



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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## It Is Not Easy

to apologize,  
to begin over,  
to be unselfish,  
to admit error,  
to face a sneer,  
to be charitable,  
to keep on trying,  
to be considerate,  
to avoid mistakes,  
to endure success,  
to profit by mistakes,  
to forgive and forget,  
to think and then act,  
to keep out of the rut,  
to make the best of little,  
to subdue an unruly temper,  
to maintain a high standard,  
to shoulder a deserved blame,  
to recognize the silver lining.



No, it is not easy; but it always pays.

## God Understands

God knows about and understands the heartaches and heartbreaks of His children: "I know their sorrows" (Exod. 3:7).

God understands your sorrow;  
He sees the falling tear  
And whispers, "I am with thee";  
Then falter not, nor fear!

God understands your heartache;  
He knows the bitter pain.  
Oh, trust Him in the darkness;  
You cannot trust in vain!

—Oswald J. Smith

## In Days Gone By

On March 8, 1944, U.S. bombers resumed bombing Berlin during WWII.

On March 8, 1955, the U.S. landed about 3,500 marines in South Vietnam.

On March 10, 1864, General Grant became commander of the Union forces during the Civil War.

### - Today's Short Bible Story From 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Memory -

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth... Then He made the earth round, and He laughed and laughed and laughed!"



## The Biblical Blood Moon

**B**lood moons are a beautiful sight. These astronomical anomalies have become a hot topic for both backyard astronomers and Christians who consider them prophetic signs.

Are the blood moons signs? Or are they simply God's handiwork?

A blood moon is a total lunar eclipse, when Earth stands between the moon and sun. Since Earth blocks the sun's light, the only hue that emerges through Earth's atmosphere is red, casting a blood-red color on the moon.

Some Christians associate tetrads (fours) of blood moons with significant events in Jewish history.

Blood-moon-prophecy advocates argue tetrads appeared during important events in Jewish history: the Jewish expulsions from Spain in 1492; Israel's independence in 1948; and in 1967, during the Six-Day War.

However, the first blood moon occurred in April 1949, after Israel had already gained its independence in May 1948. Similarly, a tetrad appeared in 1493, a year after the Jewish people were expelled from Spain. If the blood moons are signs, they should have occurred before those events. Wrote prophecy and Bible scholar Mark Hitchcock,

*Consider, for instance, if you are driving down the highway and see a sign for an exit after you pass it. That sign isn't much help. [Likewise], the blood moon tetrad of 1493-1494 cannot be a sign of what happened . . . in 1492. This just doesn't fit the definition of a sign.<sup>1</sup>*

Biblical prophecy certainly speaks of a blood moon. The prophet Joel envisioned it when he prophesied about the "great and awesome day" of the Lord:

*I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD (Joel 2:30-31).*

Luke later quoted Joel in Acts 2:20, and the apostle John used the same prophecy in Revelation: "And the moon became like blood" (6:12).

Each time a blood moon is mentioned, it is in conjunction with other cosmic events occurring simultaneously. So if a biblical blood moon has occurred, we should also expect to see a darkened sun and only one blood moon, not tetrads. Furthermore, each writer pointed to the same future event.

Placing prophetic value on these blood moons grabs our attention, but the referenced events are random.

Some involved a serious struggle but ended in joy, like Israel's independence and the Six-Day War, while others ended only in sorrow, like the expulsion from Spain.

Furthermore, there were important historical Jewish events, such as the destruction of the two Temples and the Holocaust, that were unaccompanied by blood moons.

Why?

Because there is only one biblical "blood moon," and it will shine in the place of a darkened sun and burned-out stars when the Lord judges this world. Until then, every blood moon is an example of God's majestic handiwork.

*Christopher J. Katulka for The Friends of Israel.*

## Scary Facts!

1. 43% of all FOOD Stamps are given to illegals.
2. 95% of warrants issued for murder in Los Angeles are for illegals.
3. Less than 2% of illegals are picking crops, but 41% are on welfare.
4. More than 66% of all births in California are to illegals on Medi-Cal.
5. 60% of all HUD occupied properties in the US are illegals.
6. 39% of all California students are illegals.
7. 75% of Los Angeles' most wanted criminals are illegals.
8. 50% of all gang members are illegals.
9. U.S. taxpayers are footing the bill for everything

## SURPRISING ANSWERS TO INTERESTING QUESTIONS

1. How long did the hundred years war last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animals do we get catgut?
4. What month do the Russians celebrate the the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. Canary Islands are named after what animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What color is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
10. What color is the black box in a commercial airplane?

1. 117 years. 2. Ecuador. 3. Sheep and horses. 4. November. 5. Sphagnum moss. 6. Dog. 7. Albert. 8. Crimson. 9. New Zealand. 10. Orange.

## SIGNED HIS NAME ONLY

**W**HEN D. L. Moody was conducting evangelistic meetings, he frequently faced hecklers who were in violent disagreement with him. In the final service of one campaign, an usher handed the famous preacher a note as he entered the auditorium. It was actually from an atheist who had been giving Mr. Moody a great deal of trouble. The evangelist, however, supposed that it was an announcement, so he quieted the large audience and prepared to read it. Opening the folded piece of paper he found scrawled in large print only one word: "Fool!" The colorful preacher was equal to the occasion. Said Moody, "I have just been handed a memo which contains the single word—'Fool.' This is most unusual. I've often heard of those who have written letters and forgotten to sign their names, but this is the first time I've ever heard of anyone **who signed his name and then forgot to write the letter!**" Taking advantage of the unique situation, Moody promptly changed his sermon text to Psalm 14:1: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God!"

# Miscellaneous.

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\*EVENTS  
\*VIEWS  
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## HOW TO GET A DISPUTE SETTLED

Having just bought a farm, a city man went out to look at the line fence, which had been the source of much quarreling. The neighboring farmer said; "That fence is a full foot on my side."

"Very well;" said the new owner, "we will set the fence over two feet on my side."

"Oh, but that is more than I claim." stammered the surprised farmer.

"Never mind about that. I would much rather have peace with my neighbor than two feet of earth," said the man pleasantly."

"That's surely fine of you, sir," replied the farmer, "but I couldn't let you do a thing like that. That fence won't be moved at all."

The next time you have a dispute about rights, surprise the other fellow by giving him more than he claims, then see what will happen.

## EARLY UNIVERSITIES WERE DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN

Of the first 108 universities founded in America, 106 were distinctively Christian, including the first, Harvard University, chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook, Rule Number 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the Scriptures.

Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life (John 17:3), and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Prov. 2:3.)

For over 100 years, more than fifty percent of all Harvard graduates were pastors.

## GOD'S WORD IS ALWAYS RIGHT

We said to a physician friend one day, "Doctor, what is the exact significance of God's touching Jacob upon the sinew of his thigh?"

He replied, "The sinew of the thigh is the strongest in the human body. A horse could scarcely tear it apart." God has to break us down at the strongest part of our self-life before He can have His own way of blessing with us.

-J.H. McConkey