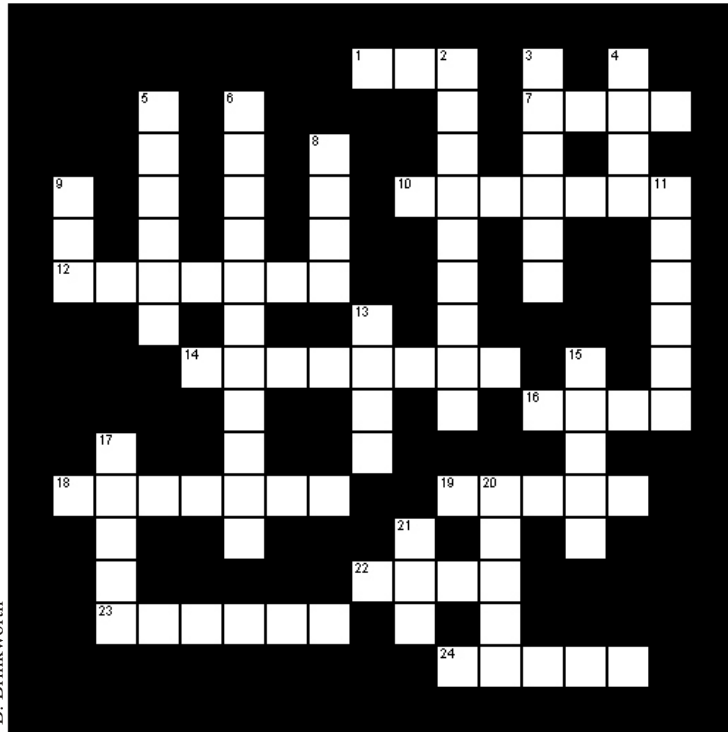


# BIBLE VOCABULARY



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## CLUES

### Across

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|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. goat             | 19. temple furniture | 3. God's son                | 13. place of torment     |
| 7. Biblical plague  | 22. unsaved people   | 4. cows                     | 15. to desire            |
| 10. penned Bible    | 23. God's helpers    | 5. talk to God              | 17. angel's food         |
| 12. spot            | 24. undeserved merit | 6. Extreme hatred           | 20. place for sacrifices |
| 14. ___ heart       |                      | 8. promise                  | 21. happiness            |
| 16. promises        |                      | 9. Biblical book of testing |                          |
| 18. Samson's weapon |                      | 11. saved people            |                          |

### Down

2. Jesus' followers

## Nominal Christians?



*Author Unknown*

What is the use of being called by the name of Christ unless we show forth the spirit which is His? "Either change your name or honor it," said Alexander the Great to one of his

soldiers who bore his name and was charged with cowardice and neglect of duty.

Of all created comforts, God is the lender; you are the borrower, not the owner. — Rutherford

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## Trapped!

Years ago a popular television show laughed and mocked at the causes of sin. Viewers giggled when the actors did something wrong and justified it with the phrase, "The devil made me do it." Participating in sin can be provoked by the devil, but there are many other reasons that all can be trapped into doing wrong against God.



One's flesh is the greatest of all snares. To the day we die, every single person has to battle the desires to do what feels right, what feels good, what looks good, and what one's heart craves. Most of the times it's not the "devil that made" you do wrong; it's your own sinful nature that did. The soul may be saved, but the same body that wants to do wrong still remains. Hopefully, a person listens to the indwelling spirit of God and not the old nature. Those desires to sin are not from the spirit of God. Our feelings and

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## I Am Standing on The Word of God

*Author Unknown*

*I am standing on the Word of God,  
Which came to men of old;  
The Holy Book our fathers loved,  
And treasured more than gold.*

*I am standing on the Word of God,  
'Tis holy and 'tis true;  
Through ages it has been our Light,  
With splendor ever new.*

*I am standing on the Word of God,  
'Tis full of life divine;  
God's spirit lives in every word  
And moves in every line.*

*I am standing on the Word of God,  
And thus I am secure;  
Though blows the tempest wild  
and hard,  
'Twill ever more endure.*

## Trapped

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emotions can fool us and lead us – many times in the wrong direction. One can not trust his feelings.

*“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” Jeremiah 17:9*

Satan, God’s and man’s enemy, is a real foe to all that breathe. He does all he can to get folks to disobey the commandments and desires of God. It somehow gives him satisfaction to see more of God’s creation rebel against their maker, like he does.

The unsaved, godless man gets further and further from God when he falls to sin’s temptations. Sin’s grasp is hard to shake. In most cases, the more it gets a grasp on one’s life, the further it takes one from the possibility of getting saved.

Even the godly battle Satan’s temptations. They may be trusting in Christ’s finished work on the cross for the remissions of all their sins, but Satan still tempts their flesh to disobey God. When they sin they don’t lose their salvation, but it will destroy their testimony as a child of God. The ravages of sin in their life will certainly rob them of any joy. They also lose fellowship with God until their sin is forgiven and forsaken. Their wrong living is a bad example to the unsaved. Satan loves to trap believers.

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” 1 Peter 5:8*

The ungodly and their sinful activities are another trap that can ensnare believers and the unsaved.

**The devil is not afraid of the Bible that has dust on it.**

No one wants to do wrong alone. For some reason it makes it seem okay when there are others joining in on one’s sin. Drunks usually want to drink with others. An adulterer has another adulterer to justify his wrong-doing. A rebellious child always gravitates to like-minded people. It makes it easier when they can look around and see others joining in their sin. “Everyone’s doing it,” is the enticement that justifies others to be trapped in doing wrong. The popular way is very rarely the right way.

*“For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.” Jeremiah 5:26*

The pitfall of false, unbiblical religion is one of the greatest of all entrapments for men. It leads them to stray from what God desires folks to do - sometimes slightly, sometimes greatly. Most of the time it seems to the seduced to be a logical form of worshiping. They think they’re serving God because others are doing it, or the “minister went to college, so it must be okay”. With all their service to their man-made religion, they are disobeying God’s desires.

If people would read God’s book themselves and not trust the leader or their denomination’s literature, most of the false religion’s “churches” would be vacated by the next Lord’s day. Reading the

Bible for themselves would quickly show many that their church was probably



“works-based” – adding something to get to heaven that is not included in God’s Word.

They would quickly read that the seven sacraments are adding to the finished salvation brought by the death of Christ. They would see that baptism can not wash away sins, only the blood of Christ can. They’d see that tongues and other works were for the early church, and not for today’s believers. Many religious teachings would soon be realized for what they are – man-made and not biblical. Ignorance of the truth leads many to grab the bait out of religion’s trap.

There are activities in this life that can trap one into not serving or obeying God. They seem camouflaged at the start, but can soon be lethal. The wrong mate has enmeshed countless scores in the past. Love or emotions have led many Christians to yoke with an unbeliever. Soon they are serving the desires of their partner and are far from obeying and pleasing God. Wrong friends have pulled too many in the wrong direction. Seemingly harmless practices and interests, like music or dancing, have gotten folks too close to practices that soon lead them in the wrong lifestyle. Years later, they look around and see where the activity has led them. They discover

too late, that they have been trapped.

There is only one direction in this life that will lead one into a happy joyful life. That way is God’s way. He has raised billions, upon billions of children and knows the right way. If one will let him lead and guide, he’ll lead them in the right way.

Too many get the wrong advice. I know I did it myself as a child, and I certainly saw many youngsters do it when I was teacher. They get inexperienced folks their own age to give them advice as to what they should do in the future. How can a child of the same age tell them whom to marry? They have never been married. How can a same-aged classmate tell them what they should do for employment for the rest of their life? They have never even worked for a living. How can a person ask someone about their future that has never been any further down life’s pathway than they? God does know, however. He’s been down the same road with countless folks in the past. Father knows best.

Seek His advice in His book, the preserved Word of God. Don’t stray. Don’t listen to any other, and you will find yourself free from the traps and snares that are looming in the world to catch and destroy the unwary.

**S**in may open bright as the morning, but it will end dark as night.

— Talmage