

Children Sabbath School Lesson #158 for 12-19-2015
Song for opening the Sabbath School:

Hymn # Open Mine Eyes, Dear Saviour		
Open mine eyes, dear Savior, I thirst in the noontide heat, I pine for refreshing waters That murmur so cool and sweet.	Open mine eyes, dear Savior, I faint 'neath the burning sky, And here, in a lonely desert, For water in vain I cry.	Whence is the voice that calleth? And what do mine eyes behold? O Savior, my prayer is answered, 'Tis answered a hundred fold.
Open mine eyes, dear Savior, now, Open mine eyes to see The well of Thy full salvation That sparkles and flows for me.	Open mine eyes, dear Savior, I know that the well is near; But O that my strength were stronger, Its mission more bright and clear.	Praise to Thy Name, dear Savior mine, Joyfully now I see The well of Thy full salvation That sparkles and flows for me.

Opening Prayer – requesting one of the little ones or mommies or daddies to give prayer

Lesson #158: “Who Are my Brethren?”

Matthew 12:48 (KJV)

But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

*This week boys and girls, we will begin a new chapter in our lesson entitle,
 “Who Are my Brethren?” in our study book Desire of Ages!*

Matthew 9:28 (KJV)

And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

Matthew 9:29 (KJV)

Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

Matthew 9:30 (KJV)

And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See [that] no man know [it].

Matthew 9:31 (KJV)

But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

Matthew 9:32 (KJV)

As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

Matthew 9:33 (KJV)

And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

Matthew 9:34 (KJV)

But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

Matthew 9:35 (KJV)

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Let's continue in our book Desire of Ages, Chapter #33, pages 321 – 322

The sons of Joseph were far from being in sympathy with Jesus in His work. The reports that reached them in regard to His life and labors filled them with astonishment and dismay. They heard that He devoted entire nights to prayer, that through the day He was thronged by great companies of people, and did not give Himself time so much as to eat. His friends felt that He was wearing Himself out by His incessant labor; they were unable to account for His attitude toward the Pharisees, and there were some who feared that His reason was becoming unsettled. {DA 321.1}

Question: What reports reached the sons of Joseph in regard to Jesus's life and labors that filled them with astonishment and dismay? And, what did some fear from Him?

Answer: They heard that He devoted entire nights to prayer, that through the day He was thronged by great companies of people, and did not give Himself time so much as to eat. And, there were some who feared that His reason was becoming unsettled.

His brothers heard of this, and also of the charge brought by the Pharisees that He cast out devils through the power of Satan. They felt keenly the reproach that came upon them through their relation to Jesus. They knew what a tumult His words and works created, and were not only alarmed at His bold statements, but indignant at His denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees. They decided that He must be persuaded or constrained to cease this manner of labor, and they induced Mary to unite with them, thinking that through His love for her they might prevail upon Him to be more prudent. {DA 321.2}

Question: What other things did His brothers heard of Jesus? And, what did they experience through their relation to Jesus?

Answer: The charge brought by the Pharisees that He cast out devils through the power of Satan. And, they felt keenly the reproach that came upon them through their relation to Jesus.

It was just before this that Jesus had a second time performed the miracle of healing a man possessed, blind and dumb, and the Pharisees had reiterated the charge, "He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils." **Matthew 9:34**. Christ told them plainly that in attributing the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan, they were cutting themselves off from the fountain of blessing. Those who had spoken against Jesus Himself, not discerning His divine character, might receive forgiveness; for through the Holy Spirit they might be brought to see their error and repent. Whatever the sin, if the soul repents and believes, the guilt is washed away in the blood of Christ; but he who rejects the work of the Holy Spirit is placing himself where repentance and faith cannot come to him. It is by the Spirit that God works upon the heart; when men willfully reject the Spirit, and declare It to be from Satan, they cut off the channel by which God can communicate with them. When the Spirit is finally rejected, there is no more that God can do for the soul. {DA 321.3}

Question: How did the Pharisees echo the charges of the miracle of healing Jesus performed? And, what did Christ plainly tell them for attributing the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan?

Answer: “He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.” And, they were cutting themselves off from the fountain of blessing. It is by the Spirit that God works upon the heart; when men willfully reject the Spirit, and declare It to be from Satan, they cut off the channel by which God can communicate with them.

Song: *Let's learn a beautiful scripture and song together dear ones, from the book of Isaiah!*

Isaiah 11:1-5 (KJV)

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse,
and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD:
and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:
But with righteousness shall he judge the poor,
and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth
with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips **shall he slay the wicked.**
And righteousness **shall be** the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness (**shall be**) the girdle of his reins.
Isaiah 11 1through 5

The Pharisees to whom Jesus spoke this warning did not themselves believe the charge they brought against Him. There was not one of those dignitaries but had felt drawn toward the Saviour. They had heard the Spirit's voice in their own hearts declaring Him to be the Anointed of Israel, and urging them to confess themselves His disciples. In the light of His presence they had realized their unholiness, and had longed for a righteousness which they could not create. But after their rejection of Him it would be too humiliating to receive Him as the Messiah. Having set their feet in the path of unbelief, they were too proud to confess their error. And in order to avoid acknowledging the truth, they tried with desperate violence to dispute the Saviour's teaching. The evidence of His power and mercy exasperated them. They could not prevent the Saviour from working miracles, they could not silence His teaching; but they did everything in their power to misrepresent Him and to falsify His words. Still the convicting Spirit of God followed them, and they had to build up many barriers in order to withstand its power. The mightiest agency that can be brought to bear upon the human heart was striving with them, but they would not yield. {DA 322.1}

Question: What evidence did the Pharisees to whom Jesus spoke this warning to have, yet did not themselves believe the charge they brought against Him? And, what did the evidence of His power and mercy do unto them?

Answer: They had heard the Spirit's voice in their own hearts declaring Him to be the Anointed of Israel, urging them to confess themselves His disciples. And, it exasperated them.

Song: *Let's learn another scripture song together dear ones, from the book of Jude!*

Jude 1:24-25 (KJV)

Now unto him that is **able to keep** you from falling,
and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
To the only wise God our Saviour, [be] glory and majesty,
dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.

Question: Describe how some of these evidence of His power and mercy were exasperate them? And, what did the convicting Spirit of God continues to do for them with no result?

Answer: They could not prevent the Saviour from working miracles, they could not silence His teaching; but they did everything in their power to misrepresent Him and to falsify His words. And, it followed them; they build up many barriers in order to withstand its power. The mightiest agency that can be brought to bear upon the human heart was striving with them, but they would not yield.

It is not God that blinds the eyes of men or hardens their hearts. He sends them light to correct their errors, and to lead them in safe paths; it is by the rejection of this light that the eyes are blinded and the heart hardened. Often the process is gradual, and almost imperceptible. Light comes to the soul through God's word, through His servants, or by the direct agency of His Spirit; but when one ray of light is disregarded, there is a partial numbing of the spiritual perceptions, and the second revealing of light is less clearly discerned. So the darkness increases, until it is night in the soul. Thus it had been with these Jewish leaders. They were convinced that a divine power attended Christ, but in order to resist the truth, they attributed the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan. In doing this they deliberately chose deception; they yielded themselves to Satan, and henceforth they were controlled by his power. {DA 322.2}

Question: Is God the one that blinds the eyes of men or hardens their hearts? And, how does light come to man?

Answer: No! He sends them light to correct their errors, and to lead them in safe paths; it is by the rejection of this light that the eyes are blinded and the heart hardened. And, often the process is gradual, and almost imperceptible. Light comes to the soul through God's word, through His servants, or by the direct agency of His Spirit.

Song: *Let's learn our two last song scripture songs dear ones, from the book of Jeremiah!*

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (KJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.
Jeremiah 29 11through 14

Gather the little ones together!
It's Story Time!



**Our book selection this Sabbath is entitle, “Sons and Daughters of God”
Chapter 3-Affliction Teaches Us to Long for Heaven
Narrated by our dear Brother Graves!**

**For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding
and eternal weight of glory. 2 Corinthians 4:17. {SD 74.1}**

While the Lord has not promised His people **exemption** from trials, He has promised that which is far better. He has said, “As thy days, so shall thy strength be.” If you are called to go through the fiery **furnace** for His sake, Jesus will be by your side, even as He was with the faithful three in **Babylon**. Those who love their Redeemer will rejoice at every opportunity of sharing with Him **humiliation** and reproach. The love they bear their Lord, makes suffering for His sake sweet. {SD 74.2}

In all ages Satan has persecuted the people of God. He has tortured them and put them to death; but in dying they became conquerors. They revealed in their **steadfast** faith a mightier One than Satan. Satan could **torture** and kill the body, but he could not touch the life that was hid with Christ in God. He could **incarcerate** in prison walls, but he could not bind the spirit. They could look beyond the gloom to the glory, saying: “I **reckon** that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” {SD 74.3}

The church of God, hated and persecuted by the world, are educated and disciplined in the school of Christ. They walk in narrow paths on earth; they are purified in the furnace of affliction. They follow Christ through sore conflicts; they endure **self-denial**, and experience bitter **disappointments**; but their painful experience teaches them the guilt and woe of sin, and they look upon it with abhorrence. Being partakers of Christ's sufferings, they are destined to be partakers of His glory. In holy vision the prophet saw the triumph of the people of God. He says: “I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that had gotten the victory ... stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb. {SD 74.4}

Next Week We will continue with chapter 2 in our lesson entitle, “**Who Are My Brethren?**” of our book “**Desire of Ages**”

Closing Prayer – request one of the little ones or mommies or daddies to give prayer.

Next Sabbath: Chapter 33 “**Who Are My Brethren?**” Part 2, Sabbath December 26, 2015.

Have a Blessed Sabbath dear one, and enjoy your activities. God Bless!
Children Sabbath School
Lesson #158



Matthew 9:29 (KJV)

Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

Word Search Puzzle

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L L T I R R E S E G R R S Y C E R I E U
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AGENCY
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FALSIFY
GRADUAL
GUILT
IMPERCEPTIBLE

LEAD
MESSIAH
MISREPRESENT
PARTIAL
PERCEPTIONS
PRESENCE
PREVENT
PROUD
REALIZED
REJECTION

REPENTANCE
RESIST
RIGHTEOUSNESS
SILENCE
UNBELIEF
UNHOLINESS
VIOLENCE
WILLFULLY
WITHSTAND
YIELD

40 of 40 words were placed into the puzzle.

Cryptogram Puzzle #1

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Cryptogram Puzzle #2

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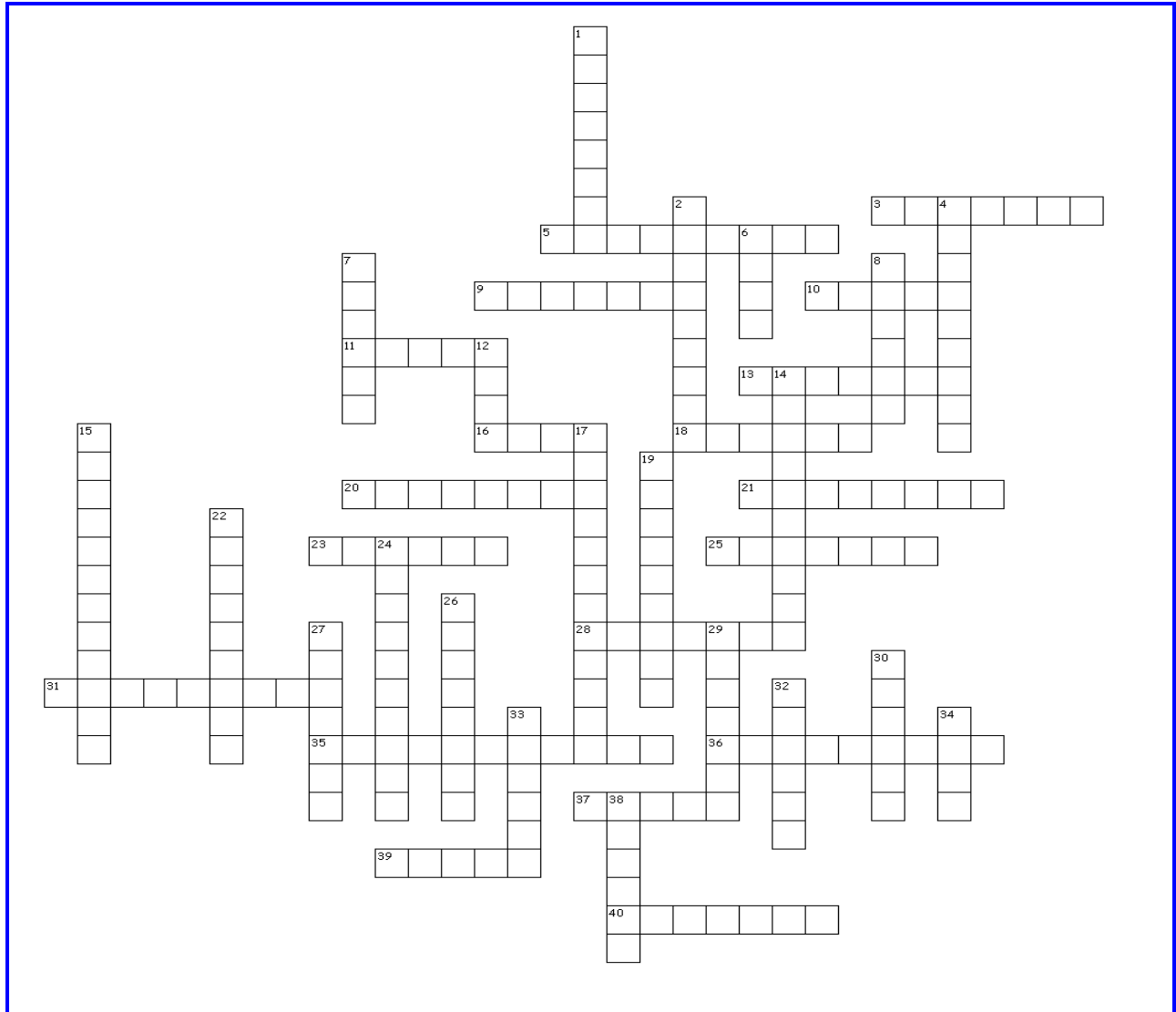
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Unscramble each cryptogram of the clue words.
 The character style to solve the two cryptogram puzzles phrase is by Number
There clues are on page #1

Crisscross Puzzle



ALARMED
ASTONISHMENT
ATTITUDE
BLIND
BOLD
CEASE
COMPANIES
CONSTRAINED
DENUNCIATION
DEVILS

DISMAY
ENTIRE
DUMB
FELT
HEALING
INCESSANT
INDIGNANT
INDUCED
JOSEPH
KEENLY

LABOR
MANNER
MARY
MIRACLE
PERFORMED
PERSUADED
POSSESSED
PREVAIL
PRUDENT
REITERATED

RELATION
REPORTS
REPROACH
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Double Puzzle

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BABYLON
DISAPPOINTMENTS
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FURNACE
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RECKON
SELF-DENIAL
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TORTURE

Unscramble each of the clue words.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.
A clue is found on page #5

Activities Answer Key

Word Search Puzzle

Solution

E + M + P + + R A R + S + S + R G + D +
 L L + I + R E S E G R + S + C E R + E +
 B + E + S S E J N E E E + + O A A + S +
 I + + N I R E S I O N N T + M L D + P D
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 E V I D E N C E R + D H A E I P + I I I
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(Over, Down, Direction)

AGENCY (9, 1, SE)
 ANOINTED (19, 19, N)
 ATTRIBUTED (20, 13, N)
 BARRIERS (5, 8, NE)
 BLOOD (9, 12, W)
 CHANNEL (8, 8, NW)
 CHRIST (12, 15, S)
 COMMUNICATE (15, 2, S)
 CONFESS (2, 11, N)
 DECEPTION (9, 10, SE)

DELIBERATELY (3, 13, E)
 DESPERATE (19, 1, S)
 DIGNITARIES (19, 10, SW)
 DISPUTE (13, 19, NE)
 EVIDENCE (1, 16, E)
 EXASPERATED (14, 9, W)
 FALSIFY (2, 18, E)
 GRADUAL (17, 1, S)
 GUILT (18, 18, N)
 IMPERCEPTIBLE (1, 13, N)

LEAD (13, 8, SE)
 MESSIAH (11, 11, W)
 MISREPRESENT (3, 1, SE)
 PARTIAL (20, 20, N)
 PERCEPTIONS (18, 12, NW)
 PRESENCE (5, 1, SE)
 PREVENT (7, 10, NE)
 PROUD (7, 20, NE)
 REALIZED (16, 1, S)
 REJECTION (10, 1, SW)

REPENTANCE (9, 16, NE)
 RESIST (8, 1, SW)
 RIGHTEOUSNESS (2, 13, NE)
 SILENCE (1, 19, E)
 UNBELIEF (17, 13, SW)
 UNHOLINESS (1, 14, E)
 VIOLENCE (8, 17, W)
 WILLFULLY (9, 15, W)
 WITHSTAND (13, 15, NW)
 YIELD (10, 10, E)

40 of 40 words were placed into the puzzle.

Cryptogram Puzzles #1

Solution

The final completed cryptogram puzzle #1 verses from page #8

Matthew 9:28 (KJV)

And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him:
and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

Cryptogram Puzzles #2

Solution

The final completed cryptogram puzzle #2 verses from page #8

Matthew 9:35 (KJV)

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Crisscross Puzzle

Solution

For the final crisscross words puzzle in page #9

Across

3. _____
5. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
13. _____
16. _____
18. _____
20. _____
21. _____
23. _____
25. _____
28. _____
31. _____
35. _____
36. _____
37. _____
39. _____
40. _____

Down

1. _____
2. _____
4. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
12. _____
14. _____
15. _____
17. _____
19. _____
22. _____
24. _____
26. _____
27. _____
29. _____
30. _____
32. _____
33. _____
34. _____
38. _____

*Place each word in their proper place in the puzzle
There are 19 words across and 21 words down*

Double Puzzle

Solution

For the final scramble double words puzzle in page #10

10 Of 10 words were placed into the puzzle

EXEMPTION
FURNACE
BABYLON
HUMILIATION
STEADFAST

TORTURE
INCARCERATE
RECKON
SELF-DENIAL
DISAPPOINTMENTS

The Double Puzzle Final Message

Solution

For the final message double puzzle phrase in page #10

2 Corinthians 4:17 (KJV)

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment,
worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.