

# Congregation Bible Study / Theocratic Ministry School / Service Meeting

Week of March 22, 2010 – WBR: 1 Samuel 10 – 13

## Song 69—Make Me Know Your Ways

(Psalm 25:4)

### CONGREGATION BIBLE STUDY “The Way and the Truth and the Life” (cf chap. 2 ¶1-8)

#### Paragraph 2

(Ephesians 4:17-18) This, therefore, I say and bear witness to in [the] Lord, that YOU no longer go on walking just as the nations also walk in the unprofitableness of their minds,<sup>18</sup> while they are in darkness mentally, and alienated from the life that belongs to God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the insensibility of their hearts.

(Mark 10:21) Jesus looked upon him and felt love for him and said to him: “One thing is missing about you: Go, sell what things you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come be my follower.”

(John 14:6) Jesus said to him: “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

#### Paragraph 3

(2 Corinthians 1:20) For no matter how many the promises of God are, they have become Yes by means of him. Therefore also through him is the “Amen” [said] to God for glory through us.

(Colossians 1:18-20) and he is the head of the body, the congregation. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that he might become the one who is first in all things;<sup>19</sup> because [God] saw good for all fullness to dwell in him,<sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile again to himself all [other] things by making peace through the blood [he shed] on the torture stake, no matter whether they are the things upon the earth or the things in the heavens.

(Genesis 2:16-17) And Jehovah God also laid this command upon the man: “From every tree of the garden you may eat to satisfaction.<sup>17</sup> But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die.”

(Genesis 3:1-6) Now the serpent proved to be the most cautious of all the wild beasts of the field that Jehovah God had made. So it began to say to the woman: “Is it really so that God said YOU must not eat from every tree of the garden?”<sup>2</sup> At this the woman said to the serpent:

“Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat.<sup>3</sup> But as for [eating] of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘YOU must not eat from it, no, YOU must not touch it that YOU do not die.’”<sup>4</sup> At this the serpent said to the woman: “YOU positively will not die.<sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the very day of YOUR eating from it YOUR eyes are bound to be opened and YOU are bound to be like God, KNOWING good and bad.”<sup>6</sup> Consequently the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was something to be longed for to the eyes, yes, the tree was desirable to look upon. So she began taking of its fruit and eating it. Afterward she gave some also to her husband when with her and he began eating it.

#### Paragraph 4

(Hebrews 2:14-15) Therefore, since the “young children” are sharers of blood and flesh, he also similarly partook of the same things, that through his death he might bring to nothing the one having the means to cause death, that is, the Devil;<sup>15</sup> and [that] he might emancipate all those who for fear of death were subject to slavery all through their lives.

(1 John 3:8) He who carries on sin originates with the Devil, because the Devil has been sinning from [the] beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was made manifest, namely, to break up the works of the Devil.

(Daniel 7:9-10) “I kept on beholding until there were thrones placed and the Ancient of Days sat down. His clothing was white just like snow, and the hair of his head was like clean wool. His throne was flames of fire; its wheels were a burning fire.<sup>10</sup> There was a stream of fire flowing and going out from before him. There were a thousand thousands that kept ministering to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand that kept standing right before him. The Court took its seat, and there were books that were opened.

(John 3:16) “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life.

#### Paragraph 5

(Isaiah 53:3-7) He was despised and was avoided by men, a man meant for pains and for having acquaintance with sickness. And there was as if the concealing of one’s face from us. He was despised, and we held him as of no account.<sup>4</sup> Truly our sicknesses were what he himself carried; and as for our pains, he bore them. But we ourselves accounted him as plagued, stricken by God and

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afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was being pierced for our transgression; he was being crushed for our errors. The chastisement meant for our peace was upon him, and because of his wounds there has been a healing for us. <sup>6</sup> Like sheep we have all of us wandered about; it was each one to his own way that we have turned; and Jehovah himself has caused the error of us all to meet up with that one. <sup>7</sup> He was hard pressed, and he was letting himself be afflicted; yet he would not open his mouth. He was being brought just like a sheep to the slaughtering; and like a ewe that before her shearers has become mute, he also would not open his mouth.

**(Isaiah 53:10-12)** But Jehovah himself took delight in crushing him; he made him sick. If you will set his soul as a guilt offering, he will see his offspring, he will prolong [his] days, and in his hand what is the delight of Jehovah will succeed. <sup>11</sup> Because of the trouble of his soul he will see, he will be satisfied. By means of his knowledge the righteous one, my servant, will bring a righteous standing to many people; and their errors he himself will bear. <sup>12</sup> For that reason I shall deal him a portion among the many, and it will be with the mighty ones that he will apportion the spoil, due to the fact that he poured out his soul to the very death, and it was with the transgressors that he was counted in; and he himself carried the very sin of many people, and for the transgressors he proceeded to interpose.

**(Acts 8:32-35)** Now the passage of Scripture that he was reading aloud was this: “As a sheep he was brought to the slaughter, and as a lamb that is voiceless before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> During his humiliation the judgment was taken away from him. Who will tell the details of his generation? Because his life is taken away from the earth.” <sup>34</sup> In answer the eunuch said to Philip: “I beg you, About whom does the prophet say this? About himself or about some other man?” <sup>35</sup> Philip opened his mouth and, starting with this Scripture, he declared to him the good news about Jesus.

**(John 8:29)** And he that sent me is with me; he did not abandon me to myself, because I always do the things pleasing to him.”

**(John 14:31)** but, in order for the world to know that I love the Father, even as the Father has given me commandment [to do], so I am doing. Get up, let us go from here.

**(John 3:35)** The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.

**(Colossians 3:14)** But, besides all these things, [clothe yourselves with] love, for it is a perfect bond of union.

**Paragraph 7**

**(Psalm 15:1-5)** O Jehovah, who will be a guest in your tent? Who will reside in your holy mountain? <sup>2</sup> He who is walking faultlessly and practicing righteousness And speaking the truth in his heart. <sup>3</sup> He has not slandered with his tongue. To his companion he has done nothing bad, And no reproach has he taken up against his intimate acquaintance. <sup>4</sup> In his eyes anyone contemptible is certainly rejected, But those fearing Jehovah he honors. He has sworn to what is bad [for himself], and yet he does not alter. <sup>5</sup> His money he has not given out on interest, And a bribe against the innocent one he has not taken. He that is doing these things will never be made to totter.

**(Matthew 11:27)** All things have been delivered to me by my Father, and no one fully knows the Son but the Father, neither does anyone fully know the Father but the Son and anyone to whom the Son is willing to reveal him.

**Paragraph 8**

**(Colossians 1:15)** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

**(John 1:3)** All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence. What has come into existence

**(Colossians 1:16-17)** because by means of him all [other] things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All [other] things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> Also, he is before all [other] things and by means of him all [other] things were made to exist,

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**15 Min: Help Interested Ones Who Will Attend the Memorial.** (Talk by an elder; see *OKM, March 2008, p. 4*)

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**How May We Assist Memorial Attenders?**

<sup>1</sup> On March 22, 2008, millions of people around the world will receive a powerful witness. Those attending the Memorial will hear about Jehovah’s great love in providing a ransom for mankind. (John 3:16) They will learn about the Kingdom and how Jehovah will use it to accomplish his will for all the earth. (Matt. 6:9, 10) They will see firsthand the love and unity of God’s people and experience our warm hospitality.—Ps. 133:1.

*(John 3:16) “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life.*

*(Matthew 6:9-10) “YOU must pray, then, this way: “Our Father in the heavens, let your name be sanctified. <sup>10</sup> Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth.*

*(Psalm 133:1) Look! How good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity!*

<sup>2</sup> **Bible Students:** Some in attendance will be those who have just started studying the Bible with us. Introduce them to the brothers and sisters. Explain the weekly meetings, and give them a brief tour of the Kingdom Hall. During the talk, the speaker will encourage such ones to continue making spiritual progress. You can use his comments as a basis to encourage your students.

<sup>3</sup> **Inactive:** Some attending will be inactive publishers. Take the initiative to greet them warmly. Avoid asking personal questions or making statements that may cause

embarrassment. Shortly after the Memorial, the elders should visit any inactive ones who attended, commend them for their efforts to attend, and warmly invite them to the next congregation meeting.

<sup>4</sup> **Visitors:** Some of those present may be acquaintances or family members whom we personally invited. Others may have received an invitation during the special campaign. If you see individuals you do not recognize, take the initiative to introduce yourself and welcome them. It may be that they have not attended one of our meetings before. In your conversation you may be able to find out how to contact them. By a personal visit or a brief telephone call a few days after the Memorial, you could try to cultivate further interest and offer a Bible study.

<sup>5</sup> The information in the Memorial talk can be used as a basis for introducing the *Bible Teach* book on a return visit. For example, the Memorial speaker will read Isaiah 65:21-23. On the return visit, you might mention the talk and say, “Let me show you other blessings the ransom makes possible.” Then consider pages 4-5 of the *Bible Teach* book. Or you could say, “Many wonder when we will experience the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy.” Then consider paragraphs 1-3 in chapter 9. Another option is simply to refer to the Memorial speaker’s comments, introduce the *Bible Teach* book, and demonstrate the study.

*(Isaiah 65:21-23) And they will certainly build houses and have occupancy; and they will certainly plant vineyards and eat [their] fruitage. <sup>22</sup> They will not build and someone else have occupancy; they will not plant and someone else do the eating. For like the days of a tree will the days of my people be; and the work of their own hands my chosen ones will use to the full. <sup>23</sup> They will not toil for nothing, nor will they bring to birth for disturbance; because they are the offspring made up of the blessed ones of Jehovah, and their descendants with them.*

<sup>6</sup> May each of us be alert to opportunities to assist Bible students, inactive publishers, and visitors who will be in attendance. (Luke 22:19) Jehovah will surely bless any increased activity in our Kingdom service.

*(Luke 22:19) Also, he took a loaf, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: “This means my body which is to be given in YOUR behalf. Keep doing this in remembrance of me.”*

**Song 109 – Hail Jehovah’s Firstborn!**  
*(Hebrews 1:6)*