

The Old Paths

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“Great Days”

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Every society has great days which are remembered, or celebrated in some way. In like manner, there are some great days recorded in the Bible that we need to study. In this issue, let us study about some great days the Bible records and then make some applications to ourselves. This is not a complete list, but some “great days” in the Bible include:

The Day Of Man’s Creation

After 5 days of creation, God created the animals and man on the sixth day (Gen. 1:26-31). In creating man, we learn that *“the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul”* (Gen. 2:7). God also made man a place to live — Eden (Gen. 2:8). In Genesis 1-2, we read of God’s crowning achievement; the highest order, man! When God created man, He created: 1) One like God (Gen. 1:27, 9:6; Jas. 3:9). 2) One with the ability to choose obedience or disobedience. Animals act upon instinct, but God made man with a sense of morality (Right and wrong). 3) One with an eternal soul (Ecc. 12:7). How great this sixth day of Creation was!

The Day God Called Abraham

This is recorded in Genesis 12:1-5. This stands out as a great day because God called Abraham to leave his father’s idolatry and serve Him alone (Gen. 12:1; Josh. 24:2). Genesis 12:1 marks the day when God chose a family through which the Messiah would come and save man. When God called Abraham, He said that through him all nations would be blessed. (This happened when Christ died, Matt. 20:28; Heb. 2:9).

The calling of Abraham required a tremendous amount of faith in God. This is because Abraham did not know where he was going, nor how long he would be gone. He was to cut off all ties from his homeland and family as well (Gen. 12:1). He was called to leave these things just as Christians are to separate themselves from those who might want to drag them back into sin (II Cor. 6:17; I Cor. 15:33; Ps. 1:1-3; Prov. 4:14-15).

This great day when God called Abraham set him and his family apart from all others in the world. They were to be known as God’s chosen people, and through them (him) we are blessed today (Gen. 12:2-3; Gal. 3:27-29)!

The Day Christ Was Born

The day of Christ’s birth was a great day for many reasons. It was on this day that many Old Testament prophecies were

fulfilled. God’s promise of a Savior to come had been fulfilled (Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14, 9:6; Lk. 2:29-30; Matt. 1:21). This day was great because of the great joy experienced by those who saw Christ. Of course, it goes without saying that Mary and Joseph experienced great joy at the birth of Christ! Also, when Christ was born, the angels sang joyful praises unto God (Lk. 2:7-14). When Christ was born, the wise men rejoiced (Matt. 2:7-12). This day was great because a great One was born (Lk. 1:30-33).

This day was great because it was on this day that salvation had come to man (Matt. 1:21, 25; Lk. 2:29-30; Jn. 18:37). Though the Bible never tells us an exact date, nor tells us to celebrate this occasion in any way, we know that this day was great because God said it was great.

The Day Christ Resurrected

This day was a day of victory. Christ’s resurrection came upon the first day of the week (Matt. 28:1-6; Mk. 16:1-6; Lk. 24:1-5; Jn. 20:1), three days after the death of Christ (Jn. 2:19, 21; Lk. 24:7). The day Christ resurrected, He became the *“first-fruits”* of all resurrected people (I Cor. 15:20-23). He resurrected from the dead, never to die again (Acts 13:33-34). As was true concerning the other aspects of His life, Christ’s resurrection was a fulfillment of prophecy (Ps. 16:10; Acts 2:9-32). The day Christ resurrected was a great day, for it was on this day that Satan was crushed (Gen. 3:15). It was this occasion that declared Jesus Christ *“to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness”* (Rom. 1:4). It is also by the resurrection that baptism now saves us (I Pet. 3:21). Truly, the day of our Lord’s resurrection from the dead

was a great day!

The Day Of Judgment

The Day of Judgment is a great day that is yet to come. Therefore, we must prepare ourselves for that day. The Bible says this great day is just that, "a day" (Acts 17:31; II Pet. 3:10)! It will happen at once when it happens. It is on this great day that all people, righteous and unrighteous, will be judged according to what they have done, with God's word as the standard by which all men will be judged (II Cor. 5:10; Rom. 2:6; Jn. 12:48). On this day, we will learn our eternal destiny, either Heaven or Hell. Those are the only options (Rom. 2:7-11; Matt. 25:46)!

May we appreciate the great days that have gone, and may we prepare our souls for the great day we will experience — The Lord's Judgment!

Would You Like To Teach A Bible Class?

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Have you ever been asked the question, "Would you like to teach a Bible class?" If so, what was your reply?

This is something that many are asked and various answers are given. Being a Bible class teacher is not something that should be taken lightly. It is a very serious job. A Bible class teacher is helping to mold the future of the church. When teachers are in their classes, they are responsible for the instruction of our children. A teacher

that studies the lesson, and is prepared, will be setting the example of how serious and important the Word of God is. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps. 119:105). "Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes" (Ps. 119:33-35).

Teaching is also very rewarding. The love that children give is a special blessing. To be able to reach out to children from different walks of life and share God's love is something wonderful. Each child is special in their own way. Teaching a child about how much God loves us and how He cares for us will help them as they grow physically and spiritually.

In Titus 2:7-8, the apostle Paul speaks about teaching what is good: "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you."

The children of today are the church of tomorrow. Among the little freckled faces and skinned knees of our boys, we have the future deacons, song leaders, elders, preachers, and teachers. Our little

girls with ruffles and bows will someday be mothers and teachers. They will be the wives of our church leaders and preachers. It is so important to teach them and give them the guidance they need. Our young children and teenagers are facing so many problems today that can lead them astray. We need to teach our children about following Jesus and staying with Him.

In I Timothy 1:6-7, the apostle Paul warns about false teachers. "From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm."

A teacher has the responsibility of setting the right example for children. They will not only see you at the church building, but away from it also. You need to be aware of where you might be guiding a child when he sees you somewhere other than in the Bible class.

We want to teach our children about our heavenly Father. They need to study God's word. As children grow they need to be aware of how the Bible can be the foundation of their lives. Children face a lot of peer-pressure once they start school. By giving them a strong spiritual foundation, it will help them to choose the right path to follow in this life, which will lead them to eternal life.

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