The Bible Banner

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The Judgment Hour Cry

During a revival a young man said frankly that he did not wish to be a Christian. When asked for his reason, he replied, "Several years ago I was in a man's kitchen. He finding me there, swore at me and kicked me out. He was a professing Christian, and from that time I decided never to have anything to do with religion. And I never have to this day." The young man was asked to write down his reason in full and sign it. Then it was handed back to him with the words, "Take this, and when you are asked for your excuse on the day of judgment, hand this up." The young man saw his folly and came to Christ that night.

Are you letting the sins of others keep you from giving your heart to Jesus? Don't be so foolish—for it will not stand the test of the judgment day.

Sesame Crackers

¼ cup (200g) sucanat
2 cups (180g) quick oats
½ cup (70g) sesame seeds
1/3 cup (80mL) olive oil
2/3 cup (160mL) water
2 tsp (10mL) salt
1 cup (150g) cashews, ground OR ½ c (75g) almond meal and ½ c (75g) walnut meal
¾ to 1 cup (90 g to 120 g) whole wheat flour

Mix all ingredients thoroughly to make a stiff dough. Knead into a smooth ball. Roll out ¼ inch (6.35 mm) thick onto a large cookie sheet. Cut into fairly large cracker-sized portions. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350◦F (176.7◦ C) until golden brown. If browning too fast, lower the temperature and increase the time. Should be crisp like crackers. Makes a little more than four dozen 1”x3”sticks.

PROFITABLE TRADITIONS

Cultivate a song in the heart. *“The value of song as a means of education should never be lost sight of… As a part of religious service singing is as much an act of worship as is prayer.”* {Child Guidance pg. 523} Putting scripture to music is a wonderful way to hide God’s word in your heart. We have found that making up a tune and then recording it so that we can play it back later works well. Don’t forget to include the scripture text in your song so that you can remember where to find it in your Bible. You can find some of our favorite scripture songs here. http://www.biblepicturepathways.com/music.php Another fun family activity is to pick a hymn with powerful words and take the time to learn to sing it together. When you have learned it, share it with others. Cards with words and pictures for each phrase make this activity fun even for little children.

Exposed

Some years ago when modern chemistry was in its infancy, a fashionable audience assembled in Paris for an experimental lecture on chemistry. When they came out into the open they greeted one another with exclamations of dismay. The faces of most of the women had been ludicrously transformed. Their cheeks, lips, and in some cases the entire surface of exposed skin had turned into varying shades of blue, yellow, or violet. The chemical effects of the gases set free during the lecture had touched everyone who had used any cosmetics. When the white light of God's presence shall shine upon the hearts of men in the judgment, everything that has been hidden shall become open, and the naked things shall be manifest.

At The Door

"Somebody is here," my daughter interjected into the middle of our morning family worship. Still in my nightgown, I got up to peek through the window to see who it was, expecting to see a car coming up the driveway. Instead, as I walked toward the door, I heard a determined knock that made me change my course and dart instead into the bathroom to hide, a little unnerved by the fact that someone had gotten all the way up to the door without us hearing or seeing them. My daughter also took cover behind the living room couch because in the rush of the day and getting our two extra little ones dressed, she also had not had time yet to brush her hair. After stumbling over two little girls, my husband finally made it to the door—to find out, to his surprise, that it was a probation officer that had knocked. Another stood at the bottom of the steps, while still another was out in the driveway next to their car. After holding our breath for much too long, wondering why the police were at our house, we found out that they were actually looking for a neighbor and not for us.

Later, as I reviewed the events of the morning, and how suspicious it must look to go and hide with the police at your door, I wondered exactly what they had seen and heard before we realized someone was there watching. I often tell my children, "Character is who you are when you think nobody is looking" and now I was getting to experience what that was like. Ironically, while probation officers were on our doorstep, we were actually singing about another close of probation—the flood—"the rains came down and the floods came up, but God kept the ark boat safe."

The events of the day made us wonder about the close of probation at the end of the world and what will Jesus, the Son of man, find His people doing if He comes when they least expect Him? Luke 12:40-46 records Jesus saying, *"Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not…Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.*

But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers."

Like us, with probation officers at our door, probation's close could be on your doorstep too. You could unexpectedly die today and when you die, there is no more chance to repent and do what is right. That is why many years ago, even before I totally quit listening to worldly music, I quit listening to it in the car. I knew I didn't want to die in a car accident, and have worldly music be the last music I had listened to. No Christian would wish to meet death in such a place as the rock concert, the theater, the gambling casino, the saloon, or the dance hall.

Yet today, besides unexpected accidents and death that could close our probation individually, we are also living in the time of the end. Probation's close is on the doorstep ready to knock. The first angel of Revelation 14 has already been sounding its message for over 150 years, *"The hour of His judgement is come."* But like the days before the flood, man is planting and building, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, all unconscious that the final, irrevocable decision will soon be pronounced in the sanctuary above. When the work of the investigative judgment closes, the destiny of all will have been decided for life or death. "*He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:11, 12*.

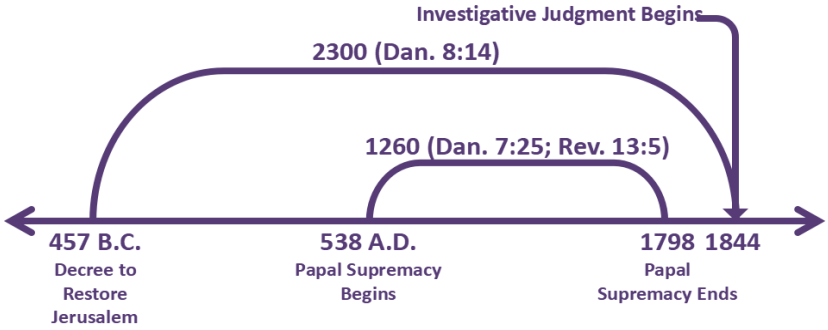
When probation closes where will you be found? Will you be found singing worship songs and giving "meat in due season" or will you be found "eating and drinking with the drunken?" Are you still a Christian, when you think nobody is looking? Is your character ready for heaven? Now is the time to get ready, for the Probation Officer of the Universe is "even at the door".

Study to Show Thyself Approved
Time and Judgment

1. What does the Bible say that a wise man's heart discerneth? Ecclesiastes 8:5 *" Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both _____ and _____."*

2. What message of time does the first angel of Revelation 14 say with a loud voice? Revelation 14:6,7 *"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for _____ _____ ___ _____ _____ ___ _____: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."*

What clues does the Bible give to when this time period of judgment (beginning with investigation) occurs?
*It came after the time of Paul for "he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come..." (Acts 24:25)
*It is represented by the 7th church time period of Laodicea, literally "a people judged", a time of much nominal Christianity. (Rev. 3:14-19)
*It follows the 5th seal of Rev 6, because in this text the people are not yet judged. (Rev. 6:9-11)
*It follows the experience of the mighty angel with the little sweet-in-the-mouth, bitter-in-the-belly book of Revelation 10 which closes prophetic time (Gr. chronos). (Rev. 10:6)
*It follows the time, times and the dividing of time (1260 prophetic years) paralleling the 42 months of the beast ending in 1798. (Rev. 13:5; Dan. 7:25,26) *{For information on the 1260 and other prophesies see video Study 3 here: http://www.biblepicturepathways.com/bible-picture-prophecy-videos.php }*
*It follows the dominion of the lion, bear, leopard and part of the beast of Dan.7, but precedes the 2nd coming of Christ. (Dan. 7:10)
*It parallels the antitypical cleansing of the sanctuary/day of atonement beginning in 1844 after the end of the 2300 prophetic days, which are really years. (Num. 14:34, Ez. 4:6) (Dan. 8:14) *{See the article here for more information http://www.biblepicturepathways.com/the-2300-day-prophecy.php }*



3. Where does the judgment begin? 1 Peter 4:17 *"For the time is come that judgment must begin ____ _____ _____ ___ _____: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"* Revelation 11:18 *"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth."*

4. Will there be anything that can be kept hidden in the judgment? _____ *Isaiah 28:17 "Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place."* Ecclesiastes 12:14 *"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."*

5. Name four things that Malachi specifically declares God will be a swift witness against in the judgment? _____ _____ Malachi 3:5 *"And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts."*

Consider the encouragement that the book of Hebrews gives us for this time when "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:10). Hebrews 4:14-16 *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. "*

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Kitchen Remedies

The statement "Let food be thy medicine" is credited to Hippocrates and yet it was God who directed Hezekiah to use a lump of figs for poultice on his boils. (Isaiah 38:21) The wonderful thing about food/kitchen remedies is they may be found in most people's kitchens and are often easier to obtain than herbs. Due to limited space this is a very simplified list. You may need to research more on your own, but this will get you started using kitchen remedies.

APPLE JUICE—Useful for getting rid of gallstones and kidney stones. The Natural Remedies Encyclopedia includes apple juice in a liver flush that may also be used for "flushing out gallstones, after first softening them." It suggests, "Go on a liver flush. This is done by drinking apple juice alone for 3 days, followed by drinking a cup of olive oil and a cup of lemon juice." (Natural Remedies Encyclopedia, 4th edition page 361) A friend told me she and her husband had followed this procedure several times, as well as a similar one for kidney stones. She assured me it worked well and was very excited that it had saved her thousands of dollars because she was able to use it instead of an expensive surgical procedure.

BAKING SODA (Cleaner)—Topically for Bee stings. It also may be used to neutralize acids
BANANA -- A peelable potassium pill. A friend's doctor told him he could eat bananas instead of taking potassium pills.
BLACKSTRAP MOLASSES for Anemia

CAROB POWDER in soy or almond milk blended with sesame seeds is good for growing pains because of the calcium/magnesium boost. Carob is also good for getting rid of diarrhea.
CAYENNE may be used internally for chest pain, heart attack/stroke, and topically to stop bleeding
CHARCOAL AND OATMEAL may be used topically for bee stings, rashes, etc. Charcoal may also be used internally for poisoning, and to lower cholesterol, etc.
CABBAGE juice is anti-ulcer.

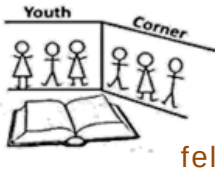
FLAXSEED contains phytoestrogens and omega 3's to improve mood.
GARLIC is antibiotic; 4-6 cloves= dose of penicillin. Charcoal, water and garlic may be blended, gargled and drunk for strep throat. Garlic oil may also be used for an earache. Garlic may also be used as Nature's Surgeon for the removal of warts by cutting a piece of garlic the size of the wart for 2-3 days and applying. The wart should fall out by the end of the week or so.
GINGER in soymilk- fever and sore throat, nausea and vomiting
GRAPEFRUIT seeds –antibiotic. Skin has quinine-like substance.

HONEY may be used topically for burns. Mix with lemon juice or eucalyptus for cough.
LEMON JUICE may be used internally for spider bites, heart arrhythmias, kidney stones, many infections and as a simple way to alkalinize the body.
ONION- Poultices to pull poison. Bake, put in sock and use on ear for ear problems.
ORANGE JUICE—Potassium and Vitamin C

PEPPERMINT leaves- This herbal tea is useful for an upset stomach.
PECTIN may be used in cases of food poisoning.
POTATO- You may make a poultice to pull poisons out of the body, or shred some and put in water to control bad burns.
PURPLE GRAPE JUICE may be used for low blood sugar, as a blood thinner (2 glasses a day), and as a general tonic.

THYME tea – cough, congestion, croup
TURMERIC lowers inflammation and also may be used as a pain killer. It also has natural corticosteroid-like properties.

SALT WATER saline—Antiseptic. Salt and baking soda may be used for radiation-reduction soak.
VINEGAR(Cleaner)/LEMON JUICE- Neutralizes alkaline substances.



Doomed or Defended

Donald Campbell worked down at the docks. One day, when they had a few spare minutes after unloading the coal from a boat, one of his fellow-workers informed him that he wasn't a Christian but a killjoy. To prove his point, the fellow, to the pleasure of the bystanders, proceeded to quote part of Ecclesiastes 11:9—*'Rejoice, 0 young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes.'*

Soon their mirth vanished however. Picking up a piece of chalk, Donald walked over to the blackboard (on which quantities were marked up) and wrote the last part of the verse: *'but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.'* His accusers were forced to withdraw, confused and crestfallen.

While the doom of the judgment is something to be feared by the sinner, those who are hidden in Christ have no need to dread. This following story by H. A. Ironside demonstrates this point well.

One of the first gospel illustrations that ever made a real impression upon my young heart was a simple story which I heard a preacher tell when I was less than nine years old.

It was of pioneers who were making their way across one of the central states to a distant place that had been opened up for homesteading. They traveled in covered wagons drawn by oxen, and progress was necessarily slow. One day they were horrified to note a long line of smoke in the west, stretching for miles across the prairie, and soon it was evident that the dried grass was burning fiercely and coming toward them rapidly. They had crossed a river the day before but it would be impossible to go back to that before the flames would be upon them. One man only seemed to have understanding as to what could be done. He gave the command to set fire to the grass behind them. Then when a space was burned over, the whole company moved back upon it.

As the flames roared on toward them from the west, a little girl cried out in terror, "Are you sure we shall not all be burned up?" The leader replied, "My child, the flames cannot reach us here, for we are standing where the fire has been!"

What a picture of the believer, who is safe in Christ!
"On Him Almighty vengeance fell,
Which would have sunk a world to hell.
He bore it for a chosen race,
And thus becomes our Hiding Place."

Thanks be unto our gracious God who has provided a place of safety where the fire has already been. On Calvary's cross Christ was, as it were, enveloped in the 'fire' of God's righteous judgment to save the trembling sinner that has fled to Him for refuge. The fires of God's judgment burned themselves out on Him, and all who are in Christ are safe forever, for they are now standing where the fire has been. Today , the choice is yours, will you be doomed or defended?

*********Story from H.A. Ironside, Illustrations of Bible Truth, Moody Press, 1945, pp. 34-35.

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Kids' Corner

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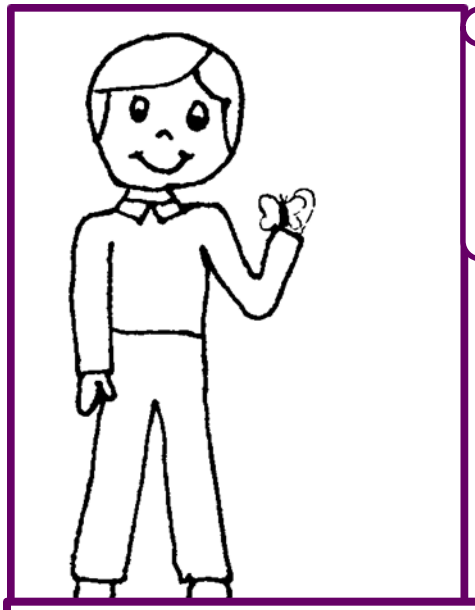
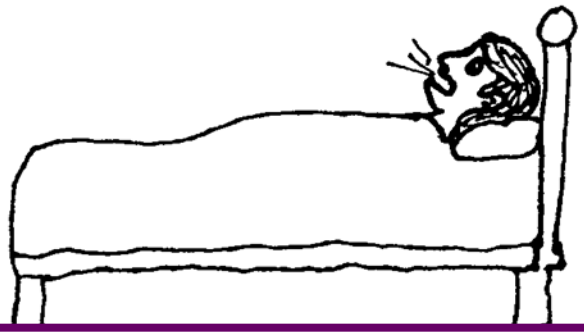
GOD'S AMAZING CREATURES

The lilac-breasted roller lives throughout southern and eastern Africa. Their range extends from the Red Sea coast of Ethiopia through to southern Africa, where they are common in Namibia (but not in the Namib Desert), Botswana, Zimbabwe, and northeastern South Africa. Lilac-breasted rollers are most abundant in Kenya. Usually seen alone or in pairs, they perch in the tops of trees, on poles, or other high points, where they can spot insects, lizards, scorpions, snails, and small birds moving about at ground level. The call of a lilac-breasted roller is a harsh, sawing "rak rak rak" that is used during flight. Usually, the bird will perch to sing. The lilac-breasted rollers are extremely protective of their nest and babies. Just like the lilac-breasted rollers protect their babies, we should help to protect other people from Satan by telling them about Jesus.



Memory Text

Ecclesiastes 12:14 ***"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."***



Christian saw some homemade cookies in the cookie jar. He wanted to eat some and nobody was looking, but he remembered that his mommy said cookies are for dessert at mealtime. Christian obeyed his mommy because he knew the angels in heaven were watching him. Christian made Jesus happy and at supper his mommy gave him a yummy butterfly cookie.

Carnal saw some cookies in the cookie jar too. He knew his mommy said cookies were only for dessert at mealtime. Since nobody was looking Carnal ate almost all the cookies in the cookie jar. But the angels in heaven saw Carnal and he made Jesus very sad. At suppertime, Carnal had a very bad stomachache and he started getting a cough and a runny nose. Carnal wished he had obeyed so he wouldn't get sick.

Little Runner's Health Tip

Millie the Monkey likes to eat bananas. Bananas are good for boys and girls too. They are high in potassium that is good for your heart and muscles.