

same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one” (Acts 8:9). Yet, later it is written, “Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized” (Acts 8:13). If God’s Word can change a sorcerer, it can change you, can it not?

**3) GOD’S WORD CHANGED A GOVERNMENT WORKER.** Philip was instructed to go and join himself to the “man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure” (Acts 8:27). After having been taught “Jesus” (Acts 8:35), the eunuch confessed “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” (Acts 8:37), Philip baptized him (Acts 8:38-39) and he went on his way rejoicing. If God’s Word can change a government worker, it can change you, can it not?

**4) GOD’S WORD CHANGED A PERSECUTOR.** Saul was “breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord” (Acts 9:1). Nevertheless, he, after hearing the Gospel through Ananias, was baptized (Acts 22:16). If God’s Word can change a persecutor, it can change you, can it not?

**5) GOD’S WORD CHANGED A MILITARY MAN.** Acts 10 records the conversion of Cornelius, “a centurion of the band called the Italian band.” Peter preached to Cornelius and his family and “commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord” (Acts 10:48). If God’s Word can change a military man, it can change you, can it not?

May we let God’s Word do its powerful and able work, and stay out of its way!

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“...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...” (Matt. 3:3)

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### “THE POWERFUL GOSPEL”

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Paul penned, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Rom. 1:16). Similarly, James wrote, “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls” (Jam. 1:21). The words “power” and “able” in these verses carry with them the idea of “force” and “ability. That is, the Gospel is so full of force and power, it has the ability to change one’s life and eternal course. Have you considered the power and ability of God’s Word?

**1) GOD’S WORD CHANGED THOSE WHO CRUCIFIED CHRIST.** Near the end of Peter’s great Pentecost sermon, he remarked, “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do” (Acts 2:36-37)? If God’s Word can change those who were responsible for crucifying Christ, it can change you, can it not?

**2) GOD’S WORD CHANGED A SORCERER.** As Philip came to Samaria, he encountered “Simon, which beforetime in the

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## **BIBLE READING QUESTIONS**

### **Read Psalm 132.**

*Answer the following questions based upon your reading.*

- 1) What was the Lord asked to remember (Psa. 132:1)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) “Surely I will not come into the \_\_\_\_\_ of my house, nor go up into my \_\_\_\_\_; I will not give \_\_\_\_\_ to mine eyes, or \_\_\_\_\_ to mine eyelids, \_\_\_\_\_ I find out a place for the LORD, an \_\_\_\_\_ for the mighty God of Jacob” (Psa. 132:3-5).
- 3) With what are the priests to be clothed (Psa. 132:9)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4) “If thy children will \_\_\_\_\_ my covenant and my \_\_\_\_\_ that I shall teach them, their children shall also \_\_\_\_\_ upon thy \_\_\_\_\_ for ever more” (Psa. 132:12).
- 5) What city had the Lord chose (Psa. 132:13)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6) “I will abundantly \_\_\_\_\_ her provision: I will \_\_\_\_\_ her poor with bread. I will also \_\_\_\_\_ her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for \_\_\_\_\_” (Psa. 132:15-16)?
- 7) The enemies will be clothed with \_\_\_\_\_ (Psa. 132:18).

## **TOPIC OF THE WEEK: MARRIAGE**

**FOR THE DAYS OF JAN. 29 - FEB. 2, 2024**

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024**

**Marriage:** A legal union between two persons that confers certain privileges and entails certain obligations of each person to the other; A union between persons that is recognized by custom or religious tradition as a marriage

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024**

Old Testament passages dealing with marriage  
Gen. 2:24; Prov. 5:15; Prov. 6:23-29; Mal. 2:14-16

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024**

New Testament passages dealing with marriage  
Matt. 19:4-6; I Cor. 7:1-5; Eph. 5:21-33; Heb. 13:4

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

Bible story displaying marriage  
Genesis 29:1-30 (Jacob and Rachel)

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

What are necessary ingredients to successful marriages?  
What does each spouse need to know about the other?

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