praise."

Join with your church in helping to create a better world, in bringing the New Jerusalem to pass on earth.

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Unto the sons of God the children of men, a warning to you all; to "SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER," for no one knows the day or the hour that our Lord shall come. But as the days of Noah were, so shall it be the coming of our Lord. People will be doing all the things they love to do. Some will be praying, fasting and living holy; some will be lying, cheating, whoremonging, stealing and murdering, gambling, drinking, using dope and all the other things that are sin-full. Now be it known to all people; that same Jesus that was crucified, died, rose and went up, will surely come again, and every eye shall see him, even them that pierced him. The coming of the Lord will also be as a thief in the night, when we all expect nothing; then shall he appear in the sky. Let us all be watch-full unto righteous living and working, having our lights shinning bright and we will be ready to go with him. In contrast with his first coming which was in all humility and loneliness, he will come the second time in all power, and the glory, of his majesty and bringing with him his reward to give every man according to his work shall be. Jesus gave us all work, a job to do and he gave us tools to work with; which is called gifts and every one in the church has their gift or they may have many gifts. The son's of men have one job, that is to repent and receive salvation, for salvation is our union card and we can not get paid for working without salvation. Matt. 7:22, 23. Many will say to him in that day; "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name have cast out devils? And in your name have done many wonderful works" and then Jesus will say unto them, "I never knew you depart from me you that work iniquity. Many of you who say you love God, but you refuse to do what he says or what his ministers tell you to do, to receive full salvation; or do you think that you can use your own key to unlock the door to the Kingdom of Heaven? How did you get a key to the Kingdom?" Jesus gave the keys of the Kingdom Matt 16:19. To one of his disciples, namely Peter, and if anyone refuse to obey the preaching of Peter on the day of pentecost when the first church was founded on the one foundation of the apostles and prophets and Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone Peter told everyone how to obtain salvation he said: "Repent, everyone of you, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38. Now, how come so many people ignore this scripture? Don't they know that Jesus is going to ignore them in that great day when he comes to rapture away his people. Are you one of those, who wants all that Jesus has to offer, but do not want Jesus? You are pitted. For you are bound and don't know it. Jesus came to set you free, but apparently you do not want to be free. Or do you think that Acts 2:38, will go away? Oh no, no, no! He said, heaven and earth shall pass away but his word would not pass away. For the word of the Lord is right and all his works are done in truth. If you stand on Matt 28:19 remember this: That Jesus had not died, and without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. No one could be saved before Jesus was crucified. Heb. 9:22.

Read:

- Acts 8:16
- Acts 10:48
- Acts 2:38
- Acts 19:5
- Eph 4:4-6

May God Bless and give you wisdom and understanding. Amen

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