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FINDING THE TREASURE

Allen Webster

Please read Acts 8:26-40

The Bible tells of a treasurer who found a treasure. Jesus' comparison of a sinner who learns the gospel to one who finds great treasure (Matthew 13:44-46) is illustrated by this Ethiopian treasurer, who found the gospel on a lonely road leading back to Africa from Jerusalem (Acts 8:26-40). Why did he—of all people in the world—find the treasure that day?

THE TREASURER WAS WILLING TO LOOK FOR SOMETHING MORE.

This Ethiopian had traveled fifteen hundred miles one way to worship and was still reading his Bible on the way home. Because he was a eunuch, he had not even been allowed into the temple proper during the ceremonies (cf. Deuteronomy 23:1). You could say he rode three thousand miles to sit in the foyer. He knew something of the Bible but wanted to know more. He was like a man at sunrise tilting his manuscript to catch the first light. As he read Isaiah's prophecy of Jesus, he was catching the first rays of the rising sun of Christianity.

Who will find God's treasure today? Those who are willing to look for it. Grow-

ing up, we all played the usual childhood games. We played make-believe. We played many games of football, baseball, and basketball. And we played hide-and-seek.

While the rules would change from time to time, the basic gist was the same: One person would be "it," and the rest would hide, hoping to be the last one found. Since no one wanted to be "it," the role often was not played with much enthusiasm; those who were "it" did not always finish the game. Only those who zealously searched for those in hiding would be victorious.

God's treasure is available to all but requires a careful and diligent Bible student (2 Timothy 2:15). The way to heaven is "hidden" in the holy Scriptures. Jesus said that the Scriptures (Old Testament) testified of Him, but His name is not found there (John 5:39). He taught in parables so that only those sincerely interested would find eternal life (Matthew 13:13-15). He said that the path to eternal life is difficult and narrow and will be found by few (Matthew 7:13-14). We do not find the path by a casual pass through the Scriptures, but rather by a diligent search. No

single passage teaches all we need, but we must study to put the pieces together to know the truth that will make us free (John 8:31–32). We should all strive to find, understand, and observe God’s will for us—to obey the gospel and become His children.

Several passages mention “seeking”: God seeks those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23–24); Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10); God rewards those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6); we are to seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33); he who seeks, shall find (Matthew 7:7–8).

One may have to dig out from under denominational teachings and human traditions. Many today, like this treasurer, read their Bibles on the way home from church services and wonder why what they just experienced differs so much from what they read in the Bible. If you are one of these, read on. We should never be satisfied with a religion less than what we find in Scripture. We can do better. Christ’s church does exist today, and we can be a part of it!

God promised that all who fear Him can learn the truth (John 7:17), and He will reward those who truly look (Hebrews 11:6; James 4:8; Psalm 9:10; 14:2; 25:14; 145:18; Proverbs 8:17). Some are too busy seeking worldly things (Matthew 6:32); others are waiting for some supernatural sign (Matthew 12:39; cf. 1 Corinthians 13:8–10); some would rather please men than God (Galatians 1:10). The truly

wise person seeks the treasure of the gospel (Matthew 5:6; Proverbs 8). Its value is eternal; its worth is inestimable.

THE TREASURER WAS WILLING TO LISTEN TO ANOTHER VIEWPOINT.

When Philip gave the treasurer an opportunity to learn more of God’s Word, he took him up on it. This treasurer was humble enough to admit to a complete stranger that he did not understand what the treasurer was studying. (He could have told this aggressive preacher to get lost, but then he would have stayed lost.)

What was the eunuch reading? “The place in the Scripture which he read was this: ‘He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not his mouth’” (Acts 8:32). The treasurer listened as Philip showed how Jesus’ death on Calvary and His resurrection from the grave fulfilled Isaiah’s prophecy (Isaiah 53 in our Bibles).

Jesus was the “Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8; cf. Mark 10:45). Jesus meekly submitted to the outrages perpetrated against Him and offered no more resistance than a lamb being slaughtered (Acts 8:32).

“In his humiliation his justice was taken away” (Acts 8:33). The verdict of Jesus’ Roman judge was “innocent,” but Pilate gave in to the Jews and changed the sentence to crucifixion (Luke 23:4; John 18:38; 19:6).

“Who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living” (Acts 8:33). How could one describe a generation so blind that they did not recognize God’s own Son, and then murdered Him? Jesus’ premature death was prophesied more than seven centuries before He was even born (Isaiah 53).

This was not what the treasurer had been taught in the worship service he had just left. He learned the truth because he was willing to consider another viewpoint. What about us? Too many religious discussions end with slammed doors and closed minds, raised voices and lowered respect for a friend, clenched fists and closed Bibles. Are we willing to calmly investigate another perspective? Do we do our own thinking, or do we simply accept what our preacher or parents tell us to be-

lieve? Truth never suffers from investigation—if we were right in the beginning, further study will simply confirm it. But if we were wrong, we need to know before the Judgment (Matthew 7:21–23).

THE TREASURER WAS WILLING TO LEAVE HIS PAST.

As treasurer for his country, he was doubtless an intelligent and industrious man. His religion was good. He was comfortable with it. He knew its customs, understood its theology. It taught high morals and had benefited his life. But now the preacher suggested that he give it up for something better. It no longer pleased God and was powerless to grant salvation. What went through his mind? Change religions? Go against my family? Offend my friends? Start over? Admit I have been wrong?

Nonetheless, he desired to please God more than others (Galatians 1:10) and was willing to change religions. In heaven no one will ever regret giving up false religion (John 12:42) or sinful pleasure (Hebrews 11:25).

Philip evidently said something about baptism in their study (although Isaiah 53 does not mention it) because the eunuch interrupted this traveling Bible class to point out that they were passing a suitable place for baptism. (Since that was arid country, he may have thought, “If I do not ask now, there may not be another river or lake until after he leaves.”)

According to the book of Acts, something is wrong today when someone claims to preach Jesus, but whose hearers never request baptism. How can any man preach the gospel and answer the question, “What must I do to be saved?” and not give the answer Jesus told us to give? (Mark 16:15–16).

This treasurer may have been wealthy in Ethiopia before his journey, but he left this scene a far richer man. In the last view we ever have of him, he is pictured with a smile on his face. You will rejoice, too, when you find God’s treasure!

If you are looking for the church you read about in your Bible, investigate the church of Christ in your community. If you desire baptism for the remission of sins, contact us; we will be glad to assist.





Just for *Today*

- **I will not strike back.** If someone is rude, if someone is impatient, if someone is unkind, I will not respond in that way (Romans 12:19).
- **I will ask God to bless my enemy.** If I come across someone who treats me harshly or unfairly, I will quietly ask God to bless that individual (Matthew 5:44). I understand my enemy could be a family member, a neighbor, a co-worker, or a stranger.
- **I will be careful about what I say.** I will carefully choose and guard my words, being certain that I do not spread gossip (James 3:1–6).
- **I will go the second mile.** I will find ways to help share the burden of another person (Matthew 5:41).
- **I will forgive.** I will forgive those who hurt me (Luke 23:34).
- **I will secretly do something kind for someone.** I will reach out anonymously and bless the life of another (Ephesians 4:32).
- **I will treat others the way I wish to be treated.** I will practice “the Golden Rule” (Matthew 7:12). I will do unto others as I would have them do to me with everyone I encounter.
- **I will raise the spirits of someone who is discouraged.** My smile, my words, my expressions of concern and support can make a difference to someone facing a challenge (Romans 14:19).
- **I will take care of my body.** I will eat healthier; I will exercise; I will be thankful. My body will be a fitting temple for Him who dwells in me (1 Corinthians 6:19–20).
- **I will grow spiritually.** I will spend more time in study, prayer, and meditation. I will retreat from life’s pressures and distractions and seek to learn God’s will (2 Peter 3:18).

Earth’s Most Sacred Spot

Some time ago I bought a fine little devotional book on the death of Christ. One of the chapters was on “Earth’s Most Sacred Spot.” The author was referring to Golgotha, “the place which is called Calvary.” Because our Savior suffered and died there, the author considered it the most sacred of all places. But I want to assure you that earth’s most sacred spot is not some hill on the other side of the world. The most sacred place on this earth is right here at His table, when we commune with Jesus and with one another in breaking bread and drinking the cup of the Lord. —David Pharr

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16



God’s Plan for Saving Man

- Divine Love:** John 3:16
- God’s Grace:** Ephesians 2:8
- Christ’s Blood:** Romans 5:9
- Holy Spirit’s Word:** 1 Corinthians 2:12–13
- Sinner’s Faith:** Acts 16:31
- Sinner’s Repentance:** Luke 13:3
- Sinner’s Confession:** Romans 10:10
- Sinner’s Baptism:** Acts 22:16
- Christian’s Love:** Matthew 22:37
- Christian’s Work:** James 2:24
- Christian’s Hope:** Romans 8:24
- Christian’s Endurance:** Revelation 2:10

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A Clean Face, A Clean Heart

For a parent to require a child to wash his face and keep his body clean and not require him to learn and obey the Bible is to teach him that the body is worth more than the soul, and that a clean body is worth more than a pure heart. For a parent to require a child to learn spelling and reading and not require him to study the Bible is to teach him that it is more important to be qualified to live in this world than to be fitted to live in heaven. There is no evading this simple truth —David Lipscomb, *The Key Word*, Volume 40 Number 13

*“Set your mind on things above,
not on things on the earth.”*

COLOSSIANS 3:2



Should probably come more often. . . .

A little child in church for the first time watched as the offering was collected. When the plate neared his pew, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: “Don’t pay for me, Daddy; I’m under five.”

“A merry heart does good.”

PROVERBS 17:22

(Serious question: How often are your children in worship? See Hebrews 10:25).



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No Matter What



A fascinating story comes out of the 1989 earthquake, which almost flattened Armenia. This deadly tremor killed over 30,000 people in less than four minutes. In the midst of all the confusion of the earthquake, a father rushed to his son’s school. When he arrived there, he discovered the building was as flat as a pancake.

Standing there looking at what was left of the school, the father remembered a promise he had made to his son: “No matter what, I’ll always be there for you!” Tears began to fill his eyes. It looked like a hopeless situation, but he could not take his mind off his promise.

Remembering that his son’s classroom was in the back right corner of the building, the father rushed there and started digging through the rubble. As he was digging, other grieving parents arrived, clutching their hearts, saying: “My son!” “My daughter!” They tried to pull him off of what was left of the school saying: “It’s too late!” “They’re dead!” “You can’t help!” “Go home!” Even a police officer and a firefighter told him he should go home.

To everyone who tried to stop him he said, “Are you going to help me?” Some did not answer him, and he continued digging for his son, stone by stone.

He needed to know for himself: “Is my boy alive, or is he dead?” This man dug for eight hours—and then twelve hours, and twenty-four, and thirty-six.

Finally, in the thirty-eighth hour, as he pulled back a boulder, he heard his son’s voice. He screamed his son’s name, “ARMAND!” and a voice answered him, “Dad? It’s me, Dad!”

Then the boy added these priceless words, “I told the other kids not to worry. I told ‘em that if you were alive, you’d save me, and when you saved me, they’d be saved. You promised that, Dad. ‘No matter what,’ you said, ‘I’ll always be there for you!’ And here you are, Dad. You kept your promise!” —Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*

*“When I was my father’s son, tender and
the only one in the sight of my mother.”*

PROVERBS 4:3

Just for Fun Word Search

D P R I C E F O U N D N D O
B O U G H T P Q M E F U U S
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P E E K R I W F X K W G F W
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K X I P I Z B N W W B N X E
Q B T R E A S U R E L M G W
B E A U T I F U L F E Q D N

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

“The **kingdom** of **heaven** is like **treasure hidden** in a field, which a man found and hid; and for **joy** over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that **field**.”

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a **merchant seeking beautiful** pearls, who, when he had **found** one **pearl** of great **price**, went and **sold** all that he had and **bought** it.”

—MATTHEW 13:44–46

The Sad Sadducees

When we study the enemies of Jesus Christ in the New Testament, our focus is normally on the scribes and Pharisees. We know the ways of the haughty Pharisees so well that *Pharisee* and *hypocrite* are almost synonymous. The Sadducees, on the other hand, are in the background, not really confronting Jesus often. The Sadducees were more a political party than a religious sect, although they were members of aristocratic priestly families. Their name meant “to be righteous.”

Only mentioned directly about a dozen times in the New Testament, they would be included in the oft-mentioned “chief priests.” Historically, they favored the adoption of Greek ways after Alexander the Great conquered the area, and they had opposed the revolt of the Maccabees against Antiochus Epiphanes. The Pharisees were more respected by the people.

Their views differed significantly from the Pharisees. They accepted only the written law, while the Pharisees counted as authoritative the oral traditions of the scribes. They rejected the resurrection

and the existence of angels and spirits. Their hope was only in this life. Paul said that “if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable” (1 Corinthians 15:19).

Luke describes a theoretical question the Sadducees put to Jesus concerning seven brothers who died in succession, each married to the same woman according to levirate law, but producing no descendants. “Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become?” they asked (Luke 20:33).

Answering their trick question, Jesus appealed to Scripture to show the error of their doctrines,

“The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead

are raised, when he called the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him” (Luke 20:34–38). —**Bob Prichard**



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Bible Quiz

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Questions are taken from the New King James Version.

Answers to Previous Quizzes

V. 28:8 *Jesus, the Church, and Salvation*: 1. Jesus (Matthew 16:18); 2. Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11); 3. Christ (Ephesians 5:23); 4. World, everlasting (John 3:16); 5. His own blood (Acts 20:28); 6. Hades (Matthew 16:18); 7. Christ (Romans 16:17); 8. Way (John 14:6); 9. Me (John 14:6); 10. Hearing (Romans 10:17); 11. Grace (Ephesians 2:8–9); 12. Works (Ephesians 2:8–9); 13. Truth (John 4:24); 14. Everyone who believes (Romans 1:16); 15. Confession (Romans 10:10); 16. The word of God (Ephesians 6:17); 17. Church (Ephesians 1:22–23); 18. One (Ephesians 4:4); 19. Baptism (1 Peter 3:21); 20. Yes (Galatians 5:4; 2 Peter 2:20–22); 21. The Lord (Acts 2:5, 47); 22. Condemn, saved (John 3:17); 23. Antioch (Acts 11:26); 24. Yes (1 Corinthians 1:2).

V. 28:9 *Jesus Under Fire*: 1. Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1–14); 2. None (22:3); 3. Farm, businesses (22:5); 4. Bound hand and foot, taken away, cast into outer darkness, weeping, gnashing of teeth (22:13); 5. “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” (22:17); 6. “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (22:21); 7. “In the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be?” (22:28); 8. “In the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage” (22:30); 9. No; they are unmarried (22:30–32); 10. Marveled, astonished (22:22–34); 11. Heart, soul, mind, strength (22:37; Mark 12:30); 12. “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39); 13. All the Law and the Prophets (22:40); 14. David was in Jesus’ genealogy, but He is God (22:42–45); 15. No (22:46).

Starts with the Letter “J”

Directions: Find answers in Genesis 5:32; 39:1–7; Exodus 3:1; 6:20; Judges 10:3–4; Ruth 4:17; 1 Samuel 18:1; 1 Kings 19:1–2; 14:21; 2 Kings 9:20; Job 1:8–2:7; Proverbs 6:34; Jeremiah 9:1; Jonah 1:17; Matthew 1:21; Mark 5:22, 42–43; Acts 12:1–2; Galatians 3:28; Hebrews 11:30; James 2:26 (not in order). Questions are taken from the New King James Version.

- “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name _____, for He will save His people from their sins.”
- Judge in Israel 22 years; had 30 sons: _____
- Ruler of synagogue; Jesus raised his daughter: _____
- King Herod killed this man with a sword: _____
- Book that says, “Faith without works is dead”: _____
- One of the sons of Noah: _____
- “For _____ is a husband’s fury; therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.”
- “So the watchman reported, saying, ‘He went up to them and is not coming back; and the driving is like the driving of _____ the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously!’”
- Weeping prophet; book has 52 chapters: _____
- “By faith the walls of _____ fell down.”
- The city where God chose to put His name in the time of David: _____
- The father of David: _____
- Moses’ father-in-law: _____
- “There is neither _____ nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
- King Ahab’s wife; threatened to kill Elijah: _____
- Renowned for patience; lost children and possessions; stricken with boils: _____
- Moses’ mother: _____
- Swallowed by a great fish: _____
- David’s friend: _____
- Tempted by Potiphar’s wife: _____

Written in Blood



On January 26, 2005, a California train derailed, killing 11 people and injuring over 200. About 6:00 A.M., the Metrolink commuter train struck a sport-utility vehicle parked on the tracks in an aborted suicide attempt in Glendale. The train derailed and struck another Metrolink train.

One of the 200 injured was a 44-year-old named John Phipps. Phipps normally would not have taken the train, but he had been called to work early at an aerospace plant in Burbank. He sat down upstairs in the double-decker car and went to sleep. The next thing he remembered was waking up, feeling mist falling on his face, and seeing smashed bits of the train. He touched the back of his head and looked at his hands, which were covered in blood. He called for help but got no immediate answer. Trapped under debris, he waited for rescuers.

At one point, Phipps reached out and touched an upended train seat that was

right above him. Believing he was dying, he found himself leaving a message to his wife and children with his own blood. He wrote: "I love my kids. I love Leslie."

Rescuers came on the scene later and saw the message. Fire Captain Robert Rosario said, "I've seen some gruesome things on this job, but that moved me. My only thought was, I have to get that seat to his wife and kids." His wife said about the message, "Hallmark is never going to top that. It's moving, it's thoughtful, and it's chilling all at the same time."

The story of John Phipps and his message written in his own blood is a moving one, but there is another more moving love story written in blood: the love of Jesus Christ for a lost world.

Due to our sin, you and I were "pinned" under the condemnation of sin with no hope. But Jesus came to our rescue. To save us from our sins, Jesus had to shed His

blood as payment for them. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7). The blood of Jesus redeems those who accept His offer of salvation by believing in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). The blood of Jesus will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

With His own blood, Jesus demonstrated His great love for you and for me. The message is moving, thoughtful, and chilling all at the same time, and it is the means of our salvation if we will accept His gift on His terms.

Won't you respond to His great love through your loving obedience?

—David A. Sargent

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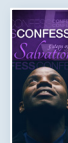
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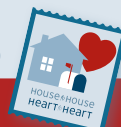


Jesus' Mother



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TYPES & ANTITYPES

SOLOMON as a type of CHRIST

God is amazing. No one else could put the shadow of future things into the past. Types and antitypes are examples of God prefiguring the future. Types are the shadow in the Old Testament of things that were to come (antitypes) in the New Testament.

The Bible indicates Solomon is a type of Christ in Luke 11:31 (cf. Matthew 12:42). In 2 Samuel 7:14, the statement “I will be his Father, and he shall be My son” refers to Solomon as David’s son, and in Hebrews 1:5, it refers to Jesus.



SOLOMON TYPE

Solomon was approved by God (1 KINGS 3:5–13).

Solomon was given wisdom from God (1 KINGS 4:29–34; 10:1–10).

Solomon’s prayer at the dedication of the Temple after he had finished the work his father David had given him exhibits God’s providence and protection (1 KINGS 8:22–61).

Solomon sat on David’s throne (1 KINGS 2:12).

Solomon reigned in peace (1 KINGS 4:24–25).

Solomon built the temple of stones, which would eventually fall (1 KINGS 6:14).

Leaders from distant lands came to hear the wisdom of Solomon (1 KINGS 10:1–9).

Solomon reigned forty years (1 KINGS 11:42).

JESUS THE CHRIST ANTITYPE

Jesus was approved by God (MATTHEW 3:17; 17:5; JOHN 12:28).

Jesus had the wisdom of God (LUKE 2:40; COLOSSIANS 2:3).

Jesus’ prayer for His disciples as He finished the work that His Father had given Him exhibits providence and protection (JOHN 17:1–25).

Jesus was raised to sit on David’s throne (ACTS 2:29–31).

Jesus is the Prince of Peace reigning over a kingdom of peace (ISAIAH 2:2–4; 9:6–7).

Jesus built His kingdom (the church) of living stones, and it will never fall (1 PETER 2:5; MATTHEW 16:17–19).

All nations will recognize Jesus and bow before Him (PHILIPPIANS 2:9–11).

Jesus reigns now until the end of the world (1 CORINTHIANS 15:23–26).



Keynotes of Acts–2 Corinthians

Reviewing key words, verses, phrases, and messages from the New Testament books refreshes our memory (2 Peter 1:12), and helps us to find key ideas as we read.

Book: Acts

Key Word: Beginning

Key Verses: Acts 1:8, 2:38, 41, 47

Message: The apostles’ witness of Christ, beginning at Jerusalem

Book: Romans

Key Word: Righteousness

Key Verses: Romans 1:16–17

Message: Justification is by obedient faith in Christ.

Book: 1 Corinthians

Key Words: Our Lord

Key Verses: 1 Corinthians 1:2, 10

Message: The Lordship of Jesus

Book: 2 Corinthians

Key Words: Comfort; ministry

Key Verses: 2 Corinthians 4:5–6

Message: Christians are ministers of comfort and of the new covenant.

—Source: Frank J. Dunn, *Know Your Bible* (Frank and Yvonne Dunn Publications—1997), 430–648



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Nipper's Master's Voice

During the mid-twentieth century, one of the most recognizable brand icons in America was a dog sitting in front of an old-time gramophone, head cocked, listening to the sound. That iconic image, owned by RCA Victor record company, was taken from a painting by English artist Francis Barraud.

The dog, Nipper, had been owned by Barraud's brother, who had recorded his voice on early phonograph records. After the brother died, Barraud inherited Nipper and the gramophone and records. Whenever the records with Nipper's master's voice were played, the dog would sit in front of the gramophone listening to his master's voice.

That is a beautiful image of the relationship between Jesus Christ and us. He has gone away from earth, so we can no longer hear His physical voice. But we sit in front of His Word and listen to our Master's teachings.

Listening for the Master's voice is a sign of loyalty and longing—an indication that we are eager to hear and obey.

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"We ought to obey God rather than men."

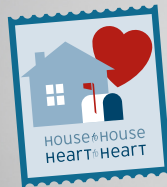
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