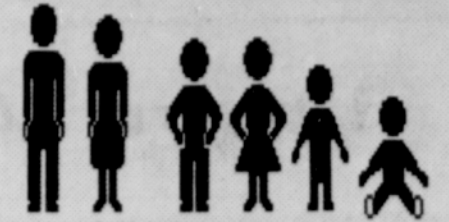




# RELIGION

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Scripture of the Week:  
Hebrews Chapter 11



## BIBLE QUIZ BOOK

### 20. Hidden Words—Places

Find the names of thirty-five Biblical places in this letter grid.

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#### 20. Hidden Words—Places

#### A-N-N-O-U-N-C-E-M-E-N-T

**Hughes United Methodist Women Invites You and Your Friends to their Women's Day Program Sunday, March 18th 3:00 P.M. 111 N.E. Failing Portland**  
Speaker: Rev. Denise Bell  
Theme:  
"Nurturing Our Spiritual Life"

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| CARMEL     | MORIAH        |
| CYPRUS     | NAIN          |
| DAMASCUS   | NAZARETH      |
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(Answers to puzzle on Page 2)

## Insight From The Word

by Michael Lindsey, Dean of North Portland Bible College

The Sunday School lesson for March 18 in the international series will be John 18:1-14.

During the few weeks before Resurrection Sunday ("Easter"), the church traditionally calls believers to consider the awesome sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. I only wish more of us were really listening to that call, for the truth that "Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst" (1 Timothy 1:15) has become so commonplace, so trivialized, that we don't often let its full implications hit us personally. And, as a result, we really don't let the world know what a wonderful Savior we serve, and what a gracious Master he is.

The next four Sunday School lessons present Christ Jesus as he prepared to surrender his life for the sins of the world. We will have a chance to see him through the eyes of the men who were involved in his death, and consider their responses to him.

First, we will look at Judas the traitor. Can you imagine the thoughts racing through his mind, as he led a detachment of Roman soldiers and Jewish officials into Gethsemane (John 18:2-3). The small grove of trees, on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, must have brought back many wonderful memories—memories which now surely troubled him deeply. Jesus usually camped out overnight with his disciples in this place, on different trips to Jerusalem over his three years of ministry. They could see the Temple right across the Kidron Valley, only a short walk from the west side of Jerusalem. Yet, their location had given them privacy to pray together, to laugh and fellowship with each other, and to hear the marvelous words of Jesus as he taught them in the quiet of the night, around their cooking fire.

And then on this particular night, Jesus had had some of the disciples prepare a room for them to eat the Passover meal, together, in the city. He knew what was going on in Judas' heart: the turmoil, the unresolved sins of theft and greed (12:4-6), the idol of money Judas secretly worshipped while he also tried to follow Jesus. But the Teacher did not betray him, or even directly confront him. He did let Judas know that he knew, but somehow none of the other disciples caught on (13:18-30). Was Jesus shielding their minds from a full understanding, as he has done before? How could he be so confident, facing a traitor in his inner circle?

Judas had to put these thoughts out of his mind for the present. He had thrown in his lot with the chief priests, and they paid well for his services. But I doubt Judas could keep from wondering what he had missed after he'd left the upper room—some rich parables of life in God's kingdom, some beautiful words of peace and joy, more of those priceless pearls of wisdom? (How could you call them priceless? Judas, who about 30 pieces of silver for the Teacher's life?)

So Judas was leading the soldiers and Jewish officials right to the spot he knew Jesus would be tonight. He had thought he was so clever, when he first chose this time and this place to betray the Master. But now it seemed so hollow, so pointless. Jesus was ready to be arrested—he was even ready to die. Judas heard his voice in the distance: "Who is it you want?" (18:4) Had he really expected Jesus to run and hide? Why had he betrayed him into the hands of his enemies, anyway?

The money. It seemed ludicrous now, to measure the Master's worth in silver coins. But still, Judas loved that money. And his pride undoubtedly kept him from admitting his mistake, his divided loyalties. So he went through the motions of leading the armed cohort into the quiet garden, maybe over 200 men to arrest one unarmed man who had been teaching in plain sight in the Temple every day that week. He identified Jesus with a kiss—that was his idea, too (Mark 14:44). But there was no sense of satisfaction, no relief that it was over. Only a sense of something terribly gone wrong.

Do you think you could never betray the Son of God? Look carefully at Judas. By all signs, Judas was a dedicated disciple of Jesus, and he used his considerable gifts for the furtherance of the kingdom of heaven. He followed Jesus. He was one of the twelve disciples who went out and did miracles in his name (Matthew 10:4-8). But Judas was also trying to serve another master—Jesus had called it "Mammon" or materialism (Matt. 6:24).

I'm afraid many of us who call ourselves Christians also are suffering from divided loyalties. There may be an area of life you really don't want to surrender to Jesus, or a particular love of the world you can't give up. If you don't take care of it, you will surely live to regret it. Satan will find a way to appeal to you and compromise your testimony—and maybe even destroy your walk with the Lord completely. That's what happened to Judas. Let's make sure it doesn't happen to us.

## Put On Your Gospel Fighting Clothes

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Long faces, silent tears and signs of open frustration are all signals showing defeat. If you are a servant of the Lord, don't let it happen to you. Satan is a defeated foe and each of you have the power to overcome.

There are several things that we must know about the evil one, as he lurks about our lives. Put on your gospel fighting clothes.

1. He deludes us with facts by sight. We, Christian Believers, don't have to see to believe. For—God put faith into our hearts. Faith overcomes what our eyes see and don't see. We don't have to see to believe.

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead. Men of God, in days of old, were famous for their faith.

By faith—by believing God—we know that the world and the stars—in fact, all things—were made at God's command; and that they were all made from things that can't be seen, such as: atoms, electrons and etc.

It was by faith that Abel pleased God and brought an offering that pleased God more than Cain's offering did. God accepted Abel and proved it by accepting his gift; and though Abel is long dead, we can still learn lessons from him about trusting in God.

Enoch trusted God, too, and that is why God took him away to heaven without dying; suddenly he was gone because God took him. Before this happened God had said how pleased he was with Enoch. You can never please God without faith, without depending on him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely look for him.

Noah was another who trusted God. When he heard God's voice warning about the future, Noah believed him even though there was then no sign of a flood, and wasting no time, he built the ark and saved his family. Noah's belief in God was in direct contrast to the sin and disbelief of the rest of the world—which refused to obey—and because of his faith he became one of those whom God has accepted.

Abraham trusted God, and when God told him to leave home and go far away to another land which he promised to give

him, Abraham obeyed. Away he went, not knowing where he was going.

Sarah, the wife of Abraham, too, had faith, and because of this she was able to become a mother in spite of her old age, for she realized that God, who gave her his promise, would certainly do what he said.

While God was testing him, Abraham still trusted in God and his promises, and so he offered up his son Isaac, and was ready to slay him on the altar of sacrifice; yes, to slay even Isaac, through whom God had promised to give Abraham a whole nation of descendants!

All these persons of faith died without ever receiving all that God had promised them; but they saw it all awaiting them on ahead and were glad, for they agreed that this earth was not their real home but that they were just strangers visiting down here. And quite obviously when they talked like that, they were looking forward to their real home in heaven.

If they had wanted to, they could have gone back to the good old times of this world. But they didn't want to. They were living for heaven. And, now God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has made a heavenly city for them.

It would certainly take too long to recount all the accounts of faith throughout Biblical history, but through it all they continued to trust in God. They waited and depended upon the Lord and His promises.

So, why is it necessary for us to see? Anybody can believe when it is seen. But, faith causes us to depend on unseen evidence because God said it.

There will be times when your fellow workers, family members, and friends will think that you are truly crazy for not panicking and pulling your hair out—instant of remaining calm in the midst of a storm; but, with faith from God . . . you can overcome all obstacles placed in your path. God gives us a peace that an unbeliever just cannot understand. Just put on your gospel fighting clothes.

Faith looks at what God has said and not on our condition. If we would go on what we see, alone, we would never accomplish anything. We can have the same kind of faith that Abraham had if we would just BELIEVE and put all our trust in Christ Jesus.

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## In Memory Of . . .

**Mr. Vernon C. Butler**

Born: Nov. 19, 1911 Died: March 7, 1990

Mr. Vernon C. Butler was born in Crockett, Texas on November 19, 1911 to George and Paralee Butler. He was the seventh child of eleven children.

The family later moved to Stephenville, Texas in the early 1920s, where he began his schooling. He later came to Portland in the early 1940s. Within a short period, after arrival he went into business for himself for the duration of approximately thirty-five years.

Vernon was a lifetime member of the NAACP, Portland Chapter, as well as a member of the Urban League of Portland. He was quite well known and respected among his business colleagues.

He was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Portland, Oregon and attended

regularly until illness prevented him from doing so.

His fraternal affiliations consist of membership of Acacia Lodge Number 6, F&AM, Willamette Consistory, Numbers 23, A.A.S.R. P.H.A., Mina Temple, and #68 A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.

He served in the Scottish Rite body as an active member for ten years in the United Supreme Council of the A.A.S.R., P.H.A., N.J., Inc., serving as the Deputy for the State of Oregon—1979-80, as well as, being a Past Potentate of the Shrine, and a Past Master of his lodge.

He leaves to mourn one brother, Eddie Butler, Sr. of Portland; two sisters, Mable Canada of Portland and Ruby Deiz of Columbus, Ohio; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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