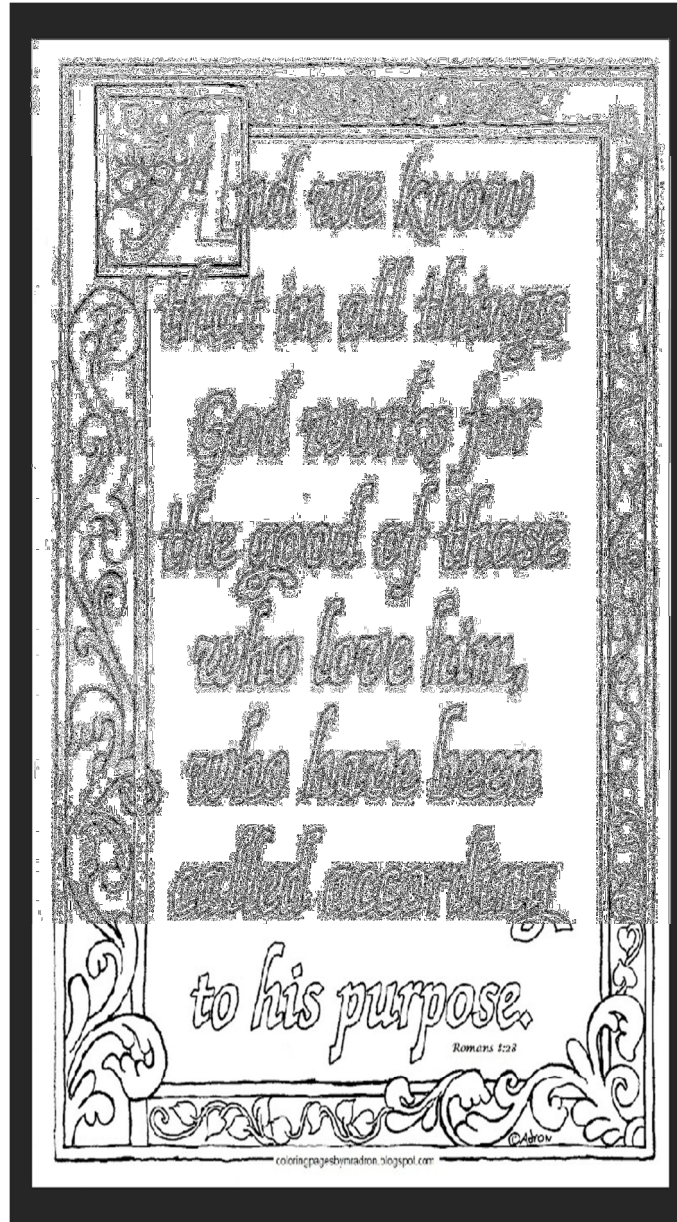


PRAYER LIST

DANNY ANTHONY, Edna Toole's cousin - cancer
CHERYL BARRON, Stan Raley's sister
BECKY BROWN, Sherri Clopton's mom
LINDA BULLOCK, medical issues/tests; Covid
DWIGHT CALLENS
LINDA COLLIE, knee surgery recovery at home
ALAN DES ORMEAUX, Vinson friend; cancer
CHARLES DOOLEY, hip surgery recovery
TAMMIE DUNN, Linda Bullock's daughter
ALANA FAIR
JAMES GORDON, Bridget Smith's dad
ANTORIAS GROVES, Ethel Clark's son-in-law,
EVELYN GUY, health issues
BUD HARPER, Cindy's bro-in-law, health issues
TERRY HARPER, Cindy's husband health issues
THERMAN HODGE
BILLY JOHN, health issues
JORDAN KEMBLE, Warren friend; brain tumor
LAMAR KING
WALTER KING, Lamar's dad
JACK MEARS
CHARLENE RALEY, Stan's mom – health issues
STAN RALEY, surgery recovery 9/22
GRADY RICHARDSON, Angela Duncan's dad
AL ST. CLAIR
THELMA TALBERT, Shirley Raley's mom
RUTH TAYLOR, Brookdale/Meridian
ANNIE THOMAS, Edna Toole's mother, health
TERRY TRIBBLE, Renée Cumberland's friend
DICK VINSON, Bladder Cancer; surgery 6/17
SAMANTHA WARD, Caleb Warren's fiancée -
taken to Jackson for medical issues
ANNIE WEBB, Cindy Harper's g-grand-daughter
MAX WEBB, Cindy's grandson, deployed
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“Endearingly Obedient”

Six-year-old Mason was told by his mother to wear his mask to school and to keep it on except when he was eating or far away from others. That worked just fine until the day for school pictures. When Mason appeared before the photographer, he left his mask on. Though the man tried and tried to convince him that it would be ok to take his mask off for the picture, Mason refused, saying, “I always listen to my mom.” So, this year, Mason is smiling in his picture, but you can’t see it—because his mask is covering his cute little face! (See the article by Cassie Morris, “Little boy refuses to remove mask on picture day because he ‘always listens to Mommy,’” at yahoo.com).

Mason’s story refreshes our hearts in a time of disrespect and back -talk from children to parents. As Cassie Morris described him in the article cited above, he is “endearingly obedient.” Parental authority is one of the elements of a healthy society, and when parental disrespect becomes the norm, the society is in trouble. God knew what he was doing when he set up parents to look after children in their tender years. He knew children would have trouble making healthy and wise decisions, especially in regard to dangerous temptations. The command to “honor your father and your mother” was embedded within the “Ten Commandments” (Exodus 20:12). Even now, following that admonition carries a blessing for the children and, for the parents, as they are aided in their years of need.

However, the principle of obedience is one that is admired when children follow it, but is neglected when it comes to following God. It is much easier for adults to think that their “way” is in themselves (Jeremiah 10:23) and that way seems right (Proverbs 14:12). All of us know however, that, “whatever one sows, that he will also reap” (Galatians 6:7) and “the way of the transgressor is hard” (Proverbs 13:15, KJV).

Most parents genuinely love their children and want what is best for them. Such love is based on the love of God and God truly wants the best for us (1 Timothy 2:4). That desire, however, will not override our free will, and we must “choose this day” whom we will serve (Joshua 24:15).

The book of Ecclesiastes speaks plainly about humans and their choices. When those choices are based upon passing and temporary things, such as riches and pleasure, they lead to “vanity” (emptiness). The next-to-last verse of that book provides the solution: “Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man.” We neglect that principle to our own peril.

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