

Faith I Live By (Jan 15 – Jan 21)

The Word and Nature

Jan 15 – Life in God's word

- 1.) In every _____ and in every _____ of the Word of God is the power, the very _____ of God, by which the command may be fulfilled and the promise realized. {FLB 21.2}
- 2.) How can we increase our spiritual strength? (FLB 21.3)
 - a.) by watching our favorite television program.
 - b.) by partaking of the word
 - c.) by saying a quick prayer in the morning
- 3.) What does the word have power to do in our lives? (FLB 21.4)
 - a.) it can make us biblical scholars
 - b.) it helps us win religious arguments
 - c.) break the chain of sinful habit
- 4.) By partaking of the word, we will be assimilated to the _____. {FLB 21.5}

Jan 16 – A Table Set Before Me

- 5.) What two things do we need to do to receive eternal life? (FLB 22.2, 2 Tim 3:15,16)
(Check all that apply)
 - Receive the living elements of scripture
 - Just(only) believe that Jesus died for your sins
 - Attend church every Sabbath
 - Do the will of God
- 6.) Those who _____ and _____ this Word, making it a part of every action and of every attribute of character, grow strong in the strength of God. It gives immortal vigor to the soul, perfecting the experience, and bringing joys that will abide forever. {FLB 22.6}

***Thought Question:** What does it mean to eat and digest His word and how do we do it?

Jan 17 – Linked to the Divine

- 7.) The Saviour took upon Himself the infirmities of humanity, and lived a sinless life, that men might have no _____ that because of the _____ of human nature they could not overcome. {FLB 23.2, 2 Tim 1:7}
- 8.) We need not retain one _____ As we partake of the _____ nature, _____ and _____ tendencies to wrong are cut away from the character, and we are made a living power for good. Ever learning of the divine Teacher, daily partaking of His nature, we cooperate with God in overcoming Satan's temptations. {FLB 23.4}
- 9.) How may we avoid succumbing to temptation?
 - a.) grasp the promises found in His word
 - b.) nothing, God you will keep you from falling
 - c.) will power

Jan 18 – The Origin of Creation

- 10.) On the contrary, all things, material or spiritual, stood up before the Lord Jehovah at His voice and were created for His own _____ . {FLB 24.3, Rev 4:11}
- 11.) What is the only proper way to understand nature? {FLB 24.6, Heb 11:3}
- through the sciences
 - by Gods word
 - you cannot anymore--His creation is cursed.

Jan 19 – Nature Speaks of God

- 12.) What can the open heart discern in nature?
- the love and glory of God
 - His communications to us
 - all of the above {FLB 25.4}

Jan 20 – The Heavens are Telling

- 13.) Go out, dear young man, at night, and behold the glories of the firmament. Look up to the gems of light which like precious gold stud the heavens. There is a wealth of glory there, but millions of minds are so _____ they cannot _____ this treasure. It is a little bit of heaven hung out before our senses to testify of the _____ glories within. {FLB 26.4}

Jan 21 – Creation Not Evolution

- 14.) Since the book of _____ and the book of _____ bear the impress of the same master mind, they cannot but speak in _____ .{FLB 27.2}
- 15.) Inferences erroneously drawn from facts observed in nature have, however, led to _____ conflict between science and revelation.... _____ of years, it is claimed, were required for the evolution of the earth from chaos; and in order to accommodate the Bible to this supposed revelation of science, the days of creation are assumed to have been _____, _____ periods....
Such a conclusion is wholly uncalled for. {FLB 27.3}
- 16.) Of each successive day of creation, the Sacred Record declares that it consisted of the _____ and the _____, like all other days that have followed {FLB 27.4}

***Thought Question: Why would accepting evolution be detrimental to our belief as Seventh Day Adventist and as Christians?**

Final Thoughts:

The scripture says, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Phil 2:12. This text was not given to unbelievers but to believers who have already put on the righteousness of Christ. Why then are Christians admonished to work out their own salvation? The answer comes in verse 13, "For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do His good pleasure." In other words it is not mere flesh that abides in you but the very same God that created the heavens and the earth and if we want to keep Him there, then we must walk on the narrow path. In His mercy God has given us two books to do just that: the bible and the book of nature.

Is it your desire to study and meditate on God's creation and His word that He may continue to abide in you? {John 15:4,7}