



BIBLE STUDY LESSONS FOR KIDS



MISSIONARY STORY



WHO IS A MISSIONARY?

A missionary is a person who is sent by God to tell others about Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A MISSIONARY?



*It is the commandment of Jesus Christ
that everyone should tell others about
Him and the Kingdom of God.*

God loves us and He wants us to obey Him !

Mordecai Ham (1877-1961)

Born on April 2, 1877 in Allen County, Kentucky, U S

- Mordecai Ham was a traveling evangelist.
- He was called to ministry at the early age of 9.
- Mordecai's parents, **Tobias and Ollie Ham** raised him to know and honor the Lord.
- Mordecai's family had a history of long generations of preachers. His father and grandfather were faithful preachers.

**“Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22: 6 KJV**





However, Mordecai Ham grew up in a very poor family. So, initially he determined in his heart that he would not be a preacher. He went into business and to work as a salesman in his early years after schooling. But God used his grandfather's death to renew the spiritual calling He had placed on Mordecai's life. He later referred to the experience, "*Seeing him die did more than anything else to convince me of the reality of Christian experience.*"

Mordecai Ham, the evangelist

Six months after Ham married Bessie Simmons, Mordecai left his job to enter the ministry as a fundamentalist Baptist. In 1905, Bessie died suddenly of cerebral meningitis.

Later, in 1907, he married Annie Laurie and had a happy marriage that lasted for over fifty years. They were blessed with three daughters – Martha, Dorothy, Annie



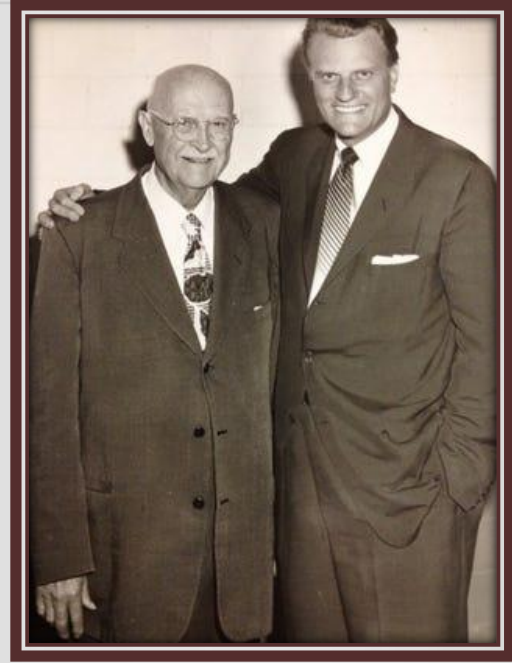
Mordecai's life's motto had been "Love all men, fear no man."

- Mordecai was an outspoken evangelist. He was hated by many because he said a lot of things they didn't like. He was attacked many times and almost killed. But, Mordecai didn't quit !
- God worked powerfully in Mordecai's life and in the lives of many who heard God's truth through his messages.
- Ham greatly opposed alcohol and many other social evils.
- Mordecai ran a radio program for many years. He often told his listeners, *"I'll meet you on the air, until I meet you in the air."*



Mordecai Ham led evangelist Billy Graham to Christ

- In 1934, Mordecai was invited to preach in a revival tent meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina where he said these words as he began, "There's a great sinner in this place tonight."
- The teenager Billy Graham was addicted to baseball so much that he had no interest in church; he was far away from God. That night, Billy and his friend Grady Wilson were hiding in the church choir so that they didn't have to sit face to face with Evangelist Ham.
- Even though they were afraid of his wrath and fiery preaching, they were drawn to the revival meeting where thousands of people were gathering every night. Both Bill and Grady got saved through the message spoken by Mordecai.



Billy Graham's words on Mordecai Ham

Mordecai passed away in 1961.

Graham paid tribute to Ham at the latter's funeral in 1961 at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, calling him a **“giant”** and claiming that some 8,000 men were then in pulpits as a result of Ham's work.

“The memory of the righteous *is* blessed,
But the name of the wicked will rot.”
Proverbs 10: 7 NKJV



Mordecai Ham: Quotes

- **“People are ashamed to admit they need a revival.”**

- **“There are a lot of Christians who are halfway fellows. They stand in the door, holding on to the Church with one hand while they play with the toys of the world with the other. They are in the doorway and we can’t bring sinners in.”**

Let's Pray!

Dear Heavenly Father,

We want to obey You and preach the Good News about Jesus Christ to everyone. Fill us with Your boldness and Your love to go and share the Gospel about the Kingdom of God. Lord, we receive Your abundant grace to stand as Your witnesses. Let Your name be glorified through us.

In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



THANK YOU, JESUS!

GOD BLESS YOU!



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