

# T H E A N C H O R

## SOULS HARBOR NEWS & EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

### September

*Daughters of Zion  
Meet Monday  
September 6th at 7pm*

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*Dedication Sunday  
Community Event  
September 19th  
Invite your friends and loved  
ones to dedicate their  
children to God right here  
at Souls Harbor!*



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*General Conference  
starts Sept. 28th*

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### Upcoming Special Events

*October 17  
All Nations Sunday*

*November 21  
Friend Day*

*December 19  
Christmas Celebration*

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**Have You Heard  
About the Harvest at  
Souls Harbor?**



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### Enlightened Genesis

By: Teresa Billingsley



Genesis 26:5 *Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.*

There's one thing we know for sure about the Bible: it is the infallible word of God, and God never inserted arbitrary verbiage just to fill its pages. Every jot, every tittle, every hallelujah mentioned, reflects the feeling of the author, gives meaning to a story, or underscores an important principle.

At first glance, the scripture in Genesis 26:5 appears repetitive. With a more careful look, we learn that perhaps the meaning goes much deeper than a simple redundant directive. Through this passage of scripture, we learn that God spoke to Isaac about his father, Abraham, revealing a mental picture of Abraham's heart. First, God says that Abraham obeyed His voice. The symbolism behind these words indicates Abraham's posture: he was tuned in. Because of Abraham's attentiveness, the Lord literally spoke to him! And Abraham obeyed. It would be difficult NOT to obey God, if he is personally speaking to you!

Secondly, within the same passage, we learn that Abraham kept God's charge. The word charge itself in the Hebrew text, mishmereth, means watch, keeper of the guard, a sentry. Abraham kept a watch not only for God; he watched for behaviors in himself, and in his people, which had the potential to displease God, and he gave correction.

Thirdly, Abraham also kept God's commandments. Think about the difference between listening and hearing. Your child can say that he hears you, but his actions may indicate otherwise. Abraham not only heard God's voice, but he also obeyed His commandments. The origin of this word differs from the word laws. In the Hebrew context, the implication of a commandment is the word ordinance, which may be divinely inspired, or by man's directive. In other words, it may have been a law or custom not divinely set forth, yet Abraham obeyed and observed its teaching.


Fourth, looking toward the end of this passage, we understand the meaning conveyed through the usage of the word statutes. In original Hebrew, statutes (choq) are derived from customs or ordinances. Similar to ordinances, there were customs set forth during biblical times which were adhered to by leaders, as well as common folk. Abraham kept God's attention by observing the statutes or customs of his time, a tribute to his legacy, and to his family.

The very last part of this scripture indicates that Abraham kept the laws. This particular scripture reference of laws is, in fact, tied directly to the Torah. Contained within the Torah are laws written for the people of the Old Testament. These laws guided Abraham and were perhaps a great source of direction and comfort when it came to judgment. Since the ten commandments were mandated by God, it would seem safe to say that most people would have complied with these teachings. Scripture indicates, however, that the biblical era appeared similar to the society we live in today: there were thieves, crooks, and deceitful bankers (like Judas Iscariot, ) and there were laws set forth to avenge such behavior. By this example we learn that Abraham or anyone else in the Old Testament could have ignored the commandments of God. . .but Abraham obeyed.


What we learn from this story: To lean in and hear His voice, to keep a watch for His presence and His people, to observe customs of holiness, and to follow the teachings of His word which bring great rewards.

### SHCA


*The ABC's of becoming a blessing:  
Always give away your smile.  
Be involved in the life of a child or elder.  
Create a network of support for others.*


 **Video Fast Continues...**  
4 weeks or more will give you a renewed sensitivity to the Word and Spirit. Don't miss out on this church-wide blessed event.


**DEDICATION SUNDAY**  
Allow your child's future to include the Lord's will in their lives by dedicating them with a prayer of blessing by the man of God on September 19th.  
**Everyone Welcome!**

**FRUIT FANS**  
*Pour strong brewed berry iced-tea 3/4 full into glasses with ice and then add 3-4 Tbs. of canned peach nectar to each glass. Serve with a slice of fresh peach on the rim.* 

## Real Men Prayer Thursday Mornings

86th Annual  
General Conference  
Toyota Center  
And GRB  
Convention Center  
Houston Texas  
Sept. 28-Oct. 3rd  
2010  


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Be a blessing to the Resource Ministry and purchase all of your water and mints thru the book store. Our ministry provides outreach and new convert support with DVD/CD material.  
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**Get CONNECTED!**  
With Bible Doctrine and the CHURCH FAMILY and the PASTORAL TEAM!  
  
**THURSDAYS @ 7PM.**

# September 2010 Back to School

Sun Worship 10am 6pm	Mon	Tue Bible Study 7:30PM	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat Prayer 6-8:30pm
		Real Men Prayer every Tuesday morning @ 6am	1	Real Men Prayer every Thursday morning @ 6am	3	Family Prayer every Saturday 6-8:30pm
5	6 Daughters of Zion 7pm	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Dedication Sunday	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 General Conference	30		

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