

## Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Trevor; Irene.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son  
Keith.

Blossom and her Family

Sylvia

Ruth

Those have Fallen  
Away

To all our members who  
are not here for one  
reason or another.

That God may open  
people's hearts to the  
gospel and that God will  
add to our number.

### Study

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## The Greatest Fete On Earth

Circuses. Acts of various kinds. High-wire acts, trapeze artists, clowns, lion tamers, etc.; all promoted as "The Greatest Show On Earth!" The crowds come. They pay their money to get entertained and wowed. There are ooh's and ah's as one grand act follows another. The audience stands amazed at daring human ability along with the control of even the largest beasts (elephants and horses), the wildest creatures (lions and tigers), and the most deadly (poisonous snakes). However, there is a greater fete that we should be eager to witness and be a part of because it is more needful in this life.

James stated: "(7) For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, (8) BUT NO HUMAN BEING CAN TAME THE TONGUE. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison." (James 3:7-8 ESV)

Perhaps one of the reasons life at times becomes a "circus" is because of this failure on the part of mankind. It seems there has continued to be better success at taming the creatures of this world than the taming of THE

BEAST that resides within the mouth. Don't we know the struggle ourselves? Have we not each experienced the difficulty of holding THE TONGUE back; keeping it under control? Some use THE TONGUE to bless God while they curse men (James 3:9) and still others use THE TONGUE to curse both. As James admonished, "My brothers, these things ought not to be so." (James 3:10 ESV)

In all our battles for self-control, this is an important one. Even though we may have the other uses of our body aligned with God's intended purposes, if we do not TAME THE TONGUE, James stated we are "staining the whole body." (James 3:6 ESV)

What is the key to tightening the reins of THE TONGUE? James stated it in the first chapter when he urged his readers to be "quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." (James 1:19 ESV) With two ears and one TONGUE, deciding to do twice as much listening as speaking may aid in keeping THE BEAST under control. Tamed, THE TONGUE can be as meek (gentle) as the wild stallion brought under control, which

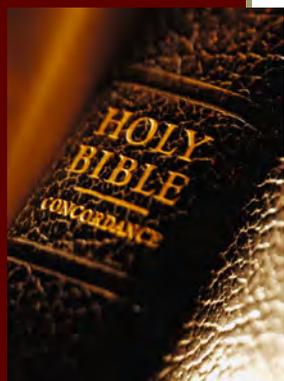
incidentally is the background usage of the word "meek". Let us make the matter of THE TONGUE a focus of daily prayer in seeking God's help in bringing it under con-



trol so that OUR TONGUE may keep us out of trouble and become a tool of blessing to those around us. It just may wow them.

Have a great day COURAGEOUSLY CAGING THE CHATTER!

# Bible Studies for the Week of January 20th 2008



AM Sermon.....Worship Assembly (Ricci)  
 Scripture Reading for Sermon ..... Acts 1:12-26  
 Adult Bible Study ..... The Church ( Ricci)  
 Scripture Reading for service.....Judges 18:11-31; Rev 7  
 Sunday School Class..... No Details Given  
 Thursday Bible Class..... Daniel ( Trevor )  
 Ladies Bible Class ..... No Details Given  
 Men's Bible Class .....

“Now  
 therefore thus saith  
 the LORD of hosts;  
 Consider your  
 ways.” (Haggai 1:5)



## Consider.

Have we ever stopped  
 to “consider our ways,”  
 As we journey from  
 day to day?

Are we doing what  
 God has asked of us?  
 Are we walking in His  
 way?

In the scriptures God  
 has spoken,  
 By His prophet to peo-  
 ple of old.

They were told they  
 should “consider their  
 ways,”

And to do what they  
 were told.

We’re told that we’re  
 not to be anxious,  
 About what we eat  
 drink or wear.

We’re told to consider  
 the lilies of the field,  
 And know that we’re  
 in God’s care.

We’re also told to con-

## When Jesus Answered Job

sider,  
 How to provoke one  
 another to love,  
 And to do good deeds  
 as commanded,  
 To show honor to God  
 above.

We must never forget  
 to consider,  
 Our Savior who en-  
 dured the cross,  
 And the pain and hos-  
 tility He suffered,  
 So man would not have  
 to be lost.

How great to consider  
 the heavens,  
 And the moon and the  
 stars above.

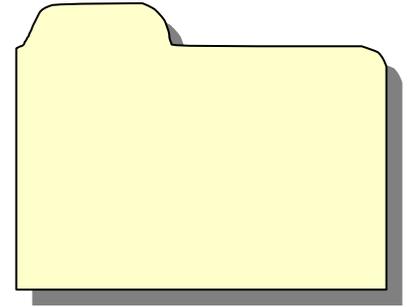
They’re the works of  
 God’s majestic power.  
 And the gifts of His  
 wonderful love.

Job was a man loaded with  
 burdens. In one day he  
 lost his flocks, his herds,  
 and his children. Soon  
 thereafter he lost his health  
 and the confidence  
 of his wife. The greatest  
 burden, however, was his  
 friends' challenge of his  
 righteousness before  
 God. Job's attempts to  
 maintain his integrity fill  
 much of the book that bears  
 his name.

How could Job establish his  
 righteousness before  
 God and mankind? That's  
 the essential meaning of  
 his questions in Job 9:32-  
 35: "For he [God] is not  
 a man, as I am, that I may  
 answer him, and that we  
 should go to court together.  
 Nor is there any mediator  
 between us, who may lay  
 his hand on us both. Let  
 him take his rod away from  
 me, and do not let dread of  
 him terrify me. Then I  
 would  
 speak and not fear him, but  
 it is not so with me"  
 (NKJV). CON.....

## For The Files: Week Beginning January 13th 2008

Sunday Bible Class.....	5
Sunday AM Worship.....	36
Sunday School.....	1
Tuesday Night Study - Once in the Month.....	
Thursday Evening Study .....	11
Contribution.....	£112.00
Budget.....	£100.00.



### Ricci's Corner. When Jesus Answered Job. (CON)

**CON...**

Job's frustration is understandable. He wanted to show to God and his friends that he was honest in proclaiming his innocence. But how can a mere mortal stand in the presence of the Almighty God? God is so exalted and transcendent -- it's a fantasy for a human to desire an audience with the Creator. Or so Job thought.

Such frustrating thoughts were vanquished when Jesus came to earth to live in a tabernacle of flesh. Because he (as God) experienced the whole range of human suffering and emotions, he is eminently qualified to serve as mediator. Paul proclaimed this good news in 1 Timothy 2:5: "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." No longer can Job or his kin complain that "he is not a man, as I am." Any doubts of divine understanding have been answered. Jesus has responded to the despair of Job.

The writer of Hebrews also stated the truth: "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:15,16). Our assurance of heavenly grace is made more sure because of Jesus' journey on earth.

Did Jesus need to live on earth in order to understand our needs? Does this doctrine suggest there was a deficiency in God's understanding prior to the incarnation? We're not prepared to argue that point. But we know absolutely that Jesus' physical sojourn was necessary for man's peace of mind. Had our Lord not lived as we live, how could we ever have been sure that he understands?

**Congregational Meeting.**

Brethren next week is our congregational meeting. We will be looking back at last year and most importantly looking forward to this one. This is your last chance to put your views, thoughts, ideas forward for next weeks meeting. Please let Trevor or myself have these today please.

I will be bringing along last January's report which I made. By doing this we will be able to see if we achieved any of the goals we set ourselves.

**An earlier Night Sleep!**

Brethren we appreciate that some of us have very hectic lifestyles. I for one on Saturdays do not get home till almost the midnight hour from work. But we do think it's a little disrespectful to the preacher on a Sunday, and of course the Lord, to fall asleep during the worship time. Can we suggest an early night before coming to worship on a Sunday might be in order?

**The Leadership**



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of heavenly  
grace  
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Jesus' journey  
on earth..***

## IMPORTANT INFO

We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!

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**Congregation Meeting.**

**Next Week.**

**Thank you all for the paper.**

**Ladies Class 23/01.08; 1pm-2.30pm.**

**Birthday: Roy.**

**Ask A Bible Question, Log onto;**

**ScripturesSay.com**

## God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

# Welcome!

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## Times for Worship and Study.

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 AM  
 Sunday School.....10:00 AM  
 Ladies Bible Class ..... Every Second Monday 12:30 PM  
 Thursday Evening Bible Class.....7:30 PM  
 Men's Bible Study Class.....First Tuesday in the Month 7:30 PM

## Serving Each Other

January 20th 2007

January 27th 2007

### Sunday Morning

<b>President</b>	Norman	Ricci
<b>Preaching:</b>	Ricci	Trevor
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Trevor	Norman
	Ricci	Philip
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Edwin	Roy
	Philip	Eric
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		

### Sunday Evening.

<b>Flowers</b>	Trinidad	Margaret
<b>Tea</b>	Trinidad	Margaret

**Building clean for Jan: 08**

**All Please**

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