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Let all that I am wait quietly before God,  
for my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress where I will not be shaken.

My victory and honor come from God alone.  
He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.

O my people, trust in him at all times.  
Pour out your heart to him,  
for God is our refuge.

—Psalm 62:5-8 NLT

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- salvation by grace through faith in Christ Jesus.
- the Bible as the inspired Word of God. The Bible is our authority for our faith and daily conduct.
- baptism of believers, by immersion, witnessing to our acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord.
- freedom of thought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- the congregational form of church government. Every church member has the right to participate in the decision-making process of the church.

## THE SEVENTH DAY

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God commanded that the seventh day (Saturday) be kept holy. Jesus agreed by keeping it as a day of worship. We observe the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as God's Holy Day as an act of loving obedience—not as a means of salvation. Salvation is the free gift of God through Jesus our Lord. It is the joy of the Sabbath that makes SDBs a people with a difference.

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# Is God Enough?



By Joshua Coleman

What would your answer be if someone asked you the question “Is God enough?” Perhaps you would think of God’s infinite power (or any of His other traits) and would talk about the many stories in the Bible that support your response. On the other hand, you may talk about His grace, citing 2 Corinthians 12:9. You may also answer with a personal testimony that shows God can solve any problem, big or small.

Many of us know on some level about God’s sufficiency in all things, yet we find ourselves asking this same question. The many answers that we could give are not necessarily the first things that come to mind when we see a problem that we can’t solve. It can be especially difficult to hold on to our faith in these situations.

In Mark 5:21-43, we find two people in this same position. The first is Jairus, who was a leader in the synagogue. While Jesus was preaching in Galilee, Jairus came to Him on behalf of his dying daughter. After agreeing to go with Jairus, a large crowd began to follow Jesus. It was in this crowd where Jesus met the second person: a woman with a bleeding problem. When she touched the hem of Jesus’ cloak, she was healed. Later, Jesus arrived at Jairus’ house and found people mourning the death of Jairus’ daughter. To the amazement of the crowds, Jesus brought the girl back to life.

With this first, cursory glance, we can see Jesus’ awesome power to solve our problems. This is the power that we hold on to as Christians, since, without that power, none of us have salvation.

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Further, it shows His amazing grace to heal two people when they faithfully come to Him.

Yet, something else is emphasized in Mark's telling of this story.

Mark draws special attention to describing the situation for the woman with the bleeding problem. Like Mark, I want to make sure you don't miss the significance of the healing for the woman—especially if you (like me) are a guy and have never experienced anything remotely close to this. Due to Israel's ceremonial laws at that time, this woman would have been considered ritually unclean. This meant she couldn't touch anyone, including the people she loved. She most likely had problems with fertility, which was and is seen as a part of a woman's identity (especially in situations where the woman's role is to take care of the home and have children). Not that it mattered—if she had a husband, this would be grounds to divorce her. If I were she, I would want to keep this condition private. However, the people in the town may have known that she was the “perpetually unclean woman.” And if all of this wasn't bad enough, she had no one to turn to to help her with her problems.

Her bleeding problem was keeping her from the normal joys in life, so, in her desperation, she came to Jesus. If He had only healed her, it would have been enough. But solely healing the body was not enough for Christ and His great love. He knew about the nonobvious problem: that she had been deprived of love and had felt unseen for a long time. So, when He had the chance to heal her and keep walking, He chose to stop and make sure she knew she was important to Him.

God displays His ability to fully see and know what ails us in the healing of Jairus' daughter as well. He could have kept the girl from dying from afar. Instead, He chose to go to her house to heal her, which takes time. Was this the most convenient way to deal with this situation? No. However, it allowed Jesus to remind her and her loved ones to have faith, while bolstering their beliefs. He even was there to remind them to feed her before going off to celebrate her new life (Mark. 5:43).

Now that I've gone over the passage, you may be wondering how this relates to the question of God's sufficiency, and how it may help in times of doubt. On one hand, it shows Jesus' great power, which is sufficient to save anyone. On the other hand, it shows His amazing love and wisdom, which sees the problem you aren't even asking about. Many times, we ask if God is enough for the here and now. We are only concerned with our immediate problems and how they affect what we can see. And, in our lives which are short like a breath (Psalm 144:3-4), full of difficulty from things out of our control (Ecclesiastes 1:3-4), why shouldn't these issues be at the forefront of our minds? Luckily, every time we pose the question, God answers by saying, “I have something greater in mind for you than just fixing what you can see.” Through turning to faith in trials, this starts to become the first thing we think of. But, whether we remember or not, is God enough to prove that He is still our loving God who knows us and cares about us even when we doubt? He is enough. [SR](#)

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# “Is God Enough?” “God Is Enough!”

By Asabe Miller

So many of us know what God has said about Himself, but we don't believe it. We don't believe Him. We wait to feel like God is enough before believing He actually is—and when the feelings don't come, we assume God hasn't either. I'm always amazed at how we act as Christians towards God. Truthfully, I myself have been in this place.

I have resented the “God is enough!” phrase and pondered its certainty. I know my heart well enough to know it can deceive me. In one moment, I think God is enough and at the same time I think “God, why me?” and “This isn't fair. I don't deserve it.” I know we've had those thoughts in one form or another. Do you ever notice that sometimes what we say we believe about God doesn't line up with how we respond to challenges and trials in life? I've done that too.

I have compassion for the journey of faith because, after all, it is a journey. It is a faith-walk. There are obstacles along the way, and it can be difficult to know God is enough when life can be overwhelming. So, the question becomes, we know God is enough but how do we tap into His sufficiency, especially in desperate times?

### **Feelings don't rule us**

Our feelings don't rule—the truth does. How can your heart sing that Christ is enough no matter what? By knowing Him and remembering truth. Remembering truth means that we renew our mind throughout the day every day. News flash: mind renewal doesn't happen automatically. We need to put to death wrong thinking (Colossians 3:5) and be renewed through His Word (Romans 12:2). Daily victory is won with each small step forward as we push through feelings and choose to trust and find satisfaction in Him alone. This is no easy feat. This takes time, effort, faith, and practice.

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### **Our satisfaction has to be in God**

Nothing in this world will satisfy (Ecclesiastes 2:17). When I am in debt and don't know how I'll pay my bills, is God enough? When I need to forgive what seems almost unforgivable, is God enough? When life disappoints me, is God enough? Yes! God is enough!

Everything we need can be found in God. It seems like a cliché, but it is the truth. All the things we truly desire and our hearts long for can be brought to God and found in Him.

Consider this: the rich young ruler. He wondered what good deed he would need to do to have eternal life. Jesus addressed his heart by saying he needed to sell his possessions and give his wealth to the poor (Luke 18:22). The man went away sad because he was wealthy and his heart was with his wealth. To follow Jesus means placing our trust in Him. Misplaced trust will leave us sad and longing. Jesus spoke to the heart of the man. When Jesus reveals those places in our hearts where we trust created things rather than the Creator, it hurts. Yet, with God's help and our willingness, we will see that our greatest need is Jesus.

### **Final Thoughts**

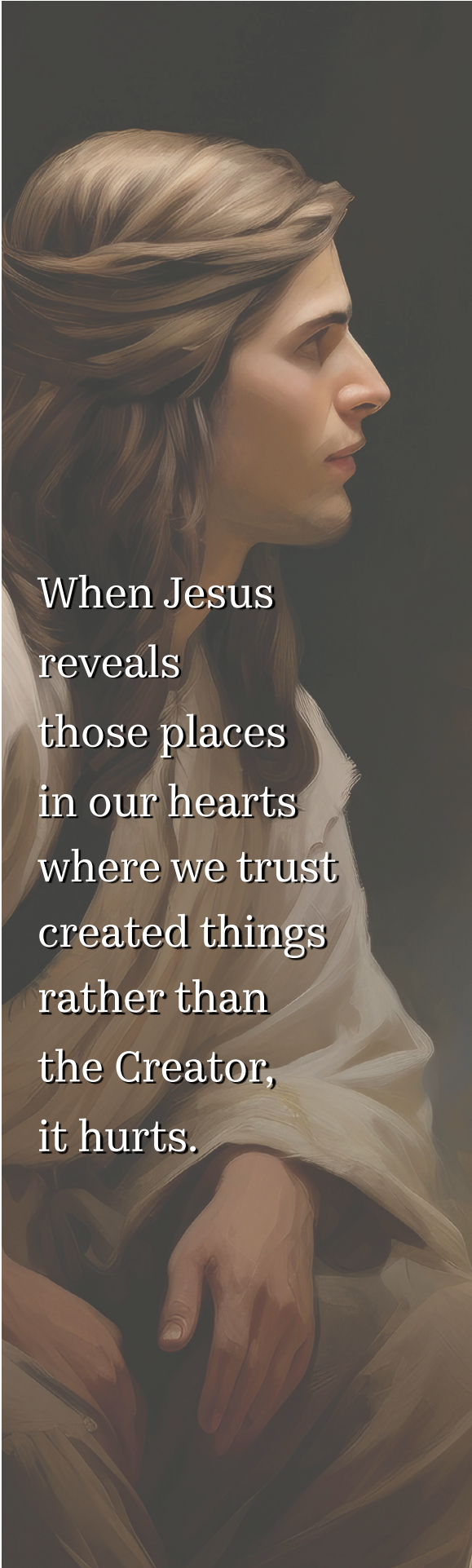
The truth that God is enough is where we should live 24/7. If I am to be honest, I don't—even though I want to. To say this and to know this, is the easy part. However, to put this into practice is not a simple thing to do. When the day-to-day pressures come, we can easily slip into old thinking patterns. We must press forward through moments when life seems to consume us and our feelings seem impossible to overcome.

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, help me to surrender. Help me to repent of placing my hope in things other than You that will never be enough. My emotions do not determine who You are. My circumstance does not determine who You are. You determine who You are. Your word says I can put my trust in You because You never change, You never move. Help me to live as if You are enough because You are! In Jesus' name, Amen. [SR](#)


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# God Is Enough!

By Pastor Kingsley Gauti

**O**ur God is everything in everything and He does not need anything to live. He is the provider, protector, healer, creator and finisher of our faith. As David said in Psalm 62:5-8: “My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation, and my glory: the rock of my strength and my refuge is in God.”

The greatest lesson that the soul has to learn is the fact that God, and God alone, is enough for all its needs. This is the lesson that all His dealings with us are meant to teach; and this is the crowning discovery of our whole Christian life. God is enough!

He doesn't need anything from you or anything about you. And He doesn't need me. Sometimes we actually like to think that if it were not for us, God's kingdom would perish and God Himself would be deprived if somehow we did not do our thing.

We have been considering in this book some aspects of the character and the ways of God as revealed to us in the Lord Jesus Christ; also some of the mistakes which prevent us from appropriating the fullness that is ours in Him. Now in conclusion I want to tell, as best I can, what seems to me, the outcome of the whole matter.

Consider the power of a being who needs nothing and that it is His power that is the energizing power for all created life. It's the power by which the worlds were made. It's the power by which that tree continues to exist. It's the power by which the rocks hold themselves together rather than whirling away.

If God is what He would seem to be from the revealing we have been considering; if He is indeed the “God of all comfort” as we have seen; if He is our Shepherd; if He is really and truly our Father; if, in short, all the many aspects we have been studying of His character and His ways are actually true—then we must, it seems to me, come to the positive conviction that He is, in Himself alone, enough for all our possible needs, and that we may safely rest in Him absolutely and forever.

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# “Yes, but there is God.”

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Something that helped me personally more than anything else to come to a conviction that God was really enough for me was an experience I had some years ago. It was at a time in my religious life when I was passing through a great deal of questioning and perplexity, and I felt that no Christian had ever had such peculiar difficulties as mine before. There happened to be, staying near me just then for a few weeks, a friend who was considered to be a deeply spiritual Christian, and to whom I had been advised to apply for spiritual help. I summoned up my courage, therefore, one afternoon and went to see him, pouring out my troubles. I expected, of course, that he would take a deep interest in me and would be at great pains to do all he could to help me.

He listened patiently enough and did not interrupt me—but when I had finished my story and had paused, expecting sympathy and consideration, he simply said, “Yes, all you say may be very true, but then, in spite of it all, there is God.” I waited a few minutes for something more, but nothing came, and my friend and teacher had the air of having said all that was necessary.

“But,” I continued, “surely you did not understand how very serious and perplexing my difficulties are.”

“Oh, yes, I did,” replied my friend, “but then, as I tell you, there is God.” I could not induce him to make any other answer. It seemed to me most disappointing and unsatisfactory. I felt that my peculiar and really harrowing experiences could not be met by anything so simple as merely the statement, “Yes, but there is God.” I knew God was there, of course—but I felt I needed something more than just God. I came to the conclusion that my friend, for all his great reputation as a spiritual teacher, was at any rate not able to grapple with a peculiar case such as mine.

However, my need was so great that I did not give up with my first trial, but went to him again and again, always with the hope that he would sometime begin to understand the importance of my difficulties and would give me adequate help. It was to no avail. “Yes, I know; but there

is God.” At last by dint of his continual repetition, I became convinced that my friend really and truly believed that, the mere fact of the existence of God, as the Creator and Redeemer of mankind, and of me as a member of the race, was an all-sufficient answer to every possible need of His creatures. And at last, because he said it so often and seemed so sure, I began dimly to wonder whether, after all, God might not be enough, even for my need, overwhelming and secular as I felt it to be. From wondering, I came gradually to believing that being my Creator and Redeemer, He must be enough. A conviction burst upon me that He really was enough, and my eyes were opened to the fact of the absolute and utter all-sufficiency of God.

My troubles disappeared like magic, and I did nothing but wonder how I could ever have been such an idiot as to be troubled by them—when all the while there was God, the Almighty and all-seeing God, the God who had created me, and was therefore on my side, and eager to care for me and help me. I had found out that God was enough and my soul was at rest.

Therefore God is enough! God is enough for time. God is enough for eternity. God is enough! He is the provider and He is everything to us and does not need us to add to the fullness of God’s being and sufficiency. SR

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# Rule 1

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## ■ "Rule 1: Don't do anything stupid."

I received this sound advice from my coach, Eric Bofinger, just before running the Boston Marathon in 2023. He has shared it with me again while preparing for another marathon in Boston on April 15, 2024. I have struggled to learn Rule 1.

Actually, I think that we struggle with "Rule 1" daily. All too often, we forget the key reminders captured in Psalm 127. God is Enough.

## ■ Defining Stupid

When it comes to marathon running, my "stupid" is to avoid running too fast at the start and leaving nothing in the tank to finish out the race. The adrenaline flowing at the starting gun does not have the same impact a couple hours later. *Stupid is overestimating my strength and endurance.*

In daily life, "running stupid" is plunging into our work and activities without realizing that we are actually joining God in His work. We do not intentionally go this route, it just happens as we get wrapped up in the demands of the day. Once again, *stupid is overestimating my strength and endurance.*

## ■ Psalm 127

*<sup>1</sup>Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.  
<sup>2</sup>It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. (Psalm 127 1-2, ESV)*

Let's start with the problem that is addressed by this passage. The problem is not work itself, the problem is work "in vain." The word "vain" is used three times within two verses. The repetition of such a strong word should grab our attention. "Vain" goes a whole lot further than my coach's warning about "stupid."

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We often pass off the word vain as a little problem. We see vain as more of a frustration or something to avoid in order to attain a better outcome. The use of vain in Psalm 127 actually points to something far more worrisome though. Vain literally means ruin. The builders and watchmen are bringing ruin on their work and themselves if they do not follow the admonition in each phrase.

## ■ Unless the Lord

The key phrase of “unless the Lord” is the reminder to keep us from a vain end. We join God in His work. While this is a basic concept, we clearly need the reminder. All too often we jump into “building” or “watching” and live like we are doing it alone, not joining God in His work. This plays out in “watching” over our family and church family with micromanaging, controlling tenacity. We can see it in “building” our church through ministry initiatives that are driven more by metrics (or fear of metrics) than Spirit-led promptings. We end up “vain” because we do not start with “unless the Lord.”

## ■ Gives Rest

We say that God is enough, but live like He desperately needs us to save the day. We make ourselves something of an idol, living as though a work or initiative will not come to fruition without our personal control.

Verse 2 provides a corrective to our controlling tendencies. He gives sleep to His beloved. Those who recognize the beauty of “unless the Lord” are able to set aside their work and know His rest. In fact, the workaholic drive and desire for control that many of us share is addressed by a simple practice.

## ■ Rest.

Our weekly rhythm of Sabbath rest is a practice that is counter formative against the tendency to control, brood over, or despair about outcomes. Sabbath rest is a way that we remember weekly, “unless the Lord.” Routine rest dethrones the idolatry of ourselves.

With this view in mind, we actually work from our rest. A central feature of meaningful work is that it is centered on wholesome rest that restores our vision of “unless the Lord.” Make no mistake, Psalm 127 reminds us that our work matters. We are called to work, but that work is framed by trusting God more than ourselves.

Rest is not an escape from work to recharge our batteries in order to be more productive. That is simply another avenue toward a vain end. Rest actually keeps us rooted in joining God in His rest, and therefore His purpose-filled work.

## ■ Is God Enough?

We know the answer to this question. Yes, God is enough. The secondary question is the tricky one: will I live like it?

Rule 1: Don't do anything stupid.

The best antidote to stupid just might be rest. [SR](#)

Rule 1: Don't do anything stupid!

# Seeds of Service: Growing Faith Across the Land

Inspired by a vision of expanding the reach of the Seventh Day Baptist (SDB) community, I penned this poem. It is rooted in the belief that more SDB members, particularly those like me who reside in areas without an SDB church, can play a pivotal role as servant-leader evangelists. This poem is a call to action, encouraging us to step forward and establish new groups. These groups, built upon the principles of servant leadership and fueled by the dedication of their members, hold the promise of blossoming into vibrant SDB churches. This is a vision of growth, not just in numbers, but in the spirit of service and community that lies at the heart of our faith.

In Sabbath's gentle, sacred light,  
A path unfolds, serene and bright,  
Where servant leaders, with vision grand,  
Reach out across the spacious land.

From coast to coast, in every street,  
In towns both large and fields discreet,  
They gather hearts, both old and new,  
In a journey shared by a faithful few.

In homes and parks, where people meet,  
Under the sky, in nature's seat,  
A sacred space for seekers form,  
Where faith and hope in hearts transform.

Each leader serves, with gentle might,  
Guiding through the darkest night,  
Nurturing souls in Sabbath's peace,  
Where doubts and fears find their release.

Communities from seeds so small,  
In unity they grow strong and tall,  
Seventh Day Baptists, spreading wide,  
In God's bright guiding light, they abide.

From every town, a call resounds,  
In every heart, His love abounds,  
Turning seekers into friends,  
For believers, the journey never ends.

Imagine a world where each one leads,  
In service to others' needs,  
A tapestry of faith and love,  
Woven with guidance from above.

In every act of kindness shown,  
The seeds of hope and love are sown,  
Churches rise from these deeds so bright,  
Standing as beacons of His light.

In this vision, bold and clear,  
Servant leaders hold dear,  
The message of the Sabbath,  
Resonating far and near.

A chorus of voices, in harmony they sing,  
Celebrating the peace their leadership bring,  
For in serving others, we find our call,  
And in leading with love, we give our all.

Let us embark on this path so divine,  
With hearts of service, let our light shine,  
In every corner of this land,  
Together in faith, we take a stand.

For in each group that dares to grow,  
Under Sabbath's gentle glow,  
Lies the strength of the SDB family,  
In unity and love, forever free. SR

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# God's Plan is Enough

In the time of 1 Kings, King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were leading the people of Israel to worship other gods and despise God's commands. Elijah felt like the only faithful prophet left. But full of the Lord's emboldening fire, Elijah confronted the sinful nation. After God led him to a miraculous and violent clash between him and the prophets of the idols, Jezebel wanted to kill him! So Elijah fled to the wilderness, running for his life! Weary, terrified, and isolated, Elijah begged God to let his life be over.

Ever feel like life is out of control? Sometimes life can be very stressful, unpleasant, lonely, uncomfortable, scary, or complicated. It can be easy to think that God doesn't listen to our prayers when we don't see our requests for deliverance happen. We try to find our way, but it can get so overwhelming it's unbearable.

But God has not abandoned you. He had not abandoned Elijah. He provided food and strength for him and told him what he needed to do. Elijah asked for death, but God gave him life. God wasn't done working through him—after that, Elijah rebuked the wayward people of Israel and empowered a new generation of the faithful until he was taken home to heaven in a chariot of fire.

Life can be really tough. Sometimes it feels like everything is going wrong. Like no one cares about God and His commands. Like God is far away. Like it's impossible to keep going.

Elijah was hated, scared, running for his life, and so weary that he wanted to die! His life on earth was full of pain and heartache. I wouldn't be surprised if he experienced that question we still ask today—"God, why?" But ultimately he trusted that God was in control and that He had a better plan for him than himself. He gave up his own dreams, plans, and desires and sought to glorify God with his life.

Sometimes, life can be so overwhelming and heartbreaking. Plans fall through, people desert us, dreams are crushed, hopes are lost, desires are not fulfilled. But there is peace in believing that God's plan for us is enough. It will not always be easy, and our life on earth will not always be pleasant or comfortable. But we have the promise that God knows what's best for us and will give us what we need, when we need it.

God's plan is enough.

*"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life... But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:25, 33.*

You can read the story I related about Elijah in 1 Kings 19. If you want to read more about God's provision and perfect plans, here are some to start with...

- God providing a sacrifice in response to Abraham's faithfulness. (Genesis 22)
- God having a plan to use Joseph's brothers' misdeeds for good. (You can start reading this story in Genesis 37 and skip around through the following chapters to learn his story. Genesis 50:15-21 has a great message regarding God having a plan!)
- God having a plan to heal the suffering woman and bring a dead girl back to life even though hope had been lost. (Mark 5:21-43)

These are just a few. There are so many passages about God having a plan during difficult times in the Bible. How about you find some more? [SR](#)



## Camp Joy Winter Retreat

By Laura Modesitt  
Salem SDB Church

The Appalachian SDB Association hosted the Year End Retreat at Camp Joy in Berea, WV, from December 27 through December 31, 2023. The retreat was well attended with 44 participants ranging in grades 6-12. There were 12 staff members: Laura Lee Modesitt and Andrea Huffman co-directed; Bryan and Hanah Baker prepared a menu and cooked for the retreat, Kristin Camenga, Karen Wilkerson, Lexia Stall, Valerie Probasco, Lora Sweeney, Nicholas Solomon, Liam Probasco, and Logan Curran served on staff. Duska Davis shopped for the groceries for the cooks. Pastor Charles Meathrell prepared the registration form for the retreat. Many thanks to the Salem

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Seventh Day Baptist Church for financially supporting this opportunity and the Camp Joy Board of Directors for allowing us to use the facility. Last year the Eastern Association hosted the first of this kind of year-end retreat at Jersey Oaks Camp in New Jersey. It was a success and many of the youth were excited to reunite this year. As Seventh Day Baptists we hope to build more connections amongst our youth across Associations and provide more opportunities for unity. We realize many before us have hosted such events and we have seen the fruits of their labor. We wish to continue with their vision and surrender our efforts to God the Father to use it to the glory of his kingdom.

The theme and the curriculum of the retreat was based on the book **“Winning the War in Our Minds for Teens”** by Craig Groeschel with Josh Mosey. There were four video sessions followed by breakout sessions that allowed the participants to interact with different staff members and complete a personal workbook. The curriculum was simple and straight forward: we need to fight the lies in our minds with declaring the truths found in scripture. We need to develop new pathways in our brains that direct us to His Word and write it on our hearts so we can defend ourselves from negative influences. Andrea Huffman also organized four crafts for the retreat that were very nice and age appropriate. We also did normal camp activities like mixing the group up to meet new people, played camp games, and of course we had to play capture the flag. This group of participants were fantastic! Our future is bright and parents are doing a great job!

The group traveled to Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church on Saturday, December 30, 2023, to attend the worship service. We told a few of the Salem members we were coming, but for the most part we surprised the congregation and they were overjoyed. A group of retreat participants led the praise and worship time for the Salem service. Then the group was hosted for the afternoon at the Huffman household where we were able to relax and play. We also had an evening praise and worship service at their house before returning to the camp.

While being at Camp Joy in the winter is a very different experience, it is still one of the most

peaceful places one can be when trying to connect with their heavenly Father. We thank God for the safe travels to and from the retreat. Although it rained heavily on Wednesday and off and on through the remainder of the week, we did not have any snow or slick roads to contend with for our travels. The mud kept us inside most of the time and forced us to get creative with the space, but nonetheless the facilities were wonderful. We had four youth from the Pataskala SDB Church, five from the Lost Creek SDB Church, five from the German SDB Church, three from the Marlboro SDB Church, seven from the Shiloh SDB Church, 18 from the Salem SDB Church, one from the Susquehanna Valley Church and two from the Emanuel Church of God in Christ (the last two have connections with SDBs and Camp Jersey Oaks.)

In 1 John 4:12 it says, “No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.” This verse rang true at the Winter Retreat. My heart is full as I conclude and I cannot think of a better way to close one year and start another than keeping this new/old tradition alive.

#### Participants:

Davis Meathrell  
Lily, Emma, & Ava VanHorn  
Cate, Eve, & Jonah Camenga  
Benjamin & Jonathan Facemire  
Aaron & Angela Barbee  
Elisa & Annika Camenga  
Abigail Smith  
Summer & Reed Modesitt  
Jacob & Isaiah Solomon  
Seth & Micah Arrington  
Marley, Emerson, & Carter Sias  
Leela, Sawyer, Kyler, & Sadie Huffman  
Alexis & Rylan Richmond  
Caleb Stewart  
Max & Kyra Wilkerson  
Ayla Windows  
Joell Ackerson  
Layla Hauserman  
Reyna Mazza  
Isabella Pettit  
Bristol & Steven Reeves  
Dante Mazzeo  
Sean & Annelise Sweeney  
Erin & Nate Bond SR



# Camp Joy Improvements



By Chad Modesitt

The Seventh Day Baptist Appalachian Association has owned and operated its very own church camp for many years. Camp Joy is nestled in a valley, surrounded by water on three sides and offers peace and tranquility to all who visit the property. Camp Joy is a wonderful place to unplug from the world and quiet your soul to commune with God. Camp Joy even has a special name. **J** is for Jesus who takes first place; **O** is for others you meet face to face; and **Y** is for you... and whatever you do so... put yourself last and spell **JOY**. If you just sang that in your head then we know you have been to camp and experienced that joy.

In 2023, Camp Joy received a grant from the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Board for a new church roof; however, a church in the Association generously covered the cost of the roof. This allowed the money to

be used for repairing the floors in the kitchen, new epoxy flooring in the boys' dormitory, new paint in the kitchen and kitchen cabinets, improvements to the back deck, and the construction of a new handicap accessible outdoor bathroom that has a shower, toilet and utility sink. These upgrades truly have given the camp a "face lift." The Memorial Board Grant funds have allowed the camp to make these vital improvements to continue to maintain the safety and integrity of the camp's facilities.

The new church roof truly makes that beautiful white country church shine and allows us to preserve a special place for our camps to worship. We are so blessed to have an actual sanctuary that allows us to get in out of the elements while using the camp facility. It is across the road from the camp and sits on an embankment.

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## These upgrades and additions support the mission and purpose of Camp Joy in a vital way

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The replacement of the kitchen floor was much appreciated. In the past, the camp facilities committee has tried to replace tiles in the kitchen floor, but were never successful in making it completely level. The new kitchen floor is beautiful. After a scraping and fresh coat of paint to the cabinets and walls, the kitchen shines.

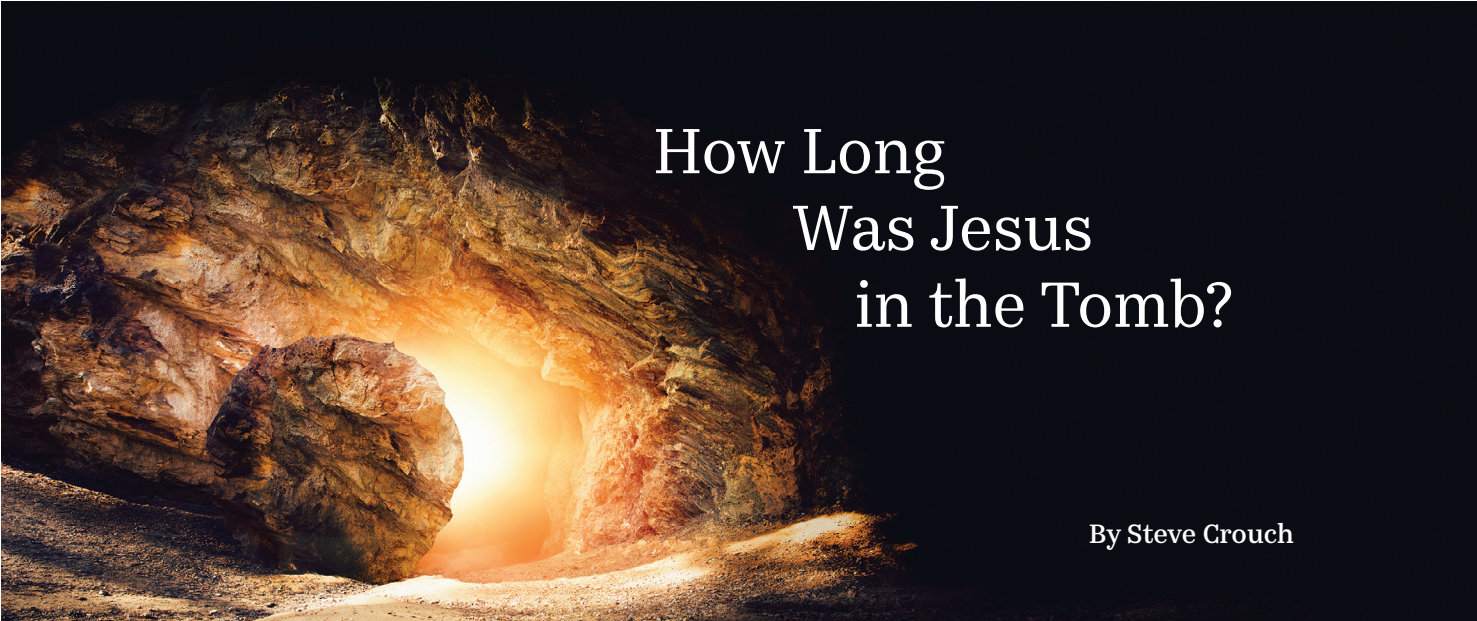
Although the basement of the main lodge does not flood regularly, it did get flooded when we had an issue with the water system, which ruined the carpeting in the boys' dormitory. This carpet was put down with glue many years ago and has served us well but it was a big job extracting it from the concrete floors. The contractor worked hard to get as much of it up as possible before using a new epoxy paint on the floors. The epoxy paint is grey with speckles and it truly brightens the dormitory. It does seem to make logical sense to have a flooring that can be swept and mopped. Camp activities often involve campers getting dirty and this will be easier to maintain.

Many years ago, the Senior Saints, a Seventh Day Baptist group of retirees, traveled to several different church camps and properties and worked on special projects. While they were at Camp Joy, they built a magnificent deck on the back of our lodge. It is elevated to allow an emergency exit below for the boys' dormitory but it is level with the door off the main lodge. They built a handicap ramp that comes from around the side of the girls' dormitory. That ramp and deck has allowed a safe entrance into the lodge for many years for those who can not climb the steps on the front side of the building. Over the years the camp facilities committee has seen that the deck was pressure washed and stained, but it was time to replace some of the boards and reinforce the structure. This grant allowed that to happen and, just as recently as the Year End Winter Retreat, we had approximately 60 people standing on that deck for an outdoor activity. The deck has provided additional space for camp programming for years and we are grateful to continue to have this space.

The last project which might be every camp director's favorite is the additional outdoor bathroom. In the summer of 2022, we realized that we truly did not have a safe option for elderly men while they are visiting the camp to use the restroom. The rule at camp is that males go to the boys' dormitory for the restroom and the females go to the girls' dormitory for the restrooms; however, the boys' dormitory is in the basement which is accessed by a steep set of concrete stairs. Our new outdoor bathroom has now provided a convenient and safe option for the elderly. Camp directors love this restroom because now campers do not have to go into the dorms to use the restroom while the group is participating in an outdoor activity. Directors and/or camp staff can see the child go into the single use restroom and come out from many different parts of the camp, and this allows for fewer opportunities for mischief. This outdoor bathroom has a shower that can be easily accessed by those who may choose to bring their campers to Camp Joy. Additionally, there are four RV electric hookups at the camp and this allows them access to a bathroom without having to enter the main lodge. Those who are renting the camp pavilion for day use only now do not have to be granted access to the whole facility as our new bathroom has a nice utility sink and a baby changing table. This bathroom is conveniently located between the end of the girls' dormitory and the ramp to the back deck, which is directly adjacent to the pavilion.

To say that we are grateful for these improvements is an understatement. These upgrades and additions support the mission and purpose of Camp Joy in a vital way, and we thank the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Board for granting these funds for this purpose. May God continue to strengthen the programming and use of this beautiful campus in a way that expands and glorifies his kingdom. [SR](#)

—Respectfully and Gratefully Submitted,  
Camp Joy Board



# How Long Was Jesus in the Tomb?

By Steve Crouch

This is a question that has been asked many times: How long was Jesus in the tomb between His burial and resurrection?

The Bible seems to give two answers to this question, and both of them can be found in Jesus' own words as He made predictions about His death and resurrection:

- Matthew 12:40: "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be *three days and three nights* in the heart of the earth."
- Matthew 16:21 – "From that time, Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised *the third day*."

Three days and three nights. The third day. Since Jesus was in the tomb only once, both expressions mean the same thing. So the question is, how long was that period of time, three full days and nights, or parts of three days?

Another place in the Bible that uses similar expressions is in the book of Esther, where Esther announced her intention to go before the king. But first she told Mordecai to have the Jews not eat or drink "for three days, night or day" (4:16). Then in Esther 5:1 she went to the king "on the third day," meaning the same period of time. Again, do the two expressions mean three full days and nights, or parts of three days?

Perhaps some other Scriptural examples will help. In Jonah's case that Jesus referred to, we might wonder how Jonah could tell time accurately in the belly of the great fish. But if Scripture says "three days and three nights," I am inclined to take it literally.

Another example is David in 1 Samuel 30:12, where "he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights." Could he have been so delirious from hunger and thirst, that he lost all track of time? Or did he really know how long it had been? Is this three full days, or parts of three days?

The other expression, "third day," is found more commonly in the Bible. For example, in 1 Kings 12:5, Rehoboam told the Israelites to depart "for three days" and then come back. In verse 12 they came back to him "the third day," again meaning the same period of time. Is this three full days, or less than that?

One more example is in Leviticus 19, where God instructed Israel about peace offerings. Verse 6 seems to describe parts of three days: "It shall be eaten the same day..., and on the next day. And if any remains until the third day ...."

Maybe that is enough examples. Have we learned from them how long Jesus was in the tomb? Not really. What we have learned is that the Bible is not always precise in its references to time. In the end, does it really matter whether it was three full days and nights or parts of three days that Jesus was in the tomb? Probably not.

This reminds me of another question that has been asked many times (and I am not going to get into it in this article): Do Christians go directly to Heaven when they die, or do they "sleep" unconsciously in the grave until the Resurrection? Scriptural arguments could go either way. In the long run does it really matter? Either way, we will see Jesus and spend eternity with Him.

In a similar way, the important thing is that Jesus was dead and buried and resurrected, not how long it took.

I compare it to the traditional date of December 25 for Jesus' birth. After all is said and done, does it not matter much more that Jesus was born than when He was born? In the same way, does it not matter much more that Jesus was in the tomb, than how long He was in the tomb?

The Good News is that He didn't stay there, but rose again to new life that He shares with us. [SR](#)

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# ABC Graduation

SDB Missionary Society

By Andrew Samuels  
Chief Executive Director

With great excitement, expectation, and promise, the Seventh Day Baptist Africa Bible College began in July 2021, with 20 enthusiastic students from nine African countries. All of the students were eager to engage in the studies which had been promoted as part of the course. Intended to last two years, the program began, utilizing e-mails for the conveying of assignments to be done at home in 6-week increments, followed by in-person seminars to reinforce the content of the material being taught.

Don't forget: When the Africa Bible College started, the COVID-19 pandemic was still very much present in the world. The students and instructors had to travel internationally to Kenya for the first in-person seminar in October 2021, navigating COVID tests, flight layovers, and the fact that over ninety percent of them had never flown on a plane before. Significant coordination and coaching was needed.

Fast forward to December, 2023. Andy Samuels and Miriam Berg from the Missionary Society traveled to the east African country of Rwanda to serve as instructors for the final Africa Bible College seminar. At the end of the week-long seminar, there would be the long-awaited graduation ceremony. Miriam taught the module on Introduction to Missions, and Andy taught the module on Biblical Leadership. The persevering and determined students could see the finish line.

The modules studied during the two-year program included Old and New Testament Surveys, Bible Interpretation, Spiritual Formation, Evangelism, Preaching and Worship, Seventh Day Baptist Distinctives, Biblical Leadership, and Introduction to Missions. All the instructors came from the United States this time, but the intent is that for the next batch of students, some of the present graduates will serve as instructors, eventually making ABC fully African owned and operated.

The graduation ceremony was full of celebration and joy. The instructors and graduates, along with the Rwanda Seventh Day Baptist crowd of witnesses, plus scores of curious onlookers and bystanders, complete with police protection and marching band, engaged in a mile-long procession along one of the

main streets in the town of Musanze, until the jubilant throng arrived at the premises of the Maranatha SDB Church for the grand occasion. And grand it was!

Pastor Kingsley Gauti from Malawi was the valedictorian, the master of ceremonies was Brother Mimi Justin from the Maranatha Church, and several choirs offered inspiring renditions. The composition of the seventeen graduating students includes people of the caliber of the General Secretaries of the Zambian, Malawian, and Rwandan conferences; two other students from Zambia; two other students from Malawi; three other students from Rwanda; three students from Burundi; one student each from Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia. Sixteen of the graduates are male, and one is female.

We are proud of this very first batch of Africa Bible College graduating students. They have worked very hard over the two and a half years. They have stayed the course, and they have prevailed. They are actively serving in their conferences in a variety of capacities, including as pastors, and, as has already been mentioned, as General Secretaries.

We are thankful to the six instructors who have given of themselves and their time to pour into our students, namely Miriam Berg, Johnmark Camenga, Carl Greene, Andres Jara, Garfield Miller, and Andy Samuels.

We are also profoundly grateful to the Rwanda Seventh Day Baptist Conference, the Maranatha Seventh Day Baptist Church in Rwanda, and Snow Hotel in Rwanda who have collaboratively accommodated us for three of the four seminars we had, and did so very graciously and ably.

Through Africa Bible College, the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society has made a significant investment in our African conferences, and we expect that the returns on that investment will bear much fruit in decades to come, if the Lord tarries.

Long live SDB Africa Bible College. To God be all the glory! SR



Seventh Day Baptist Africa Bible College  
Graduation



# UNEARTH THE CHURCH

By Johnmark Camenga  
Conference President

Do you know the trembling in your chest that sometimes settles on you as you walk down the street or as you type on your computer? Do you know the dread that something isn't right and you don't know what it is, but whatever it is, it's just as unfixable as it is unidentifiable? Do you know the way that trembling dread seeps into your lungs, lingering for hours or days? Do you know the darkness, the narrowing field of vision that slowly encapsulates you in uncertainty?

It's not guilt, not exactly.

It's not fear or sadness, but it's close.

It's something more akin to a word on the tip of your tongue that you just can't visualize or speak; a word that holds the key—or is the key—to the door you're locked behind.

You feel like, "If I could just identify what the trembling, dreadful, lingering darkness is. If I could just say it, maybe I could be rid of it."

Is this just me?

As a husband, dad, pastor, and chaplain I like to gain insight and offer counsel. I know this isn't unique to me or those roles; I imagine most folks like to listen, learn, and be a source of wisdom. But what do we do when no amount of information yields insight and nothing we can think to say approaches wisdom? What do we do when all of our best impulses and greatest strengths are subverted by our ignorance and our impotence?

What I do when I become immediately and acutely aware of my foolishness and weakness is I, first, pretend everything is okay; second, compensate for my deficiency; third, become haltingly self-conscious; and fourth...

Do you know the deep pain that develops in your knees as you spend time you don't have praying to God about something you can't identify?

I should know this bit the best but I am still struggling to learn. I make this mistake all the time: even though I know the power of prayer, I often don't think to go to the source of all wisdom and power until I come to the end of my own. How wild is that? I've been a church-going Christian my whole life—I've been a pastor for a dozen years—but I still prefer to exhaust all my resources before turning to the One who is inexhaustible.

Maybe that trembling, dreadful, lingering darkness is a blessing in disguise.

Hear me out.

Maybe it's the Holy Spirit providing us a shortcut to the end of our own wisdom and strength. I mean, God doesn't need our wisdom and our strength, he's asking for our submission. God doesn't even need our words (Romans 8:26-27), he's simply asking us to turn our attention to him. That trembling may in fact be God calling you into a long, agenda-less time of prayer, just you and him.

I don't hope for that trembling to come upon you, but when it does, I do hope that you see it as an invitation into a more intimate relationship with your Savior. That kind of relationship—one that is marked by deep attention and submission to our Savior—is critical to unearthing the church. There are many questions about what we should do as churches and as a Conference that will require deep attention and submission. If we don't start in a place of humility—a place marked by long, Holy Spirit-guided prayer—we will never find the way forward. SR



¿Conocen el temblor en el pecho que a veces se apodera de ti mientras caminas por la calle o mientras tecleas en tu ordenador?  
¿Conocen el temor de que algo no va bien y no sabes lo que es pero, sea lo que sea, es tan imposible de arreglar como de identificar?  
¿Conocen la forma en que ese temor tembloroso se filtra en tus pulmones, persistiendo durante horas o días? ¿Conocen la oscuridad, el estrechamiento del campo de visión que lentamente te encapsula en la incertidumbre?

No es culpa, no exactamente.

No es miedo ni tristeza, pero casi.

Es algo más parecido a una palabra en la punta de la lengua que no puedes visualizar o pronunciar; una palabra que tiene la llave - o es la llave- de la puerta tras la que estás encerrado.

Te sientes como: “Si pudiera identificar qué es esa oscuridad temblorosa, espantosa y persistente. Si pudiera decirlo, tal vez podría librarme de ella”.

¿Me pasa solo a mí?

Como marido, padre, pastor y capellán, me gusta obtener información y ofrecer consejo. Sé que esto no es exclusivo de mí o de esas funciones; imagino que a la mayoría de la gente le gusta escuchar, aprender y ser una fuente de sabiduría. Pero, ¿qué hacemos cuando no hay información que nos ayude a comprender y cuando nada de lo que decimos se acerca a la sabiduría? ¿Qué hacemos cuando nuestros mejores impulsos y nuestras mayores fuerzas se ven subvertidos por nuestra ignorancia y nuestra impotencia?

Lo que yo hago cuando soy inmediata y agudamente consciente de mi estupidez y mi debilidad es, primero, fingir que todo va bien; segundo, compensar mi deficiencia; tercero, volverme vacilantemente consciente de mí mismo; y cuarto...

¿Conocen el profundo dolor que se desarrolla en las rodillas cuando dedican tiempo que no tienen a rezar a Dios por algo que no pueden identificar?

Yo debería conocer esta parte mejor que nadie, pero aún me cuesta aprender. Cometo este error todo el tiempo: aunque conozco el poder de la oración, a menudo no se me ocurre acudir a la fuente de toda sabiduría y poder hasta que llego al final de la mía. ¿No es una locura? He sido cristiano de iglesia toda mi vida -he sido pastor durante una docena de años-, pero sigo prefiriendo agotar todos mis recursos antes de acudir a Aquel que es inagotable.

Tal vez esa oscuridad temblorosa, espantosa y persistente sea una bendición disfrazada.

Escúchenme.

Tal vez sea el Espíritu Santo proporcionándonos un atajo hasta el final de nuestra propia sabiduría y fuerza. Es decir, Dios no necesita nuestra sabiduría y nuestra fuerza, nos pide sumisión. Dios ni siquiera necesita nuestras palabras (Romanos 8:26-27), simplemente nos está pidiendo que le prestemos atención. Ese temblor puede ser, de hecho, Dios llamándote a un largo tiempo de oración sin agenda, sólo tú y él.

No espero que ese temblor te invada, pero cuando lo haga espero que lo veas como una invitación a una relación más íntima con tu Salvador. Ese tipo de relación -marcada por una profunda atención y sumisión a nuestro salvador- es fundamental para desenterrar la iglesia. Hay muchas cuestiones sobre lo que debemos hacer como iglesias y como conferencia que requerirán una profunda atención y sumisión. Si no empezamos en un lugar de humildad -un lugar marcado por una larga oración guiada por el Espíritu Santo nunca encontraremos el camino a seguir. <sup>SR</sup>



## The Book of Revelation: The Seven Trumpets, Part 6

Study Lesson 33 by Dennis Coleman,  
Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, NJ

*For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear,  
but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."  
The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,  
—Romans 8:15-16 (NKJV)*

Are you secure in your relationship with Christ our Lord? A lot is going to happen between today and judgment day. Revelation gives us a glimpse of what will happen (is happening?) in Heaven and on earth leading up to the final judgment. Experts and laymen debate how much of what is written will be witnessed by the church. The bottom line, though, is that we live in times that can be a challenge to our faith and will become more challenging as the world moves further away from the one true God.

When trials come, are you confident in who you are in Christ? Do you clearly hear the testimony of the Holy Spirit, declaring that you are a child of God?

### **The Sixth Trumpet**

In our last installment, we talked about the suffering that John described which followed the sounding of the fifth trumpet. Revelation 9:12 declares that in this suffering, "One woe is past." (NKJV) The verse also warns that two more are still to come.

Following this declaration, the sixth angel blows the sixth trumpet (verse 13) and John hears a voice come from the altar that is before God. I believe that to fully understand this part of the vision we must look at Exodus 30:1-10 where God describes the golden altar that was to be placed in front of the veil that was before the ark of the Testimony where God promised to meet with the priests (Exodus 30:6). A number of the commentaries point to this passage when talking about



## Something will happen during which a large portion of mankind will be destroyed because of sin.

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Revelation 9:13 and its description of how the altar was built with four horns (one on each corner) and how it was overlain with gold.

Aaron was told to burn incense on this altar day and night. According to a number of sources, this was to represent prayer and served as a reminder to the people of Israel (and to us today) that God would hear their prayers. But while the incense (and the prayers) were sweet, there was a problem which had to be dealt with. Because of sin the priest had to make atonement upon the horns of the altar once a year (Exodus 30:10). Thus there was a close link between atonement and prayer, a connection which continues for those whose atonement comes in the shed blood of Christ.

The altar described in Exodus is an earthly representation of what John sees in his vision of Heaven. John mentions the altar in chapter 8 when an angel comes before the altar with a golden censer. This angel is said to mix incense with the prayers of the saints which the angel offers upon the altar (Revelation 8:3-4). In Revelation 9 John hears a voice coming from the horns of the altar, a voice that calls for the release of four angels who are sent to kill a third of mankind (verses 14-15). *Benson Commentary* points out that this call for vengeance coming from the horns of the altar is likely a sign of “divine displeasure” as the altar that was meant to reassure people becomes a voice calling for destruction.

According to this voice, there are four angels who are said to be “bound at the great river Euphrates.” (Revelation 9:14) As the *Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges* points out, it is not likely that these are the same four angels mentioned in Revelation 7 as those angels stood at the four corners of the earth, whereas the chapter 9 angels are bound in one spot. Plus the plagues held back by the chapter 7 angels are described as already occurring in chapter 8, before we see the angels of chapter 9. Thus the angels of chapter 9 are likely a new group leading an all new round of destruction upon mankind.

In speaking of the river Euphrates, the same *Cambridge Bible* states that, “No satisfactory explanation of the meaning has been given,” and that we cannot be sure if the river Euphrates mentioned in the verse is the literal river on earth or a substitution for something else. These explanations put the *Cambridge Bible* at odds with a few other commentaries (such as *Matthew Henry’s Commentary*), which mentions the past movements of various nations (the Turks are mentioned by *Matthew Henry’s Commentary*).

*Barnes Notes on the Bible* points out that the Euphrates served as a border to Israel, running to the east of Palestine. Thus the writers of this commentary believed that whatever might be unleashed by these angels would

come from the east, which the writers state rules out the Roman invasion of Jerusalem as those armies came from the west.

This is another instance where the commentaries give somewhat conflicting explanations. What they all seem to agree on is that the Euphrates here represents something that restrains agents of destruction. Whether the passage speaks of the literal river or a figurative restraint is not as important as the fact that these agents are not allowed to move upon the earth until the appointed “...hour and day and month and year...” (verse 15), at which time they kill a third of mankind.

I want to emphasize the fact that these angels cannot do anything on their own and that the commentaries agree that the voice from the altar represents divine authority. I also want to remind us all that “angel” really means messenger. As such, these could be the winged creatures that we normally think of or they could possibly be human, which aligns with the commentaries that point to past events in world history that lead up to the formation of the army mentioned in verse 16. This interpretation essentially states that there were attacks on Israel in the past that were constrained once they accomplished the will of God. In the future, (according to this interpretation) these restraints will be removed and we will see the return of these armies in some new form once again launching attacks.

Generally it is agreed that the mention of one-third of mankind being killed is not to be considered an exact count. Instead it is to give us the idea that this destruction will be massive and noticeable. The same can be said of the size of the army with 200 million not being a literal count but rather an expression of an immense force coming against mankind as retribution as the wages of sin are paid out. Here *Ellicott’s Commentary* points to a translation of this verse which says, “two myriads of myriads,” pointing the reader to Psalm 68:17, which speaks of chariots of angels. The commentary describes both verses as speaking of an “utterly bewildering number...,” stating that this was not intended for a literal interpretation.

The basic idea behind these verses is that there will be a time when, by divine authority, something will happen during which a large portion of mankind will be destroyed because of sin. Here I must once again remind us all that God is just and His actions are righteous. So while it may be difficult to accept destruction on this scale as retribution for sin, we must make sure that we never forget Who it is that we worship and that we remember that His judgment is always right. [SR](#)


## The Recognition Committee of the Women's Board

would like to encourage you to submit your nominations for the **Robe of Achievement** for a woman who has served the denomination, her home church, family and community or **Jenny Wangsness WISE Award** for a woman who has given evidence of service above and beyond the call of duty in her home church.

We don't want you to be inhibited by the forms and all the information that is needed. Fill in what you know and don't worry about the exact dates of activities if you don't know them. This information can be secured later if your nominee is chosen for the honor of receiving the Robe of Achievement or Jenny Wangsness WISE Award.

**The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2024.**

The forms are available on the Women's Board webpage at <http://www.sdbwomen.org/> under the Recognitions tab or by requesting a copy from Lydia Solomon by email at [ljdavis311@aol.com](mailto:ljdavis311@aol.com).

The submission forms can also be submitted to Lydia Solomon at the same email address or by mail to 226 Candlelight Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. 

## DEATH NOTICES

### CORRECTION:

**HAMBLETON**—George Neil, lifelong member of Riverside, CA, SDB Church; resided in Edgewater, FL; died at AdventHealth Hospital in New Smyrna Beach, FL, *on September 23, 2023*; age 72.

**LYNCH**—Owen Floyd, Jr., pastor of First SDB Church of Toronto, Canada; died at Lakeridge Health, Oshawa, November 17, 2023; age 54. Burial at Thornton Cemetery in Oshawa.

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## Women's Society Meeting Announcement

A Special Business meeting is being called by the Board of the Women's Society. Any female member of a Seventh Day Baptist church is a member of the Society and is encouraged to attend. This meeting will be hosted via Zoom online meeting platform. Once you register, you will receive the invitation and calendar event via email.

### WHEN:

**Sunday May 5, 2024 at 11:00am ET**

Scan QR code or go to <https://t.ly/SDBWS> to register.



## Phoenix SDB Church Seeks Pastor


The Phoenix Seventh Day Baptist Church plant seeks a pastor with gifts in creating a church vision and empowering the church congregation. The Phoenix SDB church is a small church that started as a home-based congregation in September 2019. We have recently expanded to a rented facility at 1601 West Indian School Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85015. Our principles of faith are "only the scriptures, only Christ, only grace, only faith, only the glory of God."

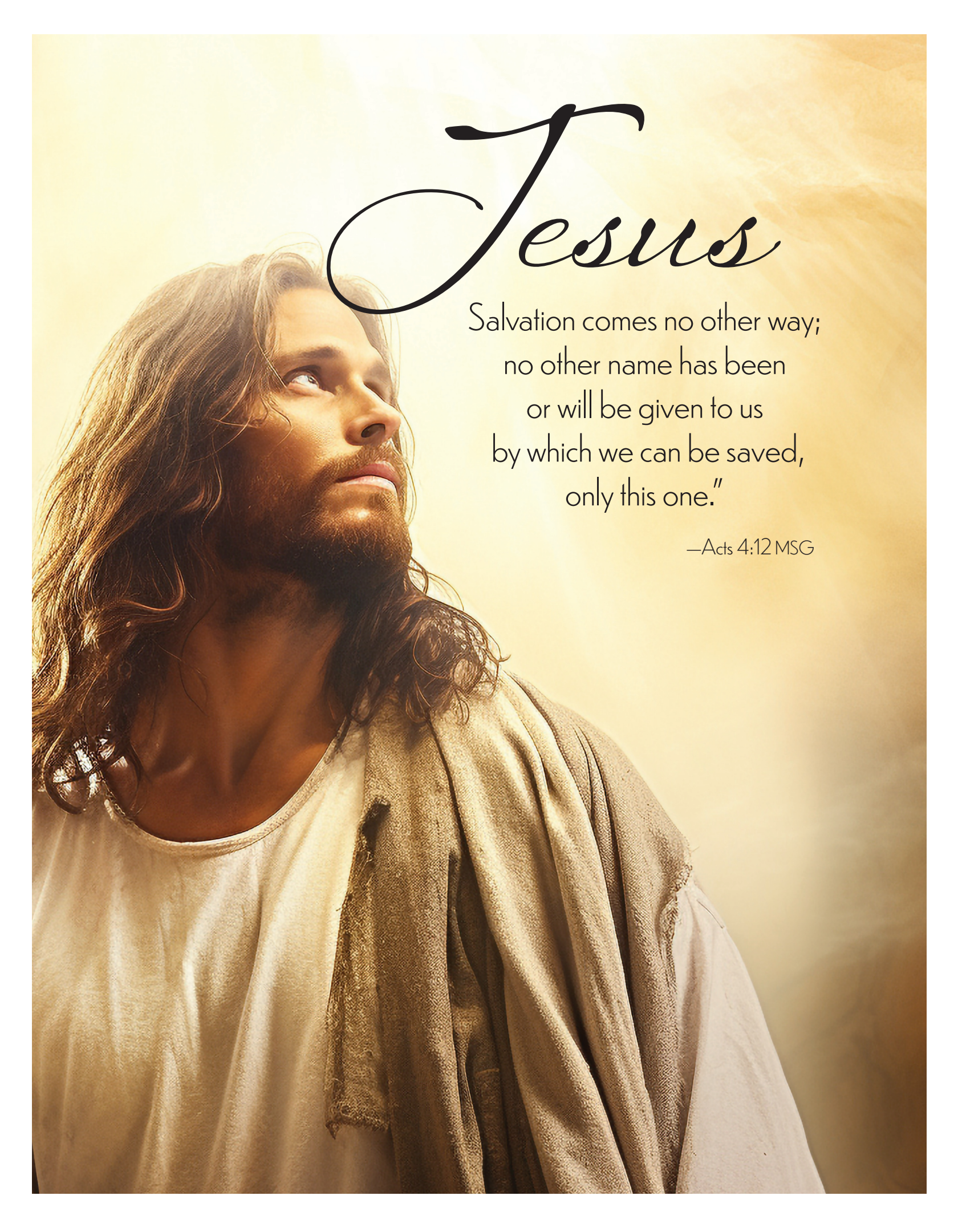
Requirements for the role include:

- Agreement to our statement of faith—located on [www.phoenixsdb.com](http://www.phoenixsdb.com)
- If married, wife and minor children fellowship on Sabbath with the church
- Lives a life as a disciple of Christ
- Preaches from the Bible

Pastoral Education/Experience/Ordination/Accreditation is preferred but not required. Continuing education opportunities through the Seventh Day Baptist Conference will be offered to the selected candidate with financial assistance.

Candidates may be required to undergo a background check.

If you believe yourself to have the passion to empower our church and are moved by the Spirit to apply, please send your letter of intent and resume to [phoenixazsdb@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixazsdb@gmail.com). We look forward to being in contact. 



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no other name has been  
or will be given to us  
by which we can be saved,  
only this one."

—Acts 4:12 MSG

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