

Ascension Sunday, May 21, 2023

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Love unconditionally, laugh intentionally, live strategically and learn daily.
—Hope D. Blackwell

Do you remember when you got your first driver's license? As a driver, you know what the red, yellow and green lights means. Every driver knows this. What we might not know is that this year marks the 100th anniversary of a significant step in traffic regulation.

In the United States, law enforcement struggled to find an efficient way to regulate traffic. But it was 100 years ago that Garrett Morgan, after witnessing an accident between an automobile and a horse-drawn carriage, filed a U.S. patent for a traffic signal. Patent No. 1,475,024[28] was granted in November 1923 for Morgan's three-position traffic signal.

The traffic light has not changed too much since then. Some lights tell pedestrians how many seconds they have to safely cross an intersection. It's all computerized now. But change is coming. Someday, traffic lights may be on a horizontal panel, rather than in a stacked format.

The Bible has a lot to say about signs. For example:

Genesis 1:14	The lights of heaven are signs for seasons
Genesis 9:12-17	The rainbow is a sign of God's covenant
Matthew 12:38-39, 16:4	The sign of Jonah, showing how Jesus would be buried and resurrected
Matthew 24	Signs of the end of the age
John 2:11, 18, 23	Signs of Jesus' glory and power
John 3:1-2	Nicodemus acknowledges the signs of Jesus
John 4:48	Some are only interested in "signs and wonders"

The Bible contains green, yellow and red traffic signs that help us understand when we should *go*, praying that we might remain in the will of God; when we should be *cautious* and reevaluate our actions; and when we should *stop*, repent and renounce our foolish ways.

How would you describe the "traffic" light that you're looking at today?

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, just as I strive to obey the traffic laws of our land, may I also be respectful of the warnings and permissions of the Bible. May I go when you say go, be careful when you offer a warning, and stop when you say stop. Amen.

Blessings on Ascension Sunday!
Lisa & Pastor Ben Motz

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: John 4-6

Monday: 1 Kings 17-19

Tuesday: 1 Kings 20-22

Wednesday: 2 Kings 1-3

Thursday: 2 Kings 4-6

Friday: 2 Kings 7-10

Saturday: Psalms 55-57

VERSE TO REMEMBER

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty."

—John 4:13-14

WORD LADDER

Get from the first word to the last word by changing only one letter for each rung of the ladder.

LINE

CAKE

SAFE CRACKER



To open this safe, you have to replace the question marks with the correct figures. You can find this figure by determining the pattern behind the numbers shown.

4	3	9	4	5	7
1	0	6	?	?	4

ANAGRAMS

An anagram is a word which is produced by rearranging the letters of a different word. *Ache*, for example, is an anagram of *each*. Find an anagram for each word. The **clues** will help you discover the anagrams. Try it! We have done one for you.

Words

Anagrams

Clues

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|-----------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. Optic | topic | subject |
| 2. Civet | _____ | throw out |
| 3. Toner | _____ | singing part |
| 4. Rosin | _____ | golf clubs |
| 5. Lease | _____ | painter's stand |
| 6. Angle | _____ | heavenly being |
| 7. Cried | _____ | apple juice |
| 8. Heart | _____ | planet |
| 9. Shore | _____ | equine |
| 10. Notes | _____ | rock |

SPELLING TEST

Circle the misspelled words in this list.

acquit	excede	greatful	harrass
athiest	hierarchy	inoculate	kernol
calender	leisure	millenium	miniture
conscous	occasion	playright	possession



Today is

Ascension Sunday

WORD LADDER: line, fine, five, dive, live, like, lake, take, tape, cape, cake. **SAFE CRACKER:** 1 and 2. Every number in the bottom row is the number above it minus 3. **ANAGRAMS:** 1. Optic / topic; 2. Civet / evict; 3. Toner / tenor; 4. Rosin / irons; 5. Lease / easel; 6. Angle / angel; 7. Cried / cider; 8. Heart / Earth; 9. Shore / horse; 10. Notes / stone. **SPELLING TEST:** atheist, calendar, conscious, exceed, grateful, millennium, playwright, harass, kernel, miniature.