

Bible Word of the Week

ὄρος – oros – mountain
(or'-os)

Definition: a mountain
(also used as mount or hill)



Sentence: “But you have come to ὄρος Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels”
~ Hebrews 12:22

(Verbs and nouns are not used in their proper tense. They are just to show where they are used in scripture)

BIBLE FACTS:

1. There was a day when the sun stood still – Josh 10:13
2. Some say NASA ran computers to check positions of the sun, moon and planets from years past, they found a day was missing about the time of Joshua
3. There was also a day when the sun went backward – Isa. 38:8



DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE JUMPER CABLES?

“But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?”

~ 1 John 3:17

“We can’t be perfect, but through Jesus Christ, we can be perfected.”

~ Anonymous

“Faith is not a sense, nor a sight, nor reason, but taking God at His Word.”

~ Arthur Benoni Evans

Discovering Truth

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” – Psalm 86:11

Do We Mean What We Sing?

The singing of a hymn should be a great experience for Christians. A hymn can be a prayer, a testimony, praise, or an invitation to others. Many of us apparently don’t take the words we sing very seriously.

- ❖ We sing “Sweet Hour of Prayer” and pray only a few minutes each day.
- ❖ We sing “Onward Christian Soldiers” and wait to be drafted.
- ❖ We sing “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” and don’t use the ones we have to speak of Christ
- ❖ We sing “Blest Be the Tie” and let the slightest offense sever it.
- ❖ We sing “I Love to Tell the Story” and seldom mention Jesus to anybody.
- ❖ We sing “Serve the Lord with Gladness” and gripe about all we have to do.
- ❖ We sing “Cast Thy Burden on the Lord” and then worry ourselves into a nervous breakdown.
- ❖ We sing “The Whole Wide World for Jesus” and never invite our next-door neighbor to church.

(adapted from “Church Bulletin Bits”)

I wonder how many of us have been singing these songs for years and years and we still have no idea what the words mean. I know I sometimes fall in that category. We get so wrapped up in the music and how it sounds that we lose focus on the words. And then we lose focus on actually applying the words.

When we sing today, try to focus on why we’re singing. Are we doing it for our own pleasure? Or are we singing for the Lord? Ephesians says, “speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts **to the Lord**” (5:19).

It doesn’t matter what the music sounds like. It doesn’t matter if the person next to you is the worst singer on the face of the earth. It doesn’t matter how fast or how slow the song leader is going. What matters is that we are singing for the Lord. The meaning of the music is in the words and in our hearts. Sing out and sing loud because we are pleasing the Lord with our voices. “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Col. 3:17).

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God's Blueprint: Building His Kingdom

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-4

❖ We are building a kingdom

- We are the b_____ of the kingdom
 - 1 Peter 2:4-5

❖ Lessons from David

- David put God _____ in his decisions
 - 1 Sam. 30:8; 2 Sam. 2:1-2; 5:19
 - God needs to be our f_____ point
 - In our c_____ (Rev. 2:4)
 - In our m_____ (Matt. 19:5-6)
 - In our h_____ (Psalm 127:1)
- David used his past e_____
 - Proverbs 24:16
 - We can use our past experiences to...
 - T_____ others
 - B_____ this church
 - Be a better s_____
 - Be a better p_____
- David surrounded himself with good company
 - 2 Sam 23 – David's mighty men
 - He surrounded himself with men that would help him s_____ (1 Cor. 15:33)
 - 2 Tim. 2:22
 - Each person did their part (Eph. 4:15-16)

This Morning's Sermon:

God's Blueprint: Building His Kingdom

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This Evening's Sermon:

Devotion

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Daily Spark #2

Leviticus 6:13 – “A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.”

Under the Old Law, there are very long descriptions about the proper procedures for sacrifices. In chapters 1-7 of Leviticus, you will find detailed instruction on certain animals that are to be sacrificed, when they are to be sacrificed, how they are to be sacrificed, the certain parts that need to be burned, eaten or thrown away. God is very specific on what He wants from His sacrifices. But in the middle of all these instructions, He mentions that “a fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.”

Today we have “eternal flames” around the country. There's one at Arlington Cemetery for John F. Kennedy, Gettysburg Battlefield in memory of the fallen soldiers during the Civil War, Shanksville, Pennsylvania in honor of United Airlines Flight 93 from the September 11th attacks, along with 29 other “eternal” flames throughout this country. We establish those as memorials for great men and woman who have served our country or given their lives fighting for our freedom.

But God told the priests to never let the fire go out on His altar. That makes me wonder how many animals were being sacrificed every day, every week, every month, and every year. How much blood would flow off the altar every day? What did the people think about every time they saw smoke rise in the air from the altar in front of the tabernacle? I think it would serve as a reminder about who they are supposed to be serving every day. About how it was God who brought ten plagues on the people of Egypt. It was God who delivered His people after so many years of captivity. It was God who parted the Red Sea and delivered them from Pharaoh. It was God that led them by cloud and by fire through the wilderness. I can't help but think, every time they came to sacrifice an animal, they would think about all those things. About how that flame would never go out, just like their God would never leave them.

What about us today? We all have a fire burning inside of us. A fire that is supposed to be burning hot with passion for our God. I wonder if we ever let that fire go out. Do we remember everything God has done for us? Do we take time out of our day to think about what God has given us? I think sometimes we get so caught up in our everyday lives that we lose focus on what wonderful blessings God has given us. I pray that your fire never goes out for the Lord. I pray that it stays a raging inferno of passion for praising God. God wants and deserves the absolute best from His people. He has provided for His people since the beginning of time! It's time that we start showing our love and appreciation.

It's easy to let our fires start to dwindle. It's easy to get distracted. But we should catch it before it's too late. If you notice your fire for the Lord is not what it should be, throw some logs on the fire! Pray for help. Devote yourself to His word. Practice the ways of the Lord. You can tell when someone is passionate for the Lord. You can see it in their actions, their attitude, and their words. I wonder if people can see the fire in you. Let us all try to keep our fires burning. You never know who might be flammable!

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