

# COMMUNITY CONTENDER

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## HOW TO MAKE A BIBLICAL DECISION: (PSALM 37:3-6)

Can we possess the ability to make godly decisions with confidence?

Can we be sure that we are doing what the Lord wants?

This Psalm sheds light into how to make a proper decision before the Lord:

*Delight myself in the Lord*

“Delight thyself also in the LORD...” Jesus Christ is to be the center of our attention, ambition and affection. He alone is able to satisfy all of the needs of our hearts. When we choose to delight in Him, He never allows us to be disappointed even when our temporal circumstances may be less than desirable. He causes our desires to be tuned to His desire. In other words, the Spirit of God will provoke our heart to desire the things that God wishes for our life and in this supernatural way, our desires become aligned with His good, acceptable and perfect will.



*Dedicate my way unto Him*

“Commit thy way unto the LORD...” A Believer must know that this life and his way truly do not belong to himself. We must understand that we are simply the clay, and He is the potter. He has a design for the vessel that is so much higher than any purpose that could be manufactured or conceived in the mind of man. (I Cor. 2:9) We must bend underneath His molding and submit ourselves joyfully unto His plan. Those who yield themselves avoid all struggle and hardness of resisting the will of the potter. We have the distinct privilege of rolling over to God the direction of our life. When we are unsure, He sees and knows all. Let us then deliver over to Him our directions and decisions. He will bring the details “to pass”. The Hebrew word for this phrase is translated in Jeremiah, describing the potter who wrought a work on the wheel. We can fully trust the Lord with the finishing of our vessel. His craftsmanship is beautiful, purposeful, and perfect.

*Depend wholeheartedly upon my Lord*

“Trust also in him...” Faith in the omniscience (all-knowing) and omnisapience (all-wise) of the Lord must remain unwavering. Faith dispels doubt, protects from discouragement, and refuses despair. Those who trust in the Lord will find that they don’t have to work things out on their own. Entrusting the Lord with the decisions of one’s life will bring the direction of the life to pass. How does He do this? Consider the beautiful picture in verse six.

Imagine the most beautiful sunset that you could ever see, just as the Lord brings the sun up every morning (the light), so He will bring forth our righteousness. He will alter our character the closer we move to Him. He also will give the ability to make proper judgment calls or decisions for Him. “Noonday” would be the bright part of the day. In the light, nothing is hidden from view. So as we delight in Him and commit our way to Him our character is changed and our decisions become clear. The “light” is a picture of a beautiful sunrise. “Noonday” is that which shines much light on our path. The same word is used for the one window that was built into the ark. We can imagine that the interior of the ark would have been pretty dark. Perhaps Noah went to the window to shine some light on what he was doing. Light allows us to see clearly to make proper decisions. Let us pray for this light on our judgments and for a righteous character. Whenever our way is unclear and we find ourselves unsure of what step to take, we must commit ourselves and our way unto Him. Let us respond with faith in complete dependence upon Him. Our character will be altered and we will have the ability to have light to make decisions. Those who refuse to delight in the Lord for whatever reason, those who will not dedicate themselves in willing submission, and those who will not depend upon the Lord will find their character lacking and their decision making cloudy and dark. How sad to stumble through life when God delights to give direction for decisions. Never make decisions in the dark, when God is willing to give light!

# A GOODLY HERITAGE: OUR REAL HELP COMES FROM ABOVE

**Psalm 146:3-5:** *3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. 5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:*



To complain about what is happening in our country and not do what we can to effect positive change is an indictment against ourselves. A Christian should vote and participate in our form of government with the understanding our real help does not come from earthly princes who are made of clay. Not one Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or Independent can solve the woes of our country. Politicians who spout and proclaim what they will do to make America great again or heal America, or return to the Constitution or whatever their principle political slogan is, must realize without the blessing of the Lord they can really do nothing.

In the Old Testament, King Nebuchadnezzar boasted of his great political achievements in building up the nation of Babylon, all the while failing to realize his great military, political, and economic wealth was the result of God raising him up as the sword of the Lord to punish God's people, Israel, for falling into idolatry. He arrogantly looked at what he had done rather than at what the Lord allowed him to do resulting in God humbling him.

**Daniel 4:30-31:** *30 The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty? 31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; **The kingdom is departed from thee.***

Nebuchadnezzar lived like a beast of the field eating grass for seven years to learn the lesson "who the God of heaven is". Fortunately, he learned the lesson and was restored to power.

As we look at our country, we must look to some timeless eternal truths for our survival as a great country, and it to be a lighthouse to the world for political, economic, and religious liberties. Positively, see **Psalm 33:12** *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.* Negatively, see **Psalm 9:17** *The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*

What we need to do is found in **2 Chronicles 7:14** *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

May God Bless America.  
May we be salt and light,

Pastor John Schofield

## MEMORY CORNER:

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:32

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Isaiah 57:15

"He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail."

Proverbs 22:8

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# LIVING HYMNS, IN TIMES LIKE THESE: FROM THE KITCHEN OF

*In Times Like These, O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee. Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me* over life's tempestuous sea. Though the angry surges roll on my tempest driven soul, I am peaceful for I know *My Anchor Holds*.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him, *Jesus Lover of My Soul*, my life, my love I give to thee, thou Lamb of God who died for me; O may I ever faithful be, my Saviour and my God.

I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus, since I found in Him a friend so strong and true; I would tell you how he changed my life completely; *No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus!* Jesus my Lord will love me forever, loved with everlasting love in a love which cannot cease. *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, Love divine, so great and wondrous, *O Love That Wilt not Let Me Go*.

*O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth*, O could I sound thy glories forth which in my Saviour shine? O what a Saviour that he died *On The Cross For Me*. Oh the love that sought me, Oh the blood that bought me, wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!

*My God's A Great God, Tis True, O Yes, Tis True*. Nothing is too Hard for Jesus, nothing is too hard for Him. The Saviour can solve every problem, *My Hope Is In The Lord. My Jesus I Love Thee, My Hope Is In Thee. My Faith Has Found A Resting Place, My Faith Looks Up To Thee*.

*Help Me To Be Holy, Trust, Try, and Prove Me*, and make me love Thee as I ought; fill me with Thy hallowed presence, even when my faith is small. Come, O come and fill me now.

There's a peace in my heart, walking along life's road. I am happy in the service of the King. Toiling on, let us watch and pray, every moment, every hour, simply trusting every day. *Till The Whole World Knows, Jesus Christ Is the Way*.

O soul are you weary and troubled? Come and He will give you rest. *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*, He will take the sinfulness. *Jesus is Calling*, calling today, *Softly and Tenderly*, He will not turn thee away, Time is now fleeting, Jesus is pleading; come and no longer delay. *O Take the Gift of Mercy, You Must Open the Door*, He's patiently waiting for thee to come, and ready to forgive. *Why Not Now? Why Not Now?* Trust in Him today.

*Whosoever Will May Come, Ye Must Be Born Again*.

*Ring the Bells of Heaven*, there is joy today, for a precious soul is born again, *Saved to the Uttermost. Only A Sinner, Saved by Grace*, saved to new life sublime! *What A Day That Will Be, When We All Get to Heaven, Where The Gates Swing Outward Never*, built by Jesus on high, where we never shall die, Tis a land where we'll never grow old.

*Until Then, I Have A Friend*, which nought can sever; for I am His. *Because He Lives*, forever and forever.

*He's A Wonderful Saviour to Me, May Jesus Christ Be Praised*.

*To God Be the Glory*

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## MARGIE DAUB: CHICKEN CURRY

In Kenya this is a dish served in just about every hotel on Sundays for lunch. It is actually a recipe from India which was brought to Kenya probably in the early 1900's when men were brought to build the railroad between the Kenya coast and Uganda in order to control the source of the Nile. Most recipes use a tomato base but this is a white base and is not very spicy. It can be made with more of a "kick" by adding more curry powder.

(makes just 4 servings so I always double or triple)

3 Tablespoons butter

1 1/2 teaspoons curry powder (or more if wanted)

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon ginger

1 cup milk

1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

1/4 cup chopped onion

3 Tablespoons flour

3/4 teaspoon sugar

1 cup chicken broth

2 cups cooked chicken cut into small pieces

3 - 4 cups cooked rice

Melt butter over low heat in a heavy saucepan. Sauté onion and curry powder in melted butter. Blend in flour and seasonings. Cook over low heat until mixture is smooth and bubbly. Remove from heat. Stir in broth and milk then heat to a boil stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute then add chicken and lemon juice. Heat until all is hot.

Serve over the rice with all or as many of the following condiments on top to taste. We have favorites which I will star \*\*

chutney

raisins \*\*

tomato wedges \*\*

sautéed onion rings

nuts, almonds, peanuts

chopped apples

pineapple chunks \*\*

chopped hard-boiled eggs

chopped bananas \*\*

currant jelly

bacon bits

flaked coconut \*\*

India relish

avocado

papaya \*\*

mango pieces \*\*

Enjoy

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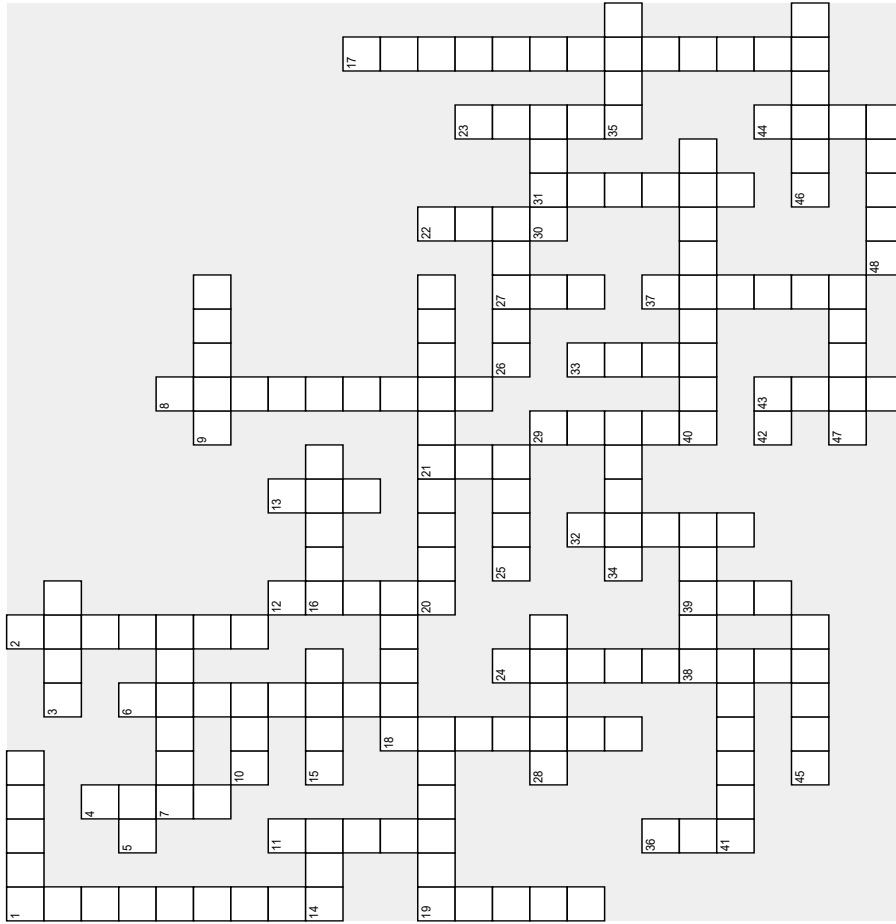
SUNG TO "O WORSHIP THE KING"

O Worship the slides, projected above.  
They're taking the place, of hymnbooks we love.  
We can't read ahead, and we can't see the score,  
We can't harmonize, and sing parts anymore.  
O tell of His love, But don't mention sin.  
We cannot offend, or crowds won't come in.  
Forgetting His wrath, and His anger don't sing,  
We're gracious and kind, and non-threatening.

Our bountiful hymns, in which we delight,  
Are stodgy and old, the words just aren't right.  
We can't memorize them, don't know what they mean,  
Their authors are dead, and their length is obscene.  
Frail children of "Now", we sing what we can,  
Our culture has giv'n, a short attention span.  
We'll sing and repeat them, ad infinitum,  
While making their writers, a neat, tidy sum!

# The Passion of the Christ

\*The first three completed correctly and shown to Pastor David will receive a treat!



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## ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_\_ of life
- 3 The \_\_\_\_ to Emmaus
- 5 Do this in remembrance of \_\_\_\_ 7 the lost sheep of
- 9 Turn neither to the \_\_\_\_ or the left
- 10 thy \_\_\_\_ and staff comfort me
- 14 \_\_\_\_ of God
- 15 \_\_\_\_ of the Jews
- 16 What is \_\_\_\_?
- 18 \_\_\_\_ of thorns
- 19 Judas got 30 pieces
- 20 Geological event at crucifixion

- 25 the upper \_\_\_\_ soldiers
- 26 time of day
- 30 Wise men came from the \_\_\_\_
- 34 born in the city of \_\_\_\_
- 35 held to Jesus' mouth
- 38 died in our \_\_\_\_
- 40 religious leaders
- 41 Pontius \_\_\_\_
- 42 The Great I \_\_\_\_
- 45 Christian symbol
- 46 A crown of \_\_\_\_
- 47 the olive \_\_\_\_
- 48 carried the cross
- DOWN**
- 1 released by Pilate

- 2 Sea of \_\_\_\_
- 4 split in two at crucifixion
- 6 Mary supposed him to be the \_\_\_\_
- 8 came to Jesus by night
- 11 two sat in the tomb
- 12 sealed the tomb
- 13 what they did at the last supper
- 17 I am the \_\_\_\_ and the life
- 18 They yelled \_\_\_\_ him!
- 19 \_\_\_\_ of the spirit
- 21 If I could just touch the \_\_\_\_ of his garment
- 22 I will not drink of the fruit of the \_\_\_\_
- 23 denied him but was restored
- 24 religious leaders
- 27 The Son of \_\_\_\_
- 29 betrayer
- 31 Simon's brother
- 32 Pilate washed them
- 33 In the beginning was the \_\_\_\_
- 36 Then he took the \_\_\_\_ robe
- 37 wearing a \_\_\_\_
- 39 Peter cut it off
- 43 A virgin mother
- 44 disciple whom Jesus loved

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