Dear Dorothy,

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Dear Family,
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3ABN Pastoral Staff

Welcome: We pray that this day is special in the Lord. Give thanks to Him. God bless.

Verse of the Day: "I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me. Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice" Psalm 55: 16, 17.

Good News: Does God really hear my prayer? "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" Isaiah 65:24. "The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer" Psalm 6:9. "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin" 2 Chronicles 7:14.
"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of him" 1 John 5:14, 15.

**Answers to Difficult Questions:** "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill" Matthew 5:17.

**Answer:** It is quite evident from the opening words of this text that Christ was reading the minds of His critics who were accusing Him of doing away with the law. He said, "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill." Instead of abolishing it, He was actually doing the opposite. The word "fulfill" means literally "to fill; to make full." The same word is used in Matthew 3:15 where Jesus spoke concerning His baptism "permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

There is nothing in the word which signifies "to bring an end to" or "abolish." The Law and Prophets included not just the Ten Commandments, but all the Old Testament writings. Christ fulfilled those Scriptures, just as he fulfilled all righteousness at His baptism, by obedience to them. Paul used the word in Colossians 1:25 "of which I became a minister,...to fulfill the word of God." This does not mean to bring the word of God to an end, but rather to fully carry it out in obedience. In Romans 8:4, the sense is clearly revealed by the same word used in this sentence, "that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." Even those who seek to abolish the law must admit that the righteousness of those who walk after the Spirit is not "fulfilled" by being abolished. Yet this is the same word used in Matthew 5:17 to "fulfill" the law. Finally, Paul gives a classic example of the work "fulfill" in Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Not one Christian believes that the law of Christ has been abolished. Neither should any Christian feel that the "Law and the Prophets" have been abolished. Romans 13: 8-10 tells how to fulfill the law of the Ten Commandments by obedience to it.

**Fundamental Beliefs:** Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. These 28 fundamental beliefs constitute the Church's understanding of the teaching of the Scripture. Today's belief number seven is The Nature of Man: Man and woman were made in the image of God with individuality, the power and freedom to think and to do. Though created free beings, each is an indivisible unity of body, mind, and spirit, dependent upon God for life and breath and all else. When our first parents disobeyed God, they denied their dependence upon Him and fell from their high position under God. The image of God in them was marred and they became subject to death. Their descendants share this fallen nature and its consequences. They are born with weaknesses and tendencies to evil. But God in Christ reconciled the world to Himself and by His Spirit restores in penitent mortals the image of their Maker. Created for the glory of God, they are called to love Him and one another, and to care for their environment. (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7; Psalm 8:4-8; Acts 17:24-28; Genesis 3; Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:19,20; Psalm 51:10; 1 John 4:7,8,11,20; Genesis 2:15.)

**Thought for the Day:** Discovering Truth:

1. Approach the Bible with an open mind (Matthew 11:25).
2. Believe that God will reveal truth as you search His word with all of

4. Attempt to read as many Bible passages on a given subject as possible. Do not build a Bible doctrine on a single text (Isaiah 28:9, 10; 1 Corinthians 1:13).

5. Accept the Bible as God's word revealing truth to you (2 Peter 1:21; John 17:17).

6. Be willing to make any change from past ways of thinking. You will never know truth unless you are willing to live the truth (John 7:17).

7. Be willing to surrender your own ideas to the truth of God's word (Proverbs 14:12; John 17:17).

8. Do not listen to the voice of any counselor who attempts to dissuade you from doing what the Bible clearly teaches (Proverbs 19:27).

9. All truth leads us closer to Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. Seek Jesus in every subject you are studying. Ask, "How can this topic lead me still closer to Jesus" (John 14:6). [Studying Together by Mark Findley]

**Affirmation: Triumph Over Temptation:** "I am an overcomer! I overcome evil with good. God is faithful; He gives me strength to triumph over every temptation. I can stand faithful to Him under the weight of any temptation. I am never tempted beyond what I can bear. My heavenly Father always provides me with an escape route from evil. He is my "hiding place." I dwell in the secret place of the Most High. He preserves me from trouble and surrounds me with songs of deliverance. God guides me by His Word. I depend upon Him to deliver me from every evil attack and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom, receiving me to glory. It is God Himself who will sanctify me completely, making me holy. He calls me to holiness, and He who calls me is faithful. If I simply surrender control of my life to his loving power, He will keep me blameless at the coming of my Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 12:21; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Psalm 32:7; Psalm 91:1; 2 Timothy 4:18; 1 Thessalonians 5: 23, 24.) [Life Affirmations From Scripture by Shelley Quinn]

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will we know the extent of our cooperative efforts with the Lord. We continually receive input from our Prayer Warriors stating how satisfying it is to work in the Lord's vineyard. What we intend to be a blessing for others is a greater blessing for us. God gets all the glory.

**Bible Topics Scriptures: Forgiveness**

1. You, Lord are good and ready to forgive (Psalm 86:5)
2. I will forgive and remember their sins no more (Jeremiah 31:34)
3. Let wicked forsake way, God will pardon (Isaiah 55:7)
4. Jesus' blood shed for remission of sins (Matthew 26:28)
5. Jesus said forgive seventy times seven (Matthew 18:21, 22)
6. Father forgive them for they know not what they do (Luke 23:24)
7. If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive (1John 1:9)

**Need Special prayer?**


Your 3ABN Pastoral staff is here to assist you. Every member of our team is sensitive to those in pain. I believe, over the years, we have encountered callers in just about every topic or situation one could imagine. It is only by the aid and power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to successfully do that which He has called us to do. We are eager to share words of hope and encouragement. To God be the glory!

**Our sincere prayer** is that God will richly bless you in all areas of your life. You are precious to us and we love you as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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