

## Prayer

**Bible** - Proverbs 31:30

## Quiz

1. In what century was President Sam Houston born? (18th - 1793)
2. In what war did Sam Houston serve in the army under Andrew Jackson? (War of 1812)
3. What state was Sam Houston governor of in the late 1820s? (Tennessee)
4. What country was Sam Houston president of? (Republic of Texas)
5. When Sam Houston was governor of Texas in 1860, was he in favor of Texas seceding from the Union, or staying in the Union? (staying in the Union)
6. BONUS: In what year did Sam Houston profess faith in Christ and get baptized? 1854
7. BONUS: How many children did Sam Houston and Margaret Moffette Lea Houston have together? 8

## Recitation

**Special Presentation** - The Margaret Moffette Lea Houston History Award

**President** - Sam Houston (1793-1863)

first and third president of the Republic of Texas

-1832 crossed Red River into Texas

-1836 served as commander of army; won war against Mexico; elected first president of Texas

**-1840** (corrected from wrongly given last week as 1847) age 47 married Margaret Moffette Lea, age 21, Baptist from Alabama; they had 8 children

-1841 elected president again

-1845 Texas joined the US

-1846 elected US senator

-1854 age 61 professed faith in Christ and was baptized (see paragraph from Fuller below)

-1859 elected governor of Texas

-1860 spoke strongly in favor of the Union, against secession

-1861 forced out of office by Texas legislature over refusal to join Confederacy

-1863 died July 26, age 70

B.F. Fuller, *History of Texas Baptists*: In November, 1854...Gen. Houston presented himself to Independence church and asked for baptism. After a clear, satisfactory statement by him as to his change of heart and faith in Christ, he was received by the church as entitled to baptism. On the 19th day of November, 1854, in the presence of a great concourse of people, Dr. R.C. Burleson, the pastor, baptized Gen. Houston in a little clear stream, called Rocky, about one mile south of Independence. His life ever afterwards was that of a humble, consistent Christian. He took great interest in all the enterprises of Baptists in Texas for missions and education, and frequently attended the Baptist State Convention.

**Lesson** - September 22, 1860 Address to the Union Mass Meeting in Austin, Texas

Sam to Margaret  
September 22, 1840  
Washington, D.C.

“My love, I am so unhappy while separated from you, that I feel myself most happy when writing to you. You are always present in my thoughts, and remain supreme in my affections. My love, I do sincerely hope that you will hear no more slanders of me. Do be satisfied, if you hear the truth you shall never hear of my being on a ‘spreed.’”

Sam to Margaret  
January 8, 1841  
Austin, TX

“Oh, I am weary of public life. How hateful are even its honors! I feel, my love, that I can only be happy when I will be with you. I feel my only love, as tho I cou’d only be calm, intelligent and happy when I cou’d hear your voice and enjoy the admonition of your wisdom! I wou’d then be a rational, cheerful, and happy man.”

Thy devoted husband,  
Houston

Sam to Margaret  
December 6, 1846  
U.S. Senate Chamber

“I reflect on the chilling contrast between your embrace and the chilling embrace of a Norther, which I had to encounter when parting from you the next moment. I think often of our dear little daughters, and my heart melts at the helplessness of our little Maggy Lea. Indeed, I do not think it extravagant when I say that more than half of my waking hours are given to meditation about you and the children.”

Margaret to Sam  
March 8, 1853

“How hard it seems, that at this sweet season, I should be separated from the only being that could ever really sympathize with me in my love of nature! I have often thought dearest, that my love for you approached too near to idolatry, and it may be that the Lord takes from me the companionship, so absorbing to every thought and wish, that I may have more time to think of the immortal soul. Sam, Nannie and Maggie each hand me a violet for you. We all long to see you. Mary Willie says I must send a violet for her too.”

Thy Maggie

Sam to Margaret

“Oh my Love, you cannot have the least idea of my feelings. I only wish that you were here, for I have many things to say to you. One is, I love you more than all created beings.”

Thy devoted & faithful Husband,  
Sam Houston