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If you need Christ as your Lord and Savior, we believe you will find him among the Christians at Valley Station.

**Come and see.**

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# Valley Tidings

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## Needed — Church Problems

Local churches of Christ have had their share of problems, most of which have had disastrous results. I advocate that we try to have even more problems, of a different kind. I advocate we create problems that we should be energetically seek. What kind? Consider:

The problem of not enough parking spaces, class rooms and pews. Wouldn't it great if we ran out of them?

The problem of requests for so many home Bible studies we can't handle them. What if we had so many people asking us to teach them the word of God that we had to put some of them on a waiting list? Would that be great or what!

The problem of too many members of the church wanting to teach Bible classes. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had to take numbers and wait in line just to get to teach a Bible Class?

The problem of so many youngsters who attend Bible classes that we need to add on even more classrooms.

The problem of having more funds than there are evangelists to support who preach in difficult areas of this world. What a lift it would be if we had so much surplus money that we had to seek out men to support.

The problem of preachers debating each other over the best way to do personal evangelism and convincing sinners to believe in Christ, repent of their sins and be baptized — rather than some of the trivial things they do debate!

You agree these are good problems to have. You also agree we have had more than enough of the other kind. Do you think we will ever have any of these good type problems? — DRS

## WANTED!

**People Who Cause**

**Problems Like These**

**These people are zealous,  
cooperative and seem to  
be convinced some  
problems are needed.**

# The Day The Sun Stood Still

One of the most intriguing events recorded in the Old Testament is found in Joshua, chapter 10. After completely routing the alliance of five kings, Joshua commanded the sun to “stand still” during which time he soundly defeated the Amorites. “Sun stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon and the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.”



The Bible student has difficulty with the scientific implications of this event. The scientific student has difficulty with the Bible on account of this event. The difficulty is that if the sun was absolutely motionless, the earth was also motionless and stopped spinning on its own axis for about a whole day. If the expression “stand still” means absolute absence of any motion or movement then there appears to be an irreconcilable clash between the Bible and science.

The command, “Stand thou still,” (AV and RV) means literally to “be silent” and in the margin of most Bibles this is noted as an alternate translation. The expression, “And the sun stood still” of verse 13 means that the sun “was silent.” There are nine times in the Bible where this is word means “keep silence”, five times where it is translated “hold (one's) peace,” and “quiet one's self,” “rest,” “wait,” and “tarry.”

Consider the passage in the light of alternate translations of the word that is given as “stand still” in the King James Version. Consider it as the sun rested or better yet, the sun “tarried.” Another passage where it is used is 2 Kings 5:20 where it is stated that the “king of Assyria turned back, and **stayed not** there in the land.” With this view of the word “stand still,” the passage says that the sun tarried from disappearing. This does not necessarily mean that the sun remained totally motionless. The apparent motion of the sun was slowed or delayed for a day.

The expression, “in the midst of heaven,” (verse 13b) also must be considered. That means literally “in the half of heaven,” when viewed from any given point on the globe. Accordingly, Joshua commanded the sun to tarry or remain in the half of heaven visible to him and that is what it did. Standing on the earth's surface one may see only one half of the heavens at any given time. The other half is visible only from the other side of the globe, or from any given point on the globe. With this in mind, the sun rested or waited in one half of the heavens for the period of about a whole day. It

remained visible above the horizon for near a day.

A similar thing occurs for a number of days at the North Pole every year. The sun stays visible for twenty-four hours. The way God did this with Joshua near the valley of Ajalon is not revealed, but it is possible that the earth made a near 90 degree dip of the pole. Had such a thing happened the rays of the sun would have been refracted long enough to keep the sun visible for the extended period of time.

Here is a little bit of curiosity that really doesn't prove a thing, but does have a little bearing on our subject. Herodotus, the Greek historian, records a long day shown him by a priest from Egypt. There is in the history of the Chinese a record of a long day during the reign of Yeo, supposedly a contemporary of Joshua. As stated, this is not weighty, evidence, but worth a passing observation.

No one need doubt the power of Almighty God. He brought the universe into the complicated and precise harmony it has by simply speaking it into being. His power is limitless and capable of making any of the planets of our solar system behave in any manner He sees fit. No matter what explanation is given to this event, it was miraculous for the benefit of Joshua, the servant of God. We have simply observed that the Bible does not necessarily affirm that the earth and sun stood motionless.

DRS

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done. -Longfellow



Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God; for to draw nigh to hear is better than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they know not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

