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" GOD HAS A TIME FOR  
EVERYTHING, A  
PERFECT SCHEDULE.  
HE IS NEVER TOO  
SOON, NEVER TOO  
LATE. THE WHEN OF  
HIS WILL IS AS  
IMPORTANT AS THE  
WHAT AND THE HOW."

- RICHARD HALVERSON





# LIFE IS IN HIS SON

**1 John 5:11 And this is the testimony, that God gave to us eternal life and this life is in His Son.**

**1 John 5:12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.**

...How is the overcoming life given to us? It is given to us in the Son. There is no way for us to receive the overcoming life except through the Son. When God gives us His Son, He is not giving us just the prescription but the very Doctor Himself. God does not give us merely life; He is giving us this life in His Son. Having the overcoming life is not just a matter of receiving life; it is a matter of receiving the Son of God. Therefore, when our relationship with Christ is improper, problems develop. Once we doubt Christ's faithfulness and His promises, we will have

problems within. God does not give us patience, meekness, or humility independently of Christ. He gives us patience, meekness, and humility in His Son. The minute we are not right with His Son, we lose our victory. This is why we need a proper relationship with Christ every day. Every day we should say, "Lord, You are my Head, and I am Your member. Lord, You are still my life, and You are still my holiness." If we turn our eyes to ourselves, we will find none of these things. But if our eyes are turned to Christ, we will have everything. This is faith. We cannot hold on to holiness, victory, patience, or humility apart from Christ. Once we have Christ, we have holiness, victory, patience, and humility.



## THE BLESSING OF KNOWING OUR SINS

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**2 Pet 2:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...**

**John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.**

...Daily we have to study God's Word carefully so that we will see what is sinful. The more we see our sins, the more we have to tell the Lord, "God, show me in these matters that Christ is my victory and my supply." Brothers and sisters, if we want to grow, the light of the truth is indispensable. The light of the truth will reveal our mistakes and show us our own vulnerability. Once the light of the truth exposes our condition, our capacity will be increased, and the more our capacity is increased, the more we can assimilate. What is grace? Grace is God doing something for us. For us to grow in grace means that we need God to do more

things for us. Suppose God has done five things for me already. But there are still three things which God has to do for me. My need has increased; therefore, I need God to do more for me. Herein lies the relationship between truth and grace: Truth exposes our need, while grace supplies our need. Truth shows us where our lack is, while grace fills up that lack. Hallelujah! God has not only truth but also grace! In the Old Testament, men failed repeatedly because they had only the truth; they did not have grace. They had the law, but they did not have the strength to keep the law. Thank the Lord that He has shown us the truth and supplied us with grace! Hallelujah!

# HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

## BIBLE TRIVIA

1 What represented God's presence and glory in the Temple at its dedication?

- a. Cloud
- b. Fire
- c. Wind
- d. Music

2. Who prayed to dedicate the temple?

- a. David
- b. Solomon
- c. The Levites
- d. Hiram

3. How long did it take for Solomon to build the temple and his palace?

- a. 7 years
- b. 13 years
- c. 20 years
- d. 40 years

4. Who came to visit and question Solomon after hearing of his fame and success?

- a. King of Tyre
- b. Queen of Sheba
- c. King of Syria
- d. The Levites

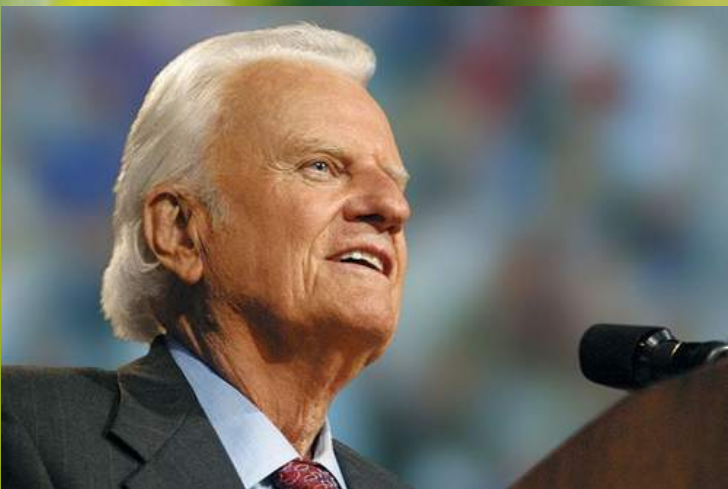
5. How long did Solomon reign in Jerusalem?

- a. 20 years
- b. 40 years
- c. 60 years
- d. 80 years

ANSWERS REVEALED  
NEXT VOLUME

## "AMERICA'S PASTOR" PREPARED TO MEET HIS LORD

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When Graham preached, he said that death was, of course, inevitable. As no one knew when Christ would return, he said, everyone should think instead about the sure thing they did know: the certainty of their own death. While some fundamentalists predicted that some believers would escape death in the Rapture, the evangelist repeatedly insisted that death fell on everyone.

In his remarks at former president Richard Nixon's funeral, Graham reminded the family and audience that someday every one of them would die: "John Donne said that there's a democracy about death. 'It comes equally to us all and makes us all equal when it comes.'". . . Though believers would not escape death, they would face it with greater clarity.

During his Las Vegas evangelistic crusade in 1980, the MGM Grand Hotel burned. "Someday, for all of you, if you don't know God, the music will stop. It will all be over," he said. Critics who charged Graham with sentimentality were not paying attention. He was not a profound thinker or preacher, but he dealt with serious things in serious ways. And millions listened. 6

Death was one thing; the passing of time in the midst of life, another. Once, when he was in his mid-60s, a teenager asked him what surprised him most in his “old age.” He answered without hesitation: “the brevity of life.” The relentless march of events taught important lessons too. “I urge each of you to invest your lives, not just spend them,” he told another group of young people. . . .

Until the later decades of his ministry, Graham seemed not to dwell very much on [his own death]. But with time Graham did slow down. Aging quieted his trademark machine-gun sermons into talks that seemed more like fireside chats. He readily admitted that he “yelled” less and that he had come to favor less demanding indoor auditoriums over the outdoor stadiums that had propelled him to international fame. . . .

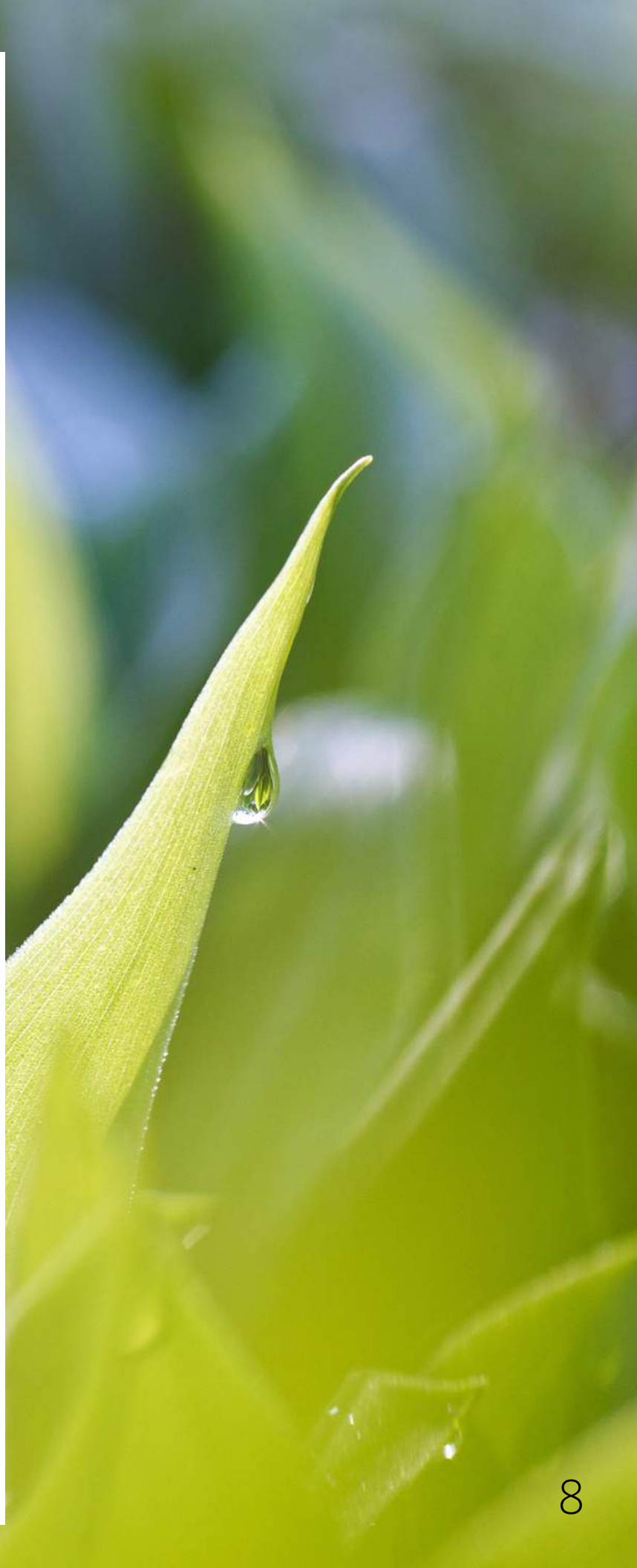
Yet serious illness took its inevitable toll. He collapsed while speaking in Toronto but climbed out of a hospital bed several days later to preach to a Sky Dome record crowd of 73,500 on the final night of an evangelistic crusade. . . . Still [he] soldiered on, year after year, until he preached his final evangelistic crusade in

Flushing Meadows, New York, in the summer of 2005. Though others had to help him to the pulpit, the image of an old warrior of the cross, pressing far past the normal retirement age, helped normalize the aging process for many and provided inspiration for millions.

As for his future, Graham made clear that he anticipated his demise as a door to a new life in heaven. “I’m looking forward to it – I really am,” he said in 1995, in his late 70s. “I’ll be happy the day the Lord says, ‘Come on. I’ve got something better planned.’” To be sure, Graham admitted that he did not look forward to the dying process itself. . . . But beyond the event itself stood heaven as a place of glorious fellowship with the Lord, saints, loved ones and invigorating work to do. . . . The journalist David Frost asked the mature Graham what he would want the first line of his obituary to say. “That he was faithful and that he had integrity,” he replied. “And that I was faithful to my calling, and that I loved God with all mind, heart and soul.”

Frost wondered if Graham had questions he hoped to ask God in heaven. “Yes, thousands. Many things in Bible

mysteries.” [Graham] then added, “Some things in my life I would be embarrassed if anyone else saw. I would like God to edit the film.” If God needed to edit the film of Billy Graham’s life, some readers undoubtedly thought, the rest of us were in big trouble.





A H Y M N A D A Y K E E P S  
Y O U H U M M I N G A L L T H E  
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**Life is God the Father in Christ Jesus**

1

Life is God the Father in Christ Jesus  
As the Spirit flowing into us.  
How enjoyable, this Person wonderful!  
He's our life so rich and bountiful.

2

We experienced regeneration  
When we opened to this living One.  
We were born again; another life came in.  
Now it floods us till we're full of Him.

3

He within us is the living Spirit  
In our spirit, flowing out of it  
Into all our heart, transforming every part  
By the life which He Himself imparts.

4

Now He must have our cooperation.  
We must set our mind upon the Son.  
We must turn away from all that leads astray,  
Till our mind is set on Him each day.

5

Lord, our human spirit now contains You.  
Still Your purpose in us You would do;  
If our wandering mind would leave old thoughts  
behind,

Then Your life and peace in it we'll find.

6

Lord, we would our every thought be captured  
By the rich enjoyment in Your Word.  
In it we're supplied, our mind there will abide,  
Till our thoughts are wholly sanctified.

7

Let's keep practicing the application  
Of this life by minding just the Son.  
Praise Him for the way to live by Him today!  
Lord, on You our minds will ever stay.



# MARK 2

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## WEEKLY BIBLE CHAPTER READS

**Mk 2:1** And He entered again into Capernaum after a few days, and it was heard that He was at home.

**Mk 2:2** And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even at the door. And He spoke to them the word.

**Mk 2:3** And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic carried by four men.

**Mk 2:4** And being unable to bring him to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof where He was. And when they had dug through, they lowered the mat on which the paralytic was lying.

**Mk 2:5** And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, Child, your sins are forgiven.

**Mk 2:6** But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

**Mk 2:7** Why is this man speaking this way? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins except One, God?

**Mk 2:8** And immediately Jesus, knowing fully in His spirit that they were reasoning this way within themselves, said to them, Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?

**Mk 2:9** Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, Your sins are forgiven, or to say, Rise and take up your mat and walk?

**Mk 2:10** But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth — He said to the paralytic,

**Mk 2:11** To you I say, Rise, take up your mat and go to your house.

**Mk 2:12** And he rose and immediately took up the mat and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, We have never seen anything like this!

**Mk 2:13** And He went out again beside the sea. And all the crowd came to Him, and He taught them.

**Mk 2:14** And as He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and He said to him, Follow Me. And he rose and followed Him.

**Mk 2:15** And as He reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining together with Jesus and His disciples, for there were many, and they were following Him.

**Mk 2:16** And the scribes of the Pharisees, seeing that He ate with sinners and tax collectors, said to His disciples, Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?

**Mk 2:17** And when Jesus heard this, He said to them, Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who are ill; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

**Mk 2:18** And the disciples of John and the Pharisees were fasting. And they came and said to Him, Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?

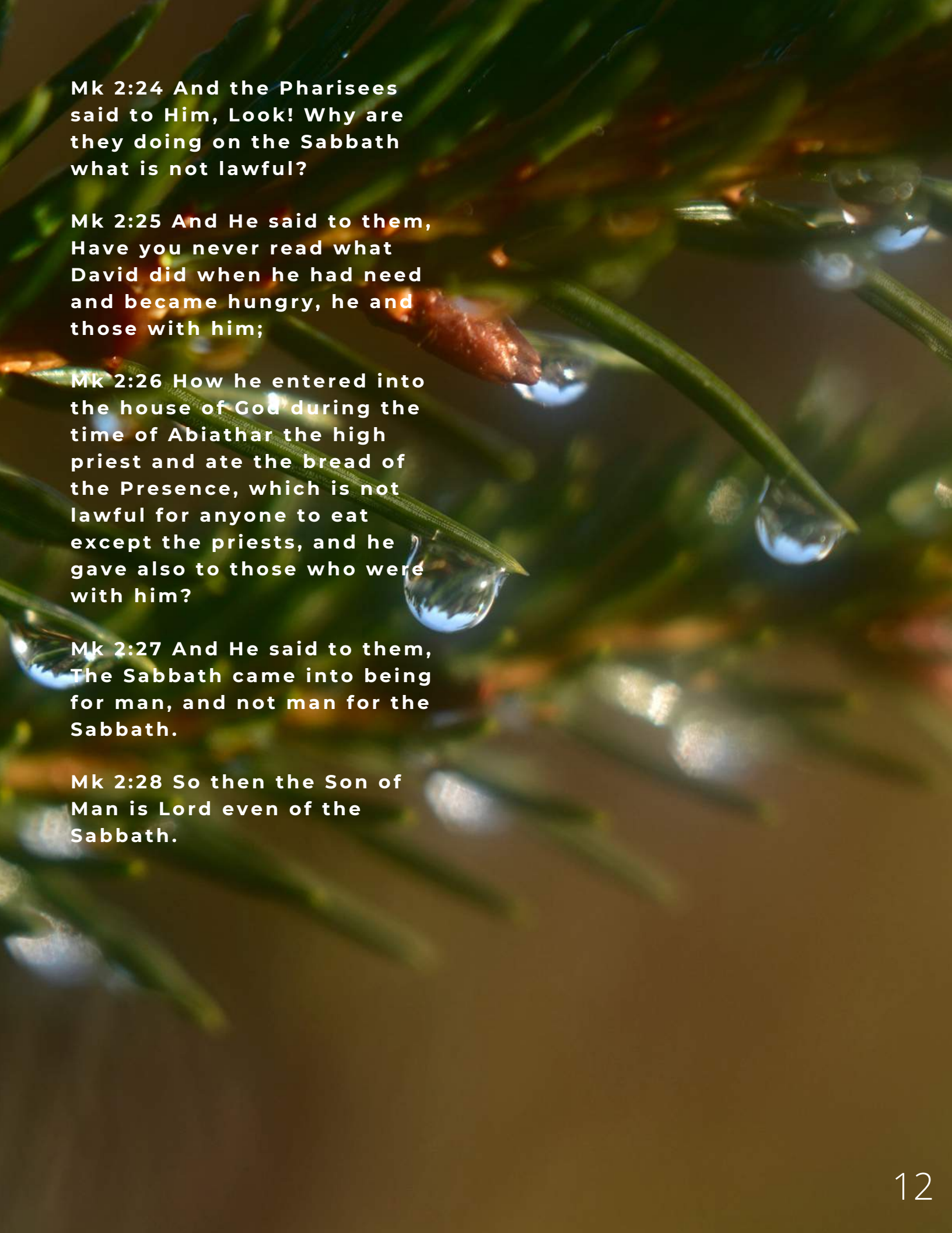
**Mk 2:19** And Jesus said to them, The sons of the bridechamber cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? For as long a time as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.

**Mk 2:20** But days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

**Mk 2:21** No one sews a patch of unfulled cloth on an old garment; otherwise, that which fills it up pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made.

**Mk 2:22** And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the wineskins, and the wine is ruined as well as the wineskins; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins.

**Mk 2:23** And He passed through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to go along, picking the ears of grain.



**Mk 2:24 And the Pharisees said to Him, Look! Why are they doing on the Sabbath what is not lawful?**

**Mk 2:25 And He said to them, Have you never read what David did when he had need and became hungry, he and those with him;**

**Mk 2:26 How he entered into the house of God during the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat except the priests, and he gave also to those who were with him?**

**Mk 2:27 And He said to them, The Sabbath came into being for man, and not man for the Sabbath.**

**Mk 2:28 So then the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.**

last week...

WORDSEARCH:  
ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE



Mystery Answer: Lamb