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The Olubadan of Ibadan flanked by Holy Queen Mother's Rep., Deac. I. O. Obu during the latter's visit to Ibadan

Women's Role Spelt Out

THE GENERAL Secretary of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Deaconess I. O. Obu has spelt out the role of women in the Brotherhood world as being that of unifying the world as one human family.

In her address on the occasion of the Holy Queen Mother's Thanksgiving Service Celebration held at Ibadan recently Deaconess Obu said that this time around, it was the duty of women to unite the world and bring the entire mankind to the path of sanity, love and unity.

She contended that "this Kingdom will not compromise the evil tendencies of the past generations in its drive to unite the world in love as

members of one family under one Father. I am thankful to the Father who has brought us a new Kingdom, and not a church or a religion which causes division, heated controversies, and wars..."

The General Secretary further reiterated that women in B.C.S. had already attained a considerable level of awareness to the extent that they could evangelise the world for the purpose of re-ordering the world's priorities and standard values.

"Women have the responsibility of infusing the world with the spirit of self-direction, love and oneness. The physical achievements by

women in terms of infrastructure, evangelism, creativity, public interaction and orientation had been a source of definitive inspiration to the Father and to every far-sighted child of God," she affirmed.

Deaconess Obu, therefore, stated that the Holy Spirit had now bestowed on women equality and authority to preach and baptise people, adding that it was only when women refrained from sins that the celebration and their achievement could be more meaningful.

In another development, the General Secretary commented on the new

cathedral built at Ibadan by the Father through Apostle Stafford E. K. Obrutse. She said the Father had blessed the Apostle for his singular effort. She also thanked "the Oyo State Government, its functionaries and the people for granting us this opportunity to hold this historic celebration in this great city. I believe very firmly that Oyo State will witness speedy changes and all-round progress and development as a result of this hospitality accorded the children of God."

In addition, the Deaconess asked for blessing for the brethren who had, through their moral, financial, etc., contributions made the occasion a huge success.

Thank You Father

Traditional Ruler Wants Peace.

THE Olubadan, Oba Yesufu Oloyede Adanike has called on Brotherhood members, and indeed all Nigerians to pray for continued peace in Ibadan.

The Oba made this request during a courtesy call on him by the Holy Queen Mother Ibun Olumba who was on a two-day visit to Oyo State.

Deaconess Ibun Olumba Obu, the Holy Queen Mother's representative assured the Oba that for believing that the children of God could bring about peace in his domain, his family, Oyo State and Nigeria, have received enormous peace from God.

In another development, the Western States Leader's Representative, Pastor Badejoko told the Oba that "we did not come with the wealth of the world but with peace from the throne of God."

Earlier in the day, the Mother received a rousing welcome at the boundary between Ogun and Oyo State. Deaconess Rose Eto presented a garland as a welcome sign. Other activities to mark the visit included opening of the Ibadan Cathedral at Sango, recitations, dramas, dances, songs and light entertainment by police and army bands.

Fraud In Xtianity Exposed

APOSTLE Gorji Dinka, a member of the BCS, has debunked claims by Christian Churches [with the exception of BCS.] that our Lord Jesus Christ died on Good Friday.

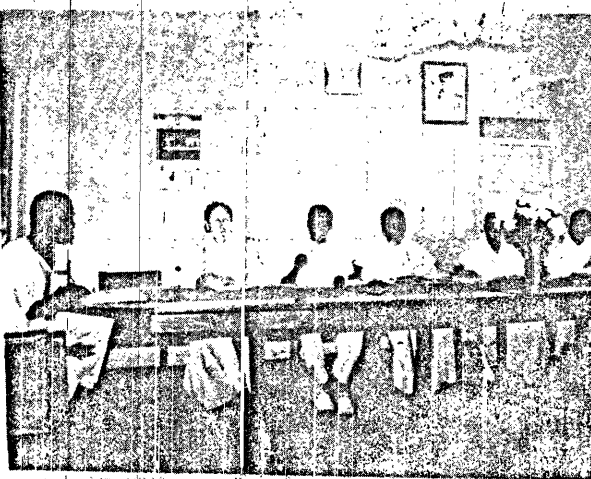
In a paper he delivered at a symposium organised by Herald Press Limited recently Apostle Dinka pointed out that the devil had cleverly misled all Christian churches (except BCS.) into reducing the number of days Our Lord Jesus Christ was in His grave from three days and three nights to two days and two nights. Said he: "They persist that Our Lord Jesus died on Good Friday even though the records in the bible demonstrate without any shadow of doubt that Our Lord died on Thursday."

Continuing, he declared: "Let us review the facts as stated in the bible. Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath is not a working day at all. Its holy observance is so strict that even food cannot be cooked on that day. All food to be consumed on Saturday is cooked on Friday evening."

"Now the bible tells us that the Jewish leader went to work upon the tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ on the day following that on which our Lord Jesus Christ died, and sealed it so as to prevent His disciples coming to take away His body and pretend that He had risen from the dead. So the day was a working day and not Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath."

He further pointed out that the bible has told us that Mary Magdalene went to look for the body of Our Lord, on Sunday,

So counting from when our Lord died, we get Thursday (1), Friday (2), and Saturday (3) days, and nights," he added.



Pix shows L-R Editor of Herald Newspaper, Bro. Lawrence Ubah, Bro. Henry, Dr. Emeh, Bishop Ellerbe, Deac. Bridge and Apostle Dinka.

which is the first working day after Sabbath, in Israel. "It was then she discovered that the Lord had resurrected.

Apostle Dinka, then concluded on this note: "Whoever shifted the crucifixion day from Thursday to

Friday was motivated by the Anti-Christ spirit and whoever persists in this Spirit is out to prove that our Lord Jesus Christ did not actually die but merely swooned. And those who persist

in holding Good Friday as the day of the Lord's crucifixion, are proving without realising it, that Jesus of Nazareth lied that He was the Son of God..."

Thank You Father.

Pastor's Appointment Ratified

APPOINTMENT of Pastor John Nodu Nwigbo as substantive Leader's Representative for the Delta Area of Bendel State has been confirmed.

A statement issued recently from the Leader's Office in Calabar certifies that the appointment of Pastor Nwigbo as L. R. for the Delta Area of Bendel State took effect from 1979.

In obvious reference to the Pastor in particular, it was further stated that "God has selected and sanctified you from the beginning and has endowed you with the Holy Spirit through your ardent faith in truth. God has chosen you out of the world as a vessel of honour unto Himself, and therefore relent not your efforts in fostering the work of the Father in the vineyard."

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REFLECTION

Anyone physically dead must physically reincarnate. All those living at the present today on earth are parents of past ones. Each one of us has undergone several reincarnations unknown to us but known to the Supreme power, God.

THE HOLY FATHER



— Leader Olumba Olumba Obu

NO MORE COUPS, STRIKESLeader Obu

THE SOLE Spiritual Head of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, Leader Olumba Obu has again warned against staging of coups and strikes in the country.

He gave the warning recently at the Pentecostal Hall of the World Headquarters of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in Calabar, while addressing His adherents.

The Holy Father made it clear that the April 22, 1990 coup in Nigeria failed in order that the Glory of God might be

revealed since people had refused to heed God's injunctions.

"Whether you stay beneath the surface of the earth or up there in the sky or stay in the bush and plot any coup, your coup will fail and you will be arrested," warned the Father.

In a similar vein, He warned all those who have been rebelling against constituted authority either in their communities,

towns, cities, or countries to desist from doing so else they would be arrested and punished.

Furthermore, the Holy Father called on those whose brothers and or sisters are armed robbers to call them to order before such robbers get apprehended. He said that from now henceforth, it was not going to be easy for them.

Leader O. O. Obu recalled His earlier warning against coups and strikes which was contained in volume 4 number 14 issue of Herald of the New Kingdom newspaper, August, 1988 and wondered why people should continue to nurse

the idea of staging coups.

Excerpt of the Sermon which was titled "Submit To Your Rulers." ".... I say this to all in the whole world that you should stop coup planning. It has brought problems to the whole world.... do not struggle with the government because it is God that placed all of them in their various positions."

The Father stressed that every ruler should rule with love and truth, adding that any ruler who did not rule with truth and ensure equitable distribution of the nation's wealth to the subjects would be removed by God and not via violence. He maintained that God had designed His strategies to show any ruthless ruler the way out.

He also recalled one of His pronouncements in 1969 captioned "I have split Nigeria to pieces" and asked whether the creation of Twelve States did not come to pass.

The Sole Spiritual Head further warned that no tribe should lord it over another tribe for a long time. He advised the rulers to keep the ruled at heart and also called on the ruled to be

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U.S. Prof. of Rel. Embraces Brotherhood

by Eyibio Antia

RECENTLY, Lillian Favichi Ashcraft Eason, a professor of Religion at Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia in the company of Jouis D'Jisovi Eason of Interdenominational Theological center, Georgia embraced the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star as full

fledged members after baptism and paying homage to the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe Leader O. O. Obu.

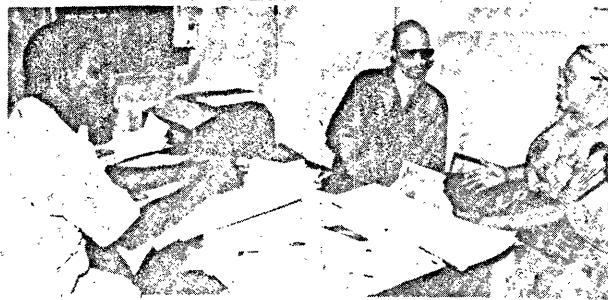
According to Professor Eason, her first contact with BCS was when Bishop Ellerbe, Pastor Umoren and Apostle Ahmed came and propagated the

gospel of the new kingdom to her class. She continued that, they were overwhelmed by the recondite wisdom credited to Leader O. O. Obu and therefore became more inquisitive.

Besides, she confessed that her students have expressed that of all the religions the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is the most vibrant and

enlightening; that BCS is more universal in its concern and reach, extending beyond Calabar and even

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U.S. Prof. Eason, Chatting with Editor of Herald Newspaper

Give Xt Students Right of Place

THE SOLE Spiritual Head of the BCS Leader Olumba Olumba Obu has called upon all BCS. adherents to accord Xt. Students their respect and rightful position in the Kingdom.

He made the call recently during His

farewell address to mark the successful completion of the 1990 April Pentecostal Assembly in Calabar. Besides Christ Students Udofia and Mary Obu in the United Kingdom and Christ Student Ima Bassey in the United States of America,

whom the Father has fully accredited as His mouthpieces in their various countries, all other Xt. Students have also been given the full authority to go round the world and teach members the truth and the correct ways of doing things in the

kingdom because according to Him, they are the only ones who are conversant with the intricacies of the Kingdom.

Said the Sole Spiritual Head: "Whatever your position here you have to listen to them because they

represent the Father. The Xt. Students love the Father so much. There is interplay and interaction of love between the Father and the Xt. Students. That is why whatever the Father asks them to do they do not argue."

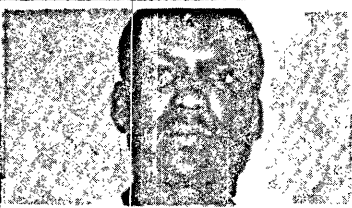
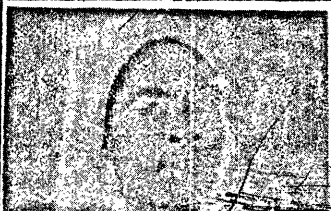
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HERALD COMMENT

TAMPERING WITH GOD'S MONEY

From all indications, workers in the Lord's vineyard have refused to learn from the lessons of history. If not, why have they resorted to treading the path of dishonour by fiddling with that which rightly belongs to their creator — God?

For the benefit of hindsight, Ananias and his wife Sapphira (Acts 5), were not spared when they lied to the Holy Spirit concerning proceeds. Achan (Joshua 7) did not get away with it when he disobeyed God's instruction and hid part of the spoils of war. The God of those days still exists today.

Church money, to some are sacrifices made to God with the hope that God will hearken to their supplications. It does not matter whether it is tithe, freewill offering or charity. They all belong to God.

In Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, THE MEMORANDUM, has stated clearly that all monies belong to God. No matter how many times people have to go on blessing and whatever name is given to money collected in the church, all monies should be directed to God, not diverted to buying kerosene, feast, entertaining strangers, helping the needy, and so forth in your bethels.

It is rather unfortunate that despite repeated warnings, some Leader's Representatives and others charged with the responsibility of taking care of such proceeds have failed considerably in the performance of their duties.

We in the Herald Press Limited, by sounding this trumpet loud and clear, join millions of God fearing men and women to call on all concerned, to desist from tampering with God's money. Desist!

ONE WORLD AND A PEOPLE

In the beginning was one world
without form
Over which God's spirit moved
The ultimate source was God—
Supreme commander of angels
The only being in the world
That was...

His mercy flowed out;
With the word created He all
creatures
That creep, fly, swim and walk
His hands caused man to be
formed the woman from him
Crowned the two in splendour.

In the beginning was one world,
one people
Taught by God, Led by God
Bound in oneness to beasts
and plants
With harmony encompassing all
Family of God.

Engendered by man's
disobedience
Disunity crept in,
Disruption made inroads into
God's family
And man forever became
separated

FEEDBACK

Dear Editor,

I am a regular reader of your inspiring and spiritually embedded newspaper — Herald of the New Kingdom. However, each time I think about Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, I am obsessed with the meaning of the "Cross" and "Star" of the New Kingdom.

In this respect, I would like you to explain explicitly the meaning of those two head words mentioned above in your next issue. I remain an ardent reader of your godly newspaper.

Kenneth Umuaga.
Warri, Bendel State

Dear Ken,

Thanks for writing in. The issues raised in your letter show your interest in the New Kingdom. The "Cross" in Brotherhood denotes among other things tolerating another person's burden without complaining. It means your total resignation to God; when you rejoice in the face of tribulations, humiliation, persecution, false accusations, do good amidst strong temptations. You must be extremely humble, loving and kind to carry the Cross.

While the "Star" is the ruler of Brotherhood, The Star is Christ. It is the glory of God and Christ. It shows the reign of God. It is the hidden name to people in the world. Star is the peace of God that rules the Universe. It means

POEM

everlasting life, joy, truth and love. Falsehood has no place there.

Dear Sir,

I want, through this medium, to commend the editorial staff of your paper for the juicy articles they have been churning out. Also, I want to mention new columns like "AGENDA" and "VALLEY TO VICTORY" as some of my favourite spots in the paper.

Indeed, through your hardwork, I have been able to get more spiritual nourishment each time I lay my hands on "Herald of the New Kingdom" newspaper.

May the Father continue to shower His abundant blessings on you all so that you can continue to contribute to the growth and well-being of the kingdom.

Patricia Nsofor,
Abakaliki, Anambra State.

Editor's Note,

Much as we appreciate your commendation, we also wish to state that our best is yet to come. So keep reading our paper and don't hesitate to send us articles for publication at no cost at all.

We thank the Father.

The Editor,

I am a keen reader of your widely read Newspaper — Herald of the New Kingdom — and bold to say that its contents are highly inspiring. But I would want you to explain one aspect of Brotherhood to me. That aspect is worshipping.

Akpan Udo,
Surulere, Lagos.

Editor's Note:

Thanks for writing us brother Akpan Udo.

The Holy Father has spoken so much about these issues that it needs no restatement here. But for the fact that you

might not have come across any of those His numerous pronouncements I want to oblige you, a little information.

The Father has stated categorically that reincarnation and predestination are a fact of life; that some people who are now living had made about five incarnations in the past; and that there is DESTINY since anything that had been written about you is what you must face in life. What more can be said?

For a far-reaching expose on these issues, I recommend "THE IMMORTAL WORDS OF LEADER OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU Book 1" to you. There, you will find the exact words of the Father on these issues.

ALWAYS
ADVERTISE IN THE
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NEW KINGDOM

From his source
Engulfed by suffering Weeping,
Yearning for reunion with God.

In the beginning was a language
and culture

But the tower of rebellion
sprang

From the soil of Babel
And the pottery of language
and culture

Got shattered by divine hand
Into a million shards.

Great suffering was their lot,
These men of yore

Yet the prophets sent to them
They maimed and killed
Then came Melchizedek
Father and mother he had not
Neither he a grave.

A redeemer too, Moses came
Sent to commence an
assignment

That saw no consummation
And he stepped not Caanan—
That promised place preserved
For his people Israelites.

Prophet of doom, avenger of
killed prophets
Such was the world's description
Of him that predicted drought
and famine
And had fire at his beckon
To consume enemies of God's

children
Yet they neither repented
unto God
Nor believed him.

Then came the Christ
With his chosen twelve
Swishing love across the globe
Knitting together God's broken
family

Propitiating Heaven by
suffering
Promising to send the
Comforter at his death
That man may live and learn.

Here now comes the promised
one Lord of the new age
To teach, lead and rule the
world
Breaking new grounds on love.
The Comforter personified
creates
A fold all-encompassing
For the Brotherhood of
Creation.

Crowning all
The man in deep red vesture
With a judgement/rod of iron
Proclaims the advent of one
currency
And a people ruled by him,
O. O. O.,
In the world that shall be.

by: Brother Ephraim S. Ike

SABBATH CHILDREN

Children, listen to this story:

Okon is a very lively child. He loves his mother very much and is always helping her to do her household work. When he is not doing any work for his mother, Okon will sit by her side chattering to her or singing songs. Her mother often calls him "my husband."

Sometime ago when his mother became pregnant, Okon was always with her, running errands for her, singing and chattering to her. Whenever his mother appeared to be feeling uneasy, Okon would feel disturbed, asking questions and offering to do everything for her. People around were often amused and they would call him his mother's husband.

There was one particular day when his mother was not feeling fine. Okon asked her what was wrong and she told him that it was the baby in-

side her that was disturbing her. With seriousness, Okon told her: "Ask him to come out quickly now and let me beat him for you." Everybody around started to laugh. And his mother quickly begged him, saying "He will soon come out, my dear husband, but please don't beat him."

Okon was always cheerful. Therefore, it was a surprise that on the day his mother gave birth to a child and people were coming to greet her, Okon was unhappy. Everybody that saw him was surprised. Some people were saying that he must be one of the wicked children who do not want other children to be born by their parents. Even the mother was surprised but she did not have the opportunity to ask Okon what was wrong.

We thank Papa O by Dayo Ajigbotosho.

Some visioners and prophets that came to pray for the newly born child were wondering what type of child Okon was and some of them had wanted to start rebuking the "bad spirit" in him.

But his mother's closest friend took him aside and begged him to say what happened. Okon told her that everybody that came to greet his mother was only thanking God and not her mother. Some would say "We thank Papa O!" Others would knock their heads on the ground and say "Thank God". "How can they be thanking papa and God and not my mother?", he asked. "After all it was my mother who gave birth to the child and not God. None of them said thank to my mummy."

Everybody that heard this was very

much amused and they started to explain to him that it was God who gave the baby to his mother and who helped her to deliver safely. After that he became happy and he too knocked his head on the floor and said "Thank Papa."

So, children, whenever your mother gives birth to a child or when your father buys a car, you should know it is God who is responsible. And you must always thank Him. God is our Papa.

Do you know what Psalm 92 verse 1 says: it says "It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High."

Therefore, children, you must always thank God for everything: whether you pass your exams or even when you wake up in the morning, you must always say "Thank God."

I Love Sabbath Children

— Shilpa Patel

Sister Shilpa Patel is a pretty seven-year old pupil of Winlyn's Junior school in Grenada. She was among the numerous children that came with their parents from all over the world for the 1990 April Pentecostal celebration at the BCS Headquarters in Calabar.

She came to the Herald newsroom with her parents who were invited for an interview and I took the opportunity to talk to her. When I asked her about Sabbath children, Shilpa beamed with joy and said, "I love them so much and I will love to join them." She said she had not been reading the Sabbath children's column but she would start doing so since her parents had paid some money so that Herald could always be sent to them anytime it is published.

Shilpa got baptised in April, 1989. She can pray well, having been taught by Sister N. Stephenson who is a Trinidadian. She can fast too! She once fasted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. And



Shilpa Patel talking to Dayo

many times she has fasted from 6 a.m. to 2 or 3 p.m. She had been seeing the Father in Spirit and wanted very much to see him physically for blessing. For this reason, her parents decided to spend about N8,000 (eight thousand naira) on her transport to and from Calabar. Shilpa has many testimonies to share with Sabbath Children and everybody. One of them is published in this column.

Among the things she enjoyed in Calabar was her trip to Biakpan, the birthplace of the Holy Father. She

went in the company of her parents who took her to see the manager, Biakpan river and the healing home. Of the Biakpan river she said "When I saw it, I felt like taking a dip in it." And she actually did.

She was asked what she would tell her friends who had been making fun of her when she put on white and talked about Brotherhood and the Holy Father. Hear her: "I will tell them everything I saw. I will continue to tell them until they believe."

Shilpa's Testimony

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever more, Amen.

My mother went to India on the 22nd of May in 1989. The next day she arrived, we went to the country to sell our goods. We had an accident: the van ran off the road. Nobody knows how it happened but nobody got wounded in the accident.

I went into somebody's house to get some water. I had the father's picture with me. (Thank the father). I blessed the water and I drank some and gave my cousin some to drink. I gave my father some too. After that, I and my father went to the Bethel. We knocked our heads on the floor and then thanked the father.

I stayed there but my father went back. They brought the van to the garage. I thank the father for saving our lives.

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ now and forever more, Amen.

FOR SABBATH CHILDREN II

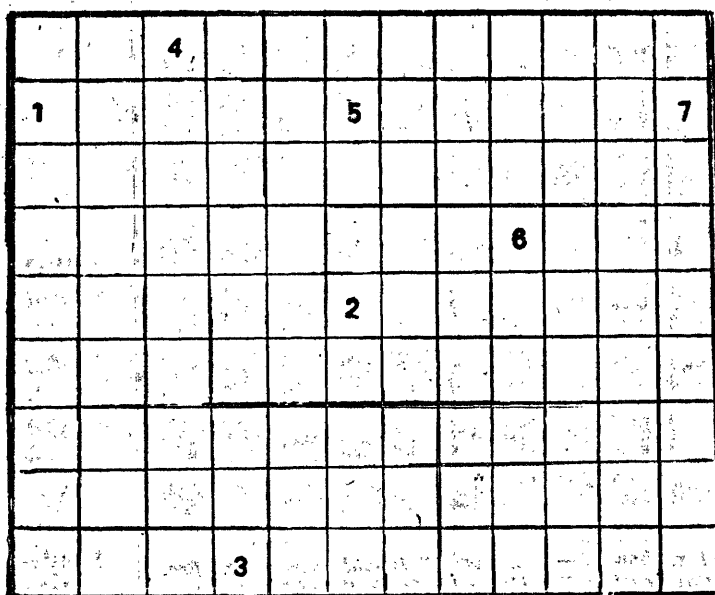
*How beautiful are children
Of God's Kingdom!
Happiness flashes from the depths
Of their eyes
Like sparkling vintage wine.*

*Blessed are these kids
Of God's Kingdom!
Peace exudes from the depths
Of their supple minds
Like rain after drought.*

*Lovely are the youths
Of God's Kingdom!
Love wells out from the depths
Of their young hearts
Like spring water in a calm garden.*

Dayo Ajigbotosho.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE 8



ACROSS

- (1) Psalm 116 Vs. 17
"I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of ---- and will call upon the name of the Lord."
(2) Luke 2 Vs. 14
"---- to God in the highest"
(3) Luke 1 Vs. 68
"---- be the Lord God of Israel"

DOWN

- (4) Luke 1 Vs. 46
"And Mary Said, My soul ---- doth ---- the Lord"
(5) Psalm 96 Vs. 1
"O ---- unto the Lord a new song"
(6) Psalm 106 Vs. 1
"---- ye the Lord"
(7) Matthew 5 Vs. 16
"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and ---- your father which is in heaven."

Answers to Crossword Puzzle 7

- [1] Hagar [5] Sarah
[2] Bathsheba [6] Eve
[3] Hannah [7] Mary
[4] Elizabeth