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Hebrews 1:8-9
 But unto the
 Son *he saith*,
 Thy throne, O
 God, *is* for ever
 and ever: a
 sceptre of
 righteousness
is the sceptre
 of thy king-
 dom. Thou
 hast loved
 righteousness,
 and hated iniquity;
 therefore
 God, *even* thy
 God, hath
 anointed thee
 with the oil of
 gladness above
 thy fellows.

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Is It Worth Doing?

Nehemiah 6:1-4 Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;) That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

This scripture speaks of the rebuilding of Jerusalem which Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed

when he came in and carried the Jews into Babylonian captivity.



Nehemiah was led of God to go back and restore the walls and gates of Jerusalem and rebuild the temple which was the center of Hebrew worship. The enemies of the Jews did not desire to see the city restored and hindered every way they could to stop the work and now that the wall was restored they said they wanted a conference with Nehemiah, but, he knew they were only trying to stop the work and replied, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down

to you?"

Nehemiah knew the importance of what he was doing and who he was doing it for and he refused to be side-tracked. As Christians we would do well to ask ourselves the question, Is It Worth Doing? Should we really be devoting our time, our talent, & our treasure to the things that claim importance in our lives? Is it really necessary? Who are you doing it for? Does it have significance? Will it last? These are questions sought out in the book of Ecclesiastes by King Solomon, who had the wisdom, the position, and the time to seek the answer to the question "What is the most fulfilling thing a man can do while on this earth?"

Seek Pleasure? Build great architecture that will last for centuries? Gain wealth? Pursue

fame?

Ecclesiastes 2:1-8 I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity. I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it? I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life. I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits: I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

What was the result?

Ecclesiastes 2:11 Then

I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2:16-18 For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool. Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit. Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

So then the things done by man for man are to no avail and the material world is only temporary and has no lasting value.

What about the things not done for self but done for God, things not noticed by the world at large, and things not printed in newspapers?

2 Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to

keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Paul knew the value of his labor and suffering and his focus never wavered from that which he said when the Lord stopped him and spoke to him from Heaven. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" At his end Paul told Timothy it had been worth doing.

From Bro. Ron Black



The Help Mate By Sister Linda Black



AMERICA'S AUDIT. The month of March usually reminds us of two things; spring is on the way and Tax Time is coming. People will spend many hours gathering receipts and taxable deductions in order to produce a healthier refund. I began to wonder, what if our country could file its own tax return complete with national information and credits to submit to the Lord. As I researched the data, I found what the country could claim, and what the Lord would accept, might be two different stories. What if God called for an audit? A review of facts listed and their legal status might be interpreted completely different in the eyes of the Lord.

The United States tax return might look something like this:

Name: The United States

Address: America

Birth: July 4, 1776

Income: Extremely Wealthy

Filing: Jointly

Itemized Deductions Claimed

Number of Dependents...Multitudes

Educational Credits.....Bountiful

Childcare Credit.....Plentiful

Church Offerings.....Generous

Charities.....As needed

Mileage.....Capacity

Provided Housing for

Displaced Individuals.....Numerous

Moving Expenses.....Quantities

Health Care Deductions....Enormous

Unemployment Credit.....Handful

Foreign Tax Credit.....Several

Farming Income Loss.....Volumes

Surely with all these credible deductions the U.S. would receive an enormous refund of blessings, health and wealth. The auditor might examine the same tax return and note:

Deductions Review

Dependents: Multitudes? 1.3 million Abortions occur yearly and the divorce rate is 50%.

Educational Credits: In 1962, prayer was taken out of the school system. The U.S. population has 40 to 44 million illiterate people and the estimated crime rate percentage in 2007 was 1.4 million.

Childcare Credit: There are 3 million cases of child abuse reported yearly.

Church Offerings: Websites such as "Tree Huggers Forum" are promoting to ban offerings to churches. Also, it is reported that 1 in 5 American Christians do not give to the local church.

Charities: There are over 5,000 orphanages still in existence in the United States not including half-way houses and other institutions.

Mileage: Of the thousands of miles listed, not many were used to go to church or support other Christian duties such as visiting the sick or those in the nursing homes.

Provided Housing: More than 3 million homeless people exist in the United States.

Moving Expenses: 680,000 homes have been repossessed by lenders and in foreclosure since August of 2007.

Health Care Deductions: 46.3 million people in the U.S. have no health care.

Unemployment Credit: You braggingly listed this as a minor inconvenience when in reality the unemployment rate is 9.7%.

Foreign Tax Credit: How can you claim this credit when there are 10.8 million illegal aliens in your country?

Farming Income Loss: I'm sure there will be a loss in this category because your country has allowed 65 billion dollars worth of food to be imported in from other countries yearly.

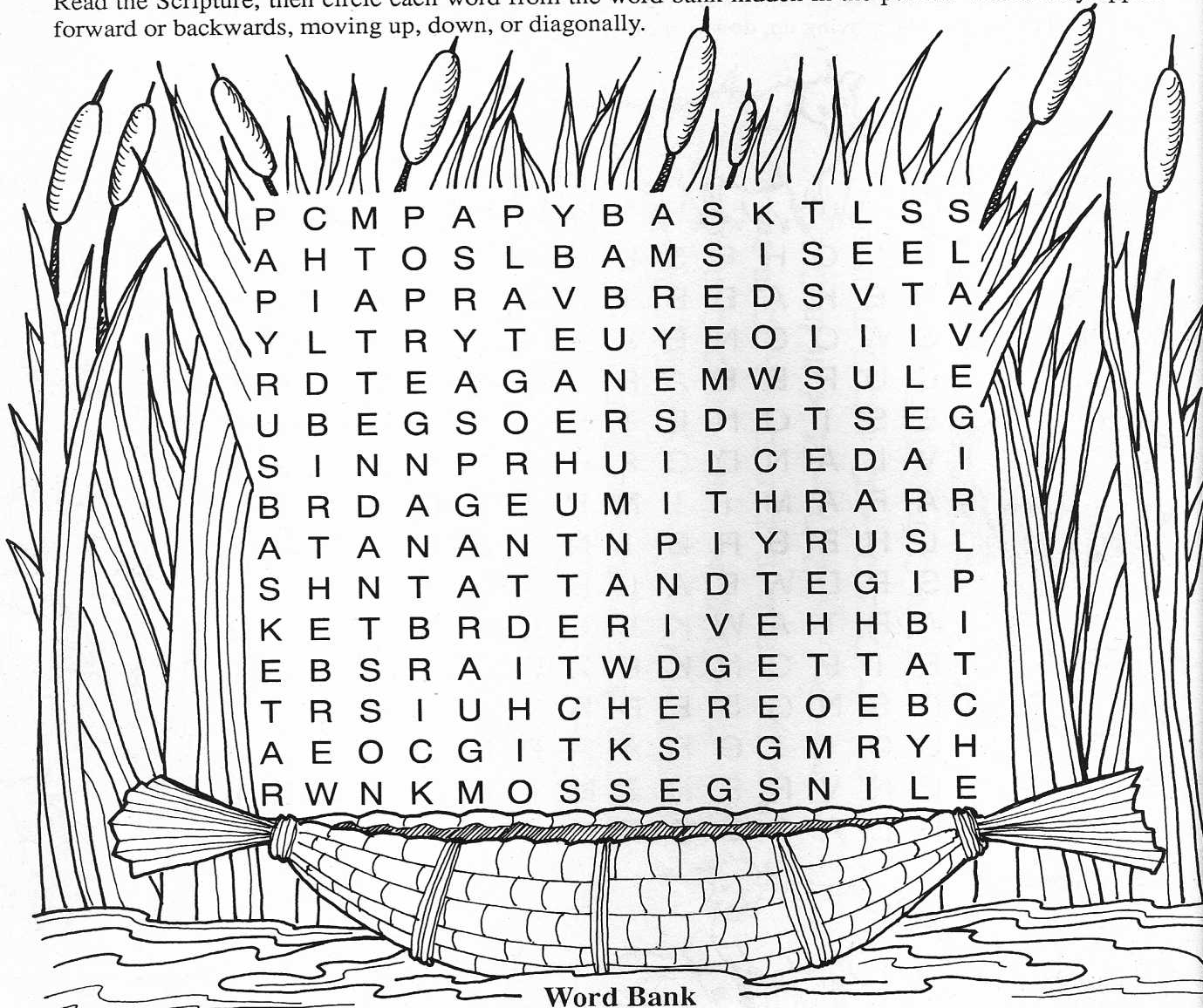
No refund forthcoming due to falsified deductions. I'm afraid the Lord's evaluation of this audit might produce the same result and judgment as Daniel relayed to Belshazzar when he saw the hand writing on the wall:
"Thou art weighed in the balances, and found wanting."

Children's Page

Baby Moses

Exodus 1:1-2:10

Read the Scripture, then circle each word from the word bank hidden in the puzzle. Words may appear forward or backwards, moving up, down, or diagonally.



Word Bank

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|------------|----------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Egypt | Levi | reeds | daughter | childbirth |
| slave girl | us (4) | Hebrew | tar | brick |
| Israelites | papyrus basket | Moses | attendants | mortar |
| midwives | baby | pregnant | nurse | Pharaoh |
| Nile (2) | pitch | sister | mother | son |

Bonus: To reveal the first letter of the name of the baby found in the basket, shade in the circled letters.

Church Directory

New Salem United Baptist Church

2311 E. Washington St.

New Castle, IN 47362

Pastor Brett Rains

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30

Caney Branch United Baptist Church

1457 Travis Groce Road

Albany, KY 42602

Pastor Donald McGill

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

Old Fashion United Baptist Church

9211 W. Arch Street

Yorktown IN 47396

Pastor Terry Dobbs

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Gloryland United Baptist Church

2001 E. 8th St.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Alvis Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Westside United Baptist Church

3021 W. Cornbread Road

Muncie IN 47302

Pastor Larry Waters

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Eastside Missionary Baptist Church

100 Holland Ave

Muncie, IN 47303

Pastor Eric Lambert

Sunday Morning 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Church Directory

Memorial United Baptist Church

2911 S Philip Dr.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Andy Phipps

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm

Lower Hickory Grove United Baptist Church

Highway 741 (Blue Heron Mine Rd)

Revelo, KY 42638

Pastor Mark Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Riverview United Baptist Church

6601 E Black Mill Rd

Albany, IN 47320

Pastor Tony Bilbrey

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

Second Baptist Church

P.O. Box 1188

Whitley City, KY 42653

Pastor Michael Casada

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Southern United Baptist Church

1009 E. 20th St.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Chris Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:00

Faith United Baptist Church

Brick Church Rd.

Hagerstown, IN 47346

Pastor Eldon Denney

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm