

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

Genesis 9:12-17

Matthew 12:38-39, 16:4

Matthew 24 John 2:11, 18, 23

John 3:1-2

John 4:48

7, 16:4 The sign of Jonah, showing how Jesus would be buried and resurrected

Signs of the end of the age

Signs of Jesus' glory and power

Nicodemus acknowledges the signs of Jesus

The lights of heaven are signs for seasons

The rainbow is a sign of God's covenant

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

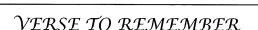
Prayer: Lord Jesus, just as I strive to obey the traffic laws of our land, may I also be respectful of the warnings and permissions of the Bible. May I go when you say go, be careful when you offer a warning, and stop when you say stop. Amen.

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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



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

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

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SAFE CRACKER

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

| 4 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
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WORD LADDER

CAKE

SPELLING TEST

Circle the misspelled words in this list.

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

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 |
|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| 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 |
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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.