

FAITH FOUNDATION SERIES

LESSON 1A: SALVATION – THE GREAT MIRACLE

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE: LOOKING UNTO JESUS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH; WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME, AND IS SET DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD. HEBREWS 12:3

SALVATION DEFINITION: THE SAVING OF MAN FROM THE POWER AND EFFECTS OF SIN; DELIVERANCE FROM DANGER OR DIFFICULTY. THE AGENT OR COURSE OF SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE DETERMINING THE SOUL'S REDEMPTION.

I. DISOBEDIENCE IS THE ROOT OF SIN

- a) Romans 5:19(a)
- b) John 8:34(b)
- a) 1 John 3:8(a)

II. JESUS CAME TO SET US FREE FROM SIN

- a) Luke 5:31, 32
- b) John 8: 36
- c) Isaiah 53:4, 5 10

III. JESUS CAME TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

- b) Hebrews 2:14, 15
- c) I John 3:8

IV. JESUS DIED THAT WE MIGHT LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY IN FAITH

- a) Romans 6:22, 23
- b) Romans 10:9,10

V. HE ROSE THAT WE MIGHT HAVE HOPE

- a) I Thessalonians 4:14 – 17
- b) I Corinthians 15: 55, 56
- c) Titus 1:2

VI. LOOK TO JESUS AND LIVE

- a) John 3:14-18
- b) Hebrews 5:9
- c) Hebrews 7:25

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LESSON 1B: SALVATION – SAVED THROUGH FAITH

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE: FOR THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS IS TO THEM THAT PERISH FOOLISHNESS; BUT UNTO US WHICH ARE SAVED IT IS THE POWER OF GOD. I CORINTHIANS 1:18

SAVED DEFINITION: RESCUED, DELIVERED, SET FREE FROM BONDAGE, SPARED FROM DANGER. JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS THAT WE MIGHT BE SAVED FROM:

I. THE WRATH OF GOD-

- a) John 3:36
- b) Matthew 24:21
- c) Jude 15

II. THE STING OF DEATH

- a) **I CORINTHIANS - 15:55,56**
- b) Romans 3:23
- c) Romans 6:23(a)

III. ETERNAL DAMNATION

- a) II Thessalonians 2:12
- b) Revelations 20:15
- c) Revelations 9:6

IV. THE BLOOD OF JESUS IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN

- a) Hebrews 10:10
- b) I John 1:7

V. THE CROSS IS OUR SYMBOL OF VICTORY

- a) Numbers 21:4-9
- b) John 3:14-18

VI. LOOK TO JESUS AND LIVE

- a) Isaiah 45: 22
- b) Hebrew 12:2

Session Questions:

- 1) What is God's salvation plan for fallen humanity?
- 2) How is Jesus' death on the cross superior to the sacrificial system of the Old Testament?
- 3) What three things are we saved from through Jesus Christ? Why is it significant?

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LESSON 2A: THE WORD - KNOW THE TRUTH

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE: FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVIDING ASUNDER OF THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART. HEBREWS 4:12

TRUTH DEFINITION: ACTUALITY, HONESTY, THE BODY OF THE REAL THINGS, EVENTS, FACTS.

I. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT - GOD'S WORD

- a) Ephesians 6:10 – 18
- b) II Corinthians 10: 4
- c) Jeremiah 23:29

II. THE WORD OF GOD IS SPIRITUAL "SOUL FOOD"

- a) Job 23:12
- b) Luke 4:4
- c) Psalms 119:103
- d) I Peter 2:2
- e) Hebrews 5:13, 1

III. THE WORD OF GOD IS INFALLIBLE

- a) Hebrews 6:18
- b) Titus 1:2
- c) Psalms 119:89
- d) Matthew 5:18

IV. THE NUMBER ONE WITNESS TOOL

- a) Romans 10:17
- b) John 6:63
- c) John 8:32
- d) Hebrew 8:10, 11

V. REALIZE THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD

- a) Isaiah 55:11

VI. CREATION IS ROOTED IN GOD'S SPOKEN WORD

- a) Hebrew 11:3
- b) II Peter 3:4 – 7

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VII. EVIL IS SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD

- a) Luke 10:19
- b) Jude 9
- c) Malachi 3:11
- d) Romans 13:1

VIII. SWORD IS BOTH DEFENSIVE AND OFFENSIVE

Speak Gods Word Against:

- a) Sickness
 - Isaiah 53:5
 - I Peter 2:24
- b) Poverty
 - II John 2
 - Deuteronomy 8: 18
- c) Confusion
 - I Corinthians 14:33
 - Philippians 3:7

Special Note: Memorize - John 14:15; Romans 10:13; Ephesians 2:8; John 14:6

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LESSON 2B: THE WORD - THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE: IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT QUICKENETH: THE FLESH PROFITETH NOTHING: THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU, THEY ARE SPIRIT, AND THEY ARE LIFE. JOHN 6:63

QUICKEN DEFINITION: TO MAKE ALIVE, REVIVE, STIMULATE; TO CAUSE TO BURN INTENSELY

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE AUTHOR OF THE BIBLE

- a) II Peter 1:21
- b) II Peter 3:16

II. THE HOLY GHOST IS...

- a) John 16:13 - 15
- b) John 14:26
- c) I Corinthians 2:9, 10, 14
- d) I John 2:27
- e) Isaiah 10:27

III. THE BIBLE IS SOUL FOOD

- a) Matthew 4:4
- b) Psalms 119:103
- c) Job 23:12

IV. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

- a) Hebrews 4:12
- b) Jeremiah 23:29
- c) Luke 24:32

V. RESIST THE DEVIL WITH THE WORD

- a) Luke 4:1 - 13
- b) I John 5:4

Session Questions:

- 1) The Holy bible is the written word of God, how did God reveal himself to man?
- 2) The Holy bible is also the sword of the Spirit, how can a Christian use the word of God offensively and defensively?
- 3) Why the Word of God called "Soul Food?" How should we digest the word and grow?

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LESSON 3A: HOLY SPIRIT - RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE: WHEREFORE I GIVE YOU TO UNDERSTAND, THAT NO MAN SPEAKING BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD CALLETH JESUS ACCURSED: AND THAT NO MAN CAN SAY THAT JESUS IS LORD, BUT BY THE HOLY GHOST. I CORINTHIANS 12:3

DEFINITION:

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US TO CHRIST THROUGH

- a) John 16:8
- b) John 6:37, 44, 65
- c) I Corinthians 2:10
- d) Matthew 16:13 - 18

II. WHEN YOU ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR YOU ARE SAVED

- a) Romans 10:9, 10, 13
- b) I Corinthians 12:3

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FREELY GIVEN TO ALL BELIEVERS

- a) John 1:12
- b) Ephesians 5:9, 10
- c) Ephesians 1:13, 14

IV. GOD WANTS US TO BE:

- a) John 14:16, 26
- b) II Thessalonians 2:13
- c) I Thessalonians 4:7, 8
- d) John 16:13
- e) I John 2:27
- f) Acts 1:8

V. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GIFT OF TONGUES AND UNKNOWN TONGUES

- a) Acts 2:11
- b) I Corinthians 14:2
- c) Jude 20

VI. USUALLY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT OVERFLOWS THERE IS EVIDENCE

- a) Acts 10:44 - 46
- b) Acts 19:2 - 6

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VII. DON'T STOP AT TONGUES DESIRE TOTAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG WITH THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

- a) I Corinthians 13:1
- b) I Corinthians 14:5
- c) Galatians 5:22 – 24

Special Notes:

Gift of Tongues:

- Unknown tongues
- Others heard and understood
- Spiritual gift which must be stirred up by the Holy Ghost

Unknown Tongues:

- Spiritual Language
 - Cannot be understood without the gift of interpretation
 - Enhances prayer life
 - Builds up Faith
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LESSON 3B: HOLY SPIRIT - CONFORM AND BE TRANSFORMED

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE: BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, TO THEM GAVE HE POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD, EVEN TO THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME. JOHN 1:12

CONFORM DEFINITION: TO SUBMIT YOURSELF TO THE WILL AND DESIRE OF GOD. TO BE OBEDIENT, TO COMPLY

TRANSFORM DEFINITION: TO CHANGE IN CHARACTER, CONDITION OR STRUCTURE FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER

I. BE YE TRANSFORMED

- a) Romans 12:2
- b) Romans 8:5, 6
- c) I Corinthians 6:9-11

II. THE HOLY GHOST IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS

- a) Jude 24

III. TAKE PETER FOR EXAMPLE

- a) Matthew 4:18 – 20
- b) Matthew 16:13 – 19
- c) Matthew 14:28 – 32
- d) Mark 8:27 - 35
- e) Matthew 17:4, 5
- f) Matthew 26:51, 52
- g) Matthew 26:69 – 75
- h) Luke 22:31, 32
- a) Acts 2:4
- b) Acts 2:14 – 36
- c) Acts 4:4
- d) Acts 3 & 5:12, 16
- e) I Peter & II Peter

Special Notes:

Pre-conversion (Before the overflow)

A. Positive Points

Left job for ministry

Confessed Jesus as Christ

B. Negative Points

Had limited faith

Tried to rebuke Jesus

Did not want Jesus to be taken by mob

Thought he was the best disciple

Denied Jesus before the crowd

Old character: fearful, doubter, proud, liar, very outspoken, unstable

Satan wanted to destroy Peter

Post conversion (After he was filled)

A. Positive Points

Spoke with the gift of tongues

Preached the Word with boldness

Became a mighty soul witness

God worked miracles through him

Co-Author of two epistles of the Gospels

Chief Apostle of the New Testament Church

Died a martyr

New Character: steadfast, bold, fearless, prayerful, Wise and power packed!

Session Questions:

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
2. Why should a believer seek to be Spirit filled?
3. What are the evidences of a Spirit filled life?

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LESSON 4: HOLY SPIRIT/FRUITS/GIFTS – POWER WITH A PURPOSE

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE: THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HATH ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR; HE HATH SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKEN-HEARTED, TO PREACH DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THEM THAT ARE BRUISED. LUKE 4:18

PURPOSE DEFINITION: SOMETHING SET UP AS AN OBJECT OR END TO BE ATTAINED; INTENTION: DETERMINATION, AIM

I. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON ME....

- a) Isaiah 42:1
- b) Isaiah 11:2 – 4
- c) John 3:34

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL...

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| a) John 15:1-8 | Produce fruit |
| b) Jude 20 | Build up your faith |
| c) I Corinthians 14 | Unknown Tongues |
| d) Romans 8:26 – 28 | Focus your prayers |
| e) II Timothy 2: 15 | Inspire you to study |
| f) II Corinthians 2:17 | |

III. THE SUPREME ADVANTAGE

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| a) Luke 10:19 | Power over the devil |
| b) Romans 8:2 – 9 | No condemnation in Christ |
| c) John 1:12 | Power to be sons of God |
| d) Romans 1:16; I Corinthians 1:18 | Not ashamed of the Gospel |
| e) Ephesians 3:20; Philippians 4:13 | Able to do all things through Christ |
| f) Philippians 4:7; II Corinthians 4:7, 8 | Ability to endure challenges, sufferings, and crisis |

Session Questions:

- 1) What will the Spirit of God do in the life of a yielded vessel?
- 2) What are the advantages of being spirit filled and spirit directed?
- 3) Name and describe the Gifts of the spirit as found in I Corinthians 12 and Romans 12?

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LESSON 5: BUILDING UP THE INNER MAN – HUMBLE YOURSELF

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE: HUMBLE YOURSELVES THEREFORE UNDER THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD, THAT HE MAY EXALT YOU IN DUE TIME. I PETER 5:6

DISCIPLINE DEFINITION: CONTROL GAINED BY ENFORCING OBEDIENCE OR ORDER, ORDERLY OR PRESCRIBED CONDUCT OR PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR; SELF-CONTROL. TRAINING THAT COLLECTS, MOLDS, OR PERFECTS THE MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL FACULTIES.

I. GOD DESIRES US TO WALK DAILY FREE FROM WORRIES AND FEARS

- a) Daniel 1 & 2
- b) I Peter 5:7
- c) II Timothy 1:7
- d) I John 4:18
- e) Philippians 4:6

II. SELF-CONTROL/TEMPERANCE IS CRITICAL TO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

- a) Luke 9:23
- b) I Corinthians 9:27
- c) II Timothy 2:3
- d) Hebrews 11:6

III. BIBLE DISCIPLINE IS DEPENDENT UPON GOD'S GRACE

- a) Colossians 2:23
- b) Colossians 2:18

IV. REST FOR YOUR SOUL

- a) Matthew 11:28 -30
- b) Colossians 3:1

V. THE DEVIL WANTS TO KEEP YOU IN THE FLESH

- a) Romans 8:6
- b) Galatians 5:19

Session Questions:

- 1) How can a believer grow in God's grace?
- 2) Why is spiritual discipline important?
- 3) List and define the basic functions of a congregation?

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LESSON 6: THE CHURCH – WHAT IS A CONGREGATION

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE:

CONGREGATION DEFINITION: A CONGREGATION IS COMPRISED OF ANY AND EVERYONE WHO ACTIVELY ATTENDS YOUR WORSHIP SERVICES (INCLUDES VISITORS, GUESTS, ETC.). THIS DEFINITION IGNORES THE NAMES OF BAPTIZED PERSONS OR MEMBERS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON RECORDS BUT ARE NOT ACTIVE.

I. FIVE BASIC FUNCTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

1. Social Service
2. Worship
3. Education
4. Evangelism
5. Pastoral Care

II. FOUR CATEGORIES OF CONGREGATIONAL SIZE

- A. Small Church – Up to 50 members active and attending worship regularly
Family Church
- B. Medium Size Church 51 – 150 active members attending worship regularly
Pastoral Church
- C. Large Size Church 151 – 350 active members attending worship regularly
Program Church
- D. Extra Large Church 351 – 500 active members attending worship regularly
Corporation Church

Notes: “The size of a congregation acts as a key variable in those factors that determine the structure, functions and style of relationship in its group life.” - Arlin Rothauge

* Any size church is the right size and any size church can attract and assimilate new members. *

Session Questions:

- 1) In Ephesians 4:11-13 the apostle Paul list the purposes of the church offices; How does church leadership direct the growth and ministries within a congregation?
- 2) Why is active membership important to a believer?
- 3) Is the church a building or the people that are gathered “in Jesus’ name” or both?

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LESSON 7A: THE IMPORTANCE OF JESUS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE: IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. JOHN 1:1

DEFINITION:

I. GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH

- a) John 1:14
- b) I Timothy 3:16
- c) Hebrews 1:2 - 4

II. CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

- a) John 1:2 - 4
- b) Colossians 1:15 - 17

III. JESUS, THE PROMISED MESSIAH

- a) Deuteronomy 18:15 - 19
- b) Isaiah 7:7
- c) Isaiah 9:6

IV. JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

- a) Luke 1:30 - 35
- b) Matthew 1:18 - 25
- c) Luke 1:28
- d) Luke 11:27, 28

V. BORN TO DIE

- a) Hebrews 2:9, 14, 15
- b) I John 3:8

VI. Jesus, the Love of God Manifest

- a) John 3:16
- b) I John 4:7 - 10
- c) I John 5:3
- d) Philippians 2:8 - 11

Note: Celebrate God's gift for salvation, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Santa Clause should not have any place in your celebration Christmas.

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LESSON 7B: THE IMPORTANCE OF JESUS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE: FOR HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW SO SIN; THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM. II CORINTHIANS 5:21

DEFINITION:

I. SACRIFICES FOR SIN

- a) Leviticus 22: 19, 20
- b) Deuteronomy 15:21
- c) Leviticus 17:11

II. JESUS IS THE PASSOVER LAMB

- a) I Corinthians 5:7, 8
- b) Romans 14:17, 18

III. JESUS WAS CLOSELY EXAMINED BEFORE SENTENCED TO DIE

- a) Mark 11:27 - 33
- b) Mark 12:13 - 17
- c) Mark 12:18 - 27
- d) John 19:4 - 11

IV. ONE OFFICERING FOR ALL SIN

- a) Hebrews 10:10 - 14

V. JESUS OWNS THE BOOK OF LIFE

- a) Revelations 5:1 - 9
- b) Revelations 20:12
- c) Revelations 3:5

VI. REJOICE INSOMUCH AS YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN IN HEAVEN

- a) Luke 10:17 - 20

Session Questions:

- 1) List at least three descriptions of Jesus and define
- 2) What is the '*Lamb's book of life*' and why is it paramount to have your name written in it?
- 3) Why is the resurrection celebrated so thoroughly by Christians?

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LESSON 8: RAPTURE – CAPTURE THE RAPTURE

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE: WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS, THAT YE MAY BE ACCOUNTED WORTHY TO ESCAPE ALL THINGS THAT SHALL COME TO PASS, AND TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN. LUKE 21:36

CAPTURE DEFINITION: TO GAIN OR WIN BY FORCE OR STRATAGEM. TO TAKE ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF THE GAME.

I. THE EVENT

- a) I Thessalonians 4:16, 17

II. DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST

- a) Matthew 27:52, 53
- b) II Kings 4:35
- c) Luke 7:11 - 16
- d) John 11

III. SAINTS ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP

- a) Hebrew 11:5
- b) Acts 1:9 – 11
- c) II Kings 2:9 – 11

IV. WRATH OF GOD, SECOND DEATH

- a) I Thessalonians 5:9
- b) Revelations 21:8

V. WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED

- a) I Corinthians 15:49 54
- b) Philippians 3:21
- c) II Corinthians 3:18
- d) Matthew 22:30

VI. INTENSE EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- a) I JOHN 3:1 – 3
- b) MATTHEW 5:9

Session Questions:

- 1) The word 'rapture' is not found in the bible, what does it mean?
- 2) Give examples of individuals in the bible of "not experiencing death" as well as resurrection(s) (other than Jesus).
- 3) "We shall be changed" means?
- 4) When do you think the Rapture will happen?

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LESSON 9: EVANGELISM – EFFECTIVE WITNESSING

LESSON SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE:

EVANGELISM DEFINITION: THE SPREADING OF THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL BY PUBLIC PREACHING OR PERSONAL WITNESS. (PLACE HOLDER FOR DEFINITION)

I. FOCUS CONVERSATION ON JESUS CHRIST

- a) II Corinthians 4:5
- b) Acts 4:12
- c) John 14:6
- d) I Timothy 2:5
- e) John 10:9

II. THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE IS SIN

- a) Romans 6:23
- b) Romans 3:23
- c) Ezekiel 18:4
- d) I John 3:8
- e) I John 5:17

III. EXPRESS THE LOVE OF GOD

- a) Romans 5:6 – 8
- b) John 3:16, 17
- c) I John 4:9, 10
- d) II Peter 3:9

IV. DEFINE THE WRATH OF GOD

- a) Psalm 9:17
- b) Isaiah 5:13, 14
- c) Luke 12:4, 5
- d) John 5:28, 29
- e) II Corinthians 5:10
- f) Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14
- g) Revelations 20:15

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V. DEFINE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

- a) Romans 5:9
- b) Romans 6:23
- c) I Corinthians 15:55 - 57
- d) Revelations 2:11
- e) Revelations 20:15

VI. AVOID FOOLISH QUESTIONS

- a) Titus 3:9
- b) I Timothy 1:4
- c) II Timothy 2:24 - 26
- d) Matthew 7:6
- e) II Corinthians 2:17

VII. ASK THE LISTENER QUESTIONS AND BE ATTENTIVE TO RESPONSE

- a) Colossians 4:5, 6
- b) I Thessalonians 5:19
- c) Ephesians 4:30

VIII. ALWAYS USE THE BIBLE AS YOUR PRIMARY SOURCE

- a) Hebrews 4:12
- b) Isaiah 55:11
- c) Luke 4:4
- d) Job 23:12

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