

THEME I
LED TO THE HIGHEST POWER THROUGH LOVE
But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you,
and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.
Hebrew 6:9
LESSONS 1 - 15

LESSON 1

AUGUST 7, 2022

FAMILY SUNDAY
FAMILY UNITY

MOTTO TEXT: Ephesians 3:14-15 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

ENTIRE LESSON: Colossians 3:8-21

8. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
10. And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.
12. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.
14. And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
15. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
18. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.
19. Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.
20. Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
21. Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.

PURPOSE – To demonstrate the Christian view to family unity.

PRACTICAL POINT – The home is a social institution created by God. If the home is to be united, there must be a head (Eph. 5:23).

COMMENTARY

As we draw closer to the coming of our Lord, we recognize that these are perilous times. Moral corruption and the decay of moral values in our society have destroyed the family as a unit. The family unit, as we have known it in times past (father, mother, and

children in the same home) is in danger of becoming extinct. Satan, the destroyer of families, knows that his time is almost out.

Family unity brings the family together as one. The husband, wife, and children all have their duty and place in the home. Each one has a role to play in keeping the family together as one unit. When there is family unity, the father, mother, and children all work together as one.

To some it may be old fashioned and outdated, but the Bible yet says: “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as **it is fit in the Lord**. Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey *your* parents in all things.” When we follow these Biblical guidelines, family unity and the family unit will survive.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. Husbands love your wives with no bitterness.
- 2. A wise son will hear his father’s instructions.
- 3. Wives must be serious, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.
- 4. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.
- 5. Men ought to love their wives as their own bodies.
- 6. Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. Genesis 2:24

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Titus 2:2-7, Love Your Husband, Love Your Children
Tuesday	Colossians 3:20, Children, Obey Your Parents
Wednesday	Proverbs 17:6, Grandchildren Are the Crown of Old Men
Thursday	Isaiah 1:2, They Have Rebelled Against Me
Friday	Proverbs 15:5, A Fool Despises His Father’s Instruction
Saturday	2 Corinthians 12:14, Parents Provide for Children
Sunday	Ephesians 5:23, Husband Is the Head of the Wife

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife *see* that she reverence *her* husband.

LESSON 2 **AUGUST 14, 2022**

THE AUTHORITATIVE POWERS OF GOD IN BELIEVERS

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 10:1-20

- 1. And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.
- 2. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son of* Zebedee, and John his brother;

3. Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son of Alphaeus*, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;
4. Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.
5. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not:
6. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
7. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
8. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
9. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,
10. Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.
11. And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.
12. And when ye come into an house, salute it.
13. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.
14. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.
15. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.
16. Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.
17. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;
18. And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.
19. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.
20. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

PURPOSE – To declare that the Son of man (*Jesus*) has power on earth to forgive sins.

PRACTICAL POINT – All the tribes of the earth shall mourn, when we see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

COMMENTARY

God works in the power of true believers. Jesus called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. He sent them to pull down every satanic stronghold; for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.

As true believers you have experienced the exceeding greatness of God's power. Satan wants to stop you because God has ordained and empowered you. Discouragement and depression are the poisons that Satan uses to hinder you from using the power that is already within. "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
2. Jesus said, ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you.
3. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper.
4. As many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God
5. Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.
6. I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, over all the power of the enemy.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Matthew 22:29, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.
Tuesday	Matthew 26:64, The Son of man shall be sitting on the right hand of power.
Wednesday	John 17:2, Jesus has power over all flesh.
Thursday	Matthew 28:18, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
Friday	2 Timothy 1:7, God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power.
Saturday	John 10:10, Power that was given from the Father to the Son
Sunday	John 5:27, Jesus has authority to execute judgment.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 10:1 And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

LESSON 3

AUGUST 21, 2022

A PASTOR ACCORDING TO GOD'S HEART

MOTTO TEXT: Jeremiah 3:15 And I will give you **pastors according to mine heart**, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:7-13

7. But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.
8. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.
9. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.
10. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.
11. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.
12. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

13. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

PURPOSE – To demonstrate that the pastor, the shepherd of the flock, is to lead and protect them from seen and unseen dangers. The pastor is to mark the perfect man (Jesus) and behold the upright, because the end of that man is peace.

PRACTICAL POINT – Pastors, the Holy Ghost has made you overseers [*to oversee, supervise, manage*] over your local congregations, to feed the church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood.

COMMENTARY

A Pastor according to God's heart must have compassion, patience, a vision, humility, and a spirit of fearlessness in order to manage God's house. A pastor must be a good steward. It is written: 1 Corinthians 4:2, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." "A bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers" (Titus 1:7-9).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. The pastor, deacons, and members must all have one mind, show compassion, love as brethren, be courteous, and kind.
2. Where *there is* no vision, the people perish (Prov. 29:18).
3. For the love of money is the root of all evil (1 Tim. 6:10).
4. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness (1 Tim. 6:11).
5. The pastor must demonstrate humility by humbling himself in the sight of the Lord.
6. The trying of your faith worketh patience.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	1 John 3:17, But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels <i>of compassion</i> from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 6:4, But in all <i>things</i> approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses.
Wednesday	Acts 18:9-10, <u>Then spake the Lord to Paul</u> in the night <u>by a vision</u> , Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace.
Thursday	Matthew 23:12, And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted
Friday	Hebrews 10:36, For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.
Saturday	James 4:6, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
Sunday	Hebrews 13:6, So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 6:34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

LESSON 4

AUGUST 28, 2022

WALKING WITH GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 24:13-32

13. And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs.
14. And they talked together of all these things which had happened.
15. And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.
16. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.
17. And he said unto them, What manner of communications *are* these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?
18. 18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?
19. 19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:
20. 20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.
21. 21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.
22. 22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;
23. 23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.
24. 24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.
25. 25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:
26. 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
27. 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
28. 28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.
29. 29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.
30. 30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them.

31. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.
32. 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

PURPOSE – To fulfill that which the Lord requires of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with Him.

PRACTICAL POINT – Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you James 4:8.

Walk with God and he will walk with you.

COMMENTARY

From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy Psalm 61:2-3. O for a closer walk with God. Lead me in thy truth and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day Psalm 25:5.

It is written: This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left Isaiah 30:21. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit Romans 8:1. Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus our Lord, *so* walk in him.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD. Psalm 37:23
2. We are laborers together with God. 1 Corinthians 3:9
3. Order my steps in your word. Psalm 119:133
4. Ask for the old paths and walk therein, and you shall find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16
5. Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105
6. For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Colossians 2:6, As ye have received Christ Jesus, <i>so</i> walk ye in him.
Tuesday	1 John 2:6 He that abideth in him ought also so to walk, even as he walked.
Wednesday	Proverbs 3:6, In all thy ways acknowledge God, he shall direct your paths.
Thursday	Genesis 6:9, Noah was a just and perfect man. Noah walked with God.
Friday	Galatians 5:16, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
Saturday	Genesis 5:24, And Enoch walked with God: and he <i>was</i> not; for God took him.
Sunday	1 Peter 2:21, Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**EVANGELISM SUNDAY
DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST
MAKE FULL PROOF OF YOUR MINISTRY**

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Timothy 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

ENTIRE LESSON: Exodus 4:1-18

1. And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee.
2. And the Lord said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.
3. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.
4. And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:
5. That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.
6. And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.
7. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his *other* flesh.
8. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.
9. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry *land*: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry *land*.
10. And Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I *am* slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.
11. And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord?
12. Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.
13. And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of *him whom* thou wilt send.
14. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, *Is* not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.
15. And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.
16. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, *even* he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.
17. And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.
18. And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which *are* in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

PURPOSE – To inspire each pastor to do the work of an evangelist, making full proof of their ministry, in order that the church might continue to grow.

PRACTICAL POINT – Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show God's people their transgressions.

COMMENTARY

The call to evangelize has never been more urgent than it is today. Every pastor must not rest content with the church membership as it stands today, but it is now time to be about our Father's business. We must make full proof of our ministry by doing the work of an evangelist. Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Remember we are His witnesses. If we do not cry aloud and lift up our voice like a trumpet, and show God's people their transgressions, then who will? The church cannot grow if we will not GO.

We must have patience and be willing to suffer, but in the end we will bring forth fruits. God has equipped us with spiritual gifts, and we possess all things to enter into His vineyard and work.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Lord here *am* I, send me (Isa. 6:8).
2. Be not afraid of their faces: for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord (Jer. 1:8).
3. Before thou came forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations (Jer. 1:5).
4. You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you (John 15:16).
5. But in all *things* approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses (2 Cor. 6:4).
6. The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise (Prov. 11:30).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Isaiah 6:8, Who will go for us?
Tuesday	Jeremiah 6:27, I have set thee <i>for</i> a tower <i>and</i> a fortress among my people.
Wednesday	Matthew 20:4, Go into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you.
Thursday	Exodus 4:12, Go, and I will teach you what you shall say.
Friday	Matthew 28:19-20, Go and teach all nations to observe all things.
Saturday	Matthew 13:23, He that received seed into the good ground, hears.
Sunday	John 9:4, I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day.

MEMORY VERSE: **Jeremiah 1:8** Be not afraid of their faces: for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY
TEACH YOUR GRANDCHILDREN
THE POWER AND THE NEED OF PRAYER

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

ENTIRE LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1. Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it:
2. That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.
3. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.
4. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:
5. And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
6. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
7. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
8. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.
9. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

PURPOSE – To be a light unto your grandchildren, teaching them the power and the need for prayer.

PRACTICAL POINT – Do not be afraid to teach and preach truth to your grandchildren. Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready to *give* an answer to every man that ask you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:15

COMMENTARY

When our grandchildren err and fall into deep trouble, the road back may seem dark and scary, but grandmother's sincere prayer made without ceasing *shall be* taught of the Lord; and great *shall be* the peace of your children. The unlimited power of prayer still works.

Grandchildren *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers. Proverbs 17:6 We have no need to doubt the power of prayer for we are witnesses of His mighty works: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. Blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended because of Jesus. Matthew 11:4-6

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. *The power of prayer*-If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*. John 14:14
2. *The power of prayer*- Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. Isaiah 65:24
3. *The power of prayer*- He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings. Psalm 40:2
4. *The need for prayer*-That we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16
5. *The need for prayer*- Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. James 5:13-16
6. *The need for prayer*-If any of you lack wisdom. James 1:5

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Luke 11:9, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find.
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 7:14, If my people, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven.
Wednesday	Ephesians 6:18, Praying with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
Friday	1 Timothy 2:8, I will therefore that men pray everywhere.
Saturday	Jeremiah 29:12, You shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.
Sunday	Luke 1:37, For with God nothing shall be impossible.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 6:9-13 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

LESSON 7

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

LET US GO ON UNTO PERFECTION

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 119:1-16

1. Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.
2. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.
3. Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.
4. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.
5. I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.
6. I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

7. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.
8. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.
9. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.
10. Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.
11. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.
12. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.
13. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.
14. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.
15. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.
16. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

PURPOSE — To make us aware that if we are a tattler, do not love and forgive others, a confusion maker, a liar, covetous, fornicator an extortioner, we shall not inherit the kingdom of God and we are far from being perfect.

PRACTICAL POINT — Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God. Hebrews 6:1

COMMENTARY

In the House of God Church, we believe that there are two stages of sanctification. First your sanctification, secondly wholly sanctification which is also glorification of the body through the spirit of the living God. We believe that Jesus Christ died to save His People from sin and that His blood cleanse us from all sin. In this church we believe in being: first, sanctified, justified and holy sanctified, and made free from all sins and sinning, and kept free from the same by the Baptism and inspiring of the Holy Ghost and Fire as on the day of Pentecost. We also believe that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire and the indwelling of the same, not only keeps us free from sin, but really plants us into Christ where there is no sin and enables us to grow on unto perfection.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. We know that whosoever is born of God sin not; but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not. We believe when you are fully born of God you shall have attained the highest height of perfection in God and Christ that is possible for the Church on earth, and at which stage you cannot sin because you are born of God. We also believe that when you are begotten of God, you are to remain carefully in this body until you have developed strength and the time to be born of God, and yet both the present begotten stage in holiness as well as the stage of being born are both sinless if we abide down in the body of Christ.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. You cannot be perfect if you do not have the Holy Ghost.
2. You cannot be perfect if you are still telling lies.
3. You cannot be perfect if you are a busybody in other men's matters.
4. You cannot be perfect if you are still committing fornication/adultery.
5. You cannot be perfect if you have bitterness in your heart for someone.
6. You cannot be perfect if you have hatred in your heart for other saints.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	1 John 4:12, If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
Tuesday	1 John 2:5, But whoso keeps his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected.
Wednesday	1 John 4:18, There is no fear in love; but perfect love cast out fear.
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 7:20, For <i>there is</i> not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sins not.
Friday	Matthew 5:48, Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.
Saturday	James 1:4, Let patience have <i>her</i> perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire.
Sunday	1 John 5:18, We know that whosoever is born of God sins not; but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not.

MEMORY VERSE: Titus 2:11-13 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

LESSON 8

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

GO

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 20:3-4 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 14:12-24

12. Then said he also to him that bade him, when thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.
13. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:
14. And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.
15. And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed *is* he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.
16. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:
17. And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.
18. And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.
19. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.
20. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21. So that servant came and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.
22. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.
23. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.
24. For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

PURPOSE – To evangelize and fill God’s house.

PRACTICAL POINT – Do not stand around idle all day. Go into the vineyard and work. Whatsoever is right, God will give you.

COMMENTARY

The Lord said in Isaiah 6:8, “Whom shall I send and who will go for us?” Isaiah answered the call, “Here *am* I; send me.”

Jesus is saying, “Go ye also into the vineyard and whatsoever is right, I will give you.” We are instructed to “go.” The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are so few. God wants to work through you. He needs your feet, your hands, your mouth, but most of all he needs your heart along with a willing and ready mind. Are you willing to go? Will you be his witness? Are you standing idle in the marketplace? Look out on the fields. Look out on the harvest of lost souls.

Let us awake out of sleep and lay aside all excuses. It is time to be about our Father’s business and go wherever he sends us. It is time to speak whatever he commands. When we go, do not be afraid of their faces. Go and the Lord will be with you.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Go and witness to the lost sheep of the House of God.
2. I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves.
3. Go ye therefore and teach all nations.
4. Take nothing for your journey. (Mark 6:8)
5. Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
6. Go and make disciples of all nations. We can, while living among many nations.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Luke 22:35-36	Without purse
Tuesday	Matthew 13:24-30	Go and gather them.
Wednesday	Matthew 22:9-10	Go into the highways
Thursday	Mark 6:7	Send them forth.
Friday	Matthew 18:15	Go and tell him.
Saturday	1Kings 20:22	Go strengthen thyself.
Sunday	Psalms 43:4	Go unto the altar of God.

MEMORY VERSE: **Isaiah 6:8** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here *am* I; send me.

ABOUND IN GRACE

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Corinthians 8:7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10

1. And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
2. Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
3. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
4. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
5. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
6. And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:
7. That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
8. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:
9. Not of works, lest any man should boast.
10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

PURPOSE – To show that God will make you abound in prosperity. He will bestow His riches on all who call on Him.

PRACTICAL POINT – Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid? (Rom. 6:1-2). I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me (Psa. 13:6).

COMMENTARY

Abound means to occur in great quantities or numbers: to be rich or well supplied: to be plentiful or exist in abundance. Grace is the unmerited divine favor we have received from God to redeemed us from the disobedient sin of Eve and Adam.

Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the God's gift of His Son, Jesus, the Christ. Even when sin abounded, Grace did much more abound. God said that we will abound in everything: in faith, and utterance, in knowledge, and in all diligence, in love toward the brethren...and in His grace also.

Furthermore, we are exhorted/urged by the Lord Jesus, that as we have received Grace, we ought to walk in that same Grace to please God. For if Grace abides within you, you shall abound and never be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let none among you be unfruitful in the work of the Lord, whether at home, or as you travel away from your fellow brethren. The abundant grace that you have received is

to be known and shown among those who have not known God in the forgiveness of their sins. A soft-spoken word, an unexpected act of kindness, the reaction to an unruly act, or kindred smile just may be the line that will draw someone to God, when we abound in His sufficient Grace through His only begotten Son, Jesus.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:19).
- 2. My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness (2 Cor. 12:9).
- 3. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth (3 John vs. 2).
- 4. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need (Phil. 4:12).
- 5. A man's life consist not in the abundance of the things which he possesses (Luke 12:15).
- 6. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account (Phil. 4:16-17).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Romans 15:13, Abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.
Tuesday	Colossians 2:6-7, Walk in Christ Jesus, be rooted and built up in Him; established yourself in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
Wednesday	James 4:6, But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
Thursday	Romans 11:6, And if by grace, then <i>is it</i> no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if <i>it be</i> of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.
Friday	Titus 2:11, For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.
Saturday	2 Corinthians 9:8, And God <i>is</i> able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all <i>things</i> , may abound to every good work.
Sunday	Ephesians 4:7, But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

FEED MY LAMBS, FEED MY SHEEP

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 21:1-17

1. After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he *himself*.
2. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.
3. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.
4. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.
5. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.
6. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.
7. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's coat *unto him*, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.
8. And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.
9. As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.
10. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.
11. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.
12. Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.
13. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.
14. This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.
15. So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.
16. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
17. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

PURPOSE — To show love and care for the flock of God, and supply God’s lambs and sheep with spiritual nourishment.

PRACTICAL POINT — Love God with all your heart, for the Lord knows the sincerity of your heart and every thought of your mind.

COMMENTARY

Feed means to supply with food spiritually or naturally. It also means to tend or shepherd. We are instructed in the Word of God to feed the flock of God, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but we must be an example to the flock. The pastors are also held accountable: “And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding” (Jeremiah 3:15).

Jesus said to Peter, Feed my lambs; feed my sheep. Christ has strong and courageous sheep. Christ also has weak and helpless sheep. They all must be fed. The strong meat belongs to those who are of full age, those who have matured in the Word of God. For those who have not reached maturity in the Word of God, however, Paul says, “I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able” (1 Cor. 3:2).

Pastors must study and stay prayerful that God will give them the food that is most needed for the Saints. Prepared messages done through fasting, and prayer will keep the congregation spiritually fed and strong.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. His sheep must be fed.
- 2. I have fed you with milk and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able. (1Corinthians 3:2)
- 3. Strong meat belongs to those who are of full age.
- 4. Let us drink of that spiritual Rock: That Rock is Christ.
- 5. Preach the Word.
- 6. For I was an hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in. (Matthew 25:35)

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	1 Corinthians 13:3	Feed the Poor
Tuesday	Romans 12:20-21,14	Feed Your Enemies
Wednesday	1 Peter 5:2-3	Feed the Flock of God
Thursday	Proverbs 30:7-9	Feed Me with Food Convenient for Me
Friday	Jeremiah 3:15	Feed Them with Knowledge
Saturday	1 Corinthians 9:9	Muzzle not the Ox
Sunday	Romans 14:17	Kingdom of God Is not Meat and Drink

MEMORY VERSE: **Matthew 5:6** Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

SELFISH KINGDOM SEEKERS

MOTTO TEXT: Philippians 3:18-19 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Peter 2:1-22

1. But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
2. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
3. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.
4. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
5. And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the *eighth* person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
6. And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;
7. And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
8. (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)
9. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:
10. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.
11. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.
12. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;
13. And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, *as* they that count it pleasure to riot in the daytime. Spots *they are* and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;
14. Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:
15. Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
16. But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.
17. These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

18. For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.
19. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.
20. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.
21. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.
22. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

PURPOSE – To show that we should not believe every spirit but try the spirits whether they are of God: for many selfish kingdom seekers are gone out into the world.

PRACTICAL POINT – Woe be unto the pastors (*those who are selfish kingdom seekers*) that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord. Jeremiah 23:1

COMMENTARY

Selfish kingdom seekers are those who are looking out for themselves. They will use the church for self-gain, fame, and as their own personal throne. Selfish kingdom seekers are concerned with their own welfare regardless of others. “*They are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand. They all look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his quarter.*” Isaiah 56:11

Selfish kingdom seekers walk after the flesh. They despise leadership and those who have rule over them in the Lord. They are self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of the leaders of the church. They are false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

So shall it be in times to come when the true founders of the church shall sleep in the grave. Vain men shall come in to change the true faith and doctrine, to suit their own greedy, vain, and ravenous ideas and imaginations (Decree Book, page 31). You shall know them by their fruits.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
2. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven.
3. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works?
4. I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
5. Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly. (Romans 16:17-18)
6. Matthew 6:33, Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Acts 7:51, Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost
Tuesday	2 Peter 2:1, False prophets are among the people
Wednesday	2 Peter 2:2, Many shall follow their pernicious ways
Thursday	2 Peter 2:3, With feigned words they make merchandise of you
Friday	Jeremiah 23:21, I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran
Saturday	Jeremiah 23:16, They speak a vision of their own heart
Sunday	Jeremiah 23:15, Profaneness has gone forth from the prophets

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 20:29-31 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

LESSON 12

OCTOBER 23, 2022

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY I NEED GOD'S ENDURING WORD TO DELIVER ME

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 34:4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 91:1-16

1. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2. I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
3. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.
4. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.
5. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;
6. *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.
7. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.
8. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
9. Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;
10. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
12. They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
13. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.
16. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

PURPOSE – To cry out for help. Psalm 34:17, The righteous cry, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

PRACTICAL POINT – Let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep...sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

COMMENTARY

We keep making the same mistakes. Lord deliver us from the filth and evils of this world. How long halt ye between two opinions. It is time to let the liquor and the whiskey bottle go. Proverbs 4:15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. Stop thinking about it. Isaiah 5:11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that* they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, *till* wine inflame them! Proverbs 23:35

They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt *it* not: Then shall they say: when I awake, I will seek it again.

A Holy Ghost filled minister must exercise temperance. Temperance means to have self-control Temperance means that we must not consume alcoholic beverages. To make it plain, stay away from it, leave it alone. Paul practiced temperance when he said, I keep my body and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified. 1 Corinthians 9:27 Paul kept his fleshly desires under control.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Wine *is* a mocker; strong drink *is* raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise (Prov. 20:1).
2. Drink no longer water but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities (1 Tim. 5:23).
3. Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).
4. A bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre. Titus 1:7
5. Are you consuming too much alcohol beverages? Any at all is too much!
6. Character counts. Do not let alcohol and a drug addiction destroy your ministry.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	2 Peter 1:5-6, Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness.
Tuesday	Galatians 5:22-23, But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.
Wednesday	Proverbs 25:16, Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.
Thursday	Romans 13:14, But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to <i>fulfil</i> the lusts <i>thereof</i> .
Friday	Titus 1:7-8, For a bishop must be blameless; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine. Sober, just, holy, temperate.

Saturday	Titus 2:2, That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
Sunday	Galatians 5:16, <i>This</i> I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Timothy 3:8-9 Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

LESSON 13

OCTOBER 30, 2022

SATAN WILL DO AN INSIDE JOB ON YOU

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20

10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
15. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
19. And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
20. For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

PURPOSE – To encourage the saints that as God built a hedge around Job, God can and will build a hedge around you to protect you in time of trouble.

PRACTICAL POINT – Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8

COMMENTARY

Satan will do an inside job on you. He will come inside your house and destroy your home. He will get inside your mind and destroy your soul. He will come inside the church to ruin you by moving you away from the doctrine, then running you out of the church (1 John 2:19). John 10:10 says that, the thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. The only thing that Satan every promised you was death. He is letting you know that if you work for him, he is going to pay you with death. For the wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23

If you are not strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, Satan will do an inside job on you. You must resist him and be steadfast in the faith. Do not keep company with vain people and do not walk in the path of the ungodly. Therefore, put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the tricks of the devil. The good days will take care of themselves, but you must have enough Holy Ghost on the inside to withstand Satan in the coming “evil day.”

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. He that commits sin is of the devil; the devil sinned from the beginning. 1 John 3:8
2. Jesus was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 1 John 3:5
3. The devil shall cast some of you in prison, that ye may be tried. Revelation 2:10
4. Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:14
5. Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered red with reproach *and* dishonor that seek my hurt. Psalm 71:13
6. The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he know that he has but a short time. Revelation 12:12
7. By one act, the King ruin himself and all of Israel. Note verse 23 (2 Chron. 28:19-25.
8. Be warned of the poison of an inside job. Note verses 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, and 18 (2 Kings 16:7-18).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Romans 14:16, Let not your good be spoken of as evil.
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:29, Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth.
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:13, There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man.
Thursday	James 4:7, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Friday	Mark 7:21-23, Out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts.
Saturday	Revelation 12:9, Satan was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
Sunday	Romans 16:20:20, And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

MEMORY VERSE: Job 1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

BE WISE MY SON

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 13:1 A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

ENTIRE LESSON: Proverbs 2:1-22

1. My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;
2. So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;
3. Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;
4. If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;
5. Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.
6. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.
7. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
8. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.
9. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.
10. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;
11. Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:
12. To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;
13. Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;
14. Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;
15. Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:
16. To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;
17. Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.
18. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.
19. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.
20. That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.
21. For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.
22. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

PURPOSE – To teach that it is better to get wisdom than gold, and to get an understanding in all things.

PRACTICAL POINT – Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Proverbs 4:7

COMMENTARY

The Book of Proverbs places emphasis on moral living. This lesson gives instructions to sons. The word “my sons” is mentioned throughout the first seven chapters. Sons are instructed to be wise and to hear their father’s instructions. They are instructed to get wisdom but with all thy getting get an understanding.

The Epistle of James instructs that if any lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally and that the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable,

gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: (Prov. 1:8).
- 2. My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee (Prov. 3:1-2).
- 3. My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction. (Prov. 3:11).
- 4. My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: that thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge (Prov. 5:1-2).
- 5. My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye (Prov. 7:1-2).
- 6. He that trusts in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered (Prov. 28:26).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Proverbs 12:1, Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge.
Tuesday	Proverbs 6:27, Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?
Wednesday	Proverbs 6:32, Whoso committeth adultery lacketh understanding.
Thursday	Luke 2:40, The child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom.
Friday	Ephesians 1:15-17, The spirit of wisdom
Saturday	Ephesians 5:15, See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.
Sunday	2 Timothy 3:15, From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

LESSON 15

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

ANOINT ME LORD WITH THE HOLY GHOST

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 10:34-48

- 34. Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:
- 35. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.
- 36. The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37. That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
38. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
39. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
40. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
41. Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.
42. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.
43. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.
44. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.
45. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.
46. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
47. Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?
48. And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

PURPOSE – To feel the power of the Holy Ghost under the anointing of God.

PRACTICAL POINT – Truly lift up Jesus under the anointing.

COMMENTARY

When we feel the anointing of the Holy Ghost we can rejoice in the Lord. Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, we can help to save others. Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost Jesus said that we shall lay hands on the sick and the sick shall recover. The Holy Ghost is our keeper, the Holy Ghost is our guide.

Anoint me Lord with the Holy Ghost. It is written: “The God of our fathers has chosen you, that you should know his will, and see that Just One, and should hear the voice of his mouth (*words from his mouth*). For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:14-16).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Never let your faith stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
2. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
3. The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, HE has anointed me to preach the gospel (Chron. 16:22).
4. Touch not my anointed and do my prophet no harm (1 Chron. 16:22).
5. The anointing which ye have received of him abides in you (1 John 2:27).
6. You have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things (1 John 2:20).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Psalm 23:5, Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Tuesday	Joshua 1:5, As I was with Moses, <i>so</i> I will be with thee.
Wednesday	Romans 8:11, Let the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you.
Thursday	Joel 2:28, And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.
Friday	Psalm 89:20, I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.
Saturday	Leviticus 8:12, And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.
Sunday	Zechariah 4:6, Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

THEME II
THE QUEST FOR GREATER HUNGER OF RIGTEOUSNESS
And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall
never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
John 6:35
LESSONS 16-30

LESSON 16

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

THANKSGIVING LESSON
RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS OF GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 107:1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 100:1-5

1. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
2. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
3. Know ye that the LORD *he is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
4. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.
5. For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

PURPOSE – To give to the Lord all the praises, all the glory and honor, for they belong to Him.

PRACTICAL POINT – Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God (Phil. 4:6).

COMMENTARY

Everything created by God *is* good. We must receive the blessings of God with thanksgiving. “Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!” (Psa. 107:8) Let us give thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always remembering that every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and is given to us from our heavenly Father.

“Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving, sing praise upon the harp unto our God: Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow upon the mountains. He giveth to the beast his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry” (Psa. 147:7-9). We must always give thanks to God allowing our love for Him to grow and increase every day.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Let us offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.
2. Let the peace of God rule in your hearts.
3. May the works I’ve done speak for me.

4. May the service I give speak for me.
5. Where *there* is no vision, the people perish (Prov. 29:18).
6. Preach the WORD! (2 Tim. 4:2)

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Colossians 4:2, Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving.
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 2:14, Now thanks <i>be</i> unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ.
Wednesday	Psalms 116:12, What shall I render unto the LORD <i>for</i> all his benefits toward me?
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:8, Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.
Friday	1 Timothy 2:1, I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, <i>and</i> giving of thanks, be made for all men.
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1:4, I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ.
Sunday	Jonah 2:9, But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay <i>that</i> that I have vowed; Salvation <i>is</i> of the LORD.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

LESSON 17

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

ALL OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS ARE AS FILTHY RAGS

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 3:9-31

9. What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;
10. As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
11. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.
12. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
13. Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips:
14. Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:
15. Their feet *are* swift to shed blood:
16. Destruction and misery *are* in their ways:
17. And the way of peace have they not known:
18. There is no fear of God before their eyes.

19. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
20. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.
21. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
22. Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
23. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
24. Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
25. Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
26. To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
27. Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.
28. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
29. *Is he* the God of the Jews only? *is he* not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:
30. Seeing *it is* one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.
31. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

PURPOSE – To show that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

PRACTICAL POINT – While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

COMMENTARY

Both Jews and Gentiles are under sin. As it is written: There is none righteous, no, not one (Rom 3:10) Our righteousness is as filthy rags before God (Isa. 64:6). For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23, 5:12). “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us” (1 John 1:8-10).

“Be not deceived, the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

Shall we continue in sin? God forbid. Paul writes, “Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved” (Rom. 10:1).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Sanctify the house of the Lord and carry the filthiness out of the holy place.
2. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.
3. The righteous shall scarcely be saved.

4. The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Be not deceived.
5. Put away all filthiness and wickedness, and receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls.
6. Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Lamentations 1:9, Her Filthiness Is in Her Skirts
Tuesday	Colossians 3:8, Filthy Communication
Wednesday	Ezekiel 16:36, Thy Nakedness Is Discovered
Thursday	Ezekiel 24:13, In Thy Filthiness Is Lewdness
Friday	Zephaniah 3:1, Woe to Her that Is Filthy and Polluted
Saturday	Zechariah 3:3, Clothed
Sunday	Matthew 5:20, Let Your Righteousness Exceed

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 28:7-8 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble *in* judgment. For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is no place clean*.

LESSON 18

DECEMBER 4, 2022

ASK WHAT YOU WILL

MOTTO TEXT: John 14:13-14 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 7:7-11 and Matthew 6: 5-13

Matthew 7:7-11

7. Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you:
8. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
9. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?
10. Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
11. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Matthew 6: 5-13

5. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
6. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
8. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
9. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
10. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.
11. Give us this day our daily bread.
12. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PURPOSE – To acknowledge the confidence that we have in God that if we ask anything according to His will, He will hear and answer us.

PRACTICAL POINT – God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

COMMENTARY

In the Motto Text of our lesson, Jesus promised to answer the prayers of the disciples. “Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do *it*.” Whatever the disciples asked, had to be asked in the name of Jesus. When we follow the examples and the pattern for prayer set forth by Jesus, our prayers will be answered.

In the Entire Lesson, Jesus encourages His disciples to pray in three stages: (1) Ask. God will answer if we simply ask. (2) Seek. Search for the spiritual blessings and hidden treasures of God, and (3) Knock. Put your faith in action.

Prayer is communicating with God. God knows our needs before we ask, but prayer puts us in direct contact with God. If our prayers are sincere, God will respond accordingly.

The Lord’s Prayer is our model prayer. It has all the right spiritual ingredients to reach God. It is not full of vain repetitions, but it includes everything that we need to ask of God. It includes prayers for others as well as for ourselves. Remember, God hears and listens to the words of our prayer, and He knows the intent of our hearts.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. God will give you your heart’s desire according to His will.
2. He asked life of thee, *and* thou gavest *it* him, even length of days (Psalm 21:4).
3. Pray, believe, and receive.
4. Make your prayer requests known unto God.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	John 15:7, Ask What Ye Will
Tuesday	Ephesians 3:20, God Is Able to Do More than We Ask
Wednesday	John 11:21-22, Even Now, Whatsoever Thou Wilt Ask
Thursday	James 1:5-6, If Any Lack Wisdom, Ask God
Friday	Matthew 6:33, Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God
Saturday	2 Chronicles 1:7, Ask What I Shall Give Thee
Sunday	2 Chronicles 20:4, Ask Help of the Lord

MEMORY VERSE: Job 6:8 Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant *me* the thing that I long for!

LESSON 19

DECEMBER 11, 2022

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY MIND?

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 7:24-25 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 7:7-25

7. What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.
8. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead.
9. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.
10. And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death.
11. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*.
12. Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.
13. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.
14. For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.
15. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.
16. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.
17. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
18. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.
19. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.
20. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
21. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.
22. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:
23. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.
24. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
25. I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

PURPOSE – To show that our minds are being destroyed when we forsake the Lord, and provoke Him to anger; it's time to fight your war of a 'Must Return' to God.

PRACTICAL POINT – Do not allow Satan to destroy your mind. Yield not to temptation.

COMMENTARY

There is a war going on! The Apostle Paul says that in my mind I delight in the law of God, but I see another law in my body warring against the law of my mind and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is already in my body. The Devil wants to destroy your mind. JESUS told Simon Peter, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you that he may sift *you* as wheat: But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not, when you converted/changed, you can then strengthen your brethren (Luke 22:31-32).

The question was asked, “O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? (Gal. 3:1) Think about it: “Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit are you now made perfect by the flesh?” You have been saved by the power of the Holy Ghost. What is wrong with your mind? Lord, please save me (*free me*) from doing the wrong thing, smoking the wrong thing, drinking the wrong thing, wearing the wrong thing, etc., so that I will have the exemplary strength to help others. Let others be witnesses of my godly behavior.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Be mindful always of God's command.
2. A fool utters all his mind: but a wise man quietly holds it back.
3. Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed on *thee* (Isa. 26:3).
4. Serve the Lord with all humility of mind and with tears.
5. With the mind, I serve the law of God.
6. To be carnally minded *is* death; to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace (Rom. 8:6).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Jeremiah 4:22, My people <i>are</i> foolish. They have no understanding.
Tuesday	Isaiah 5:13, My people are gone into captivity, because <i>they have</i> no knowledge.
Wednesday	Proverbs 22:14, 23:33, 31:3; 2 Timothy 3:6, They lead captive silly women laden with sins.
Thursday	Romans 6:1, Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
Friday	Isaiah 5:11, They rise up early in the morning, <i>that</i> they may follow strong drink.
Saturday	Revelation 3:2, I have not found thy works perfect before God.
Sunday	Philippians 2:5, Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 4:22-24 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

A PERFECT MAN

MOTTO TEXT: **James 3:2** For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 6:1-13

1. And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,
2. That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
3. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.
4. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which were of old, men of renown.
5. And God saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.
6. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
7. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.
8. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.
9. These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.
10. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
11. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.
12. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.
13. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

PURPOSE – To encourage the Saints to go on unto perfection, that our love toward God and our faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, may be made perfect.

PRACTICAL POINT – Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace (Psa. 37:37).

COMMENTARY

Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and HE walked with God. In order to be perfect in the eyes of God we must spiritually walk with God. “O for A Closer Walk With God!” Enoch walked with God and was translated that he should not see death. He had a perfect testimony, and his testimony pleased God. Enoch was not found [*body taken away by God, as it was with Moses and Jesus Christ*] because God took him (Heb. 11:5). God is yet saying unto us as He said to Abram [*Abraham*] at age 99, “Walk before me and be thou perfect” (Gen. 17:1).

Let us go on to perfection, laying aside every weight and all our sins. Let us run this Christian race with patience. Remember that God is the Rock of our Salvation, and His work is perfect. He is a God of truth who IS without iniquity.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man (Job 8:20).
2. He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints (Eph. 4:11-14).
3. Job was perfect and upright, a man that feared God, and avoided evil.
4. We must become blameless and harmless as the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Philippians 3:15-16, As Many as Will Be Perfect, Walk by the Same Rule
Tuesday	2 Timothy 3:17, That the Man of God May Be Perfect
Wednesday	Revelation 3:1-2, I Have not Found Thy Works Perfect Before God
Thursday	Jude v. 24, He Is Able to Present You Faultless
Friday	Hebrews 6:1, Let Us Go on unto Perfection
Saturday	Galatians 5:15, If You Bite and Devour One Another
Sunday	Hebrews 13:21, Make You Perfect in Every Good Work to Do His Will

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and *sell* that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me.

LESSON 21

DECEMBER 25, 2022

CHRISTMAS LESSON WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 2:1-2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, **saying**, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-15

1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
2. Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him.
3. When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
4. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
5. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6. And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.
7. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.
9. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
11. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.
12. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.
13. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.
14. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:
15. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

PURPOSE – To stress mankind’s priority worship of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

PRACTICAL POINT – God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

COMMENTARY

We have come to worship Him, the baby that was born in a manger. He was the method by which the Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost, would enter the world. Matthew 1:21 states, “She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” This holy child, born in a Manger, was truly the Son of God, His living Word that came to all mankind in the flesh (John 1:13-14). God’s love for the world, His creation, was so strong that He made a way to redeem man from the disobedience perpetrated by Eve and Adam. He caused His Word, that can never be corrupted, to dwell in a body of flesh. His Word in the flesh was the only Begotten Son of God, Jesus the Christ, the Anointed Savior.

Luke 1:32-35, “He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, how shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
2. We saw His star in the East and have come to worship Him.
3. Jesus said, everyone that is of the truth hearreth my voice.
4. That which is conceived in Mary is of the Holy Ghost.
5. Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.
6. They worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Philippians 2:10, Every Knee Should Bow at the Name of Jesus
Tuesday	Acts 2:21, Those Who Call on Jesus' Name Shall Be Saved
Wednesday	John 1:14, We Saw His Glory as Our Father's Begotten Son
Thursday	Zechariah 9:9, Our Just King cometh unto Us, Bringing Salvation
Friday	Numbers 24:17, There Shall Come a Star out of Jacob
Saturday	John 18:36, My Kingdom Is not of this World
Sunday	Matthew 2:23, He Shall Be Called a Nazarene

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 1:18-19 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

LESSON 22

JANUARY 1, 2023

NEW YEAR'S LESSON A FRESH ANOINTING

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 92:10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-11

1. The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison *to them that are* bound;
2. To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
3. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.
4. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.
5. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.
6. But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

7. For your shame *ye shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore, in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.
8. For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
9. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed.
10. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.
11. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so, the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

PURPOSE – To begin the New Year with a fresh anointing and a new attitude to glorify God.

PRACTICAL POINT – Anoint my head with oil; that my cup runs over.

COMMENTARY

As we enter into this New Year, God has promised a fresh anointing. Do not remember the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:18-19 I challenge you that you put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

If you shalt listen faithfully and obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments, the LORD God will set you on high above all nations of the earth, and all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you. Blessed *shalt thou be* in the city, and blessed *shalt thou be* in the field. Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy cows, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store. Blessed *shalt thou be* when thou come in, and blessed *shalt thou be* when thou go out. Deuteronomy 28:1-6

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. If any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17
2. God has caused us to be born again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3
3. God has given you a fresh anointing and though your beginning was small, your latter days will greatly increase. Job 8:7
4. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. Hebrews 1:9
5. Elisha's request: I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 2 Kings 2:9
6. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:14

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Acts 10:38, How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost.
Tuesday	Lamentations 3:22-24, His compassions fail not. <i>They are</i> new every morning.
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:31, They that wait upon the LORD shall renew <i>their</i> strength.
Thursday	Ezekiel 36:26, A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.
Friday	Isaiah 65:17, Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.
Saturday	2 Chronicles 7:14, If my people, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven.
Sunday	1 John 2:27, But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you.

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 14:8-9 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, *this* also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

LESSON 23

JANUARY 8, 2023

HOW SHALL WE SERVE THE LORD?

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 2:11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

ENTIRE LESSON: Joshua 24:14-24

14. Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.
15. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.
16. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;
17. For the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:
18. And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve the LORD; for he *is* our God.
19. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he *is* an holy God; he *is* a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.
20. If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.
21. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

22. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.
23. Now therefore put away, *said he*, the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.
24. And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

PURPOSE – To reaffirm that we must fear the Lord, walk in His ways, love Him, and serve Him with all our heart and soul.

PRACTICAL POINT – Fear the Lord thy God and walk in all His ways. Serve the Lord gladness.

COMMENTARY

Are we only serving God for the good things that we receive from Him? Remember, anyone can serve God when everything is going good in life, when all bills are paid and there is money to spare. However, the true test of our faith comes when things are not going so-well, when bills are behind, and our rent/mortgage is past-due. The true worshippers of God will continue to worship God in good times and bad. In our lesson, Joshua says, that if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose whom ye will serve; but as for Joshua and his house, they **WILL** serve the Lord.

We must serve the Lord with fear. In times past, men feared God, but today, man has lost his fear of God. We must return to the old paths, which is the good way, and walk therein. Serve the Lord with fear, rejoice with trembling, and find rest for your soul (Jer. 6:16).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in truth.
2. If it seems evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose this day whom ye will serve.
3. The true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.
4. Serve the Lord with gladness.
5. No servant can serve two masters.
6. To obey is better than sacrifice.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Luke 17:10, We Are Unprofitable Servants
Tuesday	1 Timothy 3:15, Behave Yourself in the House of God
Wednesday	Daniel 3:15-18, The God whom We Serve Is Able to Deliver
Thursday	Romans 13:1, Let Every Soul Be subject unto the Higher Powers
Friday	Romans 6:19-22, Yield Your Members, the Servants to Righteousness
Saturday	John 4:24, Worship Him in the Spirit and in Truth
Sunday	Romans 7:6, Serve in Newness of the Spirit

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

DO YOU KNOW HIM? DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 16:13-28

13. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
14. And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
15. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
20. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.
21. From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
22. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
23. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.
24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
26. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
27. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
28. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

PURPOSE – To be able to say, “Yes I Know Him,” with infallible proof.

PRACTICAL POINT – We believe and know that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God and that He died and rose again. We believe that He has power on earth to forgive sins, to heal the sick and to raise the dead.

COMMENTARY

There has never been a man nor a name like Jesus. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). We are destined to meet Jesus one day. What we sow today we are destined to reap tomorrow, and this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent (John 17:3).

Do you know Christ as our redeemer? Yes, I know that my Redeemer lives and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Jesus came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believed on His name (John 1:11-12).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Jesus has power on earth to forgive sins.
2. Demons tremble at the name of Jesus.
3. Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit.
4. In Jesus, we live and move and have our being.
5. This gospel of the Kingdom must be preached in all the world.
6. Do you know that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us?

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	John 15:1, I am the true vine, my Father is the husbandman.
Tuesday	John 14:6, I am the way the truth and the life.
Wednesday	John 10:9, I am the door, if any man enter he shall be saved.
Thursday	John 10:11, I am the Good Shepherd, that gave His life for the sheep.
Friday	John 6:51, I am the living bread which came down from heaven.
Saturday	Revelation 1:8, I am Alpha and Omega the beginning and the ending.
Sunday	Revelation 22:16, I am the root and the offspring of David.

MEMORY VERSE: John 11:24-25 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

LESSON 24B

JANUARY 22, 2023

**SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU,
BUT YE ARE WASHED, BUT YE ARE SANCTIFIED,
BUT YE ARE JUSTIFIED**

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 6:1-19

1. Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

2. Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?
3. Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?
4. If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.
5. I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?
6. But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.
7. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather *suffer yourselves* to be defrauded?
8. Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.
9. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
10. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
11. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.
12. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
13. Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.
14. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.
15. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make *them* the members of an harlot? God forbid.
16. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.
17. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.
18. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.
19. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

PURPOSE – To warn against being deceived by man into falsely believing that we can live an ungodly life and still inherit the kingdom of God.

PRACTICAL POINT – We were sometimes foolish, disobedient, and deceived.

COMMENTARY

You, Church of the Living God, a rewashed-regenerated, cleansed by the Holy Ghost. You are sanctified- spiritually set apart for the Lord's use. You are justified- vindicated, acquitted, and declared righteous by His grace.

Let no man deceive you by any means, the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. All that do such things, and all that do unrighteous, are an abomination unto the Lord. Although such were some of you, but now,

you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. In time past, you were not a people and were guilty of committing such trespasses against God, but now you are the people of God. In time past you had not obtained mercy, but now you have obtained mercy.

Whether we believe it or not, the sins mentioned in this lesson will destroy the soul. Be not deceived. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that have forgotten God.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. The body is not for fornication, but for the Lord.
2. For sin deceived me, and by it slew me.
3. Flee fornication. He that commits fornication sins against his own body.
4. Flee fornication. Let it not be once named among you, as becomes saints.
5. For this is the will of God, that ye should abstain from fornication.
6. Exodus 20:14, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Proverbs 6:32, Whoso commit adultery lack understanding. Tuesday Jeremiah 23:14, I have seen also in the prophets an horrible thing.
Wednesday	Leviticus 18:22, Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind.
Thursday	Leviticus 20:13, Both of them have committed an abomination.
Friday	Ephesians 4:28, Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor.
Saturday	Peter 4:15, Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief.
Sunday	Revelation 21:8, All liars shall have their part in the lake.

MEMORY VERSE: Leviticus 20:10 And the man that committeth adultery with *another* man's wife, *even he* that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

LESSON 25

JANUARY 29, 2023

STAGES OF SANCTIFICATION

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

1. Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, *so* ye would abound more and more.
2. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.
3. For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:
4. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5. Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:
6. That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.
7. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.
8. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.
9. But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.
10. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;
11. And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;
12. That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

PURPOSE – To identify the various stages of sanctification which includes, but is not limited to: 1) your sanctification, 2) wholly sanctification, 3) the begotten of God stage, and 4) the born of God stage.

PRACTICAL POINT – The *begotten stage* in holiness is without sin if we abide down in the body of Christ. We believe that you are to remain carefully in this stage until you have developed strength and the time to be born of God. In *The born of God stage* you shall have attained the highest height of perfection in God and Christ possible for the church on earth. Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin. 1 John 3:9

COMMENTARY

We believe that there are two stages of sanctification. First your sanctification, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, for this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication. Secondly wholly sanctification which is the glorification of the body through the spirit of the living God, completely and entirely. We believe that we are glorified and made wholly sanctified by receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire with Bible evidence. We believe that every one of us should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor.

The born of God stage is your ultimate stage of sanctification, obtained only when we are fully and completely set apart to God.

To be sanctified means to be holy and spiritually set apart as sacred for God's use. Every believer must sanctify himself, progressively growing in grace and becoming more and more set apart for God's use.

(References: 1 Thessalonians 4:4; Church Decree pgs. 38 and 64)

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. We must walk in the light, as Jesus is in the light .
2. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all sin.
3. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
4. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
5. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday 1 John 5:18, He that is begotten of God keepeth himself

Tuesday	1 John 4:7, Everyone that loveth is born of God
Wednesday	1 John 5:1, Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God
Thursday	John 3:6, That which is born of the flesh is flesh
Friday	John 3:7, You must be born again
Saturday	John 17:19, For their sakes I sanctify myself
Sunday	1 John 5:4, Whosoever is born of God overcomes the world

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.

LESSON 26

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

HOW CAN WE MAKE PEACE?

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 3:8-18

8. But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
9. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
10. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
11. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?
12. Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.
13. Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
14. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
15. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.
16. For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.
17. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
18. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

PURPOSE – To obey God’s command and live in peace with everyone.

PRACTICAL POINT – For he is our peace. Let brotherly love continue. In the world you will have tribulation. Because Jesus overcame, you can overcome.

COMMENTARY

Regardless of the problems of life, the Father wants us to look to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Be at peace among yourselves. Jesus said, these things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. God is not a God of confusion but a God of peace. The Kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. The

meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace Psalm 37:11.

When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him Proverbs 16:7 and the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus Philippians 4:7.

How can we make peace? Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. Psalm 34:14.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil. Proverbs 12:20
2. To the counsellors of peace is joy.
3. Jesus said, Peace I leave with you. John 14:27
4. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:1
5. Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:1).
6. Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God (Matt. 5:9).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Romans 12:18, If it be possible, live peaceably with all men.
Tuesday	Galatians 5:15, If ye bite and devour one another.
Wednesday	1 Peter 3:10, Refrain your tongue from evil.
Thursday	1 Peter 3:11, Eschew evil, and do good; seek peace, and ensue it.
Friday	2 Peter 3:14, Be found in peace, without spot, and blameless.
Saturday	2 Corinthians 13:11, Live in peace; the God of love and peace shall be with you
Sunday	2 Thessalonians 3:16, The Lord of peace give you peace always by all means.

MEMORY VERSE: Leviticus 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD.

LESSON 27

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

THE CHURCH BUILT ON A SURE FOUNDATION

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Chronicles 2:1-10

1. And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.
2. And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.
3. And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, as thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me.*

4. Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate *it* to him, *and* to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This *is an ordinance* for ever to Israel.
5. And the house which I build *is* great: for great *is* our God above all gods.
6. But who is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who *am* I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him?
7. Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide.
8. Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and behold, my servants *shall be* with thy servants,
9. Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build *shall be* wonderful great.
10. And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

PURPOSE – To make known to all that the time has come, that the Lord’s house shall be built, but only on a sure foundation.

PRACTICAL POINT – The pastor cannot build the church alone. God has set others in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

COMMENTARY

The stone that the builders rejected has become the head cornerstone. The House of God is that church built on a sure foundation. The church does not belong to us. It is not ours; the church belongs to God. Christ is the head of the church. Christ also loved the church and gave himself a ransom for it that He might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle on any such thing; But that it should be holy and without blemish.

Jesus said unto Peter, upon this rock I will build my church. If we build the church on anything other than the truth, we are building on sinking sand. We are servants of the church. Let every man, therefore, take heed how he builds. There is no other foundation can any man lay than that already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. The foolish man built his house upon the sand.
2. The wise man built his house upon a rock.
3. When building God's house, dig spiritually deep and lay the foundation on a rock.
4. A church built on a sure foundation is built with faith in God, lots of love, and patience.
5. To be successful while building, the pastor, deacons and members must be laborers together with God.

6. As a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon (1 Corinthians 3:10).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	1 Kings 8:17, It was in the heart of David to build a house for the LORD.
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 2:5, The house which I build <i>is</i> great.
Wednesday	Luke 14:28, For which of you, intending to build a tower, counteth the total cost.
Thursday	Luke 14:30, Saying, this man began to build, and was not able to finish.
Friday	1 Corinthians 3:9, We are laborers together with God.
Saturday	1 Peter 2:5, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house.
Sunday	Proverbs 24:3, Through wisdom is a house built; and by understanding it is established.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Chronicles 2:4 Behold, I build a house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate *it* to him, *and* to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offering's morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This *is an ordinance* for ever to Israel.

LESSON 28

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

REPENT AND TURN TO GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 26:19-20 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 26:12-32

12. Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,
13. At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.
14. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
15. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.
16. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;
17. Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,
18. To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
19. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20. But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.
21. For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple and went about to kill *me*.
22. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:
23. That Christ should suffer, *and* that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.
24. And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.
25. But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.
26. For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.
27. King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.
28. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.
29. And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.
30. And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:
31. And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.
32. Then said Agrippa unto Festus, this man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

PURPOSE – To turn to God by confessing, believing, and receiving Him; knowing that you will be filled with the Holy Ghost.

PRACTICAL POINT – Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity” (Acts 8:22-23).

COMMENTARY

As a nation, we need to repent and turn to God. We are a people laden with equity. Our deeds are evil, and we have provoked God to anger. We have become a nation of backsliders. If we repent, God said in Hebrews 8:12, “I will be merciful to your unrighteousness, and your sins and your iniquities will I remembered no more.” First John 1:9 reiterates, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

“When I say unto the wicked, thou shalt surely die; if he turns from his sin and do that which is lawful and right; *If* the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live” (Ezekiel 33:14-16).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. John baptized with water unto repentance.
2. Jesus baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire.
3. They have provoked the holy one of Israel unto anger.
4. Come now and let us reason together, said the Lord.
5. If you be willing and obedient you shall eat the good of the land.
6. Repent from every hidden sin.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Mark 1:4, John Preached Baptism of Repentance to Remit Sins
Tuesday	Acts 3:19, Repent and Be Converted, to Blot out the Sins
Wednesday	Acts 8:21, Thy Heart Is not Right in God's Sight
Thursday	Mark 1:15, Repent and Believe the Gospel
Friday	Acts 2:38, Repent and Be Baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ
Saturday	Isaiah 44:22, God Blotted out Your Transgressions, Return to Him
Sunday	Matthew 3:2, Repent, the Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

LESSON 29

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

MY DOCTRINE

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 7:13-29

13. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:
14. Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
15. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
16. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
17. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
18. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.
20. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
21. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
24. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
25. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
26. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
27. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.
28. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:
29. For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

PURPOSE – To show that the doctrine of Jesus Christ was not only good; it was also a sound doctrine, and we must accept the doctrine of Jesus Christ that He received of His Father, the only True God.

PRACTICAL POINT – Hold the tradition that you have been taught. Do not be tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine.

COMMENTARY

The people were astonished at his doctrine because he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Jesus reminded them, “My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.” John 7:16-17

The word ‘doctrine’ simply means teaching. It is a particular principle taught, a position held, or a policy advocated. The doctrine of Jesus Christ is pure and uncorrupted, and we should neither teach nor intersperse any other doctrine. Today, more than ever, we must continue to abide in the doctrine of Jesus Christ. It is not enough to just be a hearer of the doctrine, but we also must labor in the Word and doctrine. We must continue to put a difference between holy and unholy. There is a doctrine that is according to godliness, and God and His doctrine must not be blasphemed.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. He that abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.
2. The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.
3. There are many who oppose this doctrine.
4. Speak the things, which become sound doctrine.
5. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed. 2 John v.10

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Proverbs 4:1-2	I give you good doctrine
Tuesday	Isaiah 28:9	Who shall understand doctrine
Wednesday	Isaiah 29:24	They that murmured shall learn doctrine
Thursday	Matthew 7:22-29	The people were astonished at his doctrine
Friday	Matthew 16:12	Beware of the doctrine of the Pharisees
Saturday	Mark 12:38-40	His doctrine
Sunday	John 7:16-17	My doctrine is not mine

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

LESSON 30

MARCH 5, 2023

YOUTH DAY
LORD HELP ME TO SEE MYSELF

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 15:17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 15:11-32

11. And he said, A certain man had two sons:
12. And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living.
13. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
14. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.
15. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
16. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.
17. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
18. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
19. And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
20. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
21. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
22. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:
23. And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry:
24. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.
25. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.
26. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.
27. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.
28. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

29. And he answering said to *his* father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:
30. But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.
31. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.
32. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

PURPOSE – To show how God loves us and will forgive us, if we would only repent and turn to God, for while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

PRACTICAL POINT-The parable of the prodigal son can help us to see ourselves. When the prodigal son came to himself, he realized that he was hungry broke and naked. A son or daughter may not understand that your parents are trying to protect you from danger until you hit rock bottom.

COMMENTARY

Lord help me to see myself. I cannot see my way through without you. I need help. I can no longer make it by myself. I need you Lord, right now. The prodigal son in our lesson finally testifies: I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee and am no more worthy to be called thy son, make me as one of thy hired servants.

Be careful judging others. Judge not, that you be not judged. If you judge them, you may also be judged. If you forgive, others will forgive you. Treat your neighbor as you would like to be treated. Lord help me to see myself. Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam *is* in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. Matthew 7:1-5

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. We can always see the fault in others, but we cannot see the fault in ourselves.
2. Lord, let me look in the mirror and not deceive myself.
3. You cannot help someone, until they see themselves.
4. When it seems that all hope is lost, wait on the Lord.
5. Lord help me Jesus my life is in your hands.
6. Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings. Psalm 17:8

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	1 Peter 5:10, God will make you perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.
Tuesday	Isaiah 6:5 ,Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips.
Wednesday	1 Timothy 1:15, Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.
Thursday	Philippians 3:14, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
Friday	Romans 7:21, I find that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.
Saturday	Romans 7:25, With the mind I myself serve the law of God.

Sunday Galatians 5:22-23, The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

MEMORY VERSE: James 1:23-24 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

THEME III

GOD'S LOVING WORD CANNOT BE ALTERED

For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven

Romans 11:27-28, 32; Psalm 119:89

LESSONS 31-45

LESSON 31

MARCH 12, 2023

A PITCHER OF WATER, NOT WINE

MOTTO TEXT: Mark 14:13-15 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will shew you a large upper room furnished *and* prepared: there make ready for us.

ENTIRE LESSON: Mark 14:10-26

10. And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.
11. And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.
12. And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?
13. And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.
14. And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?
15. And he will shew you a large upper room furnished *and* prepared: there make ready for us.
16. And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.
17. And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.
18. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.
19. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, *Is it I?* and another *said, Is it I?*
20. And he answered and said unto them, *It* is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish.
21. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.
22. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.
23. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

24. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.
25. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.
26. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

PURPOSE – To teach that drinking wine is not wise and that many preachers have erred by drinking wine. They have erred in vision and in judgment.

PRACTICAL POINT – Wine takes away the heart.

COMMENTARY

When Jesus desired to have communion (*the Lord's Supper*) with His disciples He knew that His last days upon this earth were near. He sent two of His disciples into the city. He told them that they would meet a man bearing a pitcher of water not a pitcher of wine. He told His disciples to enquire about the guest chamber, a large upper room and they would find it furnished and prepared. Nowhere in Scripture does it say that this pitcher of water was ever turned into wine. He blessed the cup, and he gave thanks, but nowhere does it say that this pitcher of water was ever made into wine.

Wine does not agree with the blood of Jesus. When they pierced Him in His side there came out blood and water. Water not wine is in agreement with the blood of Jesus. There are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one (1 John 5:8).

Let us remember that those at the wedding in Cana of Galilee who, after consuming wine, were unable to distinguish afterward that they were drinking Water from the waterpots made of stone. However, the servants who drew the WATER knew it was water (John 2:9-10). It is a blessing to be a servant! We can understand that after becoming *well drunk*, one cannot differentiate between what was and what is! Jesus provided Water at the wedding; He mandated following the man bearing a pitcher of water at His Supper.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that* they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, *till* wine inflame them! (Isa. 5:11)
2. When they pierced His side there came out blood and water (1 John 5:6).
3. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).
4. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags (Prov. 23:20-21).
5. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine (Prov. 23:29-30).
6. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things (Prov. 23:31-33).
7. The obedience of Jonadab's son (of the house of the Rechabites) overrules the disobedience of God's chosen people, exemplifying a warning message to us in the 35th chapter of Jeremiah.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Mark 9:41, A Cup of Water to Drink in My Name
Tuesday	Isaiah 5:22, Woe unto <i>them that are</i> mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink.
Wednesday	John 4:10, Living Water
Thursday	John 4:14, The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water.
Friday	1 John 5:6, This is he that came by water and blood.
Saturday	Leviticus 10:9, Do not drink wine nor strong drink.
Sunday	Proverbs 20:1, Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging.

MEMORY VERSE: Leviticus 10:9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations.

LESSON 32

MARCH 19, 2023

A TIME OF TRIBULATION

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 24:4-14

4. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.
5. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
6. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
7. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
8. All these are the beginning of sorrows.
9. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
10. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
11. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
12. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
13. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
14. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

PURPOSE – To demonstrate that the great tribulation in the 24th chapter of Matthew is the same tribulation that will precede the coming of Christ.

PRACTICAL POINT – The way to heaven is through many tribulations. In the end, God will wipe away all tears.

COMMENTARY

Once you have been baptized with the ‘Baptism of Suffering’ (Ref. to 2nd Chief Overseer, Bishop M. F. L. Keith “Shall Women Lead” 2017 reprint, pgs. 18-19, Luke 12:50; Matt. 20:22-23). Then you can fully comprehend much of the endurance of the *great tribulation*. In reality, we will be persecuted, tempted, troubled in spirit, goods will be spoiled (*wealth, seed, good deeds, etc.*). It will be our final test of earthly hostility prior to the return of the Christ. The saints are to be taken out of the earth before the great judgment, and will unite with Christ to reign with Him. At this time, they are exempt from hunger and thirst, and will be fed by Jesus Christ.

“We believe there is a final judgment Day in store for all, both the good and the bad” (Church Decree).

Many of those that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, *and* some to shame and everlasting contempt (Dan. 12:2). Sinners will be justly judged, condemned, and separated from the righteous. The righteous shall be changed.

“We believe the House of God Which Is the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth is the waiting or preparing bride of Christ, and that when she is sufficiently prepared and made glorious without spot or wrinkle Christ will catch His bride away to the marriage supper of the Lamb to live and reign with Him for a period of a thousand years and that in this all the dead in Christ will rise first at the sounding of the first trumpet (Decree Book page 32).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?
2. It shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished (Dan. 12:7).
3. Daniel was instructed that the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.
4. But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father (Mark 13:32).
5. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh (Matt. 24:42, 44).
6. “But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how am I straitened until it be accomplished?” (Luke 12:50)

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Daniel 12:1, There shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.
Tuesday	Daniel 12:4, Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
Wednesday	Matthew 24:3, When shall these things be? What shall be the sign of the end of the world?
Thursday	Matthew 24:15, When you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel, stand in the holy place.
Friday	Matthew 24:29, The sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light.
Saturday	Acts 14:22, We must through much tribulation enter into God’s kingdom.
Sunday	1 Corinthians 15:51, Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 6:9-11 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled.

LESSON 33

MARCH 26, 2023

THE MYSTERY OF DEATH

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

50. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
51. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
52. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
53. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
54. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
55. O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?
56. The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.
57. But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

PURPOSE – To enlighten our knowledge about the mysteries surrounding death, and to broaden our understanding about what happens when we die.

PRACTICAL POINT – Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

COMMENTARY

Death is the total end of life on earth. To die is to cease from physically living. From the least to the greatest, we will all eventually die (*leave this present world*). Death is written of throughout the Old and New Testaments, but yet there is much that remains unknown and unexplained. Because we have not experienced death, we continue to speculate about it. Death arouses our curiosity. Death remains a mystery, but your answer to unlocking this mystery is in the Word of God.

Man dies and wastes away: yes, man gives up the ghost and where is he? Man lies down and rises not: till the heavens are no more. If a man die, shall he live again? Why does death remain so mysterious? What happens to the body at the time it dies and after the remains are disposed of? It is written: "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Eccl. 12:7).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. All that are in the grave shall hear His voice.
2. There is a resurrection of life and a resurrection of damnation.
3. There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.
4. Judgment must begin first at the House of God.
5. The righteous shall scarcely be saved.
6. The mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	1 Corinthians 15:26 The Last Enemy Destroyed
Tuesday	Matthew 16:28 Some Here Standing Shall not Taste Death
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 4:16 The Dead in Christ Shall Rise First
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 4:17 We Shall Be Caught Up to Meet the Lord
Friday	Ecclesiastes 3:20 All Will Return to Dust Again
Saturday	Genesis 3:19 Out of the Ground Were We Taken; Dust Shall We Return
Sunday	Revelation 14:13 Blessed <i>Are</i> the Dead which Die in the Lord

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 90:10 The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

LESSON 34

APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY THE KING IS COMING

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11

1. And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,
2. Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me.
3. And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.
4. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,
5. Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.
6. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

7. And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon.
8. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed *them* in the way.
9. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
10. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?
11. And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

PURPOSE – To show that Jesus Christ was set apart to be sacrificed for the whole world.

PRACTICAL POINT – Just as Jesus prepared for his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we also must make preparation to meet Jesus.

COMMENTARY

God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:17 On Palm Sunday Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Earlier, Jesus sent two of his disciples into the village saying unto them, go into the village and you shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, the Lord hath need of them; and they will send them.

We can see the scriptures being fulfilled...*thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.* The suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ has affected the whole world and the world will never be the same again.

The multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when Jesus came into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, who is this? And the multitude said, this is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. And Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all of them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves.
2. Jesus said, my house shall be called the house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves.
3. Jesus predicted his death: The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.
4. Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it dies, it bringeth forth much fruit.
5. When they spread their garments on Palm Sunday, Jesus was worthy.
6. When they spread palm leaves and Palm branches on Palm Sunday morning, Jesus was worthy.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Philippians 2:8, And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
Tuesday	Luke 24:2-3, And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

Wednesday	Luke 19:37, And when he was come nigh, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen.
Thursday	Isaiah 53:12,, He hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.
Friday	Psalms 118:24, This <i>is</i> the day <i>which</i> the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Saturday	John 12:13, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed <i>is</i> the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Sunday	John 11:25, Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

MEMORY VERSE: Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

LESSON 35

APRIL 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

MOTTO TEXT: John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 20:1-17

1. The first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.
2. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, they have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.
3. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.
4. So, they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter and came first to the sepulchre.
5. And he stooping down, *and looking in*, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.
6. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,
7. And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.
8. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.
9. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.
10. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.
11. But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, *and looked* into the sepulchre,

12. And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
13. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.
14. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.
15. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him, hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.
16. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.
17. Jesus saith unto her, touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and *to* my God, and your God.

PURPOSE – To show that God the Father is real and that He has power to raise the dead. If He does not possess this power, our faith is in vain.

PRACTICAL POINT – The Resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us hope of inheriting eternal life. Jesus shed His blood for the sins of all mankind. His shed blood has redeemed all.

COMMENTARY

Jesus was resurrected on the first day of the week. In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them (Matt. 28:1).

Although we celebrate Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, Jesus Christ's resurrection should be celebrated every day. The Lent season, practiced by Christians, is a time to lay aside sinful activities and habits. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of this period of repentance. Christians should not just repent during Lent but every day. Fasting during Lent should be done with a biblical perspective. We should not just wait for the Lent season to fast.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. God has begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3).
2. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him (1 Thess. 4:14).
3. If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you (Rom. 8:11).
4. To Christians, Easter is the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ three days after His crucifixion (Acts 10:39-40; 1 Cor. 15:4).
5. Easter Sunday is preceded by the season of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting and repentance.
6. If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; you are yet in your sins (1 Cor. 15:17).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	John 6:40, Everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6:14, God hath raised up the Lord and will also raise up us, by his own power.
Wednesday	Romans 6:4, We are buried with him by baptism into death.
Thursday	Daniel 12:2, And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame <i>and</i> everlasting contempt.
Friday	Acts 3:15, And you killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4:16, The dead in Christ shall rise first.
Sunday	Philippians 3:10, That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

LESSON 36

APRIL 16, 2023

GOD'S PLAN FOR MARRIAGE

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 2:7-25

7. And the Lord God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
8. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.
9. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
10. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.
11. The name of the first *is* Pison: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold;
12. And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.
13. And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.
14. And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.
15. And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.
18. And the Lord God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.
19. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.
20. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.
21. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
22. And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.
23. And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.
24. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
25. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

PURPOSE – To show that God has a divine plan for marriage, and to discourage any changes man desires to make to alter God’s divine plan, and to prove that man knows not how bones grow in the womb of a women (Eccl. 11:5).

PRACTICAL POINT – We believe in Christians marrying Christians and Saints marrying Saints, and sinners and unbelievers marrying (Decree Book page 39).

COMMENTARY

The institution of marriage and the concept of one man with one woman were created in the beginning by God. God placed the one man with the one woman in the Garden of Eden which became their home. God’s plan for marriage was created from the beginning when he said in Genesis 2:18 it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper. Spiritually, the man and the woman were no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, God has instructed man not to separate what HE has joined together.

After the created woman and man ate of the Tree of Knowledge, wisdom, like Grace, much more abounds (Rom. 5:20). Today, scientists can differentiate between the bones of a man and the bones of a female, as well as human bones and other vertebrate bones. Man, who focuses on the outer appearance, cannot determine God’s work within man, except to what the flesh does. God created male and female, enabling procreation and the continuity of populating earth. God’s plan of and for marriage still works!

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. God’s plan, not your plans.
2. For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD (Isa. 55:8)
3. Invite Jesus to your wedding (John 2:2).
4. To avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband (1 Cor. 7:2).

5. Have compassion for your spouse and show it.
6. Some have several living spouses, but are oblivious as what made each encounter *one flesh* to become their husbandman or their wife (John 4:15-18).
7. Beware of the eye-sin of adultery (Matt. 5:7-8) is still prevalent; this is a wicked weakness upon human flesh.
8. The call made is yet for one commitment in marriage.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Ephesians 5:23, The husband is the head of the wife.
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:25, Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church.
Wednesday	Ephesians 5:28, Men ought to love their wives as their own bodies.
Thursday	Ephesians 5:33, The wife should reverence her husband.
Friday	Isaiah 1:18, Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord.
Saturday	Ephesians 4:32, Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.
Sunday	1 Corinthians 7:5, Give yourselves to fasting and prayer.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

LESSON 37

APRIL 23, 2023

DO NOT ERR MY BELOVED BRETHREN

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 3:10; James 1:16 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways. Do not err, my beloved brethren.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 1:1-16

1. James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.
2. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
3. Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
4. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
6. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
7. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
8. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.
9. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
10. But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.
12. Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
13. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
14. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
16. Do not err, my beloved brethren.

PURPOSE – To warn the true saints of God not to be led away with the error of the wicked and fall from the grace of God.

PRACTICAL POINT – If any of you do err from the truth, he which convert the sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins (James 5:19-20).

COMMENTARY

Today, men continue to err in their heart concerning the Commandments of God. After much exhortation to the Twelve Tribes that were scattered in Antioch, Syrian, Cyprus and Phoenicia, James cautions the brethren not to err and fall into the snare of the devil.

Reader, beware of the works of the flesh which include, but is not limited to, adultery, fornication, witchcraft, hatred, and drunkenness. Be not deceived, they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Verse twelve states, “Blessed *is* the man that endures temptation.” In this Christian race we will be tried, but in the end we shall receive a crown of life which is promised by God to those who love Him.

When we spend much time gathering perishable wealth on earth, forgetting the wealth from God that can never perish, be tarnished, nor stolen, we forfeit eternal life (Matt. 6:20-21). Be not deceived, beloved brethren! Second Thessalonians 2:7-12, “The Mystery of Iniquity” emphasized, should never be forgotten.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Blessed is the man that endures temptation.
2. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God.
3. God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempt he any man.
4. Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
5. When lust has been conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Romans 8:8-9, They that are in the flesh cannot please God.
Tuesday	Proverbs 5:8, Come not nigh the door of her house.
Wednesday	Proverbs 2:18, Her house inclines unto death.
Thursday	Proverbs 7:27, Her house is the way to hell.
Friday	Proverbs 6:27, Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

Saturday	Romans 8:12-13, If you live after the flesh, you shall die:
Sunday	Romans 13:14, Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

LESSON 38

APRIL 30, 2023

THE BIBLE'S DOCTRINE ON PERFECTION

MOTTO TEXT: **Matthew 5:48** Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

ENTIRE LESSON: **Philippians 3:8-21**

8. Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,
9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
15. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.
16. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.
17. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.
18. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:
19. Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is* their belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)
20. For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
21. Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

PURPOSE – To acknowledge that even if you have not attained to the highest level of perfection, the Bible's doctrine on perfection is a true doctrine.

PRACTICAL POINT – Let us go on to perfection.

COMMENTARY

The church at Philippi was founded by Paul on his second missionary journey. Paul was in prison when he wrote this letter. His main concern was not his bonds, but rather to help the church to reach perfection and to advance the cause of Christ.

Paul states, “Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect.” In this verse Paul makes it clear that he was not perfect, but was pressing toward the mark of perfection. Only God can make us perfect in every good work. He equips and fully provides us with the spiritual tools needed: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we may live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. All of these attributes are achieved through following peace and holiness, without which, no one can see the Lord (Heb. 12:14).

The Bible’s Doctrine on perfection teaches that, 1) we must see that none render evil for evil, and to abstain from all appearance of evil; 2) God is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless; 3) He is coming back for a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, a holy church, without blemish.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. We can live godly in this present world.
- 2. As for God, His way is perfect.
- 3. Mark the perfect man.
- 4. Let us press toward the mark of perfection.
- 5. Let us walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing.
- 6. Job, a perfect and an upright man, one that fears God, and avoid evil.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Romans 6:14,18	Freed from Sin
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:11-13	Perfecting the Saints
Wednesday	Revelation 3:1-2	Imperfect Works Before God, not Before Man
Thursday	1 John 4:16-21	Perfect Love
Friday	1 Peter 5:10	Made Perfect
Saturday	James 3:2	Perfect Man
Sunday	Jude v. 24	Faultless

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**NATIONAL PRAYER DAY
PRAYER CHANGES THINGS**

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 16:25-26 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 16:16-34

1. And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:
2. The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.
3. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.
4. And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers,
5. And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,
6. And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.
7. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.
8. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:
9. Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.
10. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.
11. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.
12. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.
13. . But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.
14. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,
15. And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
16. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
17. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.
18. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.
19. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

PURPOSE – To acknowledge our sins, get right with God and be ready when Jesus returns.

PRACTICAL POINT – Take us back to Pentecost, when every Wednesday night was prayer night, everywhere in the House of God. Lord give us a Revival.

COMMENTARY

Our text takes us back to Paul and Silas...when they caught them and charged them and thrust them into the inner prison. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God...and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake... And the foundations of the prison were shaken... and immediately all the doors were opened.... and every one's bands were loosed. Prayer had changed things.

We have sinned and done wrong. We have done evil before God's eyes. But we know that Prayer Changes Things. We know that he that covers his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesses and forsakes *them* shall have mercy.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me (Psa. 51:3).
2. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow (Psa. 51:7).
3. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me (Psa. 51:10).
4. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me (Psa. 51:11).
5. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit (Psa. 51:12).
6. The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit and a contrite heart (Psa. 51:17).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Luke 18:1, Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5:17, Pray without ceasing.
Wednesday	Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven.
Thursday	Mark 11:24, When you pray, you also must believe.
Friday	Matthew 6:6, When you pray, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret.
Saturday	James 5:16, Pray one for another, that you may be healed.
Sunday	Ephesians 6:18, Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 34:17 *The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.*

MOTHER'S DAY
THERE IS NO LOVE LIKE A MOTHER'S LOVE

MOTTO TEXT: John 19:25-27 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home*.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 1:26-41

1. And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
2. To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name *was* Mary.
3. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women.
4. And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
5. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
6. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
7. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
8. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
9. And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
10. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.
11. For with God nothing shall be impossible.
12. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.
13. And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; 40. And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.
14. 41. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost.

PURPOSE – To honor mothers, the bearers of life as ordained by God.

PRACTICAL POINT – Honor your mother especially on today. Exodus 20:12 explains why: Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

COMMENTARY

There is no love like a mother's love. We encourage mothers today, throughout the House of God Church, do not lose faith, nor your joy, but most of all do not lose your Holy Ghost. Mothers, Sometimes, all you have to hold on to is your faith. Your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:5

If your mother is alive today, you are blessed. We thank God for every mother in Jesus precious name, and to mothers around the world. Lord touch mothers everywhere who have cried all night long. Break the shackles, loose the pains and break every chain. Lift heavy burdens, lift every dark cloud, let every mother rejoice because her faith is spoken of throughout the world.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. My son, forsake not the law of thy mother. Proverbs 6:20
2. Do not despise your mother when she is old. Proverbs 23:22
3. Honour thy father and mother; (the first commandment with promise) Ephesians 6:2
4. The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame. Proverbs 29:15
5. Mother's Day is celebrated each year in the United States, the second Sunday in May.
6. Mothers are loved forever.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Isaiah 49:15 Can a woman forget her sucking child?
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1:5 I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.
Wednesday	Leviticus 19:3 Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I <i>am</i> the LORD your God.
Thursday	Titus 2:3 The aged women must <i>be</i> in behavior as becometh holiness.
Friday	Titus 2:4 The aged women must teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children.
Saturday	Titus 2:5 The aged women must teach the young women to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
Sunday	Psalms 34:11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY

MOTTO TEXT: James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 3:1-12

1. My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
2. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.
3. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
4. Behold also the ships, which though *they* be so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
5. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
6. And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
7. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:
8. But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
9. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
10. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
11. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?
12. Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

PURPOSE – To challenge all Christians to choose their words very carefully, keeping their tongue from evil and their lips from speaking guile.

PRACTICAL POINT – Remember that a soft answer will turn away wrath; but grievous words will stir up anger.

COMMENTARY

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. *He that* backbiteth not with his tongue. Psalm 15:1-3 Choose your words carefully because the Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and all tongues that speak proud things. Many will boast and say, “With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?”

Pastors, be careful with words. Your speech and your preaching should not be with enticing words full of man's wisdom. Your speech and your preaching should demonstrate the power and wisdom of Almighty God. Paul did not come before the brethren with "excellency of speech." You do not have to be eloquent, but contemptible speech will get you in trouble.

Let your speech please the Lord.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man.
2. The tongue is a little member and boasts great things.
3. The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity.
4. The tongue can no man tame.
5. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing.
6. Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Ephesians 5:6, Vain words
Tuesday	Colossians 2:4, Enticing words
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2:5, Flattering words
Thursday	Psalm 10:7, Cursing, deceit, and fraud
Friday	Titus 2:7-8, Sound speech that cannot be condemned
Saturday	Colossians 4:6, Speech seasoned with salt
Sunday	Proverbs 17:7, Excellent speech

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 5:9 For *there* is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part *is* very wickedness; their throat *is* an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

LESSON 42

MAY 28, 2023

FALSE PROPHETS AND FALSE TEACHERS

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Peter 2:1-22

1. But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
2. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
3. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.
4. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

5. And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
6. And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;
7. And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
8. (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)
9. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:
10. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.
11. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.
12. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;
13. And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, *as* they that count it pleasure to riot in the daytime. Spots *they are* and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;
14. Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:
15. Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son* of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
16. But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.
17. These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.
18. For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.
19. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.
20. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.
21. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.
22. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

PURPOSE – To warn against false prophets and false teachers who serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly.

PRACTICAL POINT – Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because there are many false prophets and false teachers in the world (refer to 1 John 4:1).

COMMENTARY

There have always been false prophets among God's people, even as there are false teachers among us today. They continue to bring in their false doctrines, even denying the Holy Ghost and the real power of God. Many have followed them by leaving the church and speaking evil of the truth.

Beware of counterfeit religion and preachers that use deceptive means and words to make merchandise of you. You shall know them by their fruits. They walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise governments. They are self-willed and are not afraid to speak evil of the leaders of the church. They speak evil of the things that they do not understand; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption.

God will not spare those who live ungodly, but will cast them into hell, and deliver them into the chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves (Matt. 7:15).
2. False prophets are often murmurers and complainers, walking after their own lusts.
3. False prophets have unclean spirits. Their spirits are the spirits of devils and can even work miracles. Read Revelation 16:13-14.
4. All false prophets will be cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
5. False prophets preach another Jesus, whom we have not preached. They have received another spirit, which we have not received. They teach another gospel, which we have not accepted.
6. When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him (Deut. 18:22).
7. Realize, however, the wonder may come to pass, but it is only to test and prove your faith. It is a lying wonder! You must have a deaf ear and blind eyes to what you heard or saw as proof or your love/loyalty to the LORD your God as well as what you have been taught, established in sound/proven faithfulness (Deut. 13:1-3; Titus 1:9; Col. 2:6-7; 2 Thess. 2:15).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Jeremiah 14:15, I sent them not.
Tuesday	Jeremiah 14:16, People to whom they prophesy shall be cast in the streets.
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 11:13, Such are false apostles, deceitful workers.
Thursday	2 Corinthians 11:14, Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
Friday	2 Corinthians 11:15, Ministers of Satan are transformed as ministers of righteousness.
Saturday	Mark 13:22, False prophets shall rise, showing signs and wonders.
Sunday	Matthew 24:11, Many false prophets shall rise, deceiving many.

MEMORY VERSE: Jeremiah 14:14 Then the LORD said unto me, the prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

LIFE HAS NO MEANING WITHOUT CHRIST

MOTTO TEXT: **Mark 8:36** For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 12:11-34

1. 11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and *unto* magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:
2. 12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.
3. 13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.
4. 14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?
5. 15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.
6. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:
7. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
8. 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
9. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.
10. 20 But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
11. 21 So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.
12. 22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.
13. 23 The life is more than meat, and the body *is more* than raiment.
14. 24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?
15. 25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?
16. 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?
17. 27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
18. 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more *will he clothe* you, O ye of little faith?
19. 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.
20. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
21. 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
22. 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

23. 33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.
24. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

PURPOSE – To show that our lives have meaning today only because Jesus Christ, and that being justified by his grace we are made heirs to the Kingdom of God.

PRACTICAL POINT – The riches of this world will fade away, but he that doeth the will of God will abide forever. Seek God's will and all other things will be added unto you.

COMMENTARY

So, you won the lottery, now what? You won the Super Bowl, so what? You built the biggest house in town and you drive only the best automobiles. You have said to yourself, Soul, thou has much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry, but God says, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou has provided? For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world, and the world passes away and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever (1John 2:16-17).

Our life has no meaning without Jesus Christ. In him we live and move and have our being. If there is no God, then what are we living for? If there is no Heaven nor Hell, where are we going to spend eternity? Jesus is the center of our joy. Life has no meaning without him.

There is a better life than our earthly life. Therefore, let us go on to perfection. We have been made partakers of the Holy Ghost and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come. God has enlightened us and we have received his heavenly gift. We must never deny him nor try to live this life without him. All power has been given unto Jesus Christ in heaven and on earth. Life truly has no meaning without him.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Jesus said, I am come that you might have life.
2. I am the way, truth and the life
3. I am the bread of life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger.
4. I am the light of the world: he that followeth me, shall not walk in darkness.
5. Only Jesus saves. There is no Salvation without him.
6. There is no reconciliation back to God without Christ.

DAILY HOME READINGS

- Monday Psalm 14:1, The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.
- Tuesday Psalm 31:24, Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart.
- Wednesday Ecclesiastes 6:12, For who knows what *is* good in *this* life?
- Thursday Revelation 2:10, Be faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.
- Friday 1 John 5:13, That you may know that you have eternal life.
- Saturday 1 John 5:12, He that has the Son of God has life.
- Sunday Titus 1:2, The God of hope has promised eternal life.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

THE CHIEF HELPER MEETS THE LEADER

MOTTO TEXT: HOSEA 11:1 When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

ENTIRE LESSON: EXODUS 4:18-31

18. And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which *are* in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.
19. And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.
20. And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.
21. And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.
22. And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn:
23. And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, *even* thy firstborn.
24. And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.
25. Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast *it* at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband *art* thou to me.
26. So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband *thou art*, because of the circumcision.
27. And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.
28. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.
29. And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:
30. And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.
31. And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

PURPOSE – To assist in answering the prayer of deliverance.

PRACTICAL POINT – When we obey God will come to our rescue.

EXPLANATION AND GLOSSARY

It is interesting to note the change of events. There was a time when Egypt and Israel were enemies. During the Birth of Christ they were on friendly terms. Before Christ, Egypt had the Israelites in bondage. Now Egypt and Israel are friendly to a certain extent.

Our lesson is about the Lord giving Moses a message for Pharoah. Aaron meets Moses and deliverance was announced to Israel. Aaron became Moses' Chief Helper.

Many are concerned as to why we have Chief Helpers among our officials. We are not the first. Moses was one of the first.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Your friends today may be your enemies tomorrow.
2. Your enemies today may be your friends tomorrow.
3. Keep your eyes open and do not let an opportunity pass to make a friend.
4. Remember, God always recognizes the leader.
5. It is good to have the ability to speak for someone
6. The Doctrine of your Church is a Bible Doctrine. You should always study your Bible and Decree book.

DAILY HOME READING

Monday	Deuteronomy 26:7, God's Hears His Own
Tuesday	Exodus 3:7, God Sees Affliction of Israel
Wednesday	Exodus 3:16, Moses Commissioned
Thursday	Exodus 3: 1, The Burning Bush
Friday	Numbers 22:38, Balaam and Balak
Saturday	Numbers 26:59, Amran and Jochebed
Sunday	2 Samuel 14:3, 19, The Strategy of Joab

MEMORY VERSE: EXODUS 12:27 That ye shall say, It *is* the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

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LESSON 45

JUNE 18, 2023

FATHER'S DAY

EVERY FATHER SHOULD MARK THE PERFECT MAN

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 37:37 Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man is peace.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 JOHN 3:1-12

1. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
2. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
3. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

4. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.
5. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.
6. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.
7. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.
8. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
9. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
10. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.
11. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.
12. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

PURPOSE – To encourage every father to follow righteousness and seek the Lord in all his ways.

PRACTICAL POINT – Seek the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

COMMENTARY

Today, we celebrate Father's Day across America and in many countries around the world. To become a father is a gift from God. Cherish it, honor it, and respect what God has allowed. It has been said that almost any male can make a baby, but can you be a real father to that child? Every father should strive for perfection. Jesus said, I have given you an example that you should do as I have done unto you.

There is a scarcity of Good Fathers today whose family survival is not a priority, who do not bring home the money, who do not take care of their family and are not good providers. Fathers, our mothers are praying for us that we become the head of the family while finding our true place in the House of God. We must press our way to church and stop letting only women full the pews.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Today we celebrate Fathers everywhere.
2. Every father should set a good example and follow in JESUS footsteps.
3. The perfect man is blameless and peaceable, follow Him.
4. Every child needs a father who will help lead and guide him.
5. The Father should be the head of the house.
6. Let the wicked (father) forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:7

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Psalm 7:10, My defense is with God, who saves the upright in heart.
Tuesday	Psalm 103:13, As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.
Wednesday	Ephesians 6:4, Fathers provoke not your children to wrath.
Thursday	Proverbs 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Friday	Proverbs 23:24, The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.
Saturday	Psalm 127:3-4, Children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
Sunday	Proverbs 23:22, Listen to your father who gave you life, and despise not your mother when she is old.

MEMORY VERSE: James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

THEME IV
NO TIME TO TURN BACK FROM GOD
And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book:
for the time is at hand.
Revelation 22:10
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LESSON 46

JUNE 25, 2023

ALEXANDER THE COPPERSMITH DID ME MUCH EVIL

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Timothy 4:14-15 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Timothy 4:6-18

6. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
7. I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:
8. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.
9. Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:
10. For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.
11. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.
12. And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.
13. The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring *with thee*, and the books, *but* especially the parchments.
14. Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:
15. Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.
16. At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I pray God* that it may not be laid to their charge.
17. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.
18. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PURPOSE – To show that the Lord will deliver the righteous out of the hands of unjust and evil men, and that there will be no reward in heaven for evil men and those who oppose God’s authority.

PRACTICAL POINT – No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. Isaiah 54:17

COMMENTARY

According to the Bible, the mean man shall be brought down. Evildoers shall be cut off: but those who wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. In a little while, the wicked shall not exist.

It has been said that you are not accountable for how others treat you, but you are accountable for how you treat others. Follow after peace with everyone. Put away all evil ways and habits and let brotherly love continue.

Just as Paul said in our lesson, Alexander the coppersmith did him much evil, the wicked also plots against the just, but the Lord shall laugh at him: for God sees and knows that his day is coming. Even as wicked and evil men have drawn out their sword to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay those who stand for righteousness, their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Touch not my anointed, and do my prophets no harm. (Read Psalm 105:15)
2. Beware of greedy and vain men. They serve their own belly.
3. When men do you wrong, do not pray that God would take them out of the world, but pray, rather, that God would keep them from evil. (Read John 17:15)
4. But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. (Read Matthew 5:44)
5. How to be a perfect child of God and fulfill God's law (Mat. 5:45-48; Rom. 13:10)

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Isaiah 5:15, The Mean Man Shall Be brought Down
Tuesday	Romans 12:19-21, I Will Repay, Saith the Lord
Wednesday	2 Timothy 3:13, Evil Men and Seducers Shall Wax Worse and Worse
Thursday	Proverbs 28:5, Evil Men Do not Understand Judgment
Friday	Proverbs 24:1, Be not Envious Against Evil Men
Saturday	Proverbs 4:14, Do not Go in the Way of Evil Men
Sunday	Proverbs 6:24-25, Stay Away from the Evil Woman

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 24:19 Fret not thyself because of evil *men*, neither be thou envious at the wicked.

LESSON 47

JULY 2, 2023

BITTERNESS

MOTTO TEXT: Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 12:9-21

9. *Let love* be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10. *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;
11. Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
12. Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
13. Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
14. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.
15. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.
16. *Be* of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
17. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
18. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
19. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.
20. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.
21. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

PURPOSE – To remind us that bitterness, anger and malice should not be named once among the saints.

PRACTICAL POINT – Do not hold bitterness in your heart. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

COMMENTARY

Bitterness is a weight. It must be put aside. Paul's instruction to the church was to let all bitterness, wrath and anger cease from among the saints. Bitterness is defined as hatred, intense antagonism, or hostility against someone. Bitterness is having a harsh disagreeable taste or dislike for someone. We must learn to forget the bitterness of the past and follow peace with all men.

If you have bitterness, envying and strife in your heart, do not let the sun go down on your wrath. How can we bless God and at the same time curse our brother? Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My beloved brethren, these things ought not so to be (James 3:10).

To everyone that is sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, we must not be filled with bitterness. We do not want to die with bitterness in our heart and soul, for there is no repenting after death.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Let brotherly love continue.
2. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you," not bitterness.
3. Bless them which persecute you. Bless, not curse.
4. The anger of the Lord endures but a moment (Psalm 30:5). Follow His example.
5. A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.
6. Will you die in bitterness, never forgiving, nor being forgiven?

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Jonah 4:2	Slow to Anger
Tuesday	Romans 12:10	Be Kind
Wednesday	Galatians 5:19-21	The Works of the Flesh

Thursday	Colossians 3:8	Put off Anger.
Friday	Colossians 3:21	Never Provoke Children to Anger
Saturday	Acts 23:9	Let Us not Fight Against God
Sunday	Titus 3:3	Living in Malice

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 8:23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

LESSON 48

JULY 9, 2023

ARE YOU SAVED THE BIBLE WAY?

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
6. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
7. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
8. And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
9. Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
10. Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
11. Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.
12. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
13. Others mocking said, these men are full of new wine.
14. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
15. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.
16. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:
18. And on my servants and on my handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:
19. And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:
20. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:
21. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

PURPOSE – To let the world know that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners and that except you are born again you cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

PRACTICAL POINT – He which converts the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins. James 5:20

COMMENTARY

The subject asks the question, Are You Saved the Bible Way? Why do we have such a hard time believing what we read in the Bible? Why do we read some Scriptures and believe, and read others and do not believe? Who then can be saved?

The same Bible that continuously says whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved, is the same Bible that says, “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Are you saved the Bible way?

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Are you saved the Bible way?

Are you washed in the blood? Why tarriest thou? For what are you waiting? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all sin.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? Acts 19:2
2. If you say that you are saved, but do not have the Holy Ghost, what are you saved from?
3. It is written: She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21
4. If you say you have the Holy Ghost, but have never spoke in tongues, where is the Bible evidence?
5. These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues. Mark 16:17

6. Tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not.
1 Corinthians 14:22

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Ephesians 2:8-9, For by grace are ye saved through faith.
Tuesday	Acts 2:38, Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
Wednesday	Mark 16:16, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
Thursday	Matthew 7:21, Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.
Friday	Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Saturday	Acts 22:16, And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
Sunday	John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

LESSON 49

JULY 16, 2023

DISOBEDIENCE WILL CAUSE YOU TO LOSE YOUR BLESSINGS

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 1:19-20 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 3:1-24

1. Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
2. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
3. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
4. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
5. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
6. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
7. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.
9. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?
10. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.
11. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
12. And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
13. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.
14. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:
15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.
17. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;
18. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.
20. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.
21. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.
22. And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
23. Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
24. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

PURPOSE – To show that there are showers of blessings for those who will keep his commandments but if we refuse and rebel we can lose our blessings.

PRACTICAL POINT – God's word is very plain. There are blessings if we obey. There are curses if we disobey.

COMMENTARY

The temptation of Eve by Satan through the serpent in the Garden of Eden was the earliest act of disobedience to God's Commandment. The Lord God commanded man in Genesis 2:16-17 saying, "Of every tree of the garden thou may freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, **thou shalt not eat of it:** for in the day that thou eat

thereof thou shall surely die.” Eve was very aware of God’s Commandment as she repeated these words to the serpent in Genesis 3:2-3. Because of this act of disobedience, the Lord God sent Adam and Eve forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence they were taken. God drove them out and placed Cherubims at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

We must consider ourselves duty-bound to be the flaming swords to **LIGHT** the way to the Tree of Everlasting Life that leads all to Christ, in every area of our lives. It becomes easy when we truly know and serve God in righteous obedience to God’s Word and live in True Holiness (Eph. 4:24).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. God said do not eat of the Tree of Knowledge which is in the midst of the garden.
- 2. When Eve saw that the tree was good for food, she did eat and gave the fruit also to her husband, Adam, who did not question her.
- 3. Everything that looks good may not be good for you.
- 4. Both Adam and Eve were disobedient to God’s Commandment.
- 5. God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden.
- 6. Disobedience to God’s Commandments will cause you to lose your blessings.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Deuteronomy 28:15-19, If Thou Will not Hearken unto the Voice of the Lord
Tuesday	Genesis 3:3-6, The Tree Which Is in the Midst of the Garden.
Wednesday	Genesis 3:23-24, Adam and Eve lost their home because of disobedience.
Thursday	Genesis 19:17, 26, God commanded Lot not to look back; to his wife, the message fell on deaf ears.
Friday	Numbers 20:10-12, Moses’ disobedience caused him to not enter into the promise land.
Saturday	1 Samuel 13:11-14, Saul lost his throne due to disobedience.
Sunday	Luke 6:46, Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 2:2-3 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

LESSON 50

JULY 23, 2023

CHOOSE THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE

MOTTO TEXT: Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

ENTIRE LESSON: Joshua 24:13-28

13. And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.
14. Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.
15. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
16. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods;
17. For the Lord our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:
18. And the Lord drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve the Lord; for he *is* our God.
19. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the Lord: for he *is* an holy God; he *is* a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.
20. If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.
21. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the Lord.
22. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.
23. Now therefore put away, *said he*, the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel.
24. And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.
25. So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.
26. And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the Lord.
27. And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.
28. So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

PURPOSE – To warn believers of Christ that no one can serve two masters; one will always be loved above the other.

PRACTICAL POINT – If we obey God's voice and keep His Commandments, we will be a peculiar treasure unto the Lord above all people.

COMMENTARY

Within God's First and Second Commandments (Exo. 20:3-6) we find to neither have nor serve any other gods before or above Him. He is the true and living God, the Father of Jesus, the only Begotten Son. Jesus said in John 12:26, "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my*

Father honor.” We must serve the one and only God of all humanity. We should not serve idol gods, sin, nor Satan anymore. Paul says in Romans 6:16, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” All souls belong to God and in that final judgment, all souls shall serve him.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. The unsaved has said, “It *is* vain to serve God” (Mal. 3:14).
2. The Bible says, “Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve” (Matt. 4:10; Luke 4:8).
3. We should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter (Rom. 7:6).
4. When we war after the flesh, we serve the law of sin (2 Cor. 10:2-3).
5. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23).
6. Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great *things* he hath done for you (1 Sam. 12:24).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Isaiah 1:3, The ox knows his owner.
Tuesday	Psalm 24:1, The earth <i>is</i> the LORD’s.
Wednesday	Psalm 50:10, Every beast of the forest belongs to God.
Thursday	Haggai 2:8, The silver <i>is</i> mine, and the gold <i>is</i> mine, saith the LORD of hosts.
Friday	Romans 14:7, For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.
Saturday	1 Corinthians 6:19, Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.
Sunday	Ezekiel 18:4, The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

MEMORY VERSE: Daniel 3:17-18 If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

LESSON 51

JULY 30, 2023

THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 69:4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 53:1-12

1. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?
2. For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.
3. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
5. But he was wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
8. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
9. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.
10. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.
11. He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
12. Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

PURPOSE – To demonstrate how some, including church members, will hate you without a cause.

PRACTICAL POINT – Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause (Psa. 35:19).

COMMENTARY

To hate is to have extreme dislike for someone or something. First John 4:20 says, “If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? David said that my heart is sore pained within me, “For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it*: neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did magnify *himself* against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But *it was* thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together and walked unto the house of God in company” (Psa. 55:12-14). Sometimes our hardest fight is within the church with our dear brothers and sisters who choose to hate us without a cause.

They hated Jesus without a cause. He was despised and rejected. The Bible says, “He came unto his own, and his own received him not” (John 1:11), and even one that sat and ate with Him betrayed Him (Luke 22:21).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Jesus Christ committed no sin. They hated Him without a cause.
2. My enemies wrongfully rejoice over me.
3. All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt. (Psa. 41:7).

4. *There is* yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil (2 Chron. 18:7).
5. But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment (Matt. 5:22).
6. Hatred stirs up strife: but love covers all sins (Prov. 10:12).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Mark 15:13-14, Crucify him.
Tuesday	John 15:25, They hated me without a cause,
Wednesday	Psalm 119:161, Princes have persecuted me without a cause, but my heart standeth in awe of God's word.
Thursday	Psalm 25:19, They hate me with cruel hatred.
Friday	Psalm 109:3, Surround with Words of Hatred
Saturday	1 John 3:13, Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.
Sunday	John 15:18, If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

MEMORY VERSE: Titus 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

LESSON 52

AUGUST 6, 2023

FAMILY SUNDAY THE FAMILY OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 4:20-23 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

ENTIRE LESSON: Proverbs 4:1-15

1. Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.
2. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.
3. For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother.
4. He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.
5. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.
6. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.
7. Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
8. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.
9. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

10. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.
11. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.
12. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
13. Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.
14. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.
15. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

PURPOSE- To strengthen the family by promoting love, fellowship and unity among family members and members of the local church congregation. To provide an atmosphere where God's word can be taught to all.

PRACTICAL POINT- Sound the trumpet, call a solemn assembly, gather your children and all members of your family into the house of the LORD because Sunday is Family Worship Sunday, a time that your entire family can worship together in one setting.

COMMENTARY

There is a family in Heaven. There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 1 John 5:7 There is a family in earth. The family in heaven and the family on earth must wear the same name. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. Ephesians 3:14-15

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Ephesians 5:22
2. Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1
3. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people. Leviticus 19:17
4. If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well. James 2:8
5. Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4
6. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 1 Corinthians 6:18

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Genesis 2:24, Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
Tuesday	1 Timothy 5:8, But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.
Wednesday	Exodus 20:12, Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
Thursday	Proverbs 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Friday	Colossians 3:20, Children, obey <i>your</i> parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
Saturday	1 Timothy 3:5, For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?

Sunday Psalm 128:3, Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house:
thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so
love his wife even as himself; and the wife *see* that she reverence *her* husband.

LESSON 53

AUGUST 13, 2023

ANOINT ME LORD WITH THE HOLY GHOST

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the
devil; for God was with him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 10:34-48

34. Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter
of persons:
35. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with
him.
36. The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ:
(he is Lord of all:)
37. That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began
from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
38. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went
about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with
him.
39. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in
Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
40. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
41. Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat
and drink with him after he rose from the dead.
42. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was
ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.
43. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in
him shall receive remission of sins.
44. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the
word.
45. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with
Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.
46. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
47. Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the
Holy Ghost as well as we?
48. And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they
him to tarry certain days.

PURPOSE – To feel the power of the Holy Ghost under the anointing of God.

PRACTICAL POINT – Truly lift up Jesus under the anointing.

COMMENTARY

When we feel the anointing of the Holy Ghost we can rejoice in the Lord. Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, we can help to save others. Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost Jesus said that we shall lay hands on the sick and the sick shall recover. The Holy Ghost is our keeper, the Holy Ghost is our guide.

Anoint me Lord with the Holy Ghost. It is written: “The God of our fathers has chosen you, that you should know his will, and see that Just One, and should hear the voice of his mouth (*words from his mouth*). For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:14-16).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

7. Never let your faith stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
1. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
2. The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, HE has anointed me to preach the gospel (Chron. 16:22).
3. Touch not my anointed and do my prophet no harm (1 Chron. 16:22).
4. The anointing which ye have received of him abides in you (1 John 2:27).
5. You have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things (1 John 2:20).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Psalm 23:5, Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Tuesday	Joshua 1:5, As I was with Moses, <i>so</i> I will be with thee.
Wednesday	Romans 8:11, Let the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you.
Thursday	Joel 2:28, And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.
Friday	Psalm 89:20, I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.
Saturday	Leviticus 8:12, And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.
Sunday	Zechariah 4:6, Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

WHEN YOUR BROTHER FALLS

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Peter 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

ENTIRE LESSON: Hebrews 6:1-12

1. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
2. Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
3. And this will we do, if God permit.
4. For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,
5. And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,
6. If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.
7. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:
8. But that which beareth thorns and briers *is* rejected, and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.
9. But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.
10. For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.
11. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:
12. That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

PURPOSE – To show that there is a difference between a backslider and one who falls away.

PRACTICAL POINT – Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

COMMENTARY

Do not rejoice when your brother or sister falls, when trouble and destruction enters into their lives. Remember, “The thief (*Satan*) cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy” (John 10:10). Do not wish tragedy or misfortune on anyone, nor mock them when they stumble. If you do, it is possible that the Lord may turn away His anger from your brother and pour His anger out on you. For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief. Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him” (Proverbs 24:16-18).

If a brother falls whom you consider to be an enemy, do not pray that the Lord will take them out of the world, pray rather that the Lord would keep them from doing evil deeds. “I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil” (John 17:15).

When your brother falls, he can be forgiven. “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against* the *Holy Ghost* shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come” (Matthew 12:31-32).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. There is no is helping to lift one who falls.
- 2. Obstacles will be along every path one takes.
- 3. The strong can help to bear the infirmity of the weak.
- 4. The older ones are there to help lift the younger ones with guiding wisdom.
- 5. Experience is a great teacher, but observation of another’s fall will guide many away from hurt and pain.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Matthew 12:31, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven... but the blasphemy <i>against</i> the <i>Holy Ghost</i> shall not be forgiven unto men.
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 10:12, They measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.
Wednesday	Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
Thursday	Luke 8:13, These have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.
Friday	Jude 1:24, Unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present <i>you</i> faultless before the presence of his glory.
Saturday	Psalm 35:13, When they were sick, my clothing <i>was</i> sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting.
Sunday	Psalm 35:15, But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together against me, and I knew <i>it</i> not.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

TEACH ME, O LORD

MOTTO TEXT: **Psalm 119:33** Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 119:33-48

33. Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto* the end.
34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.
35. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.
36. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
37. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way.
38. Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is *devoted* to thy fear.
39. Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments *are* good.
40. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.
41. Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.
42. So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.
43. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.
44. So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.
45. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.
46. I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.
47. And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.
48. My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

PURPOSE – To emphasize that God will teach good judgment and knowledge to all who believe His Commandments.

PRACTICAL POINT – Lead me to the truth, and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

COMMENTARY

to live by your commandments, and I will keep them, observe them, and follow them to the end. Let the Spirit of the Living God be upon me. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. **Psalm 27:4**

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Teach me, O Lord to follow your decrees.
2. Humble me that I might repent of any uncleanness, fornication, and lasciviousness which I have committed.
3. Show me your ways, direct me in your paths.
4. Preserve me from trouble and Keep me from the hands of the wicked.
5. Give me a right understanding of your Word. Teach me to do your will.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	James 1:22, Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.
Tuesday	Romans 2:13, The doers of the law shall be justified.
Wednesday	Psalms 61:2, Lead me to the rock <i>that</i> is higher than I.
Thursday	Jude v. 24, He is able to keep you from falling, and to present <i>you</i> faultless.
Friday	2 Timothy 3:17, That the man of God may be perfect.
Saturday	James 4:17, To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth <i>it</i> not, to him it is sin.
Sunday	Hebrews 10:26, If we sin willfully, after receiving THE knowledge, we have no more sacrifice for sins.

MEMORY VERSE: James 3:13 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

LESSON 57

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

EVANGELISM SUNDAY LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST

MOTTO TEXT: John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 4:13-35

13. Jesus answered and said unto her, whosoever drunketh of this water shall thirst again:
14. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
15. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.
16. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.
17. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, thou hast well said, I have no husband:
18. For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.
19. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.
20. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.
21. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.
22. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.
23. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
24. God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.
25. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.
27. And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?
28. The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,
29. Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?
30. Then they went out of the city and came unto him.
31. In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.
32. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.
33. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him *ought* to eat?
34. Jesus saith unto them, my meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
35. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

PURPOSE – This is the true meaning of evangelism, to teach others about Jesus Christ that they may go and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

PRACTICAL POINT – Do not be afraid to teach and preach the truth. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready to *give* an answer to every man that ask you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:15

COMMENTARY

Jesus made it plain that there was a difference between spiritual water and natural water. He told the woman from Samaria that if she drank of the water from Jacob's Well she would continue to be thirsty. But if she drank of the water from that spiritual rock, Christ Jesus, she would never thirst. The water that Jesus gives leads to eternal life.

The woman said unto Jesus, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw, vs.15.

In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified. John 7:37-39

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Jesus is that living water.
2. The living water is symbolic of the Holy Ghost.
3. I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. Acts 2:17
4. This is Jesus who God raised up.
5. I have no husband.
6. Jesus is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.

DAILY HOME READINGS

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| Monday | Luke 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. |
| Tuesday | John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and <i>of</i> the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. |

Wednesday	John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Thursday	Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power.
Friday	Matthew 9:37 The harvest truly <i>is</i> plenteous, but the laborers <i>are</i> few.
Saturday	Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
Sunday	Genesis 8:22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.

MEMORY VERSE: John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

LESSON 58

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

GRANDPARENTS' DAY HOLY GHOST FILLED GRANDCHILDREN

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 2:38-39 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 2:40-52

40. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.
41. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.
42. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.
43. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not *of it*.
44. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance.
45. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.
46. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.
47. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.
48. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.
49. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?
50. And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.
51. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.
52. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

PURPOSE – To teach and encourage our grandchildren that they too must be born again.
PRACTICAL POINT – Cry aloud, to your very own grandchildren: do not be surprised that I say unto you, you must be born again. **John 3:7**

COMMENTARY

God wants to bless all children. Grandchildren are a heritage from the Lord. I will open the windows of heaven and pour them out a blessing that they will not have room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10 Therefore, Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:14 And all your children *shall be* taught by the LORD; and great *shall be* the peace of your children. Isaiah 54:13

We must teach our grandchildren that God the Father is real, God the Son is real, and that God the Holy Ghost is real also. There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 1 John 5:7 Holy Ghost filled grand children must be about their Father’s business. Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the training and instructions of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 Fathers have a God given responsibility to not abandon the family.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. They brought young children to Jesus, that he should touch them. Mark 10:13
- 2. Jesus took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them. Mark 10:16
- 3. Fathers and Mothers are to encourage, inspire and uplift; not tear down your children.
- 4. If your grandchildren receive the Holy Ghost before age 11, please remember they are still children, not adults.
- 5. Even our grandchildren can be a witness for Jesus, after becoming filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 6. Teach your grandchildren to attend their church services, not forsaking the assembling together, as the manner of some *is*; but encouraging *one another*. Hebrews 10:25

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Luke 1:15, He shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.
Tuesday	Luke 1:41, When Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost.
Wednesday	Luke 1:44, As soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.
Thursday	Luke 2:49, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?
Friday	1 Timothy 3:4 Rule your home; keep your children in subjection.
Saturday	Genesis 28:14, Thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.
Sunday	3 John 1:4, I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

STRIVE TO ENTER IN AT THE STRAIT GATE

MOTTO TEXT: **Luke 13:24** Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 13:18-30

18. Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?
19. It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.
20. And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?
21. It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.
22. And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.
23. Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,
24. Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.
25. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:
26. Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.
27. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.
28. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out.
29. And they shall come from the east, and *from* the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.
30. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

PURPOSE – To warn everyone that the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:29). Wherever your resurrection is, there will you spend eternity.

PRACTICAL POINT – Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God (John 3:5).

COMMENTARY

Where will you spend eternity? The choice is totally yours. If should never almost seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, yet must choose whom you will serve. The downward road is crowded. The gate is wide, the way is broad, and it leads to destruction. Many are now on this downward road. But strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and only a few will find it.

Make the right decision today. Call on the name of Jesus and be saved. You have an invitation and there is a seat waiting for you in the Kingdom of God. If you choose to

continue in sin, you will be lost. Once Jesus Christ returns and the door is shut, if you are standing on the outside of the door, it will be much too late. You will not be able to plead your case once the door has been closed.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. There is a gate that leads to heaven.
2. Enter in at the strait gate; it is too narrow to make a U-Turn.
3. A highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it (Isa. 35:8).
4. Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city (Rev. 22:14).
5. Hell has enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure (Isa. 5:14).
6. Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of my enemies; make thy way straight before my face (Psa. 5:8).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Revelation 20:10, Tormented day and night for ever and ever.
Tuesday	Luke 16:22-24, In hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments.
Wednesday	Matthew 25:6, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
Thursday	Matthew 25:10, They that were ready went in with him to the marriage.
Friday	John 3:5, Born of Water and of the Spirit
Saturday	Matthew 7:21, Not everyone shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.
Sunday	Matthew 5:20, Your righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees.

MEMORY VERSE: John 5:28-29 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

LESSON 60

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

BLESSED

MOTTO TEXT: James 1:12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12

1. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
2. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
3. Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4. Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
5. Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6. Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7. Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8. Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9. Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
10. Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11. Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
12. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

PURPOSE – To remind us that, Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful (Psa. 1:1).

PRACTICAL POINT – If we follow Jesus, we will be blessed. Ephesians 2:8, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God.” You are blessed.

COMMENTARY

Blessed means *happy*. Christ promised blessings to all who follow Him. “I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the House of the Lord. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD *he is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name. For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.” (See Psalm 122:1, 100:1-5)

“If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:... Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field. Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store. Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out” (Deut. 28:1-6).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curseth thee.
2. “Blessed *is he* whose transgression *is* forgiven, whose sin *is* covered” (Psa. 32:1)
3. If you suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed.
4. My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory.
5. Blessed *are* they that hear the word of God and keep it.
6. “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*” (Mal. 3:10).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Romans 5:8, While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
Tuesday	Psalm 126:3, The LORD hath done great things for us; <i>whereof</i> we are glad.
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:10, The LORD shall bless thee in all thy works.
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 2:26, For <i>God</i> giveth to a man that <i>is</i> good in his sight.
Friday	Genesis 12:2, And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee.
Saturday	1 Peter 3:9, You should inherit a blessing.
Sunday	Proverbs 22:9, He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 9:8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work.

THEME V
INDECISIVENESS:
WALKING AMONG MANKIND WHILE REPRESENTING GOD

When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone?
and I am full of tossing to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

Job 7:4

LESSONS 61-75

LESSON 61

OCTOBER 1, 2023

YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CANNOT HIDE

MOTTO TEXT: Jonah 1:3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so, he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

ENTIRE LESSON: Jonah 1:1-17

1. Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
2. Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.
3. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so, he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.
4. But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.
5. Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay and was fast asleep.
6. So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, what meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so, be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.
7. And they said everyone to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So, they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.
8. Then said they unto him, tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil *is* upon us; What *is* thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what *is* thy country? and of what people *art* thou?
9. And he said unto them, I *am* an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry *land*.
10. Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.
11. Then said they unto him, what shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought and was tempestuous.
12. And he said unto them, take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so, shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you.
13. Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought and was tempestuous against them.

14. Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, we beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.
15. So they took up Jonah and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.
16. Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.
17. Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

PURPOSE – To make it plain and known to all that we cannot hide from God. He knows our deepest thoughts, good and evil. God knows all our ways.

PRACTICAL POINT – Do you know how much time you have? Time is running out. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin? You can run, but you cannot hide. The end is coming.

COMMENTARY

You can run but you cannot hide. It is time to clean up. Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. “Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well.... Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool (Isaiah 1:16-18).

God is so amazing. “*Such* (His) knowledge *is* too wonderful for us; it is high, we cannot *attain* unto it.” It is written: “Whither (where) shall I go from thy spirit? or whither (where) shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend into heaven, thou art (You *are*) there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art (You *are*) *there*. If I take the wings of the morning *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall your hand lead me, and your right hand shall hold me” (Psalm 139:6-10).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord.
2. Jonah went down into the ship to hide from the Lord.
3. Jesus said, there is nothing hidden that shall not be known.
4. Nothing is hidden from God.
5. God’s GPS will locate you.
6. God is omniscient and omnipresent.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Psalm 90:8, Our Secret Sins
Tuesday	Proverbs 28:13, He that Covers His Sins Shall not Prosper
Wednesday	Psalm 139:1, O LORD, Thou hast Searched Me, and Known Me
Thursday	Psalm 139:4, The Words in My Tongue, LORD, You Know Them
Friday	Psalm 139:12, The Darkness Shall not Hide Me
Saturday	Psalm 139:15, My Body Was not Hid from Thee
Sunday	Romans 5:8, While We Were yet Sinners, Christ Died for Us

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 6:15-17 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

LESSON 62

OCTOBER 8, 2023

DELIVER ME

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 11:8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

1. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:
2. Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;
4. Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.
5. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.
6. And whether we be afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation.
7. And our hope of you *is* stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall ye be* also of the consolation.
8. For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:
9. But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:
10. Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver *us*;
11. Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

PURPOSE – To give inspiration and show that the Lord will deliver from all trials, transgressions, and troubles.

PRACTICAL POINT – The Lord shall deliver me from evil men and from every evil work.

COMMENTARY

God's people are often afflicted. Yet whether we are afflicted or comforted, it is for our consolation and salvation. We place our trust in God, knowing that He will deliver us. We cannot escape the trials of life, but God is able to deliver us from every trial, every tribulation, and every temptation.

Jesus has been described as 'a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief' (Isaiah 53:3). Jesus suffered many things while on earth and if we are to one day reign with Him, we must also suffer for the kingdom of God.

The Bible teaches that we should count it all joy when we fall into the diverse types of temptations, knowing that faith and patience leads to spiritual maturity. "Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12).

Deliverance will come. When it seems all hope is lost, God will deliver. In times of distress both large and small, God will deliver. When it seems, we have gone our last mile, God will deliver. God can do all things for us when we put our trust in Him.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Lord, deliver my soul from lying.
2. Lord, deliver me from strange women and strange men.
3. The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations.
4. Lead us not into temptation.
5. The *righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivers them out of all their troubles. (Psalm 34:17).
6. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Romans 7:24, Who Shall Deliver Me
Tuesday	Galatians 1:3-4, Deliver Us from This Present Evil World
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 1:8-10, We Had the Sentence of Death
Thursday	Psalm 31:1, Deliver Me Speedily
Friday	Psalm 31:15, Deliver Me from the Hand of My Enemies
Saturday	Proverbs 23:14, Deliver His Soul from Hell
Sunday	Acts 7:25, God, by His Hands, Would Deliver Them

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 1:3-4 Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.

LESSON 63

OCTOBER 15, 2023

REBELLIOUS CHILDREN

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 21:20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, this our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 1:1-20

1. The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
2. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.
3. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.
4. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.
5. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.
6. From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.
7. Your country *is* desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
8. And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.
9. Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Gomorrah.
10. Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.
11. To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.
12. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?
13. Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting.
14. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*.
15. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.
16. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;
17. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.
18. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
19. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:
20. But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

PURPOSE – To teach to not rebel against God’s Word and true holiness.

PRACTICAL POINT – Put away the evil of your doings from before God’s eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well.

COMMENTARY

Despite all that God had done for Israel, and despite all His blessings, Israel continued to rebel against Him. The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel does not know, God's people do not consider. Even today many do not know how to behave themselves in the House of God. We continue to be a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters that have forsaken the LORD, that have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, and that are gone away backward. But, if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

It is time for man to repent and turn to God. The rebellious ways of man will not go unpunished. God has given him a space to repent for it is not our heavenly Father's will that any of us should perish. The children of God have corrupted themselves; they are a perverse and crooked generation. They must put away the evil of their doings. They must cease to do evil and learn to do well. Rebellious children, obey the voice of God. Judgment Day is near.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.
2. Rebel means to resist or revolt against authority.
3. If you reject God, He will also reject you.
4. Evildoers and children that corrupt themselves shall not enter God's kingdom.
5. Woe to the rebellious children, that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Jeremiah 2:19-21, Thine own wickedness shall corrupt thee
Tuesday	Jeremiah 2:23-24, How can you say, I am not polluted
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 21:18-21 A stubborn and rebellious son
Thursday	Ephesians 2:1-10, Dead in trespasses and sins
Friday	Titus 1:5-6, If any be blameless
Saturday	Colossians 3:20, Obey your parents in all things
Sunday	Numbers 14:9, Do not rebel against the Lord

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 32:5 They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not *the spot* of his children: *they are* a perverse and crooked generation.

LESSON 64

OCTOBER 22, 2023

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY TEMPTATION AND SELF-CONTROL

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 1:1-16

1. James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.
2. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
3. Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
4. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
6. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
7. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
8. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.
9. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
10. But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
11. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.
12. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
13. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
14. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
16. Do not err, my beloved brethren.

PURPOSE – To make known that temptation and lust is not of the Father but of the world, and that if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

PRACTICAL POINT – Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service (Rom. 12:1).

COMMENTARY

God does not tempt man with lust. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempt he any man (James 1:13). Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. The flesh lust against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye cannot do the things that ye would (Gal. 5:16-17).

When you lack self-control, the works of the flesh: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, and such like, will overtake your flesh, and they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:19-21).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh and lusts (Gal. 5:24).
2. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:25).
3. You are not your own, you are bought with a price (1 Cor. 7:23).

4. Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor. 6:19).
5. Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit (1 Cor. 6:20).
6. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn (1 Cor. 7:9).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	1 Peter 4:7, Be sober, and watch unto prayer.
Tuesday	Mark 13:13, He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
Wednesday	Romans 8:12, We are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
Thursday	Romans 8:13, For if you live after the flesh, you shall die.
Friday	Proverbs 6:27, Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?
Saturday	2 Timothy 2:22, Flee youthful lusts: but follow righteousness.
Sunday	2 Peter 1:5-6, Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 8:3-5 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

LESSON 65

OCTOBER 29, 2023

LOOSING THE BANDS OF WICKEDNESS

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 58:6 *Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free and that ye break every yoke?*

ENTIRE LESSON: Leviticus 20:6-22

6. And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.
7. Sanctify yourselves therefore and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.
8. And ye shall keep my statutes and do them: I *am* the LORD which sanctify you.
9. For everyone that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood *shall be* upon him.
10. And the man that committeth adultery with *another* man's wife, *even he* that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.
11. And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.
12. And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood *shall be* upon them.

13. If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.
14. And if a man take a wife and her mother, it *is* wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.
15. And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast.
16. And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.
17. And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it *is* a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.
18. And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.
19. And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity.
20. And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.
21. And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it *is* an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.
22. Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out.

PURPOSE – To plea to all who are called by God's name, to humble themselves and pray and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways.

PRACTICAL POINT – The divine laws of God are holy, and they are the rules that man must live by every day.

COMMENTARY

God is calling for His people to live holy. He wants His people to live a sanctified life. In our lesson, wickedness was everywhere: incest, the worshiping of idols, adultery, and all types of sexual immorality were the evils of the times and God abhorred them. God saw that the wickedness of man was great in all the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually so that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of their doings and because of the abominations which they committed. God commanded Moses to speak to the children of Israel concerning these heinous offenses.

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed and today, many are still practicing these horrible spiritual crimes against the laws of God. God is calling for men and women everywhere to keep all of His laws and statutes and do them. It is time to loosen the bands of wickedness.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death. Leviticus 20:27
2. He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are an abomination to the LORD. Proverbs 17:15

3. Now *is* the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee and will judge thee according to thy ways and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations. Ezekiel 7:3
4. For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit *them* shall be cut off from among their people. Leviticus 18:29

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Genesis 39:3, 9, How then Can I Do This Great Wickedness
Tuesday	Exodus 20:14, Thou Shalt not Commit Adultery
Wednesday	Leviticus 19:29, Do not Prostitute Thy Daughter
Thursday	Romans 1:26-27, Men with Men Working that Which Is Unseemly
Friday	Exodus 20:13, Thou Shalt not Kill
Saturday	Matthew 19:18, Thou Shalt Do no Murder
Sunday	Jeremiah 2:19-21, Thine Own Wickedness Shall Corrupt Thee

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

LESSON 66

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

IMMORALITY REBUKED

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 2:16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words

ENTIRE LESSON: Proverbs 4:1-27 and Proverbs 5:1-10

Proverbs 4:1-27

1. I Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.
2. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.
3. For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother.
4. He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.
5. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.
6. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.
7. Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
8. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.
9. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.
10. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.
11. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.
12. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
13. Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.
14. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

15. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.
16. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.
17. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
18. But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
19. The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.
20. My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
21. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
22. For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
23. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.
24. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.
25. Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
26. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.
27. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Proverbs 5:1-10

1. My son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding:
2. That thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge.
3. For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil:
4. But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.
5. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
6. Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canst not know *them*.
7. Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
8. Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:
9. Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:
10. Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger.

PURPOSE – To give proper instructions to sons.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION – Obedience is better than sacrifice.

EXPLANATION AND GLOSSARY

Immorality is the quality or stat of being immoral. It is wickedness or unchastity. Immorality is rebuked in our lesson today. The writer of our lesson requests the attention. He speaks of good doctrine. He appeals to all to get wisdom and understanding.

It is obvious that those who do not car for wisdom and truth, those who do not care about taking proper care of their bodies (which is the temple of God) are on their way to destruction. People who love God must give up immorality and accept the Divine plan of life.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. It is good doctrine to be taught not to forsake God's law.
2. Wisdom should never be forsaken.
3. To get understanding is more important.
4. One should not enter into the path of the wicked.
5. The issues of life come from the heart.
6. A young man should be careful of his conduct. Remove himself from strange women.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Psalms 34:11, Fear the Lord
Tuesday	1 Chronicles 29:1, Exhortation to Willingly Give
Wednesday	Proverbs 1:8, Wisdom's Foundation
Thursday	Ephesians 6:4, Spirit-filled Believers
Friday	2 Thessalonians 2:10, The Love of the Truth
Saturday	Proverbs 3:13:14, The Happy Man
Sunday	1 Samuel 2:30, Walking Before God

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Samuel 12:23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.

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LESSON 67

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THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 14:23-33

23. If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?
24. But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:
25. And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.
26. How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.
27. If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.
28. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.
29. Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.
30. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.
31. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.
32. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

33. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

PURPOSE – To teach that God is not the author of confusion, but of peace and that all things must be done decently and in order.

PRACTICAL POINT – Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (Neh. 6:7; 2 Pet. 1:21; Luke 16:16).

COMMENTARY

Prophecy is designed to reveal the Lord Jesus. Prophecies must be interpreted in the light of other Scriptures. Prophecy is a gift given for the founding of the body of Christ (Eph. 2:19-20). It is the ability to deliver a direct revelation from God. Prophecies must be interpreted only with God's help, since they were given only as the prophets were moved by God and not by the impulse of man. (*Charles Ryrie, Ph.D Ryrie Study Bible*)

Today, many people are professing to be prophets when the word *prophet* simply means *preacher*. Read Nehemiah 6:7a, "and thou have also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem." A prophet is one who speaks by divine inspiration or as the interpreter of divine will, or one who foretells the future. Prophecy signifies the speaking forth of the mind and council of God. There are too many people who think that they are responsible for something happening. In actuality, God is just using them. (*SBS lesson #16 November 17, 2002*)

House of God Church, always remember Jesus' spoken words in Luke 16:16, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
2. No prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation.
3. He that prophesy, speaks unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.
4. Forasmuch as you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that you may excel to the edifying of the church.
5. Jeremiah 23:21, "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied."
6. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery" (1 Tim. 4:14).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Romans 12:6, Prophesy according to the proportion of faith.
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:1, Concerning spiritual gifts, I would not have you ignorant.
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 12:4, There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
Thursday	1 Corinthians 13:2, And though I have the gift of prophecy.
Friday	1 Corinthians 13:8, Whether there be prophecies, they shall fail.
Saturday	1 Corinthians 13:9, For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
Sunday	1 Corinthians 14:5, Greater is he that prophesieth.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING LESSON
THANK YOU, LORD

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 17:11-19

11. And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.
12. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:
13. And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.
14. And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.
15. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,
16. And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.
17. And Jesus answering said, were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?
18. There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.
19. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

PURPOSE = To give thanks unto the Lord, for his goodness and his love endures forever.

PRACTICAL POINT = Thanksgiving means more than turkey, cranberries, and sweet potato pie. Thanksgiving Day reminds us that God is blessing us every day, not just the annual holiday.

COMMENTARY

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and God shall hear my voice. Psalm 55:17 I will shew forth His lovingkindness in the morning, and His faithfulness every night. I will stand every morning and every evening to thank and to praise the Lord. Morning, noon, and night I will plead aloud with God. Before I call, He will answer; and while I am yet speaking, He will hear. Isaiah 65:24

Jesus is the Lord of our life. He walks with us even through the valley of the shadow of death and causes us to fear no evil. We thank him today for total forgiveness of our sins. We thank Him today for the Holy Ghost. We thank Him today for the Holy Bible. His word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. Psalm 119:105

Jesus paid for our sins when he died on the cross. We thank you God that we are sealed unto the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Every day is a day of continuous thanksgiving with God.
2. Thank you for the Nine Fruits of the Spirit.
3. Thank you for the Ten Commandments.
4. Gratitude is simply being thankful, to show appreciation and return kindness.
5. We should be thankful for good health.

6. Be grateful. It is written Philippians 4:11, I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, to be content.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	2 Corinthians 9:15, Thanks <i>be</i> unto God for his unspeakable gift.
Tuesday	Psalm 105:1, O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.
Wednesday	Psalm 35:18, I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among many people.
Thursday	Romans 1:8, First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.
Friday	1 Chronicles 23:30, Stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at evening.
Saturday	Ezra 3:11, And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because <i>he is</i> good, for his mercy <i>endureth</i> for ever toward Israel.
Sunday	Nehemiah 12:46, There were songs of Praise and thanksgiving to God.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 7:17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

LESSON 69

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

MY RESPONSIBILITY OF KEEPING MYSELF

MOTTO TEXT: Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 3:1-18

1. My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
2. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.
3. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
4. Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
5. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
6. And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
7. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:
8. But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
10. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
11. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?
12. Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.
13. Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
14. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
15. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.
16. For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.
17. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
18. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

PURPOSE – To show that the Holy Ghost does not behave itself unseemly. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that ask you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:15

PRACTICAL POINT – In practicing self-control let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man. Colossians 4:6 Remember, a soft answer turns away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. Proverbs 15:1

COMMENTARY

Self-control is patient *and* self-control is kind. It does not envy, nor boast, neither is it lifted up with pride. It is not dishonest nor self-centered. An individual that practices self-control is not easily angered, does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth.

We must have control over our tongue. The tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise God, even the Father; and with the tongue we curse men. Out of the same mouth come blessings and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. James 3:8-10

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. The tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. James 3:8
2. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath. Ephesians 4:26
3. For my people *are* foolish, they have no understanding. Jeremiah 4:22
4. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags. Proverbs 23:20-21
5. Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles. Proverbs 21:23
6. For the anger of man worketh not the righteousness of God. James 1:20

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Hosea 4:11, Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.
Tuesday	Ephesians 6:1, Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Wednesday	Romans 6:12, Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 7:9, Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.
Friday	Galatians 5:16, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
Saturday	1 Timothy 3:2, An overseer must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach.
Sunday	1 Corinthians 5:11, But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no not to eat.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Peter 1:5-6 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness.

LESSON 70

DECEMBER 3, 2023

GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:1-18

1. Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our* brother,
2. Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:
3. Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;
5. That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and *in* all knowledge;
6. Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:
7. So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
8. Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
10. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
11. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.
12. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.
13. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

14. I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;
15. Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.
16. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.
17. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.
18. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

PURPOSE – To bring about peace and unity in the church and free the church from confusion and division within its ranks.

PRACTICAL POINT – Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

COMMENTARY

The question is asked in James 4:1, “From whence *come* wars and fighting among you?” Do they not come because of lust, malice, and jealousy that war from within us? God is not the author of confusion, but of peace in all churches of the saints. In verse 10 of the lesson, Paul admonishes us to speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among us; but that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. Paul wrote these words because he heard of the confusion existing in the church at Corinth.

Today, in many of our churches, we hear of disturbing situations concerning immorality, carnality, and confusion which have infected the church and have led to disunity among the saints. The Bible instructs us to let brotherly love continue and that we follow peace with everyone. We must learn to resist the devil. When spiritual matters are not going well among the saints, come, and let us reason together. God will work it out!. Do all things without murmurings and disputing.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. With loving kindness have I drawn thee (Jer. 31:3).
2. FORGIVE!
3. Be angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath.
4. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer [*should answer*] every man.
5. All things are lawful, but all things are not expedient.
6. The Lord give thee understanding in all things (2 Tim. 2:7).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Matthew 5:23-24, First, be reconciled to thy brother.
Tuesday	Galatians 6:1, If a Man Be Overtaken in a Fault
Wednesday	Mark 11:25, Forgive, if ye have ought [<i>offense</i>] against any.
Thursday	Matthew 18:15, If He Shall Hear Thee
Friday	Matthew 18:16-17, If He Will not Hear Thee
Saturday	Psalms 51:12, Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.
Sunday	Philippians 3:16, Let us walk by the same rule.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 71:1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

LESSON 71

DECEMBER 10, 2023

**DECISIONS, DECISIONS
THE HOLY GHOST BRINGS ABOUT A GLORIOUS CHANGE
PURIFYING OUR HEARTS BY FAITH**

MOTTO TEXT: Joel 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 15:7-17

7. And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men *and* brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel and believe.
8. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us;
9. And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.
10. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
11. But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.
12. Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.
13. And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men *and* brethren, hearken unto me:
14. Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.
15. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,
16. After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:
17. That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

PURPOSE – To realize that the day of the Lord is near, but God has given us a choice to choose life or death, and to declare what we will do with the remaining days of our lives.

PRACTICAL POINT – Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:2).

COMMENTARY

Warning! Warning! Warning! The day of the Lord is near. It will come as a thief in the night. Make up your mind right now because you are drowning in your sins. You need to be saved (born again), filled with the Holy Ghost. Today is your opportunity to allow

God to speak blessings into your life. Neither vacillate nor become immobile in your Valley of Decisions. Let the Holy Ghost bring about a glorious change in your life.

Thousands upon thousands are waiting in the Valley of Decision. It is written, I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call (Joel 2:30-32).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. The time is now. How long halt ye between two opinions?
- 2. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
- 3. The Holy Ghost will bring about healing in your life.
- 4. Make up in your mind to live holy.
- 5. There is no escaping God’s judgment.
- 6. Awake and flee from the wrath to come.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Joshua 24:15, Set the Example in Your Own Choice of Whom to Serve
Tuesday	Psalms 119:30, I Have Chosen the Way of Truth
Wednesday	Matthew 22:14, Many Are Called, but Few Are Chosen
Thursday	Isaiah 13:4, Hear the Noise of a Multitude in the Mountains as the Lord of Hosts Mobilizes His Army for War
Friday	James 2:5, God Has Chosen the Poor Who Are Rich in Faith
Saturday	Hebrews 12:14, Follow Peace with All Men, in Holiness
Sunday	Romans 14:19, Let Us Follow the Things which Make for Peace

MEMORY VERSE: Joel 1:15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD *is* at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

LESSON 72

DECEMBER 17, 2023

UNWISE DECISIONS CAN BE DANGEROUS

MOTTO TEXT: Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 3:1-24

- 1. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
- 2. And the woman said unto the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
- 3. But of the fruit of the tree, which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
- 4. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
6. And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
7. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.
8. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
9. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?
10. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.
11. And he said, who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast, thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
12. And the man said, the woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
13. And the LORD God said unto the woman, what *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, the serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.
14. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:
15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.
17. And unto Adam he said, because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;
18. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.
20. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.
21. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.
22. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
23. Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
24. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

PURPOSE – To show that God's Word can be a matter of life and death.

PRACTICAL POINT – One unwise decision can follow you the rest of your life.

COMMENTARY

The decision that was made by Adam through Eve early in the garden (1 Tim 2:14), certainly proved to be unwise, not to mention dangerous. They placed their souls, as well as the souls of every generation that followed to this day, in danger of eternal damnation. They were expelled from the Eden (the Garden of Delight). They made an unwise decision when they chose to disobey God.

Be careful of the decisions that you make; they will affect the lives of others. Say to yourself, "Before I backslide, let me think: Who will I hurt? Who will my backsliding effect? Will I hurt my wife, my family, my church? Will I hurt myself? Unwise decisions can be dangerous."

When an unwise decision is made, everybody suffers. You are not in the ship by yourself. Your unwise decision will certainly affect the lives of many others.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Decisions that we make will jeopardize our Salvation and lock us out of heaven.
2. Fornication, drinking alcoholic beverages, and using illegal drugs, are unwise decisions that are extremely dangerous to the mind and body, as well as society.
3. In making wise decisions, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.
4. A hasty decision can be an unwise decision.
5. Our youth are struggling with the various issues of life.
6. Let everyone that proclaims the name of Jesus Christ depart from iniquity.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Ephesians 5:18, Drink no Wine; but Rather, Be Filled with the Spirit
Tuesday	Revelation 2:21, Time to Repent of Fornication, She Refused
Wednesday	Luke 15:13, The Extravagant Son and a Wasted Life
Thursday	Proverbs 23:21, The Drunkard and the Glutton Shall Come to Poverty
Friday	1 Peter 4:3, We Walked in Excessive Lasciviousness of Life
Saturday	1 Peter 4:7, The End of All Things Is at Hand: Be Sober
Sunday	Matthew 5:28, The Lust of the Eyes Is Adultery in the Heart

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 5:19-22 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

LESSON 73

DECEMBER 24, 2023

CHRISTMAS LESSON

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 2:1-20

1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
2. (*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*)
3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7. **7** And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
12. And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
17. And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18. And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
19. But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart.
20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

PURPOSE – To acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, the Anointed Savior.

PRACTICAL POINT – Even today, we still rejoice and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

COMMENTARY

Jesus was born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Who has believed our report? Unto us a child is born unto us, a son is given. He shall grow up as a tender plant, as a root out of a dry ground. He has no form nor comeliness. He shall save His people from their sins. The government shall be upon His shoulders. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince

of Peace. Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. He shall bare our griefs and carry our sorrows.

During Jesus' tenure on earth, He was despised and rejected, wounded, bruised, and accused. He was oppressed and afflicted, lied on and spat on, criticized and crucified. Isaiah 53:5, He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea.
- 2. When Jesus was eight days old, He was circumcised and given His name, "Jesus."
- 3. Jesus was sent to bring peace to the earth and good will toward men.
- 4. Spread the good news, Jesus Christ is born.
- 5. God gave His only begotten Son.
- 6. Jesus is the greatest gift ever given to man.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Matthew 1:18, 25, The Firstborn of a Virgin Was called JESUS
Tuesday	Matthew 2:1, Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem of Judaea
Wednesday	Genesis 3:15, The Protoevangelium, Prophecy of His Coming
Thursday	Matthew 2:2, Searched to Find the King of the Jews
Friday	Luke 1:35, Holy Ghost Conceived, Granted Us a New Birth
Saturday	Luke 1:14, Many Still Rejoice and Celebrate His Birth
Sunday	Luke 2:7, A Lowly Place of Birth

MEMORY VERSE: **Isaiah 9:7** Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

LESSON 74

DECEMBER 31, 2023

COME NOW, AND LET US REASON TOGETHER

MOTTO TEXT: **Isaiah 1:18** Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

ENTIRE LESSON: **Luke 17:1-10**

- 1. Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe *unto him*, through whom they come!
- 2. It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.
- 3. Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.
- 4. And if he trespasses against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

5. And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.
6. And the Lord said, if ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.
7. But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?
8. And will not rather say unto him, make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?
9. Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.
10. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

PURPOSE – To encourage the true Saints of God to all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among us; but *that* we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

PRACTICAL POINT – Before we lose our salvation, let us work and reason together, for it is written I have not found thy works perfect before God.

COMMENTARY

When there is a division of any description between the saints we must come together and reason. Our differences can be worked out. There is nothing too hard for God. Remember, that God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, in all churches of the saints. Wherever we find envying and strife, we will find confusion and every evil work.

When there is confusion in your home, at church, or even on your job, Satan is to blame, not God. We must also be aware of those who cause confusion and avoid them. It is Satan's job to drive a wall of petition and separation between the saints of God, but we are instructed in the Word of God to let brotherly love continue.

Let us resolve our differences the Bible way. Study and meditate on the words written in Matthew 18:15, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother."

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. We must not stay angry forever. Psalm 30:5, His anger endures but a moment.
2. The members of this Church are Saints of the Church of the Living God and are not slaves... Decree Book page 11, para. 1.
3. No Pastor or other minister in this Church shall rule as lords over God's inheritance.
4. Colossians 4:6, Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.
5. Love is kind, love is not puffed up, love doth not behave itself unseemly.
6. Can we find common ground?

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Galatians 6:1, If a man be overtaken in a fault...restore such an one.
Tuesday	Acts 10:34, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.
Wednesday	James 2:4, Are ye not then partial in yourselves?
Thursday	1 Corinthians 6:19-20, You are not your own...you are bought with a price.
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:23, We preach Christ crucified.

Saturday	Galatians 5:15, But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consume one of another.
Sunday	Revelation 3:2, I have not found thy works perfect before God.

MEMORY VERSE: James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.

LESSON 75

JANUARY 7, 2024

NEW YEAR'S LESSON PRAYING FOR GOD TO CHANGE MY HEART

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 37:8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

ENTIRE LESSON: PSALM 51:10-19

10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
11. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
12. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.
13. *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
14. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
15. O Lord, open thou, my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
16. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering.
17. The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
18. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
19. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PURPOSE – To begin the New Year with Love in our heart, and to be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God has forgiven us.

PRACTICAL POINT – Do not begin the new year with evil thoughts. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are *the things* which defile a man. Matthew 15:19-20

COMMENTARY

Do not begin the new year angry. Be angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath. Ephesians 4:26 Refrain from anger and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. Psalm 37:8 Do not begin the new year with malice. Malice is the desire to inflict injury, harm, or suffering on another. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6:14-15 Therefore lay aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speaking. 1 Peter 2:1

Do not begin the new year still holding hatred. If a man says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 1 John 4:20 Hatred stirs up strifes: but love covers all sins. Proverbs 10:12

Do not begin the new year holding bitterness in your heart. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: Do not go into the new year still holding a grudge. Ephesians 4:31 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled. Hebrews 12:14-15

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. Do not begin the new year still holding animosity.
- 2. Animosity is a feeling of strong dislike or ill will.
- 3. We must learn to forgive one another. If any man has a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, you must also forgive others. Colossians 3:13
- 4. If ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. James 3:14
- 5. Do not begin the new year holding grudges.
- 6. Begin the New Year with a Clean Heart.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Leviticus 19:18, Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against thy people,
Tuesday	Proverbs 24:29, Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me.
Wednesday	Proverbs 20:22, Say not thou, I will recompense evil; <i>but</i> wait on the LORD.
Thursday	Hosea 4:11, Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.
Friday	James 4:8, Cleanse <i>your</i> hands, <i>ye</i> sinners; and purify <i>your</i> hearts, <i>ye</i> double minded
Saturday	Luke 6:35, He is kind unto the unthankful and <i>to</i> the evil.
Sunday	Proverbs 16:1-3 All the ways of a man <i>are</i> clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if *there be any* wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

THEME VI
GOD'S UNDENIABLE LOVE FOR MANKIND
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3:16-17
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LESSON 76

JANUARY 14, 2024

JESUS HAS POWER TO FORGIVE SIN

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 5:23-24 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 5:17-27

17. And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.
18. And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought *means* to bring him in, and to lay *him* before him.
19. And when they could not find by what *way* they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with *his* couch into the midst before Jesus.
20. And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.
21. And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?
22. But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?
23. Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?
24. But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.
25. And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.
26. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.
27. And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.

PURPOSE – To let the world know that Jesus has all power and that he stands ready to forgive us for all our sins.

PRACTICAL POINT – Lord help me to live holy, that I may be ready when you return.

COMMENTARY

Jesus has power to both heal and to forgive. To receive that power we must be willing to repent and turn to God. We must be willing to change. Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19). For the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him (2 Chronicles 30:9).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Turn from your wicked ways. 2 Chronicles 7:14
2. Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Joel 2:13
3. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. James 1:21
4. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:7
5. And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. Luke 22:31-32
6. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Isaiah 44:22, I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.
Tuesday	Mark 1:15, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.
Wednesday	Ezekiel 18:21, But if the wicked will turn from all his sins and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.
Thursday	Matthew 4:17, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Friday	Galatians 6:1, Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness.
Saturday	Ephesians 2:8, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: <i>it is</i> the gift of God.
Sunday	Revelation 21:27, And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither <i>whatsoever</i> worketh abomination, or <i>maketh</i> a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

LOVE LIFTED ME

MOTTO TEXT: John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 8:28-39

28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.
29. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
30. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
31. What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?
32. He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
33. Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.
34. Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
36. As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
37. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
38. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PURPOSE – To show that the fruit of the spirit is love, and that the Lord your God will rejoice over you and lift you up with gladness and quiet you by His love.

PRACTICAL POINT – Love worketh no ill to his neighbor. You shall love your neighbor as yourself and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. Love is the fulfilling of the law.

COMMENTARY

In 1912 the songwriter James Rowe wrote: I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore, very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more. But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry, from the waters lifted me, now safe am I. Love lifted me. When nothing else could help, love lifted me.

Today, many are sinking in sin. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand. No matter what you have done, Jesus came to call sinners to repentance. Paul said, “This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” In Matthew 14:32, we find, “When Peter came down out of the ship, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of

little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.” Love lifted me.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. Love is patient and kind.
- 2. Love does not envy.
- 3. Love is not arrogant.
- 4. Let all things be done with love.
- 5. Love is not resentful, mean nor rude.
- 6. He that loveth not knows not God; for God is love.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	1 Peter 4:8, And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves.
Tuesday	1 John 4:19, We love him, because he first loved us.
Wednesday	Mark 12:30, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.
Thursday	Proverbs 10:12, Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins.
Friday	1 John 4:18, There is no fear in love; perfect love casts out fear.
Saturday	Romans 5:8, God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
Sunday	1 John 4:16, God is love: and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God.

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

LESSON 78

JANUARY 28, 2024

WHEN YOU NEED A BLESSING FROM GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 3:17-18 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

ENTIRE LESSON: Deuteronomy 28:1-13

- 1. And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:
- 2. And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.
- 3. Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.
- 4. Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
- 5. Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

6. Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.
7. The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.
8. The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
9. The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.
10. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.
11. And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.
12. The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.
13. And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*.

PURPOSE – To praise God from whom all blessings flow and recognize Him as the giver of all our blessings.

PRACTICAL POINT – Listen to the voice of God, and be blessed beyond measure and divinely favored.

COMMENTARY

When you are sick, and you cannot get well, you need a blessing from God. To those who need a blessing, it is written: “Come to the waters, and buy and eat; he that hath no money; come buy wine and milk without money and without price’ (Isa. 55:1). Jesus said, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that ask receive; and he that seek find; and to him that knock it shall be opened” (Matt. 7:7-8).

David said, “I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD” (Psa. 40:1-3).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. What do you need from God?
2. God will hear your cry.
3. He will answer your prayers.
4. The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.
5. Freely you have received, freely give.
6. According to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus, God shall supply every need. (Phil. 4:19).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Isaiah 65:24, Before They Call, I Will Answer
Tuesday	Psalms 24:5, Be Ready to Receive Blessings from the LORD
Wednesday	Revelation 22:17, Whosoever Will, Freely Take the Water of Life
Thursday	Hebrews 6:7, The Earth Drinks the Rain and Receives Blessings
Friday	Proverbs 10:6, Upon the Head of the Just Are Blessings
Saturday	Genesis 22:17, In Blessing I Will Bless Thee, and in Multiplying I Will Multiply Thy Seed
Sunday	Deuteronomy 28:2, Hear, and Blessings Shall Dominate You

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

LESSON 79

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

SINCERE WORSHIP ACCOMPANIED BY GODLY MUSIC

MOTTO TEXT: Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

ENTIRE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-17

1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
4. When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
6. For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
7. In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.
8. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
10. And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.
12. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.
14. And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
15. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

PURPOSE: To encourage the saints to put difference between holy and unholy music, and to worship God in spirit and in truth.

PRACTICAL POINT: Do not compromise your music nor yourself for fame, money, popularity, and self-glory. The love of money is the root of all evil.

COMMENTARY

God is looking for sincere worship. Are you faking it? Are you sincere, or are you just going through the motions? Are you professing without possessing? Are you sure you are dancing under the anointing? What has happened to the music? Where has all the good gospel and spiritual songs gone? The rhythm in gospel music does not sound like gospel music anymore. Many lyrics are out-of-focus in referencing the world, the flesh, and not Everlasting God. Sincere worship should be accompanied by godly lyrics as well as music that will refresh weary souls and draw them back to God. Our music should be sacred. Our praise should be real.

While the verdict among some may be out on the new wave of gospel music that we hear today, one thing is certainly true, take away the lyrics and there will be nothing sacred about the music. Without the lyrics the music sounds more like rock 'n' roll. Beware of gospel music that is deceitful: gospel music that you cannot differentiate whether they are singing about Jesus, about their sweetheart, or their sinful living.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. We worship God in spirit and in truth.
2. Our worship and our praise are real.
3. Let the music play as we worship God.
4. Lift your hands in praises to God.
5. Lord, You are so wonderful, we praise your holy name.
6. Spend time praising and worshipping our Lord and Savior.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Ephesians 5:20, Give Thanks always for All Things
Tuesday	Psalm 150:4, Praise Him with the Timbrel and Dance
Wednesday	James 1:16, Do not Err, My Beloved Brethren
Thursday	Isaiah 29:13, This People Draw near <i>Me</i> with Their Mouth
Friday	John 4:24, God <i>Is</i> a Spirit
Saturday	Matthew 15:9, In Vain They Worship Me
Sunday	Isaiah 42:10, Sing unto the LORD a New Song

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

A SERVANT WORTHY OF DOUBLE HONOR

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Timothy 5:17-18 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer *is* worthy of his reward.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Timothy 5:17-25

17. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.
18. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer *is* worthy of his reward.
19. Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.
20. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.
21. I charge *thee* before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.
22. Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.
23. Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.
24. Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some *men* they follow after.
25. Likewise also the good works *of some* are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

PURPOSE – To give double honor to those leaders who labor in the faith and doctrine when teaching and preaching God's Word.

PRACTICAL POINT – Go into the vineyard and work...Whatsoever is right, I'll pay.

COMMENTARY

Many of our ministers have proven themselves and are worthy of double honor. Some have been sick, but they pressed on anyhow. Others did not possess great riches and wealth, but they paid every financial report requested of them, and more. Fear none of those things which thou shall suffer. Jesus said, "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:8-10).

You stayed in the Church when you could have walked away. Jesus said, "be faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 3:10).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. God will not forget your works and labors of love.
2. You have ministered to the needs of the saints.
3. The works you have done will be your testimony.
4. May the service I give speak for me.

5. Where *there* is no vision, the people perish (Pro. 29:18).
6. Preach the WORD in all that you say and do!

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Matthew 21:42, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner.
Tuesday	Ephesians 3:20, Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
Wednesday	Luke 4:18, The Spirit of the Lord <i>is</i> upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel.
Thursday	Nehemiah 6:3, I <i>am</i> doing a great work, so that I cannot come down.
Friday	Exodus 18:22, It shall be, <i>that</i> every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so, shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear <i>the burden</i> with thee.
Saturday	Revelation 2:17, I will give you a white stone, and in the stone will be written a new name which no man knows except he that receives it.
Sunday	Psalms 119:33, Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it <i>unto</i> the end.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 14:21-23 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

LESSON 81

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

WINE FORBIDDEN IN THE WORD OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Judges 13:4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing.

ENTIRE LESSON: Jeremiah 35:1-19

1. The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,
2. Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.
3. Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniyah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;
4. And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaiah, a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, which *was* above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door:
5. And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

6. But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, *neither ye*, nor your sons for ever:
7. Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *any*: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye *be* strangers.
8. Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;
9. Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:
10. But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.
11. But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.
12. Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,
13. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? Saith the LORD.
14. The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me.
15. I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.
16. Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me:
17. Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.
18. And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you:
19. Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

PURPOSE – To show that we must separate ourselves from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall we drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried (Num. 6:3).

PRACTICAL POINT – Wash and make yourself clean. Put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow (Isa. 1:16-17).

COMMENTARY

Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower, which *are* on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! Isaiah 28:1

They also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble *in* judgment. For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, so that there is no place clean (Isa. 28:7-8)

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*, *and* I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt *it* not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again (Pro. 23:31-35).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. It is not for kings, to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink (Prov. 31:4).
2. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that* they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, *till* wine inflame them! Isaiah 5:11
3. They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it (Isa. 24:9).
4. Do not keep company with winebibbers (Luke 7:34; 1 Cor. 5:11).
5. The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty (Prov. 23:21).
6. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbles, or is offended, or is made weak (Rom. 14:21).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Ezekiel 44:21, The priest shall not drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.
Tuesday	Proverbs 20:1, Wine <i>is</i> a mocker, strong drink <i>is</i> raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.
Wednesday	Proverbs 23:29-30, Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at wine.
Thursday	Judges 13:4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean <i>thing</i> .
Friday	Habakkuk 2:15, Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to <i>him</i> , and maketh <i>him</i> drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!
Saturday	Titus 1:7, For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre.
Sunday	Genesis 9:21, He drank of the wine, and became drunk; and was uncovered within his tent.

MEMORY VERSE: Job 6:8 Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant *me* the thing that I long for!

A WARNING TO THE RIGHTEOUS AND TO THE WICKED

MOTTO TEXT: Ezekiel 3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, **and give them warning from me.**

ENTIRE LESSON: Ezekiel 3:16-21

16. And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
17. Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.
18. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
19. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.
20. Again, When a righteous *man* doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
21. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous *man*, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

PURPOSE – To warn the wicked and the righteous against the coming judgement of God and against committing iniquity.

PRACTICAL POINT – If you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not commit sin, he shall surely live because he adhered the warning. By giving him the warning, you will have delivered your own soul (Ezek. 1 3:21).

COMMENTARY

Ezekiel saw visions of God. The hand of the Lord was upon him. He first saw a windstorm coming out of the north. The appearance of this vision was like burning coals of fire. Ezekiel was commanded to eat (*be the first to digest/believe/accept/obey*) the scroll (*the Word of God*), then go and speak to the people. Warn the righteous and the wicked of the dangers ahead. “Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat *it*; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness” (Ezek. 3:3). And, “Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. For thou *art* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, *but* to the house of Israel” (Ezek. 3:4-5).

The Word of the LORD came to Ezekiel saying, “Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; ... Now *is* the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and **will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.** And **mine eye shall not spare thee** (*your status will not be considered*), neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD; **An evil, an only evil, behold, is come.** An end is come, the end is come: it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come. The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the

land: the time is come, the day of trouble *is* near, and not the sounding again of the mountains (*cease of mountaintop praise*)” (Ezek. 7:2-7).

O most beloved House of God, it becomes a grievous time to realize that obeying God rather than man/the world after all hope is lost. Remember how it was with Esau after he sold his guaranteed birthright to appease his imminent hunger. Now is the time to **follow peace** and **follow holiness** with everyone and in everything (Heb. 12:14-17).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and **no man regarded**/interpreted (Prov. 1:24).
2. **I also will laugh at your calamity**; I will mock when your fear cometh (Prov. 1:26).
3. I will mock **when your fear cometh as desolation**, and **your destruction cometh as a whirlwind**; when distress and anguish cometh upon you (Prov. 1:27).
4. They shall call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me (Prov. 1:28).
5. Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall (Prov. 16:18).
6. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Matt. 10:28).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Thessalonians 2:15, Stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.
Tuesday	Jude vs. 14-15, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed , and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.
Wednesday	Philippians 3:18-19, They are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame .
Thursday	Romans 16:20, The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.
Friday	Ephesians 6:11, Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
Saturday	Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin <i>is</i> death; but the gift of God <i>is</i> eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Sunday	Proverbs 14:12, There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof <i>are</i> the ways of death.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

YOUTH DAY
AVOID IT, PASS NOT BY IT, TURN FROM IT, LEAVE IT ALONE

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 4:14-15 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

ENTIRE LESSON: Proverbs 4:1-15

1. Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.
2. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.
3. For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother.
4. He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.
5. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.
6. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.
7. Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
8. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.
9. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.
10. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.
11. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.
12. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
13. Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.
14. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.
15. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

PURPOSE – To abstain from all appearance of evil in every form.

PRACTICAL POINT – Shun (hate) the evil. Leave it alone. Love the good. (Ref. Amos 5:15) Follow righteousness, godliness, faith, love, peace, and meekness with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

COMMENTARY

Enter not into the path of the wicked. Go not in the way of evil *men*; for they sleep not, except they do evil and cause someone to stumble or fall. Walk not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Delight yourself in the law of the LORD; and meditate in it day and night.

To avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Avoid foolish and unlearned questions, knowing that they do gender strifes. Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. It is written: Put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Avoid those who cause divisions and offences contrary to God's doctrine.
2. Avoid foolish and unlearned questions, knowing that they do gender strifes.
2 Timothy 2:23
3. Avoid profane *and* vain babblings. 1 Timothy 6:20
4. To avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. 1 Corinthians 7:2
5. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Matthew 7:15
6. **Repent and turn to God and do works meet for repentance. Acts 26:20**

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Galatians 4:9, How turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements?
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6:9, Be not deceived: the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 7:14, Turn from your wicked ways.
Thursday	1 Timothy 5:15, For some are already turned aside after Satan.
Friday	2 Timothy 2:22, Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness.
Saturday	James 4:7, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Sunday	1 Corinthians 10:14, Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Peter 2:21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

LESSON 84

MARCH 10, 2024

ANOINT ME LORD WITH THE HOLY GHOST

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 10:34-48

34. Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:
35. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.
36. The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
37. That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
38. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
40. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
41. Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.
42. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.
43. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.
44. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.
45. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.
46. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
47. Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?
48. And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

PURPOSE: To feel the power of the Holy Ghost under the anointing of God.

PRACTICAL POINT: Only under the anointing can we truly lift up Jesus.

COMMENTARY

When we feel the anointing of the Holy Ghost we can rejoice in the Lord. Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, we can help to save others. Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost Jesus said that we shall lay hands on the sick and the sick shall recover. The Holy Ghost is our keeper, the Holy Ghost is our guide.

Anoint me Lord with the Holy Ghost. It is written: The God of our fathers has chosen you, that you should know his will, and see that Just One, and should hear the words from his mouth. For you shalt be his witness unto all men of what you have seen and heard. And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord. **Acts 22:14-16**

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
2. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
3. The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, he has anointed me to preach the gospel. Luke 4:18
4. Touch not my anointed and do my prophet no harm.
5. But the anointing which ye have received of him abides in you. 1 John 2:27
6. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 1 John 2:20

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Psalm 23:5, Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Tuesday	Joshua 1:5, As I was with Moses, <i>so</i> I will be with thee.
Wednesday	Romans 8:11, If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken you.

Thursday	1 Peter 1:12, Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.
Friday	Hebrews 8:12, I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.
Saturday	1 John 5:7, For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost:
Sunday	Matthew 3:11, I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and <i>with</i> fire.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

LESSON 85

MARCH 17, 2024

WHY CAN'T I LIVE HOLY?

MOTTO TEXT: Ecclesiastes 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 8:1-14

1. *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
2. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
3. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
4. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
5. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
6. For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.
7. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
8. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
9. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
10. And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.
11. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
12. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
14. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

PURPOSE – To show that by denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we can live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

PRACTICAL POINT – Always strive to please God in your flesh. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing (Rom. 7:18; 2 Cor. 10:3).

COMMENTARY

We are in a constant battle with good and evil. We want to do that which is good, but we do not. We do not want to do that which is evil, but we do. We find then a law, that, when we would do good, evil is present.

The question is, Why Can't I Live Holy? *Answer:* Because my mind is carnal. The carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

Why can't I live holy?

1. Because I feel God is going to let me slide.
2. Because I am a man of unclean lips.
3. Because I did not get rooted and grounded.
4. Because Satan desires to have me.
5. Because the devil is trying to destroy me.
6. Because darkness has blinded my eyes.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Isaiah 6:5, Woe <i>is</i> me! for I am undone.
Tuesday	Matthew 13:21, Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while.
Wednesday	Luke 22:31, Satan hath desired to <i>have you</i> , that he may sift <i>you</i> as wheat.
Thursday	1 Peter 5:8, The devil walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.
Friday	1 John 2:11, The darkness hath blinded his eyes.
Saturday	1 John 4:1, Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits.
Sunday	1 John 5:10, He that believeth not God has made him a liar.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

**PALM SUNDAY
VICTORY IN JERUSALEM**

MOTTO TEXT: John 12:12-13 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed *is* the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 12:12-33

12. On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
13. Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed *is* the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.
14. And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,
15. Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.
16. These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and *that* they had done these things unto him.
17. The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.
18. For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.
19. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.
20. And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:
21. The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.
22. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.
23. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.
24. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
25. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.
26. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour.
27. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.
28. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified *it*, and will glorify *it* again.
29. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard *it*, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.
30. Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.
31. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.
32. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.
33. This he said, signifying what death he should die.

PURPOSE – To show Victory in Jerusalem. Jesus said, I have glorified thee on earth, I have finished the work which thou sent me to do. The victory is life eternal.

PRACTICAL POINT – We must manifest His name and lift Him up. We know that He is coming again, therefore, be ready.

COMMENTARY

Palm Sunday is often referred to as Passion Sunday. Passion Sunday is the Sunday before Holy Week begins. Holy Week ends on Easter Sunday. Reading the Bible helps us to understand the meaning of Christ’s death on the cross. Jesus Christ died so that we might live righteously in the flesh on earth, to secure a forever life with Him.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted Him by waving palm branches. They covered His path with palm leaves. When Jesus drew near the Mount of Olives, He sent two disciples saying unto them, “Go into the village, you shall find an ass tied and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me. If any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, the Lord has need of them; and straightway he will send them” (Matt. 21:2).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.
- 2. Easter is mentioned only once in the Bible, Acts 12:4.
- 3. The resurrection of Jesus Christ has affected the whole world.
- 4. Palm Sunday is the week before Jesus’ death and resurrection.
- 5. Jesus Christ took the sting out of death.
- 6. Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Matthew 21:8, The Earthly Multitude Acknowledged His Royalty
Tuesday	Matthew 21:9, The Multitudes Cried Aloud His Lineage
Wednesday	Matthew 21:11, This Is Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee
Thursday	Matthew 21:12, Jesus Overthrew the Money Changers’ Table
Friday	Matthew 21:13, The Proclaimed House of Prayer, Heavenly Gain
Saturday	1 Corinthians 15:55, O Grave, Where <i>Is</i> thy Victory?
Sunday	1 Corinthians 15:57, Thanks <i>Be</i> to God, for Victory Through His Son

MEMORY VERSE: **Matthew 21:5-7** Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass and the colt and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon.

EASTER SUNDAY
JESUS IS ALIVE TODAY

MOTTO TEXT: Job 19:25 For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth.

ENTIRE LESSON: Mark 16:1-20

1. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
2. And very early in the morning the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
3. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?
4. And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.
5. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.
6. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.
7. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.
8. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any *man*; for they were afraid.
9. Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.
10. *And* she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.
11. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.
12. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.
13. And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them.
14. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
15. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
17. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
19. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
20. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

PURPOSE – To let the world know that Jesus is not dead. He is the risen Savior and the grace of God is upon him.

PRACTICAL POINT – Jesus is alive and well. He has prepared a place for those who love him and keep his commandments. He will return one day.

COMMENTARY

Today, we know that our Redeemer lives, for God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:17). Jesus Christ gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

When the Sabbath was passed, at the rising of the sun, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, brought sweet spices to the grave of Jesus. They came to anoint His body. As they journeyed, they wondered to themselves, who shall roll away the stone from the door of the grave. But when they looked, they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

As they entered into the sepulchre they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus, but they saw a young man sitting on the right side clothed in a long white garment; and they were frightened. Then the Angel of God said, be not afraid, you seek Jesus of Nazareth, He was crucified, He is not here, He is risen. He is not dead, He is alive.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. I know my Redeemer lives.
2. I shall see Him for myself.
3. Christ our Redeemer died on the cross.
4. The word 'Easter' is only mentioned once in the Bible: Acts 12:4
5. Heaven is real.
6. I want to go where Jesus lives.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Matthew 27:31, After they mocked him, they took his robe off him.
Tuesday	Isaiah 53:5, He was wounded for our transgressions.
Wednesday	Isaiah 53:9, He made his grave with the wicked and with the rich.
Thursday	John 20:25, Except I shall see the print of the nails, I will not believe.
Friday	Matthew 17:23, And the third day he shall be raised again.
Saturday	John 2:19, Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.
Sunday	Titus 2:14, Jesus gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 2:8-9 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.

THERE IS HOPE, BE ENCOURAGED

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 3:28 But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

1. Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;
2. And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:
3. That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.
4. For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.
5. For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.
6. But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also *to see* you:
7. Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:
8. For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.
9. For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;
10. Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?
11. Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.
12. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:
13. To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

PURPOSE – To encourage, awaken, stimulate, and inspire the believer with hope and strength.

PRACTICAL POINT – Stir up the gift of God that is within you. Do not hesitate to cry aloud, sound the alarm, blow the trumpet, lift your voice, and let the world know that now is the time to turn unto the Lord and be obedient to His voice.

COMMENTARY

Be encouraged because the Word of God reminds us that there is hope. Sometimes the road looks very dark, but it is always darkest just before the dawn of a new day. It is God who inspires us in all things. When you can no longer forbear, or restrain under adversity, most often just a soft-spoken word will comfort your heart. God wants to establish you unblameable in holiness. With men *this may be* impossible, but not with God:

for with God all things are possible. Being confident of this: that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 37:23-24, “The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.” God’s upmost desire is to perfect that which is lacking in your faith so that you may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, He will never leave me nor forsake me.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Regardless of what your present circumstance looks like, be encourage! Your best days are yet to come.
2. This world is not our home; rejoice, heaven is our final destination.
3. The church is the waiting and preparing Bride of Christ.
4. Encourage and love one another without jealousy, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
5. If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
6. Get excited, love is the greatest commandment.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Psalm 38:15, For in thee, O LORD, do I hope.
Tuesday	1 Samuel 30:6, David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.
Wednesday	Psalm 71:14, But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.
Thursday	Judges 20:22, The people, the men of Israel encouraged themselves.
Friday	Jeremiah 17:7, Blessed <i>is</i> the man that trust and hope in the LORD.
Saturday	John 15:13, Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Sunday	Lamentations 3:26, <i>It is</i> good that <i>a man</i> should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

LESSON 89

APRIL 14, 2024

FAILING TO YIELD THE NEW LIFE TO GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 6:11-23

11. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
13. Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.
14. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
15. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
16. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
17. But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
18. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.
19. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.
20. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.
21. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.
22. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.
23. For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PURPOSE – To explain how we should yield our members to God

PRACTICAL POINT – When Pay Day comes, your pay will come from the one you served.

EXPLANATION AND GLOSSARY

Our lesson today is found in the Book of Romans, In this book Paul writes of a believer united to Christ and the new husband. He speaks of the dominion having dominion over a man as long as he liveth. A woman who has a husband is bound as long as he liveth. A saint becomes dead to the law by the body of Christ who is raised from the dead, and as is the purpose of any marriage to bring forth fruit unto God.

As a sinner the sinful impulses worked in our flesh and brought forth fruit unto death. Now we serve in the newness of spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. Continuing in sin will not make us have more grace for God forbade us to sin. If we are planted together with Christ in the likeness of His death we are entitled to rise in the likeness of His Resurrection.

We are cautioned to not let sin rule in our mortal body nor yield our members as sinful instruments, but yield them unto God for His use. If we are made free from sin we become the servants of righteousness.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. If we are dead to the old sinful life we should yield the new life to God.
2. We should be delivered from the price of works through death.
3. We are servants to whom we obey.

4. We should obey from the heart the form of doctrine as we are instructed in God's house.
5. The wages of sin is death; the gift of God is eternal life.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	2 Peter 3:18, Suffering for Sins
Tuesday	Romans 11:5, A Remnant
Wednesday	Proverbs 5:22, One's Own Iniquities
Thursday	Romans 7:10, Commandment Ordained to Life
Friday	Ephesians 2:5, Made Alive by Grace
Saturday	Matthews 4:5, Christ in the Holy City
Sunday	Revelation 22:19, Taking Away From the Words of the Book

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

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LESSON 90

APRIL 21, 2024

SELP-DISCIPLINED TO REPRESENT GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 3:1-18

1. My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
2. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.
3. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
4. Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
5. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
6. And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
7. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:
8. But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
10. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
11. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?
12. Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.
13. Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a friendly conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
14. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
15. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.
16. For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.
17. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
18. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

PURPOSE — To show that the Holy Ghost does not behave itself unseemly. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that ask you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:15

PRACTICAL POINT — In practicing self-control let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man. Colossians 4:6 Remember, a soft answer turns away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. Proverbs 15:1

COMMENTARY

Discipline is patient *and* self-control is kind. It does not envy, nor boast, neither is it lifted up with pride. It is neither dishonest nor self-centered. An individual that practices self-control is not easily angered, does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth.

We must have control over our tongue. The tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise God, even the Father; and with the tongue we curse men. Out of the same mouth come blessings and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. James 3:8-10

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. The tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. James 3:8
2. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath. Ephesians 4:26
3. For my people *are* foolish, they have no understanding. Jeremiah 4:22
4. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags. Proverbs 23:20-21
5. Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles. Proverbs 21:23
6. For the anger of man worketh not the righteousness of God. James 1:20

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Hosea 4:11, Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.
Tuesday	Ephesians 6:1, Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Wednesday	Romans 6:12, Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 7:9, Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.
Friday	Galatians 5:16, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
Saturday	1 Timothy 3:2, An overseer must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach.
Sunday	1 Corinthians 5:11, But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no not to eat.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Peter 1:5-6 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness.

THEME VII
THE TOIL AMID THE TOILS OF LIFE

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

1 Peter 4:12-13

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LESSON 91

APRIL 28, 2024

FORGIVENESS

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 5:38-48

- 38. Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:
- 39. But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.
- 40. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke also.
- 41. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.
- 42. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.
- 43. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.
- 44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
- 45. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
- 46. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?
- 47. And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even the publicans so?
- 48. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

PURPOSE – To teach us that as we ask for forgiveness for our trespasses, we must also be willing to forgive others their trespasses.

PRACTICAL POINT – If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; if he repents, forgive him (Matt. 18:15).

COMMENTARY

We must learn to love and forgive one another. We cannot please God if we cannot forgive one another. "If a man says, I love God, and hate his brother, he is a liar: for he that does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? (1 John 4:20)

The Bible teaches that God’s anger endures but a moment; why then do the saints remain angry with one another for a lifetime. Two little children will find it easy to forgive and to say I am sorry, while two adults fight on for years. Jesus said, “Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18:3).

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness and longsuffering. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, while being slow to anger and quick to forgive (Col. 3:13, 4:6; Psalms 103:8).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. The Lord stands ready to forgive. He is plenteous in mercy unto all who call upon him (Psalms 86:5).
- 2. Come now, and let us reason together, said the Lord (Isaiah 1:18).
- 3. Jesus has power on earth to forgive sins (Mark 2:10).
- 4. Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you (Eph. 4:32).
- 5. If any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye. (Col. 3:13).
- 6. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses (Mark 11:25).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Psalms 78:38, God forgave their iniquity many times and did not destroy them.
Tuesday	Jeremiah 31:34, I will forgive their iniquity...and remember their sin no more.
Wednesday	Matthew 6:14, If ye forgive men their trespasses...
Thursday	Romans 4:7, Blessed <i>are</i> they whose iniquities are forgiven.
Friday	Ephesians 4:31-32, Let all bitterness, and anger, be put away from you.
Saturday	Luke 12:10, Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is unforgiveable.
Sunday	Acts 8:22, Pray God that the thoughts of your heart may be forgiven.

MEMORY VERSE: **Psalms 32:1** *Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*

LESSON 92

MAY 5, 2024

**NATIONAL PRAYER DAY
PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL**

MOTTO TEXT: **1 Timothy 2:8** I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

ENTIRE LESSON: **1 Timothy 2:1-8**

- 1. I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2. For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
3. For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
4. Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
5. For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
6. Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.
7. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, *and* lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.
8. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

PURPOSE – To be in close fellowship and communication with God through prayer.

PRACTICAL POINT – May we unite together in prayer before the Father of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, asking for divine protection and for the safety and healing of His people.

COMMENTARY

In this church we believe in praying. We believe that prayer is essential, meaning that prayer is absolutely necessary. Prayer is indispensable. When we pray, we are communicating with God. Is it not written, said God, my house shall be called of all nations, the house of prayer?

Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Men ought to always pray and not faint. We need to go down on our knees in prayer and tell God all about our trials and tribulations, knowing that he is a rewarder to those who diligently seek him. I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 Timothy 2:8

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. God's House of Prayer is a house of faith, hope and love.
2. Let your request be made known to God.
3. Ask and it shall be given.
4. Father In Jesus name we bow our heads in humble submission.
5. Prayer must be offered in faith.
6. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Proverbs 18:10, The name of the LORD is a strong tower: The righteous runneth into it and is safe.
Tuesday	Mark 11:24, What things soever you desire, when ye pray, believe, and you shall have them.
Wednesday	Colossians 4:2, Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving.
Thursday	Romans 12:12, Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.
Friday	Proverbs 15:8, The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.
Saturday	Acts 6:4, But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
Sunday	James 5:15, And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.

MEMORY VERSE Numbers 6:24-26 The LORD bless thee and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

LESSON 93

MAY 12, 2024

**MOTHER'S DAY
A VIRTUOUS WOMAN**

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 31:10, 25 Who can find a virtuous woman? Her price *is* far above rubies. Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

ENTIRE LESSON: Proverbs 31:10-31

10. Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies.
11. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
12. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
13. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
14. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
15. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
16. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
17. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
18. She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night.
19. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
20. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
21. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet.
22. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple.
23. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
24. She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
25. Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
26. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.
27. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
28. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.
29. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
30. Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
31. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

PURPOSE – To express the characteristics and qualities of a virtuous and godly woman.

PRACTICAL POINT – You shall love and honor your mother as the LORD your God has commanded you; that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you.

COMMENTARY

It has been said that a proverb is an everyday saying with a divine meaning. The purpose of Proverbs (the Book of Wisdom) is to instruct the reader to know wisdom and live a godly life.

In our lesson the question is asked, “Who can find a virtuous woman?” A virtuous woman, who is married, is a crown to her husband. Her beautiful character is an example for all to follow. She is a woman of strength, honor, dignity, ability, and efficiency. She is a hard worker (v.17) and works late at night (v.18). Her husband has full confidence and trust in her and her children call her blessed. A virtuous woman is a godly woman. She always fears God. Her worth cannot be measured by material things for her worth is valued above rubies.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. Husbands love your wives.
- 2. A Good mother will not render evil for evil.
- 3. A Good mother displays moral strength.
- 4. With loving kindness have I drawn thee.
- 5. Mothers and fathers, train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- 6. My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother. Proverbs 6:20

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Proverbs 14:1	A Wise Woman
Tuesday	Proverbs 11:16	A Gracious Woman
Wednesday	Matthew 26:10	Why Trouble Ye the Woman
Thursday	Matthew 12:48	Who Is My Mother?
Friday	John 2:1	Mother of Jesus
Saturday	Ezekiel 16:44	As Is the Mother, so Is Her Daughter.
Sunday	Genesis 3:20	The Mother of All Living

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 31:30 *Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.*

LESSON 94

MAY 19, 2024

LIFE HAS NO MEANING WITHOUT CHRIST

MOTTO TEXT: Mark 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 12:11-34

- 11. And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:
- 12. For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

13. And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.
14. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?
15. And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.
16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:
17. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
18. And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
19. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.
20. But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
21. So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.
22. And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.
23. The life is more than meat, and the body *is more* than raiment.
24. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?
25. And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?
26. If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?
27. Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
28. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more *will he clothe* you, O ye of little faith?
29. And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.
30. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
31. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
32. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
33. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.
34. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

PURPOSE – To show that our lives have meaning today only because of Jesus Christ, and that being justified by His grace we are made heirs to the Kingdom of God.

PRACTICAL POINT – The riches of this world will fade away, but he that doeth the will of God will abide forever. Seek God's will and all other needful things will be added to assist completing His work through you.

COMMENTARY

So, you won the lottery, now what? You won the Super Bowl, so what? You built the biggest house in town and you drive only the best automobiles. You have said to yourself, Soul, thou has much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry. But God says, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose

shall those things be, which thou has provided? “For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (1 John 2:16-17).

Our life has no meaning without Jesus Christ. In Him we live and move and have our being. If there is no God, then for what cause are we living? If there is no Heaven nor Hell, where are we going to spend eternity? Jesus is the center of our joy. Life has no meaning without Him.

There is a better life than our earthly life. Therefore, let us go on to perfection. We have been made partakers of the Holy Ghost and have tasted the good Word of God and the powers of the world to come. God has enlightened us, and we have received His heavenly gift. We must never deny Him nor try to live this life without Him. All power has been given unto Jesus Christ in heaven as well as on earth. Life truly has no meaning without HIM.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. Jesus said, I am come that you might have life.
- 2. I am the way, the truth, and the life.
- 3. I am the Bread of Life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger.
- 4. I am the Light of the World: he that followeth me, shall not walk in darkness.
- 5. Only Jesus saves. There is no Salvation without Him.
- 6. There is no reconciliation back to God without Christ.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Psalm 14:1, The Fool Said in His Heart, <i>There Is NO God</i>
Tuesday	Psalm 31:24, Good Courage Strengthens the Heart
Wednesday	Ecclesiastes 6:12, Who Knows what <i>Is</i> Good in <i>this</i> Life?
Thursday	Revelation 2:10, Godly Faithfulness unto Death Generates a Crown of Life
Friday	1 John 5:13, That You May Know that You Have Eternal Life
Saturday	1 John 5:12, He that Has the Son of God Has Life
Sunday	Titus 1:2, The God of Hope Promised Eternal Life

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

LESSON 95

MAY 26, 2024

WHAT GOD DOES NOT WANT

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-15

- 1. Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, *so* ye would abound more and more.

2. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.
3. For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:
4. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;
5. Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:
6. That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.
7. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.
8. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.
9. But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.
10. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;
11. And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;
12. That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.
13. But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
14. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
15. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

PURPOSE – To wake up those who are asleep and encourage all who are awake that it is time for all to 'STUDY and excel in the righteousness of God.

PRACTICAL POINT – Let all learn to seek God face for the wisdom of His Word, and walk therein.

COMMENTARY

Most of the world is aware that whatever is said while we are alive, we will eventually hear it. However, after the time of our departure others will hear of the gems that possibly were never before uttered. Be assured, God's desire is that we know and embrace Him in our quest for eternal life. What others see, say and believe of us, let everything reflect God.

In 2 Corinthians 2:10-11, we find, "¹⁰To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ; ¹¹Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices". We must gain the greater knowledge of all God, rather than of Satan and his hosts who disregard the work of God. We are urged to study, showing ourselves as approved workmen with no cause of shame in how we separate ourselves from the world that leads to the damnation of our souls, as well as possibly the souls of others.

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. God must be pleased; He must be obeyed as urged by Apostle Peter in Acts 5:29, "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." **God does not want any of us to perish!**

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. God does want us to be unlearned concerning eternal life.
2. God does not want us to be disobedient.
3. God does not want us to follow even and shun the good
4. God does not want us to be slothful in business.
5. God does not want us to embrace iniquity.
6. Although trials will take us to it, but God will take us through it.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	2 Corinthians 2:10-11, To whom ye forgive any thing, I <i>forgive</i> also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave <i>it</i> , for your sakes <i>forgave I it</i> in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.
Tuesday	Proverbs 22:12, God's eyes preserve knowledge, and He overthrows the words of the transgressor. .
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 4:11, Study to be quiet.
Thursday	Romans 8:8, Don't' be in the flesh.
Friday	2 Timothy 2:16, Shun profane and vain babblings; they lead to ungodliness.
Saturday	1 Peter 3:11, Eschew/shun evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.
Sunday	Jude 16, ¹⁶ These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling <i>words</i> , having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

LESSON 96

JUNE 2, 2024

OPEN MY EYES SO THAT I WILL SEE FOR MYSELF

MOTTO TEXT: 1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 John 1:1-10

1. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
2. (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
3. That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
4. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.
5. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
6. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
8. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
10. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

PURPOSE – To open the eyes that have been blinded with the cares of this life and have forgotten to look to God.

PRACTICAL POINT – There is a time to move forward with open eyes to see what God has to offer to sustain each soul desiring to see Him.

COMMENTARY

We are living in a time when the blind can be taught to see by touch. The sensitivity of the fingers can guide also guide us when there is no light. Many would prefer losing limbs, just keep their sight. Our eyes can talk and relay responses to surrounding circumstances. There is nothing too hard for God.

However, some of us will close our eyes to what is truth, right, or expected. We can close our eyes why driving when our bodies are over-taxed. There are always dangers with closed eyes and limited visibility. Our daily plea to God should be to always keep our eyes spiritually opened so that we will be guide in His assigned direction.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.
Psalm 37:35
2. Pray that God will keep your eyes opened so that you won't stumble neither fall.
3. There is a way that seems right; beg to be guided in the way that is RIGHT!
4. Pray to be guided by the all-seeing eyes of God who beholds the evil and the good.
Proverbs 15:3

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Luke 11:33, No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place,... that they which come in may see the light.
Tuesday	John 12:21, Sir, we would see Jesus.
Wednesday	Psalm 25:17, Troubles enlarged the heart
Thursday	John 16:22, Joy that cannot be removed
Friday	Genesis 6:8, Like Noah, live to find grace in the eyes of the LORD.
Saturday	Titus 1:11, Mouths subverting whole houses, must come to a stop.
Sunday	John 5:19, Children following the Father in all they do

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

WATCH AND PRAY THAT YOU ENTER NOT INTO TEMPTATION

MOTTO TEXT: **Matthew 26:41** Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 1:1-15

1. James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.
2. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
3. Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
4. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
6. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
7. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
8. A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.
9. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
10. But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
11. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.
12. Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
13. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
14. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

PURPOSE – To understand that temptation will come. The believer must ask God, to be delivered from evil.

PRACTICAL POINT – Blessed *is* the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life (James 1:12).

COMMENTARY

They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition (1 Tim. 6:9). Watch and pray that you do not enter temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded (James 4:8). Because of the temptation to commit sexual sins, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband (1 Cor. 7:2). Every believer must put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the tricks of the devil.

Remember, the virtue/goodness/righteousness of Jesus that was manifested in the Scriptures (Mark 5:30; Luke 6:19, 8:46), when touched, He felt some of His goodness depart. Also know that you, too, were called to glory and virtue (2 Pet. 1:3; Phil. 4:8), beware of all surrounding evil and concealed sin. Brothers, be cautious when you encounter strange women (Prov 22:14, 23:33, 31:3). And, sisters, remember that you are daughters of the King, and are counted as honorable women (Psa. 45:9), holy and properly adorned, trusting in God (1 Pet. 3:5).

Finally, let us walk honestly, and decently; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality, not in strife and envying. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.
- 2. Know that you are not your own! You are bought with a price.
- 3. Pray that you enter not into temptation (Luke 22:40).
- 4. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- 5. Everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world (1 John 5:4).
- 6. Be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	James 4:7, Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6:18, Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.
Wednesday	Hebrews 2:18, For in that he himself has suffered being tempted, he is able to soccour/help those who are being tempted.
Thursday	1 John 1:8, If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
Friday	2 Timothy 2:22, Flee youthful lusts: but follow righteousness.
Saturday	Romans 13:14, But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to <i>fulfil</i> the lusts <i>thereof</i> .
Sunday	Galatians 6:1, Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

LESSON 98

JUNE 16, 2024

**FATHER’S DAY
GODLY FATHERS LIVING IN AN UNGODLY WORLD**

MOTTO TEXT: Genesis 18:20-21 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see

whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Timothy 3:1-17

1. This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
2. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
3. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
4. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
5. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
6. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
7. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
8. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
9. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.
10. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,
11. Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.
12. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
13. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
14. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;
15. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
16. All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

PURPOSE-To show that we can live godly and righteous in an ungodly world.

PRACTICAL POINT-The grace of God teaches us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. Titus 2:12

COMMENTARY

Sodom and Gomorrah were two very sinful and wicked cities. The wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah was very great. Sin was rampant everywhere. God wanted to save both cities fearing there maybe a few godly and righteous men, living among the ungodly and unrighteous. Abraham asked God to not destroy these two cities if one righteous man could be found. Morality was very loose and very low. Not one righteous person could be found. However, God allowed Lott to flee. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by fire.

Joshua 23:12-13 Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto

you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. We need the blessings of our heavenly Father and our earthly father.
- 2. Your Heavenly Father knows what things ye have need of, before you ask him.
Matthew 6:8
- 3. 1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust.
- 4. Matthew 23:9 Call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.
- 5. Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 6. Psalm 1:1 Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	! Corinthians 6:18, He that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 6:18, And I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons.
Wednesday	Lamentations 3:22-23, <i>It is of</i> the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed.
Thursday	Colossians 3:21, Fathers, provoke not your children <i>to anger</i> .
Friday	Malachi 4:5-6, And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.
Saturday	Exodus 20:12, Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long.
Sunday	Hebrews 12:7, If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Timothy 1:9-10 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men-stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine

LESSON 99

JUNE 23, 2024

BACKSLIDING IS NOT GOOD

MOTTO TEXT: Jeremiah 8:5 Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Peter 2:4-22

- 4. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
- 5. And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6. And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;
7. And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
8. (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)
9. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:
10. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.
11. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.
12. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;
13. And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the daytime. Spots *they are* and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;
14. Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:
15. have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son* of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
16. But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.
17. These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.
18. For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.
19. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.
20. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.
21. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.
22. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

PURPOSE – To warn believers of the danger of backsliding; and that it is an evil thing, and extremely bitter that they have forsaken the Lord.

PRACTICAL POINT – Backsliding Israel had played the harlot. The people slid back with a perpetual backsliding.

COMMENTARY

When a person returns to sin or relapses into the error of their former sinful ways, they become a backslider. When we vow a vow unto the Lord or make an oath to bind our soul and live holy, we should not break our word. We must keep our vows and do according to all that we promise God. When we break our vows and revert to sinning, even

intermittently, we become a perpetual backslider. Luke 9:62 says, “No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

We must be ready when Jesus returns. Let us not be found a backslider filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, envy, murder, deceit, or any such thing. We know that according to God’s Word, they which commit such things are worthy of death. We also know that whosoever lives in pleasure is spiritually dead while physically alive (1Tim. 5:6). Those who are continuously falling from God’s Grace must return, reenlist in God’s Army, fighting to evade God’s wrath (Heb. 10:31).

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; *and* I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I *am* merciful, saith the Lord, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever (Jer. 3:12).
- 2. Return, ye backsliding children, *and* I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou *art* the Lord our God (Jer. 3:22).
- 3. My people are bent to backsliding (Hosea 11:7).
- 4. I will heal their backsliding (Hosea 14:4).
- 5. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders (Mark 7:21).
- 6. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted (Gal. 6:1).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Jeremiah 3:14, I am married unto you.
Tuesday	Proverbs 14:14, The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways.
Wednesday	Mark 7:21, Out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts.
Thursday	Romans 1:28, God gave them over to a reprobate/perverted mind.
Friday	Hebrews 6:4-6, It is impossible for those who were once enlightened...
Saturday	Jeremiah 5:6, Their backslidings are increased.
Sunday	Jeremiah 3:8, Backsliding Israel committed adultery; Judah watch and followed.

MEMORY VERSE: Jeremiah 14:7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou *it* for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

LESSON 100

JUNE 30, 2024

OWE NO MAN ANYTHING

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he, that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 13:1-14

- 1. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.
3. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:
4. For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil.
5. Wherefore *ye* must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.
6. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.
7. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.
8. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he, that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
9. For this, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
10. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore, love *is* the fulfilling of the law.
11. And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.
12. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light.
13. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.
14. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

PURPOSE – To encourage Christians to pay their tithes and offerings, to not borrow, and to become debt free.

PRACTICAL POINT – Owe no man anything, but to love one another. Love is the fulfilling of God's law.

COMMENTARY

How long will you continue to rob God? You keep your tithes and hold back your offerings, yet you want to be blessed by the Lord. To those who refuse to pay their tithes, you are robbing God, and you hurt yourselves inasmuch as the Word of God says, "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings." Let us follow God's instructions and bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in God's house. Try the LORD and see if He will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that you shall not have room enough to receive it.

When you vow a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for God has no pleasure in those who draw back: pay that which you have vowed. "Better *is it* that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay" (Ecclesiastes 5:4-5). What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me? Psalm 116:12

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.
- 2. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me.
- 3. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse.
- 4. I will pay that which I have vowed.
- 5. Thou shalt lend to many nations, but thou shalt not borrow.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	2 Kings 4:1, 7	Sell the oil, and pay the debt
Tuesday	Leviticus 27:30	All the tithe of the land is the Lord's
Wednesday	Leviticus 27:31	Add the fifth part if you redeem ought of the tithe
Thursday	Luke 10:35	I will repay thee
Friday	Deuteronomy 15:6	Thou shalt not borrow
Saturday	Proverbs 22:7	The borrower is a servant to the lender
Sunday	Leviticus 27:32	The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord

MEMORY VERSE: Jonah 2:9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD.

LESSON 101

JULY 7, 2024

IN TIME, CHILDREN WILL BECOME ADULTS

MOTTO TEXT: That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 4:1-16

- 1. I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- 2. With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- 3. Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 4. *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- 5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6. One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.
- 7. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- 8. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
- 9. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
- 10. He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
- 11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- 12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the

body of Christ:

13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
14. That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
15. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:
16. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

PURPOSE – To remind all that there is no fear in growing into adulthood.

PRACTICAL POINT – There is a great joy in the success of all children.

COMMENTARY

The stages of are not the same for every human being. Some are relaxed, while others are on a faster pace. But, all will continue to grow into adulthood. It is the stage of greater responsibility. The more one learns, the one has to share. The more one cares, the more one will definitely use the strength and knowledge to lift others.

Those who have already reached adulthood are responsible for youth who will follow. We set the examples in every walk of life. As a guiding force, we cannot falter in our responsibility to the generations following us. There is goodness that they must see in every aspect of exchanges with the adults. We cannot fail these innocent souls. They must be shielded and molded to not only represent us, but more so the GOD who will charge them to prepare their living so that the youths who follow will not fail.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. Children are precious souls who must be guided.
2. Parents are the guiding force for children; those who are not parents will not be exempted from the same responsibility.
3. Do you best to habitually live so that the youth will be grateful to know you.
4. The strength of the adults will help youth to shoulder responsibilities. .

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Hebrews 5:12, Time to teach, rather than in need being taught again the first principles of the truths of God. .
Tuesday	Psalms 78: 3-4, We will not hide the law from the children
Wednesday	2 Timothy, 2:24-25, Be apt to teach, acknowledge the truth
Thursday	1 Timothy 5:25, Good works can never be hidden.
Friday	John 21:15, Feed my lambs.
Saturday	Proverbs 20:8, The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.
Sunday	Hebrews 5:13, For every one that useth milk <i>is</i> unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Peter 2:2-3 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

LESSON 102

JULY 14, 2024

FINANCIAL PEACE

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 28:12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

ENTIRE LESSON: Deuteronomy 28:1-14

1. And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:
2. And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.
3. Blessed *shalt thou be* in the city, and blessed *shalt thou be* in the field.
4. Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
5. Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.
6. Blessed *shalt thou be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt thou be* when thou goest out.
7. The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.
8. The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
9. The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.
10. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee.
11. And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee.
12. The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.
13. And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe *and to do them*:
14. And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, *to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.*

PURPOSE – To follow after the things which make for peace, to owe no man anything.

PRACTICAL POINT – The Lord shall make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only be above. You shall not be beneath. You shall lend unto many nations, and you shall not borrow.

COMMENTARY

God promised to set His people high above all nations of the earth. He promised to bless them in the city, in the field, and in their body. God said that their cattle, crops, and storehouse would all be blessed. He promised that He would bless them if they were obedient. He never promised to bless them if they were disobedient. Today, many want to be blessed, but they also want to remain disobedient to God’s Word.

‘Financial Peace’ means to become debt free, to owe no one anything. It is the ability to pay your debts and have freedom of mind concerning money matters. Financial peace is being able to manage money wisely. God promised that blessings will come on His people if they would listen to His voice and obey His Commandments.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. Forgive us our debts.
- 2. The borrower is servant to the lender (Pro. 22:7).
- 3. If thou lend money to *any of my people that is poor* by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury (Exo. 22:25).
- 4. I will open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it (Mal. 3:10).
- 5. What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me? (Psa. 116:12)
- 6. For the love of money is the root of all evil” (1 Tim. 6:10).

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	John 14:27, Peace I leave with you.
Tuesday	Romans 13:7, Render therefore to all their dues.
Wednesday	Romans 13:6, Pay ye tribute also.
Thursday	Luke 7:41-42, Forgiven, when they had nothing to pay.
Friday	Matthew 18:27, Compassion moved him, and he forgave the debt.
Saturday	Matthew 17:27, Thou shalt find a piece of money.
Sunday	Malachi 3:8-10, Will a man rob God?

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 37:21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

LESSON 103

JULY 21, 2024

SIN

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 6:1-23

- 1. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2. God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
3. Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
5. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his resurrection*:
6. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
7. For he that is dead is freed from sin.
8. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:
9. Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.
10. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
11. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
12. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
13. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.
14. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
15. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
16. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
17. But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
18. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.
19. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.
20. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.
21. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.
22. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.
23. For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PURPOSE – To show that we are purged from our old sins.

PRACTICAL POINT – Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

COMMENTARY

“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4). Shall we continue in sin? God forbid. We must now walk in the

newness of life. Our old man was crucified with Christ that the body of sin might be destroyed. The Holy Ghost brought about a change in our lives. We do not owe Satan anything and we do not have to serve him anymore.

We must not obey sin nor let sin control our bodies. Yielding to temptation is sin! Yield yourselves as servants to righteousness and holiness, for in the end you will have everlasting life. We are never to become servants of sin. Verse 18 says, “Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.” We must **GLORIFY** God in our body and live free from sin. Paul said, “I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

- 1. The flesh lust against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.
- 2. The soul that sin it shall die.
- 3. If thou do not well, sin lies at the door.
- 4. Jesus has power to forgive sins.
- 5. Repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.
- 6. Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sins.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Numbers 32:23, Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out
Tuesday	Proverbs 28:13, He that Covers His Sins Shall not Prosper
Wednesday	James 5:16, Confess Your Faults, and Pray for One Another
Thursday	Psalms 32:5, I Will Confess My Transgressions/Sins to the Lord
Friday	Luke 13:3, Except You Repent, You Shall All Likewise Perish
Saturday	1 John 3:9, Whosoever Is Born of God Does not Commit Sin
Sunday	1 John 3:8, He that Commits Sin Is of the Devil

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 10:26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

LESSON 104

JULY 28, 2024

THE TOLL AMID THE TOILS OF LIFE

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 5:5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 5:1-14

- 1. And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,
- 2. And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets.
- 3. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon’s, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.
5. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.
6. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.
7. And they beckoned unto *their* partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.
8. When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.
9. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:
10. And so *was* also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.
11. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.
12. And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on *his* face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
13. And he put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.
14. And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

PURPOSE – To alert all that toils of fishing to reclaim souls to God will take a toll on the human body, yet each must relentlessly continue fishing.

PRACTICAL POINT – When soul-fishing, each reaches out to the wandering without wandering, The toll may seem great, only because many times the toil lasts long.

COMMENTARY

As it was during the time of Jesus' earthly ministry, the people who were eager to hear what He taught, pressed their way toward Him to hear the Word of God. When the time of refreshing shall come, even today, there will be some who will draw near to 'eat of the Bread of Life' as God reveals himself through the ministry.

Each of us received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, to not get us ready for eternal life, but those who are drawn to God through your conversations and manner of life. Find a bright outlook during disasters near you as well as those in distant lands. All souls belong to God, but it the souls that sin that will die (Num. 15:28; Ezek. 18:4, 20). Work not only for your eternal life, but also for the eternal life of others.

BLACKBOARD EMPHASIS

1. There is much work to do while we patiently work to reclaim souls.
2. The work is not burdensome, it only proves that our human bodies must learn to rest.
3. Obedience found in leadership will definitely pass as exemplary for those who is being gathered from the oceans of worldly vices.
4. The greatness of God is manifested in the labor of His workers.
5. Success is not always seen by mankind; it is God who keeps the record of the faithful.

DAILY HOME READINGS

Monday	Proverbs 11:30, He that winneth souls is wise.
Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 5:12, The sleep of a laboring man is sweet.
Wednesday	Isaiah 63:14, Time has come for the beast to rest from sin.
Thursday	Genesis 49:10, God's law shall not depart; patiently waiting for Shiloh's (Jesus') return.
Friday	2 Thessalonians 2:1-2, Labor diligently, the day of Christ is at hand.
Saturday	Matthew 11:28, Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Sunday	Isaiah 24:20, The earth shall reel, transgression shall be heavy, a fall to never rise again.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.
