



FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH
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FINDING PURE FAITH in a WORLD of MIRAGES

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Leader repeat 2x with congregation:

James 1:17

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
and cometh down from the Father of lights,
with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

1 Thessalonians 5:21

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

INTRODUCTION: A mirage is an optical illusion that appears to be a pool or sheet of water in the desert or on a hot road, caused by the refraction of light from heated air. Many have died of thirst, chasing after the illusion of water just ahead. Since the Supreme Court effectively banned prayer in all public schools by its decisions of 1962/63, as of 50 later, America is no longer respected as a moral Christian nation because we are left with no Christian standard, and no respect. All religions are declared to be equally true while each claims to be the only true faith; but can all ways be true? Most people surveyed, believe one guess is good as any other, and being so deceived, follow after every false way, forever seeking a peace promised just ahead they can never quite grasp, but disappears like a mirage in the desert. Is there a way to discern? Yes, Jesus promises perfect peace, when we test and prove each new idea by the whole word of God, and hold tightly to the only truth that can save us, breathed to men by the Living God.

2. CHILDREN'S LIFE PARABLE There is an old Popeye and



Bluto cartoon called Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves where Popeye and Olive walk through the desert searching for water. Popeye is so thirsty he is crawling on his hands and knees, when he looks off into the distance and sees a refreshing oasis with cool water to drink and palm trees for shade! With his last ounce of strength, Popeye runs to the mirage, jumps in and gulps in the cool water, only to have the water disappear and realize he is drinking the sand! It was only a mirage; the refreshing water was just an illusion, that had appeared to be so real to him!

We are living in the last days Jesus said will be a time of great deception. We are living during the time of the great falling away into a false revival, and in the time of the true revival, drawing true believers to be ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus. Many are crawling through a spiritual desert like Popeye, following one mirage of false teaching after another, but the sand of deception only makes them more and more thirsty. Confusing false ideas that promise more power than even our Lord Jesus gave to His disciples, are like the false picture of the water that Popeye saw,!

Nearly every preacher on television seems to have yet a better way that is different from the one you just heard, telling listeners how God says you are like God, and for you to tell yourself “I AM” all the attributes that God is, and you will be! Each offers better jokes, better entertainment, louder praises and louder prayers. Is the true gospel of Jesus Christ so complicated and constantly changing that it is this hard to follow? No. Is this the gospel once delivered to the saints? No. There is also the promise of peace found in Buddhism, and every group keeps you busy with endless classes on meditation, but the practitioner is still left empty.

What happens when the false prayer of repetitious chanting no longer brings the same feeling of power, when there is no one telling jokes, no applause, and the mirage has vanished? How can you find a true faith, and peace that lasts? **Jesus made one way to peace for us, and His word never changes, so let's find it!**

3. HOW DO WE KNOW WHICH RELIGION IS REALLY TRUE? WHERE DID RELIGIONS ALL BEGIN?

How can we find which is the oldest religion of the world? In the beginning was only God, so we will most certainly find our answer by going back to the beginning, but when did the beginning begin? We can choose to believe God, whose word is consistently proven by overwhelming archeologic evidence, or we can choose to believe the ever-changing “facts” provided by evolutionists, that the beginning was billions of years ago and men have been on the earth for 223,000 to 100,000 years, based upon an unscientific dating system that does not line up with known archeological facts. The American Scientific and Journal of Human Evolution state:

The earliest evidence of Hominids, such as Neanderthals^{[2][3]} and Homo heidelbergensis,^{[3][4]} deliberately disposing of deceased individuals usually in funerary caches. The graves, located throughout Eurasia (e.g. the Pontnewydd Cave (Wales), Atapuerca Mountains (Spain), Qafzeh, Es Skhul, Krapina (Croatia),^[3] are believed to represent the beginnings of ceremonial rites, although there is some debate about this.^[5]

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3. *Journal of Human Evolution*, Volume 37, 1999. 27–90

Every known skeleton containing human DNA can be traced back to one female human European ancestor who lived near where the Bible reveals the Garden of Eden was located 6-7,000 years ago. Dinosaurs said to be billions of years old **have now been found to have viable DNA that could not be more than a few thousand years old**, which is another proof that God’s word is true:

***Genesis 1:1-2,27** “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the water. ²⁷So God created man in his own image...”*

And It is with these first human beings who were created in the image of God, in other words in His word made flesh, who is our Lord Jesus Christ. It is that religion, the way of God from the beginning, that was given to men, and that pure way of God has survived even until today!

4. HOW DO WE KNOW WHEN WE FIND GOD'S WAY? WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DIFFERENT CHURCHES?

Most people today, even Christians, say that it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe it, and that you should not judge the beliefs of someone else. Though it is true that we should never judge someone's heart because only God can see our hearts, but the Bible tells it is our responsibility to test everything we hear, to see if it is true, and prove it!



1 Thessalonians 5:21 “*Prove all things, hold fast that which is good.*”

Acts 17:11 “*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*”

Searching for clues is what a real scientist does, but we have a breed of scientists today who have already decided there is no God and purpose create facts to prove their belief, they falsely call science, and have deceived many to follow them instead of God.

1 Timothy 6:20-21 “*O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: ²¹ which some professing have erred concerning the faith.*”

So is there any way to know for sure what is really true? What does a real scientist do when he wants to find the solution to a problem? He searches for clues that match up to prove what is true. So back to the beginning, can we find one foundational lie that weaves through history until today that drives false science?

Genesis 3:4-5 “*And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵ for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods...*”

The driving force behind evolution and religions that have left the living God to go their own way; is the **belief that he will never die** because he is somehow immortal, and there is no right or wrong because **man is his own god and answers only to himself**.

5. HOW DO WE KNOW WHEN WE FIND GOD’S WAY? WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DIFFERENT CHURCHES?

Satan fools men with same lie responsible for His fall from heaven.

***Isaiah 14:12** “How you are fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! **For you said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High. Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.**”*

The root of all religions began with only one true Creator God at the beginning of His creation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Adam followed Satan’s way instead of God and they had to leave the garden, but God provided the way of salvation when He taught them that He would come as a man, the Messiah, to shed His own blood to save them from their sin on the cross, but until then, they were to offer a blood sacrifice as a substitute. But men became more and more wicked until God destroyed the earth by a worldwide flood, saving only Noah and his family to begin again. After many years passed, men wandered away from God because they believed the same lie that Satan used to trick Adam and Eve to follow him, and finally built a tower at Babel, called Babylon, from where God confused their languages so that men scattered to go their own ways, forming religions branching off from the true way of God, but judgment will finally fall when Jesus comes.

***Revelation 18:2-3** “And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** ³ **For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.**”*

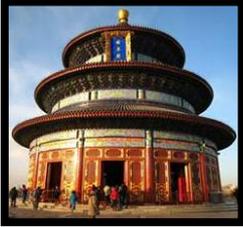
In China, they continued to sacrifice but forgot why! China has hundreds of gods today with most also following the religion of Buddhism, but is very enlightening to see who the Chinese first worshipped:

6. THE CHINESE DID NOT ALWAYS WORSHIP IDOLS, BUT FIRST THEY WORSHIPPED THE GOD OF HEAVEN.

THE ORIGINAL 'UNKNOWN' GOD OF CHINA

An Ancient Pictogram Script Points to the Bible by Dr. Ethel Nelson

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Mystery concerns the 450-year-old Temple of Heaven complex in Beijing, China. Why did the emperors sacrifice a bull on the great white marble Altar of Heaven at an annual ceremony, the year's most important and colourful celebration, the so-called 'Border Sacrifice'? This rite ended in 1911 when the last emperor was deposed. However, the sacrifice did not begin a mere 450 years ago. The ceremony goes back 4,000 years. One of the earliest accounts of the Border Sacrifice is found in the *Shu Jing (Book of History)*, compiled by Confucius, where it is recorded of Emperor Shun (who ruled from about 2256 BC to 2205 BC when the first recorded dynasty began) that 'he sacrificed to ShangDi.'¹

Who is ShangDi? This name literally means 'the Heavenly Ruler.' By reviewing recitations used at the Border Sacrifice, recorded in the Statutes of the Ming Dynasty (AD 1368), one may begin to understand the ancient Chinese reverence for ShangDi. Participating in this rite, the emperor first meditated at the Temple of Heaven (the Imperial Vault), while costumed singers, accompanied by musicians, intoned....²

Thus we find the emperor worshipping ShangDi. Can we possibly trace the original intention of this magnificent ceremony of antiquity? As the emperor took part in this annual service dedicated to ShangDi, the following words were recited, clearly showing that he considered ShangDi the Creator of the world:

*'Of old in the beginning, there was the great chaos, without form and dark. The five elements [planets] had not begun to revolve, nor the sun and moon to shine. You, O Spiritual Sovereign, first divided the grosser parts from the purer. You made heaven. You made earth. You made man. All things with their reproducing power got their being.'*³

For the Christian, the above recitation sounds strangely familiar. How closely it reads to the opening chapter of the biblical Genesis!

Genesis 1:1-2, 9-10, 16, 27-28 KJV 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep...

‘And God said, “Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas... ‘And God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made the stars also... ‘So God created man in His own image...’

ShangDi, the Creator-God of the Chinese, surely appears to be one and the same as the Creator-God of the Hebrews. In fact, one of the Hebrew names for God is El Shaddai, which is phonetically similar to ShangDi. Even more similar is the Early Zhou pronunciation of ShangDi which is ‘djanh-tigh’ [Zhan-dai].⁴ Another name for their God which the ancient Chinese used interchangeable with ShangDi was Heaven (Tian). Zheng Xuan, a scholar of the early Han dynasty said, “ShangDi is another name for Heaven (Tian)”.⁵ The great philosopher Motze 408–382 BC also thought of Heaven (Tian) as the Creator-God... How did ShangDi create all things? Here is one further recitation from the ancient Border Sacrifice rite: *‘When Te [ShangDi], the Lord, had so decreed, He called into existence [originated] heaven, earth, and man. Between heaven and earth He separately placed in order men and things, all overspread by the heavens.’*⁷

Note that ShangDi ‘called into existence,’ or *commanded* heaven and earth to appear. Compare this with the way the Hebrew text describes the method of creation by El Shaddai, who, we suspect, is identical with ShangDi, and the similarity in name and role would suggest:

‘... by the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. . . . For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast’ Psalm 33:6, 9 KJV

We have not yet explained the reason for the emperors’ bull sacrifice to ShangDi. Let us compare this Chinese sacrifice with the instruction given by God to the Hebrews:

‘Take thee a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer them before the LORD’ Leviticus 9:2; a practice which began in earliest times Genesis 4:3, 4 KJV.



The origin of the Border Sacrifice would appear to be explained in the book, *God’s Promise to the Chinese.*⁸

The authors, Nelson, Broadberry, and Chock have analyzed the most ancient forms of the pictographic Chinese writing and found the foundational truths of Christianity. In these ideograms, which date from before the time of Moses—we have the entire story of creation, the temptation, and fall of man into sin, and God’s remedy for sin in the animal sacrifices, which pointed to the coming Savior, Jesus Christ. *All the elements of the Genesis narrative are found recorded, and still in use, in the Chinese character-writing.*

All people in the world, not just the Chinese, are descended from the inhabitants of Babel. The associated box shows some startling realities about the written Chinese language, indicating that we are all related—and not so long ago. All people in the world, not just the Chinese, are descended from the inhabitants of Babel, the first civilization after the Flood. God first gave His promise of a coming saviour, the ‘Seed of the Woman,’ in (*Genesis 3:15 (KJV)*). The foreshadowed sacrifice of the coming Lamb of God, Creator and Saviour, is as old as mankind. Should a Chinese person tell you that Christianity is a ‘foreigner’s religion,’ you can explain that the Chinese in antiquity worshipped the same God as Christians do today. Like the Hebrews often did, the ancestors of today’s Chinese wandered off after false gods; the memory of who their original God was dimmed with time. The ancient Chinese script gives powerful evidence for the historical truth of Genesis.

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9. DR. MATTHIAS AND FAITH

The disturbing practice of wandering to whichever god is convenient is not confined to ancient people. When I was expecting our third child, our son, Dennis, I was very pleased to have one of the best doctors, recommended by several people I had met, Dr. Matthias. Dr. Matthias was a very good doctor and a Mormon. During those years, we also were Mormons and I was very thankful to have a doctor of my own faith to deliver my baby.

Also at that time, I was to be a bridesmaid for one of my best friends from high school, Jennifer. I had been trying to witness to her about the one true church and hoping to convert her. Her mother had already converted to being a Mormon and Jennifer wasn't sure, but her fiance was Catholic. Her fiance had no intention of becoming a Mormon and before the wedding, Jennifer took catechism lessons and converted to Catholicism. I must have been about 10 months pregnant at that wedding and lovely I'm sure. But I was there and part of a Catholic wedding. It truly was a beautiful and very memorable wedding. One thing disturbed me, though. I couldn't understand Jennifer taking an offering of flowers to the statue of Mary, then kissing and bowing low before it. I knew that Jennifer loved the Lord, and I didn't understand her show of worship and devotion to a statue of Mary. I had also been through catechism and baptized a Catholic in high school, but I had learned in the Bible and tried to show her that God forbids bowing to statues. I asked her about it later, and she told me it was just part of her new faith; that it didn't really mean anything but just having respect for the mother of Jesus. But I knew that the Lord of Heaven said that we are to only bow before Him, and I felt sad.

At my next check-up, I asked Dr. Matthias who was a very devoted Mormon, what he thought about it. He told me that he thought it was the best thing for Jennifer to have converted to Catholicism because a husband and wife should be of the same religion so their children would not be confused. He said that the religion didn't matter as long as they both believed the same thing. I knew in my heart that only one God created us all and there could only be one truth. How would I ever find it? It was to be a very long journey.

10. OBJECT LESSON - (houses built on sand and rock)

Luke 6:47-49 “Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. ⁴⁹ But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.”



- God’s word tells us that when His people the Israelites traveled in the desert, He showed Himself to be their Rock – that means that Jesus is solid and unchanging, like this rock.
- **I am putting a solid rock in this box as the foundation** for a house I want to build, to show that I want Jesus to be the foundation for my life because His word never changes!
- But let’s see what happens if we try to lay a different kind of foundation than a rock, so **I am putting a foundation of sand on the other side of this box** to build another house.
- **Let’s build 2 houses of 5 building blocks each on these foundations.** Both houses seem to be standing firmly don’t they. It even looks like this house built on the sand may be more balanced and steady than the house built on the rock, just like false teaching always seems good and strong at first.
- But now a storm is coming... **from these two cups of water being poured over the top of the houses! What will happen?**
- **Oh dear, the house built on the sand came tumbling down, but the house built on the solid rock is still standing!**
- When you put your faith in **the Rock** who is Jesus Christ, when all the storms of doubt pass by, you will still be standing!

All other foundations are false and will fail you. The only thing we can safely depend on is our Creator God Jesus who loves us! Jesus is not like the philosophies of men that are constantly changing, because Jesus is the only One who will never change!

11. STRAYING FROM THE BUDDHIST PATH - WHY DID I STOP FOLLOWING BUDDHA AND START FOLLOWING JESUS? *By Barbara O'Brien – Buddhism Expert*

Buddhism Teachings:

*The Buddha taught that believing in gods was not useful for those seeking to realize enlightenment. In spite of its emphasis on free inquiry, Buddhism is not whatever you want it to be. It might best be understood as a discipline, and an exacting discipline at that. And although Buddhist teachings should not be accepted on blind faith, understanding what the Buddha taught is an important part of that discipline. **Barbara O'Brien – Buddhism Expert***



I came to the Buddhist path as a seeker. I was skeptical about religious claims, but felt a deep void in my life. I yearned for meaning and truth in a unpredictable and often hostile world. In Buddhism, I thought I had found what I was searching for. Buddhists have never started a war. There was never a Buddhist Inquisition. They emphasized wisdom, compassion, lovingkindness, and personal transformation. And they certainly never threatened me with eternity in a lake of fire. But it was not meant to be because there was still a deep void in my life. It was what has often been described as a “God-shaped vacuum”—the emptiness that only God can fill. We are His creation, made in His image. He intends for us to have a relationship with Him and, when we are without Him, we feel empty and alone. No matter how long I meditated or what teachings I read, I could not fill this emptiness in my life. For in Buddhism, there is no sovereign, loving Creator.

True, some Buddhists purport to believe in a god, or in a realm of higher beings called devas. Others pray to statues of Buddha (Siddhartha Gautama). But as a whole, Buddhism is not a theistic religion. Buddhism has a law—the law of karma—but no lawgiver.

According to the Buddhist worldview, all beings accumulate karma based on their actions, and karma dictates their life circumstances. When a person dies, the karma accumulated in that lifetime (and all previous lives) determines his or her lot in the next life.

To many Buddhists, this means that a person born into a wealthy family has good karma, while someone who lives in a poor, disease-infested village would have accumulated negative karma. **Buddhists believe karma keeps one trapped in an endless cycle of death and rebirth (samsara), and the only way out is through enlightenment. To become enlightened, one has to eliminate desire. Buddha taught that desire is the root of suffering;** that it causes attachment, which leads to suffering, and in turn causes other beings to suffer. This produces negative karma. **If one eliminates desire and stops causing suffering, one can become enlightened,** as he had.

But eventually I began to question. Who or what had set this law of karma in motion? Who judged these beings' actions and sentenced them to another life of pain? Why were beings punished for actions they would be unable to remember? Was desire always a bad thing? **Wasn't the desire for enlightenment still desire? If so, how could one ever attain enlightenment?**

So I strayed from the Buddhist path, the emptiness within me greater than before. I began to examine the claims of Jesus of Nazareth in a new light, laying aside the biases and prejudices that had caused me to dismiss Him as merely a “great human teacher.” The more I searched, the more I came to believe that there was a sovereign God who loved me and that Jesus was who He claimed to be—the Son of Man, fully human and fully God. I accepted Jesus Christ into my heart. In doing so, I now feel that I've found true enlightenment—through a personal relationship with my Creator.



What's more, I discovered that what I had sought through the Buddhist path—wisdom, compassion, and lovingkindness—were found in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The supreme act of compassion was His sacrifice on the cross—that while we were still sinners, He died for us.

No human alive could ever demonstrate this kind of unselfish, unconditional love. No human can match God's divine mercy and lovingkindness, no matter how long we meditate or what books we've read. Yet we must try, for when we receive Christ, we become a new creation and begin the process of becoming Christ-like. The apostle John wrote.

“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked” (1 John 2:6, NKJV).

If this kind of personal transformation is not enlightenment, I do not know what is. To me, having a personal relationship with God and the assurance of salvation brings true peace. And it's ours if we but ask for it!



In our world today, even the doctrines of those professing Christianity, seem to change as frequently as shifting shadows to accommodate new ideas, until it can be quite difficult to discern what is the true gospel, and what is a twisted gospel. But our God from above has given us the gift of the perfect gospel of Jesus Christ, who does not change like shifting shadows. Jesus meets us at the point of our need and pulls us up from the floods of doubt that threaten to destroy us because He remains the same yesterday, today and forever, and His gospel is the same gospel today as when it was once delivered to the saints. There is no new revelation that has been held back from us until now so that we can somehow be greater than the apostles who walked with Christ. There is no greater honor than that we grow to become like our great Lord and Master, the Lord Jesus. We can depend on the solid security of His word that does not change, to keep us safe.

14. SO IS EVERY WAY TRUE AS LONG AS YOU BELIEVE IT IS TRUE? ARE ALL THESE EQUATIONS TRUE?

1+1 = 3 and 1+1 = 2 3x5 = 16 and 3x5 = 15 2+2 = 4 and 2+2 = 5

There is no more possibility for all religions to be true than there is any possibility that all these equations can be true. Why? Because we have a Creator who created this world according to His perfect order that is evident in even the tiniest elements of nature. Is there any way to identify dangerous Christian religions? Yes there is:

*Psalm 1:1-4 “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, **nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.** ² But **his delight is in the law of the LORD;** and **in his law doth he meditate day and night.** ³ And **he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,** that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. ⁴ **The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.**”*

Dangerous Christian Religions tend to be: Ridiculing and Scornful/Control by shame/Have a ‘Party Spirit’ and often a Militant spirit/Preach thought that is mostly rooted in Greek Mythology and Eastern Religion/Promote the teaching that you cannot sin if you are a Christian/Will attack accusing you of having no love if you find error in their doctrine/Like those approach Jesus, saying Lord, Lord, believe they cannot be teaching false doctrine because so many are healed and come to know the Lord through their church.

How can those teaching the Gospel that was once delivered to the saints be identified? They will teach members:

*John 5:39 “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify of me.**”*

*Jude 3 “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints**”*

2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

GOD'S PURPOSE & PLAN FOR MY LIFE

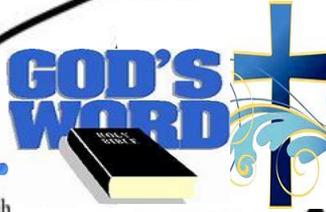
1. All false religions began in the same way – at the tower of Babel. The same ‘promise of power’ lie that Satan fed Adam and Eve in the garden, still confuses people today.
2. The root of very counterfeit religion can be traced back to Babel where the perversion of the one true Gospel began.
3. People today have the same opportunity to come to the God of Heaven, Lord Jesus our Savior, who came to earth to bring people back to Himself, the true God of Heaven.
4. All religions are not a path to the same god, for the same reason that $2+2$ always $=4$. You can make up your own religion but it will not be the true one.
5. False teachers can be recognized because they use scornful name calling to intimidate all who teach the whole word of God to be true as it was written, still today and forever.
6. Satan works overtime to convince Christians to believe that they cannot trust the scriptures in the Old Testament or the New Testament by using many old devious tricks.
7. By drinking the Living Water of God's Holy Word, we learn to recognize the counterfeit water spewed from Satan, so we can protect ourselves against deception.
8. Jesus is coming for those whom He finds “patiently keeping the Commandments and having the faith of Jesus”.
9. It is not unloving but urgently important to exhort one another to be ready because Jesus is coming soon.
10. Jesus loves you and wants you to learn to know Him intimately through reading His Word from the beginning.

Pray Aloud Together the Closing Prayer:

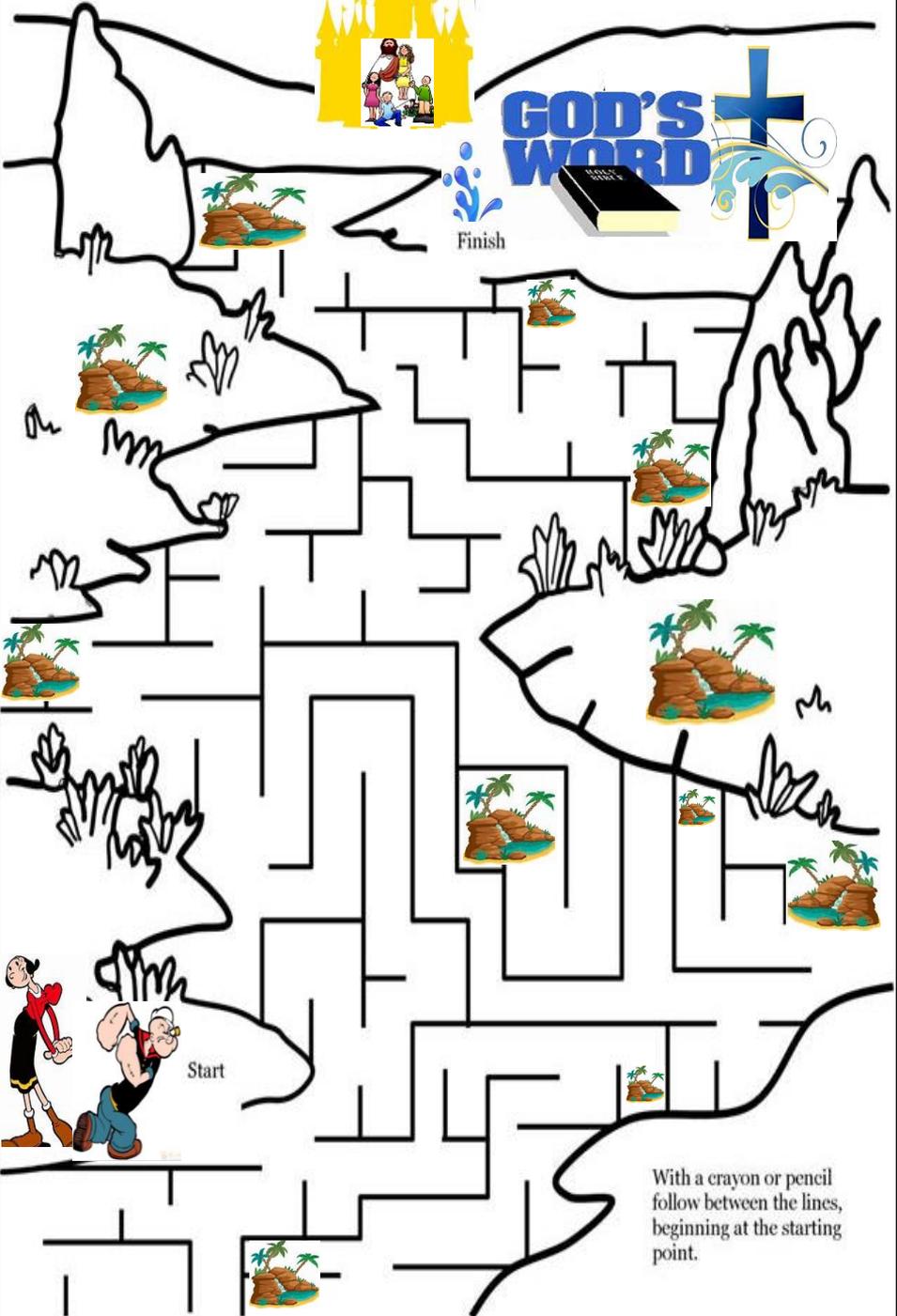
Dear Lord Jesus, we come humbly before you, so thankful for your salvation given so freely to us by faith in your blood shed on the cross for us. Thank you for your word that protects us from being deceived by the mirage of false doctrines in our world today. Keep us close to you and safe Jesus for we love you. Help us to drink in the Living Water of your word, and commune with you through your Spirit every day, and be standing ready to greet you when you come. **In Jesus Name, Amen.**

Help Popeye & Olive
to find the real

through the desert of mirages
Living Water from Heaven!



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