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I have taught thee in the way of wisdom: I have led thee in right paths.

Proverbs 4:11

SUNDAY BIBLE SCHOOL PREFACE



Dear Fellow Workers Together With Christ:

We are grateful to God for your earnest labor in God's vineyard. We have come to another milestone in our church history, as we present to you the 2020-2022 Universal Sunday Bible School Lessons of the House of God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth, (which was in the mind of God before the beginning of time).

We are most appreciative of the inspiration of our Sunday Bible School Committee, which helped to make the printing of the new Sunday Bible School lessons a living reality. We earnestly pray God's blessing upon them collectively and individually. They have done and are doing an extraordinary task to the honor and glory of God.

Let us remember that the Sunday Bible School Committee has before them one of the most influential assignments that is held in the House of God Church. The Sunday Bible School literature must nurture young and old alike, and the lessons, based on the eternal Word of God, must convict saints and sinners alike. They must edify the sanctified ones who are perfected forever by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. These lessons must be the very voice of the Lord saying, "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" (I Corinthians 15:58).

The recommended **age level of students and promotions** is as follows:

Senior Class – 19 years and above (may be grouped according to ages, needs and interests, if desired)

Junior Class – 15 to 18 years

Intermediate Class – 12 to 14 years

Catechism Class – 9 to 11 years

Beginner/Primary Class – 3 to 8 years

Promotion should occur at the end of the two-year period. It is recommended that the students be given a test as one of the qualifications for promotion. Graduation Exercise may be held either during the Sunday Bible School hour, or at a more appropriate time thereafter. Students must be given certificates that are ordered from our Headquarters Office.

All teachers, superintendents and officials of Sunday Bible School classes must be thoroughly screened, qualified and appointed as any other leaders appointed in the church. Qualification ability, both spiritual and temporal, must be ascertained by proper authorities in the church. Due to the critical crisis of the time, all classes with underage children must have a teacher and an assistant at all times, especially when classes are held in separate locations. It is firmly required that parents be held responsible for their own children when personal needs arise.

All leaders, from the bishopric to the humblest member of this church, must know the fundamental doctrine of the church, and must never be allowed to preach, teach or practice any doctrine contrary to or out of harmony with the Bible, faith, and Decree of the church.

All Sunday Bible School officials must attend their weekly church services, Sunday Bible School Convention and other services held, for the edifying of the church, the body of Christ. Remember, one who is unlearned, unholy and ignorant of God's Word cannot teach others. Do you realize that God hath given unto us all things pertaining unto life? God hath given unto us, His Son, His Spirit, the earth, the angels of light, the powers of darkness, death, the kingdom, and all the means of salvation. If we are ignorant of God, His Word and plan for mankind, we cannot teach this to others. Remember, the sacrificial cross is Christ's way of creating vision and shaping values while operating in the spirit of excellence.

In this church, there has always been and shall always be one law, one doctrine and one decree that must be taught through this organization, wherever it is established. When any leader (from the least to the greatest) refuses to obey the faith, doctrine and decree, they will be dealt with accordingly.

We are reminding all leaders to consider that the Sunday Bible School is God's guaranteed solution to a growing church. Now is the time for God's children to awake out of sleep and take charge of their God-given power to tread over all the impossibilities of life and move forward to the next level.

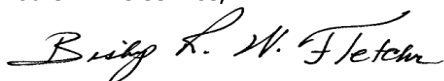
Guideline for Sunday Bible School Superintendents (prior to reciting the Ten Commandments): By the divine guidance of the Holy Ghost in the Chief Overseer, **all** Sunday Bible School **superintendents** are instructed to give the **CHURCH STATEMENT** concerning what we earnestly believe and do firmly teach, concerning the everlasting and moral law of God.

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If the mission of the church is not clear, which is to attain to the Excellency of God's image and likeness that is within us, we risk losing the Now Generation who are seeking for something that is worthwhile in living and dying during their era!

Yours in His service,



Bishop Rebecca W. Fletcher
Chief Overseer and Editor

*This Issue Is Dedicated in Sweet Reminiscence
of
Our Generational Leaders
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Presiding Bishop of South Carolina Diocese

Bishop Willie Walker, Presiding Bishop (1927-2018)

Presiding Bishop of West Coast Florida Diocese

Bishop Viola Jackson (1929-2019)

Presiding Bishop of Georgia Diocese Three

THE SUMMATION

The paths that were trod led straight to God
And the way that was taught is still the way to walk
The leadership of the blessed found no rest
They fought that we would fight and do our best.
War-worn, battled-scared! Retreat! Advance!
Others must join the war, but not by chance.
Victory is always in view to the faithful few
Afraid not to obey, others would have no excuse!

They were forever prisoners in the Word of God
They did their all to heed the heavenly call
Aware from the beginning their work had meaning
And patiently nursed the skirmish wounded, bleeding!
Then their work here below too quickly ended
And everything that was done transcended.
The God who gave them grace and time
Is still saying to all, "These souls are mine."



ORDER OF SERVICE 9:30 – 11:30 A.M.

Sunday Bible School Superintendent in Charge

15 minutes: 9:30 – 9:45

Call to Worship
Opening Song
The Lord's Prayer
Roll Call

Classes Reassemble
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40 minutes: 10:40 – 11:20

Responsive Reading, 136th Psalm
Lesson Number, Date,
Subject, Motto Text, and
Scripture for Entire Lesson

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10 minutes: 11:20 – 11:30

55 minutes: 9:45 – 10:40

Classes Assemble
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Closing Song and Benediction

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 136

1. O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
2. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
3. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
4. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
5. To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
6. To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
7. To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
8. The sun to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
9. The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
10. To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
11. And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
12. With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
13. To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
14. And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
15. But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
16. To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
17. To him which smote great kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
18. And slew famous kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
19. Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
20. And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
21. And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
22. *Even* an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
23. Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
24. And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
25. Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
26. O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Preparation by the teacher is imperative. A teacher cannot successfully teach pupils a lesson that he or she has not seen until the class begins. The teacher must be a person full of the Holy Ghost, prayerful, patient, full of faith, and obedient in all things. He or she must be the one who puts in practice that which is taught so that what is taught will stimulate pupils to become stronger Christians. (Read Matthew 11:25)

We are yet pleading with you to study your lessons and attend Sunday Bible School in order to be ready to make contributions to your class. The teacher must be well prepared so as to give guidance when it is needed. As students of Sunday School, a sense of self-worth and importance comes from contributing. As the class members assume more of the burden of study, the teacher will be relieved of the responsibility of being the sole dispenser of biblical truth in the classroom. The Church is described as a body in I Corinthians 12:14-26, with each body part contributing what it, and only it, can do. No teacher can learn for his or her students. A teacher can only help the students through the teaching process, and active participation aides the students in the learning process.

1. **Subject** – the topic that forms the basis of the discussion.
2. **Motto Text** – the guiding principles as it relates to the lesson.
3. **Entire Lesson** – biblical evidence and support of the subject and purpose of the lesson.
4. **Purpose** – reason or point of the lesson.
5. **Practical Application** – the idea given from the lesson that may become a part of our daily lives.
6. **Commentary** – comments and explanation about the lesson.
7. **Blackboard Emphasis and Daily Guidelines** – simple statements that can be remembered about the lesson to whet the appetite and invoke a thirst and hunger for scriptural searches, relating to and giving further insight of the lesson.
8. **Memory Verse** – an exercise in retention or recalling Bible verses.

Other helpful study resources:

The Holy Bible – The Church Decree – A Bible Dictionary – A Dictionary

The BIBLE of choice for all congregations within this Church is the King James Version (KJV), as was used by our Founder, Mother M. L. Tate. We have been taught and we have witnessed some of this fact in scriptural quotes in our Church Decree. Let all of us admonish and encourage each other, and then knit ourselves together as one in using the King James Version.

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The believer's faith is no stronger than the foundation upon which they build. The following is a study of some of the Great Doctrine upon which the House of God Church is built:

1. The Doctrine of the Bible is the Lord's message to His people on planet earth.
2. The Doctrine of God, the Mighty Creator, who spoke a non-existing world into existence, by the "word of His power."
3. The Doctrine of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, "who taketh away the sins of the world."
4. The Doctrine of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of burning that purifies and delivers the soul from the curse of sin and death.
5. The Doctrine of Salvation, the all-inclusive and conclusive works of God, whereby lost souls are redeemed from the curse of sin and death.
6. The Doctrine of the True Church of the Living God, the Bride of Christ, the Lamb's Wife being perfected and made spotless for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.
7. The Doctrine of the Bible, the spoken word of God, written to mankind in all ages.
8. The Doctrine of Angels, "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation."
9. The Doctrine of Satan, prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.
10. The Seven Churches and Seven Messages are symbolic of the seven methods of satanic attacks on the Christian Church of all ages, as well as on individuals within the Church. (Read Revelation chapters 2-3)
11. The Rapture - The First Coming of Christ "FOR" the Church/ The Second Coming of Christ will occur when Christ comes "WITH" the Saints to Judge the World (Read I Thessalonians 4:16-17)
12. The Heavenly Vision is the scene in Heaven before the breaking of the seals. (Read Revelation chapter 4-5, chapter 8:1)
13. The Seven Seals of Judgment - It is believed to be a symbol of the following events:
 - a. First Seal – Hail, fire, blood
 - b. Second Seal – Burning mountain
 - c. Third Seal – Star wormwood
 - d. Fourth Seal – Sun smitten
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THEME I
THE LOVE OF GOD FOR HIS PEOPLE

And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou *art*, to bring thee in, to give thee their land *for* an inheritance, as *it is* this day.
Deuteronomy 4:37-38

LESSONS 1-10

LESSON 1

AUGUST 2, 2020

FAMILY SUNDAY
THE GREAT MYSTERY OF THE GOD FAMILY

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: Ephesians 3:1-17

EXPLANATION

Today we celebrate the Family. Why is it important to celebrate families? Are we noticing a difference in the family structure? Are children being affected by the differences we see in the family? Finally, what is the mystery of a God family? As you discuss this lesson, hopefully all of these questions will be open to answers that are realized.

When most people think of family, they think of the father, mother, and children, as well as those who are related by marriage or blood. It is important to let our children know that despite changing times and the current changes in family structures, God established family life with a father, mother, and children. Two dads or two moms as parents is not the plan established by God, regardless of what is happening in our society.

God created families as a biological and social basis for the human race, as well as agents of His grace and judgment. God is making for Himself a family of sons and daughters who will obey Him, serve Him, praise Him, reverence Him, and reign with Him in His Kingdom forever and ever. Just as the Trinity consists of the God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, so must our earthy families follow the plan of our Heavenly Father.

As Paul said in 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 name.” Youth, it is important to strive for obedience and be one in God’s family.

GLOSSARY

1. Agents – somebody who officially represents somebody else.
2. Biological - related by birth.
3. Family – a group of people who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption.
4. Structure – the way in which the different parts of something link or work together, or the fact of being linked together.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the current changes in families that may be confusing in these times? (*Have a class Discussion*)
2. It is acceptable to God for a household to consist of two moms or two dads. *True_____ or False_____ (Discuss your answer)*
3. Families were created as a biological and _____ _____ for the human race. (*Fill in the blanks*)
4. To whom did Paul bow his knees to in Ephesus 3:14-15?
5. Why is your family important to you? (*Answer Individually*)

MEMORY VERSE: I Corinthians 8:6 But to us *there is but* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him.

LESSON 2

AUGUST 9, 2020

MORNING BY MORNING GOD BRINGS JUSTICE TO LIGHT: HE FAILETH NOT

MOTTO TEXT: Zephaniah 3:5 The just LORD *is* in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

ENTIRE LESSON: Zephaniah 3:1-20

EXPLANATION

Each day, don't you desire to be more and more like your Elder Brother, Jesus? He did no sin, neither was guile (*deceit*) found in His mouth (John 1:47; I Pet. 2:22). Just as Jesus put out of the temple those who bought and sold (Matt. 21:12), it is just as important that you put evil exchanges out of your bodily temple (I Cor. 6:19). Be assured, God will justify good and bring it to light, and He will bring justice to light of those who transgress His law.

God truly meted out justice in the land, and no nation was excused. Those who backslide and those who serve other gods. The strange lifestyle with the strange clothing will be punished. God is a jealous God. His name is Jealous; Exodus 34:14, "For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God."

Be aware, youth, that you have a responsibility to do what is right everywhere you go and before all that you know. Your righteous lifestyle will be attentive to your peers, drawing them to God, rather than their lifestyle drawing you to them. So, you can truly understand why God had to bring total justice to all idolatrous nations. God is jealous for your souls. He does not want you to perish, but bring others to Him. Don't fail our God!

GLOSSARY

1. Fail – unable to bring something to completion.
2. Iniquity – the unrighteousness committed by man against God.
3. Justice/Judgment – the dispensation of God's punishment.

4. Shame – an embarrassment or humiliation of an offense committed against God.
5. Zephaniah – one of the twelve Old Testament minor prophet; his name means ‘Jehovah hides or protects’; he prophesied to idolatrous Judah urging seeking only God in righteousness and humility (2:1-3). Zephaniah emphasized a preserved remnant among Judah and other nationalities (3:9, 2:11b). He prophesied against Nineveh (Zeph. 2:13), as did Nahum (2:8) and Jonah (1:2).

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Youth, always remember, “There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known” (Matt. 10:22; Mark 4:22).
2. God is a just God, and He requires that you answer with a good conscience toward Him. In so doing, you are saved by the baptism of the Holy Ghost through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (I Pet. 3:18-21).
3. Just putting away the filth and pollution of the flesh are not sufficient to save us. Woe (*bitter grief or distress*) is pronounced on the whole disobedient city that would not be corrected. How much more can you expect for yourself, or are you living to be a part of the remnant while the woes pass over?
4. All anguish is not punishment. Sometimes, the purpose is to keep you humble among men so that you can better serve God (II Cor. 12:7-10).

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 9:24-25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

LESSON 3

AUGUST 16, 2020

DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE DEFEATED BY SATAN TO TURN TO GOD

MOTTO TEXT: II Corinthians 1:8-10 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: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver *us*.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-13

EXPLANATION

When you have tried and tried without success, usually it is an indication to reverse your course of action. Usually, that is a blessing to come to the realization that you have accepted your limitation. Acceptance of defeat in some matters of life can change your eyesight, how you see things. It teaches you to look to something that you passed by as not worth your good time. Defeated by the very thing that Satan led you to do. He is relentlessly seeking souls, too.

“Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die” (Ezek. 18:3). “The life of the flesh is in the blood” (Lev. 17:11). Jesus shed His blood for the atonement for our sins, without which there is no remission of our sins (Heb. 9:22).

Isaiah did not omit one soul in his call, but he did expect those who are thirsty to come to the fountain of the free-living water. This was more than 400 years before Jesus was born.

In defeat, many never get back up. Youth, you cannot predict your behavior in defeat of earthly pursuits. Know that you will not be able to determine what it will be like for you if, not when, you are overcome by the wiles/trickery of Satan. If you have a little push, there may not be enough time left.

GLOSSARY

1. Defeated – loss of strength to overcome; frustration of one’s own weak effort to accomplish something.
2. Ignorant – awareness of a lack of knowledge in some area wherein others may be knowledgeable.
3. Obeyed – an order or command that is carried out/completed; to do what one is told.
4. Satan – the old serpent; the Devil, a murderer, liar and deceiver; the father of all lies (Gen. 3:1-5, 14; John 8:44; Rev. 12:9, 20:2, 10).

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Accept friends that will not lead you away from God.
2. Strive in your studies for jobs that are not detrimental to the soul.
3. Daily remind yourself that whatever you do for Christ will last.
4. Lift your voice in praise all of your days. Eternal life for the body of flesh is not even a slim expectation, but eternal life for the soul is purpose driven.
5. First Corinthians 15:50, “Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.”
6. Defeated, misled, misfed, because you misread what was missaid. Be specific specializers.
7. First 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.”

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

LESSON 4

AUGUST 23, 2020

GOD’S WAY: A MORE EXCELLENT WAY

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 55:9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

ENTIRE LESSON: II Kings 5:1-14

EXPLANATION

The more that you do something becomes a habit that is perfected each time it is repeated. You will eventually become excellent, in your own estimation or the estimation of others. You are evaluated daily in your life. You know when you must pick up the slack that does not become you, then you must know what is not pleasing in God's sight.

He sent His Son (*the living Word*), His only begotten Son, as proof that you can live a more excellent life in the flesh before all mankind. Your good habits will draw others to God, daily. A small deed here, a kind word there, a smiling face through your trials of life. Whatever you do and how you do it, just may help another carry or bear a heavy load.

Naaman, the Syrian leper, had captured a young Israelite girl who became a handmaid in his home. This young girl knew prophet Elisha, and uttered that there was help for the incurable leprosy in Israel. Yes, a child in your age group was believed. The message was miss-conveyed to the king and not the prophet. Another eavesdropper got the message to Elisha, the prophet, that the king had rent/torn his clothes in despair. Elisha's message to the king was sent to Naaman. By following the direction for cleansing from Elisha, Naaman was cleanse from his leprosy.

GLOSSARY

1. God's Way/Thoughts – Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, said the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."
2. Heavens higher than Earth – uncalculated distance; a vast separation of space.
3. More Excellent – the second degree of three comparative degrees; status obtained as one climbs to reach perfection.
4. Strength to the Upright – constancy in a righteous lifestyle or way of living for Christ.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What you think of God and what He thinks of you are revealed by your characteristic behavior. Are you portraying Him in your life?
2. Prove your own self as you strive for the excellency that is in Christ (II Cor. 13:4).
3. Elisha was the prophet who succeed Elijah, receiving a double portion of Elijah's spirit (II Kings 2:9-24).
4. The lesson conveys that other nations believe in the one True God, when there are those whom God claims, many fail to believe the messenger.
5. Remember, don't be confused by the simplicity of obedience to God's leader. The true workers for God will not dispense complicated work.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 10:29-30 The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright; but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity. The righteous shall never be removed; but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

**THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE IN EVERY PLACE,
BEHOLDING THE EVIL AND THE GOOD**

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 15:2-3 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

ENTIRE LESSON: Proverbs 15:1-26

EXPLANATION

Cameras are everywhere. We are recorded daily. Cell phones are ready to share all that you do, good or bad, via social media outlets. Businesses have surveillance, and their cameras are used to verify many crime scenes. Youth have preference of what they want shared among their peers, but too many are forgetful that God is watching, always. His records in your account will not be changed, and cannot be altered or transferred by man. The value of what God does is underestimated in the forgetfulness that those records will be answered by the soul.

Young people, are you aware that the one true God sees and always records all things . There is nothing that will not be revealed at some point. He is also a forgiving God and will not repute evil with good. “The eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil (I Pet. 3:12). Know of a surety that God is watching you. Pray that He will always keep a close watch on you in all that you say and do, and wherever you may go.

GLOSSARY

1. Beholding – observing or witnessing; deep consideration of what is before you.
2. Evil – opposite of that which is morally right.
3. Foolishness – thoughtlessness exhibited toward whatever is presented.
4. Knowledge – an awareness or comprehension of what has been learned.
5. Tongue – the body member that tastes and controls speech; dialect (Judg. 12:5-6).

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Value more discreetly what is in God’s record of what you do, you soul will forever answer for that.
2. All that in man’s record or memory is fleeting. After a few generations, or sooner, all earthly accolades are forgotten. Streets, bridges and buildings are renamed, statutes are removed, graves are unearthened ... room is then made for others to claim their space.
3. Let your speech *be* always seasoned with grace, *seasoned salt*, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man (Col. 4:6).
4. Youth, always be ready to accept the responsibility to preach (*live*) the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (II Tim. 4:2).
5. Be sure to live, knowing that all you do for Christ will last.

MEMORY VERSE: I Corinthians 5:25-27 Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 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.

LESSON 6

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

**EVANGELISM SUNDAY
GOD'S OPTOMETRISTS:
APPOINTED TO OPEN THE EYES OF THE BLIND**

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 42:6-7 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-25

EXPLANATION

Isaiah is hailed the evangelistic prophet. He prophesized during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, the kings of Judah (Isa. 1:1). He first accepted God's message after Uzziah's death (Isa. 6:1). It was a dire period of needed reformation, determining that a whole nation had departed from God, from the head to the feet (Isa. 14-6). We would say, from the least to the highest ranked in the nation. Punishment was futile and healing ointment was useless.

God choses whom He will to make Himself known to the souls of the people. God was tired of the duplicity in the lives of His people and the earthly leaders of that day. After Isaiah acknowledged and been cleansed from his iniquity (Isa 6:5-7), he volunteered for the service, and God said, "Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not" (6:8-9).

The Abrahamic Covenant for future Israel and the Gentiles (Gen. 12:1-31) was not forgotten. As it takes time for a newborn to reach maturity, God does not always rush when fulfilling His promises, neither His judgments. It is time to open eyes that have been closed to righteousness, and God appointed Isaiah as His optometrist. The time for judgment to be set, so that all souls, bound or free, will rush into righteousness.

GLOSSARY

1. Blind – void of the ability to see, this can be with the natural sense or spiritual vision.
2. Covenant – a binding agreement by God to man, stating that if you will, He will.
3. Evangelism – the zealous preaching and dissemination of the gospel, through missionary work.
4. Eyes – spiritually, the insight of God's Word conveying how to accept His message.
5. Optometrist – a professional who is trained and licensed to examine the eyes for visual defects, diagnose problems or impairments, and prescribe corrective lenses or provide other types of treatment.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Youth, it is time to put away folly in your life and accept everlasting righteousness.
2. Get ready to be Now Generation ambassadors for God in this faithless generation.
3. Litigate, dominate, and prove that the righteousness of God abounds in your life.
4. Live the gospel message! Entice others by the good manifested in all you do.
5. Prove yourselves as you are daily watched. Give reason for others to imitate and propagate so their eyes will be opened to the Light of Jesus and closed to the darkness of Satan.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

LESSON 7

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

GRANDPARENTS' DAY GRANDPARENTS: TELLING THE ORACLES OF GOD FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 78:2-4 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 78:1-39

EXPLANATION

Youth, attentively listen as you are being taught, both by precepts and examples. Experience is a great teacher for those who would be foolish. Yet, whosoever will learn from the experience of others will not fall into condemnation. Those grandparents who have fallen by their own shortcomings surely had to witness the shortcomings of others.

For those who are resonating/echoing, accept the fact that the same information is repetitiously conveyed from generation to generation as spiritual warnings to obey. Many times, those who were not constantly reminded fell from their own steadfastness. Those grandparental souls are afraid for your souls. They do not want you to suffer if you dare experience any of those deceits (*misguides*) presented by Satan's early representatives who are hidden as wolves in sheep clothing that will devour your souls.

This is a time to be greedy for godly teachings from your grandparental generation. Be assured, there is no way they would desire to depart this life without sharing some survival wisdom that will keep you sanctified forever. That is wealth that cannot be buried, stolen or sold, and will abide with you forever.

GLOSSARY

1. Generation – the godly recreation protective age of the female body (*late teens*) and the male; age reached of responsibility.

2. Grandparents – the first parent of three generations; your parents’ parents.
3. Oracles – visions, revelations and truths given by God.
4. Parable – an allegory, the conveyance of the moral fact that teaches the similitude of the spiritual.
5. Utter – to speak.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. When the grandparental saints convey words of wisdom that will guard your soul, are you attentive?
2. When a scripted life of good or bad is portrayed before you, which one is your soul prone to imitate?
3. As you matriculate to the age of maturity, do you have plans to draw closer to God by imitating the good in the lives of your generational grands that you have witnessed?
4. Is the palate of your appetite graving the godly knowledge that is passed from generation to generation? That knowledge is capable of guiding your life and saving your soul.
5. Do you love to learn from your grandparents? Inquire of them of the past, knowing what transpired years ago will help you better prepare for your future.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 79:13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

LESSON 8

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

ALMIGHTY GOD: A STRONGHOLD IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE

MOTTO TEXT: Nahum 1:6-7 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 27:1-14

EXPLANATION

“Almighty God, Almighty God, hold me in the Hallow of Your hands” is a song devotional leaders sang years ago. It’s a song of praise and promise as well as a plea. It recognizes that God is Almighty, all powerful and sovereign. It also admits that we need to be held by God. The *Motto Text* of this lesson says, The *LORD* is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. What a mighty statement of confidence this expresses for all who *KNOW* God. It is one of the wonderful promises that God gives to His precious children. When you have this kind of confidence in God, you realize that there is no reason to fear the enemy or anyone.

Who would desire to battle God? No one who is of a sound mind or does not have a reprobate mind. God is all we need. Our purpose is to love and obey His Commandments and His statutes. The LORD God is more powerful than anyone or anything we can

encounter. It does not matter about any troubles, pitfalls, or traps the enemy has planned for us, we can depend on God's help to overcome and be delivered.

David cried to the Lord in his distresses to not be put away in anger, but that God would hide him in His pavilion and under His wings. David sang praises to God for all His blessings and promised to seek God's will and purpose as he was rescued from his enemies. David knew that God was mightier than anything or anyone and that he had no need to fear whatever evil his enemies planned.

GLOSSARY

1. Encounter – to meet, come across, come upon, confront, contend with.
2. Indignation – anger, fury, outrage, resentment.
3. Pavilion – tower, tent, dome, a place of protection.
4. Stronghold – clinch, fortress, iron grip, lock.
5. Sufficient – enough, abundant, God's grace is sufficient (*enough*) for His children.
6. Tabernacle – a place dedicated for sacrificing to remit committed sin.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What confidence should we have in God since He is our light and our salvation?
Accept individual answers from the class.
2. Name some of the trials and tribulations you have encountered.
3. Complete the following statement: One thing have I _____ of the Lord; that will I _____.
4. Are you seeking God's Will and Purpose for your life?
Allow the class to answer individually.
5. What are some songs of praise and gratitude do we sing unto the Lord?
The class can make lists of the songs they know. The teacher could add to the list if the students aren't familiar with them.

MEMORY VERSE: Jeremiah 17:13-14 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, *and* they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters. Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou *art* my praise.

LESSON 9

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE REJECTS SIN AND DISOBEDIENCE

MOTTO TEXT: Leviticus 21:4-5 *But* he shall not defile himself, *being* a chief man among his people, to profane himself. They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

ENTIRE LESSON: Leviticus 19:1-30

EXPLANATION

God loves His people with a great love, but He does not tolerate sin and disobedience. He gave Moses, the leader of the Children of Israel, specific instructions about serving Him only and no other gods. They should make no idols of any sort to worship or serve. God was the one who delivered them from slavery in the land of Egypt and from under hard taskmasters and brought them into the Promised Land. He instructed them to be holy for He is holy.

When the people offered up many kinds of oblations for sin, they were taught how and when to offer them and what to do with that which remained. They were expected to carry out these offerings exactly as outlined. They were also commanded on the treatment of their sons and daughters and their own bodies. The people were charged not to cut their skins nor make markings upon themselves; not to prostitute their daughters, not to eat anything with blood, nor use enchantments. The commandments also included that they should not be stumbling blocks in the path of anyone. All should fear the Lord and obey His Word.

These same instructions are for God's people today. Although we don't offer animal sacrifices for our sins today, we must present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. This is our reasonable service.

GLOSSARY

1. Defile – taint, tarnish, corrupt, pollute, contaminate, dishonor.
2. Instructions – directives, commands, teachings, orders.
3. Oblation – offering, a donation, a sacrifice rendered.
4. Unconditional – absolute, unreserved, total, whole-hearted.
5. Rebellion – revolt, repel, uprising.
6. Stumbling – trip up, stop and start.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What were some of the instructions that God gave to Moses for the Children of Israel? *The students should find the answers in the Explanation of the lesson.*
2. Even though God's love is unconditional, what does He not tolerate? *Ask individual students to respond.*
3. Discuss the commandments that were given regarding sacrifices of oblations.
4. What sacrifices are required of God's people today? *Class discussion should follow.*
5. God's Commandments are pure and holy. *Talk about some of them given in the lesson.*

MEMORY VERSE: I Samuel 15:22-23 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

**COME ON OVER TO THE LORD'S SIDE
WHILE THE BLOOD IS YET RUNNING WARM IN YOUR VEINS**

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 32:26 Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who *is* on the LORD'S side? *let him come* unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

ENTIRE LESSON: I John 5:1-21

EXPLANATION

The Lord has extended the invitation to all mankind to come over on His side while we yet live. We do not have to live our lives in sin and degradation. We have the opportunity to live holy, pure, loving, kind, patient, joyful, peaceful and with self-control by living on God's side.

The Spirit of God enables us to prepare ourselves to live forever with Him in His kingdom. God's Word outlines step by step His requirements for living on His side. There are so many merits in living on God's side. There are two distinct choices set before man. They are (1) to live our lives in sin, or (2) to live a holy life. We can choose to believe that Jesus is God's Son who came to redeem man back to God or we can choose to be an unbeliever and live in sin.

As a believer on the Lord's side, there are commandments, statutes and rules to guide our lives. They are not grievous (*difficult*) to those who have decided to live holy. But they are very hard for the transgressors because they want to try and serve two masters. We can have confidence in that whatever we ask of the Lord according to His will, He hears us. And because He hears us, we receive our petitions we ask of Him.

There are three (*the Trinity*) that bear record (*evidence*) of the truth in heaven. They are the Father (*God*), the Son (*Jesus*), and the Holy Ghost (*Spirit*). These three are one. There are also three that bear in the earth. They are the Spirit, the Water, and the Blood.; they agree in one.

God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must do so in spirit and in truth. We receive the truth from God's witness because Jesus is God's Son and is acknowledged as such.

Whose side are you living on? Come on over on the side of the truth so you can live eternally with God in heaven. There is no neutral or middle ground. It is either we are on God's side, or not.

GLOSSARY

1. Degradation – ruin, disgrace, deprivation, poverty (*all come from sin*).
2. Distinct – clear, definite, clear-cut, well-defined.
3. Grievous – hard, difficult, tiring, complex, unmanageable.
4. Neutral – indistinct, indeterminate, on the fence.
5. Redeem – buy back, rescue, save, restore, make amends for.
6. Transgressor – wrongdoer, sinner, evildoer.
7. Trinity – the Christian Godhead, one God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. The state of being three.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Discuss what it means to come over on the Lord's side?
2. When there are exact rules to follow, how is this helpful? *Class should give opinions.*
3. How do people try to be on neutral grounds as Christians?
4. Have you transgressed God's Commandments? If so, what should be done to get you back on the right track? *Answers could be recorded on paper and shared by those students who desire to do so.*
5. The invitation to come over on the Lord's side was given by Moses in the Motto Text. Are you willing to issue this same invitation to unbelievers you come in contact with? *Perhaps role playing could help build some confidence in the class to help them participate with witnessing to others in this manner.*

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 2:26-29 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

THEME II
GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

I Timothy 3:15-16

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LESSON 11

OCTOBER 11, 2020

**THE MYSTERY OF MYSTERIES:
REVEALED TO TRUE BELIEVERS BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

MOTTO TEXT: I Corinthians 2:10-11 God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Corinthians 2:1-16

EXPLANATION

The unexpected happens to many. The question is often asked, “Lord, why now?” We refer to what has been heard many times, “There is a season, and a time to every purpose for everything under heaven” (Eccl. 3:1).

Paul, the apostle was rude (*message was not powerfully projected*) in, but not in knowledge obtained from what others have learned in earthly matters. He was not forgetful of the Law of God as revealed by the Old Schoolmaster that brought him/us to the knowledge of Christ. That knowledge makes us hungry for more as expounded in Galatians 3:24. Our validation to obtain eternal life is by our Faith, which is revealed in us by our works as reiterated in the second chapter in the Book of James (vv. 20-26). Or else, we find that we are dwelling and working among the living dead (I Tim. 5:6).

The Spirit of God, that moved upon the waters in the Creation, will not die, but is like the Son of God, alive evermore (Gen. 1:2, 7:18; Rev 1:18). It (the Holy Ghost), too, will live within you forever, only if you will give Him the opportunity. That Great Comforter (the Holy Ghost) will not only comfort you through all that you must endure in this life, He is your **teacher** that you cannot leave behind. He is your **reminder** of what you must do to avoid the devised pitfalls placed in your path and your **guide into all the truth** that you must abide. Refer to John 14:16-17, 18, 26, 16:13. It is the Spirit of truth that will not allow you to give a place neither space for the Devil to guide what you do in your life.

Yes, it is the mystery of mysteries of how the Third Person of the Trinity can do so much to preserve your soul for eternity with God, the First Person of the Trinity. Only His Living Word, Jesus, (the Second Person of the Trinity) was qualified to be Worthy to make this possible for all to become worthy to obtain eternal life (Rev. 5:1-12, 16:6).

GLOSSARY

1. Excellency – the surpassing of what exists or is already obtained in any expectation; over and beyond.
2. Revealed – that which was made known after being hidden or covered until an acceptable time of readiness.
3. Search – to seek out in order to find something; to examine to obtain supportive proof that will substantiate/hold up what is right.
4. Spirit of God – the Holy Ghost, the Third Person of the Trinity that was made available to all mankind by the shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ (Savior Anointed), the Second Person of the Trinity, the spoken Word of God that was made flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:13-14).

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Except the Holy Ghost teaches, how would you know? Except your knowledge, how would you be reminded? Except it is brought to your remembrance, how would you be guided? Allow the students to answer.
2. How can we achieve anything when we don't first believe the possibility?
3. Do you now desire the Spirit of God (Holy Ghost) to be upon you and then in you?
4. Whether delivered with a loudness or spoken quietly, let whatever you articulate to relay the revealed messages of God be seasoned with what is the TRUTH.
5. The palatable Word of God is digestible. Apostle John asked for the Little Book, and he ate and digested the whole book (Rev. 10:9-11). The mysteries of God's Word are not selectable, neither is the Decree of the Church. Both must be digested to convey God's needed message, by word of action, to all who will receive and believe. Youth, what are you doing to unveil the mysteries of God to your peers? And how?

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 8:28-31 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. 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. 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. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

LESSON 12

OCTOBER 18, 2020

THE CREATION OF THE EARTH CAME OUT OF THE WOMB OF NOTHING

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 33:11-12 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Blessed *is* the nation whose God is the LORD; *and* the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 33:1-22

EXPLANATION

A perfect team of three that is united in a just and righteous cause can accomplish much. With a set mind and determination that the purpose is required to accomplish a needed benefit, by working together it can be done. We pray, "Thy will be done."

God the Father, God the Son (*God's Word made Flesh*), and God the Holy Ghost (*God's Working Spirit, keeping all things in order*) were there from the beginning as God spoke, saying "Let Us." There is no deception to set out in varying directions or cause any division. The Creation of the Earth must be done, God spoke, and it was so. Out of nothing that preexisted, all things were made that were made (John 1:3). God has never been alone, and neither are you when you have received His blessed Holy Ghost (Matt. 28:19-20).

You may question, after accomplishing what at first seemed impossible, and you will come to know that God's Holy Spirit is working out the impossible. You are rightly God's instruments of praise. And you will widely be seen and heard by the WORK that God does and creates through you. You are His living wonder among your peers to draw them and entice them from the craftiness of wickedness that exists in your daily surroundings.

Remember, your soul will be delivered from death and kept alive in the famine when God's Word cannot be heard/accepted/comprehended by wayward leadership.

GLOSSARY

1. Counsel – the act of exchanging opinions and ideas; to consult for advice or guidance.
2. Creation – the world and all things in the divine act by which God create the world.
3. Inheritance – that which is obtained when the last owner can no longer claim or use it.
4. Womb – the protective place for developing or creating to ready the product for useful purposes.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Grow like the peanut, rather than depleting the nutrients in the soil/world by continuous sinning, its root method of growth held the nutrients in the soil. Do likewise as travel from city to city and state to state to achieve education and acclaim in society. Don't deplete the nutrients (*church faith and doctrine*) that exists in the soil/you that will keep you growing to perfection.
2. Where there is need, let the root within you spread the creative will of God in the soil/souls that has been depleted of the Holy Estate of the Godhead.
3. God has done the first work, and with the steadfastness of the church pioneers His creative powers continues. Youth, it is now your time to work out of a creative clean heart to plant within others the unadulterated Word of God. No soul should be left behind, regardless of any handicaps one may have.
4. Recognize, that to become more like God, help to create and nurture the pure unadulterated Word of God in the souls of those who have been cast aside as nothing. Reach down wherever you may go to draw-up those who have been neglected by percept and example the good Word and work of the Trinity. The Holy Ghost is exclusive to those who would know God in the pardoning of their sins.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 49:15-16 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; thy walls *are* continually before me.

LESSON 13

OCTOBER 25, 2020

**TEMPERANCE SUNDAY
THE DANGER OF MAKING UNWISE DECISIONS**

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: Genesis 16:1-15

EXPLANATION

A modern-day scenario that happened many years ago is the premise of today's lesson. There is an inborn desire to procreate children. Youth, you will always be wanted for the good that God has in store for you to do. Never fret over unfriendliness among your peers, when God is on your side. It could easily be that God is protecting you from what is ahead, and He is overriding your unwise decision. Count it all as your joy!

Sarai (Sarah) and Abram (Abraham) were childless into their old age. Although God had promised Abram that his wife, Sarai, would bear him a son, impatience got the best of Sarai and she made a regrettable decision. Sarai's handmaid, Hagar became the surrogate mother. She was obedient to Sarai, and conceived a son by Abram, Sarai's husband. Youth, there is no new thing under the sun (Eccl. 1:9).

All of us are taught in James 1:3-4, "Knowing *this*, that **the trying of your faith worketh patience**. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." God does not always work hurriedly. Our unwise decisions can get in the way, or complicate, what God has promised or desires for you. Be assured that God is not slack concerning His promises, but He is longsuffering toward us (II Pet. 3:9). Just WORK while you patiently wait on God to fulfill all the plans He has in store for you.

GLOSSARY

1. Danger – being exposed or vulnerable to harm, danger or risks, seen or unseen.
2. Decisions – decisive considerations or judgments made to determine matters.
3. Multitudes – very great numbers.
4. Unwise – without wisdom; lacking common sense; not prudent, uninformed.
5. Valley of Decision – figuratively, a condition of loneliness or danger; the place of the distribution of God's judgment when all will answer according to the things done in the body; also called the Valley of Jehoshaphat. The day of judgment is the day of decision.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Be temperate, have some self-control, when making decisions. Your expectations of plans may not be upsetting or detrimental to you or others involved. Wait on the Lord.
2. Moderation can lighten or lessen many self-induced decisions that sometimes contradict a better way of living.
3. What God promises He is more than able to fulfill. Trust Him in all your decisions.
4. Unwise decisions made by you or for you can bring hurt to or damage many souls.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 16:1-3 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

LESSON 14

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

GET READY FOR AN AWESOME MIRACLE: STRANGE VOICES ARE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE LAND

MOTTO TEXT: Jeremiah 33:11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-11

EXPLANATION

This is an awesome time in which to live. In spite of social media's many avenues of destruction, there is hope in that you are protected from the surrounding and enticing sins that are so readily available. You can survive and come out of it all as pure gold; making a personal pledge to yourself and a vow to God will helpfully guide you.

Get ready for an awesome miracle! God is on your side to protect all of His children that become targets of Satan's craftiness. His Son, Jesus, will return to gather all of those who have awesomely held the high standard of righteousness. The many voices of joy and gladness will be heard praising God. They have been shielded, sealed and selected to be included when the souls of man are returned to God. They are captivated and consecrated, where only the righteous can hear the call and cry of God to come.

Youth, can you not also hear the voice of the anointed preacher reaching out to bind the brokenhearted? Can you not believe that you are liberated from the sins and cares of this life? Can you not feel the lasting mercy that God grants to those who obey Him? Yes, we continuously remind ourselves to "Be Ready When He Comes." Quietly listen, the soft voice of God is calling, and only those who would know Him can hear.

GLOSSARY

1. Awesome – that which weighs on the emotion and is reverent and inspiring to hear.
2. Heard – that which is comprehended, understood.

3. Mercy – compassionate treatment given for a wrong committed.
4. Miracle – an inexplicable event that defies nature or what is expected; a wonder by God.
5. Strange Voices – unfamiliar information conveyed, diverting or changing someone’s direction.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. God is nearer to you than you may think. Reach out to Him while He can be found, and you have an unobstructed view.
2. A sermon that is preached will be heard in a setting and remembered. A sermon that is lived travels with you daily.
3. The closer one lives to God, the nearer others can be drawn to Him.
4. Let the life you live praise aloud the wonderful works of God. Others will hear and see what is strange to them, but was made available to you so that they can hear the God they see in you.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 55:6-7 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: 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.

LESSON 15

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

DIVINE WISDOM THAT BUILT THE WORLD

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 3:19-20 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

ENTIRE LESSON: Proverbs 3:1-26

EXPLANATION

Without the wisdom that comes from God, we can do nothing. We would not know what to avoid or what is safe to embrace that which is thrusted into our lives. Through God’s divine wisdom the world was built and made habitable for man and all living things.

The word ‘*wisdom*’ is written three times in the Entire Lesson (vv. 13, 19 and 21). The desire to know something about many things is achievable in a lifetime, but to know everything about everything would not be feasible. If so, there would be no need for your fellowman. We have a direct responsibility to bring the bright lights of God in plain view to all mankind, causing others to hunger and thirst after righteousness.

God has made room for all and provided the only path for man to return to Him. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). In the bosom of your heart, keep the Commandments of God so that you may not sin against Him (Psa. 119:11).

Youth, you are precariously living in a world that is laden with selfish sins. Greed rules in and outside of the homes. By reaching toward the higher heights that show forth

the wisdom of God, your struggles to see beyond the morbid behavioral reputations in all aspects of your lives are to be shunned. As mankind seeks wisdom and knowledge, they are becoming less and less capable to seek the wisdom and knowledge of God.

GLOSSARY

1. Built – that which has been completed.
2. Divine Wisdom – divinely given understanding of what is true, right and lasting.
3. Established – that what has been found, created, or set in order for a specific purpose; caused to be recognized and accepted.
4. Knowledge – the ability to apply wisdom/knowledge that has been learned.
5. Wisdom – the comprehension of knowledge attained with the understanding of when and how to apply it.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).
2. “The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be entreated (*sought*), full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy” (James 3:17).
3. Proverbs 4:7, “Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.” Youth, are you listening?

MEMORY VERSE: Colossians 4:5-6 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

LESSON 16

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

THE CREATION OF MAN IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 1:24-31

EXPLANATION

Working together to accomplish a common goal is the example that was set from the beginning of creation. This is exemplified in the message of Jesus in Matthew 18:20, and in Amos 3:3. God the Creator predetermined not only the image of man, but all of the characteristics that are man’s being. God’s nature, place and authority, and His purity and rectitude/morality are to be simulated by mankind. There are no exceptions, regardless of your accomplishments, finances or wealth gained, titles reached, or degrees earned. You have the responsibility to let God be revealed in all that you do. Your Job is to relay and replay godly work to all who would receive, hear and believe the God who works in you.

You are created in the image and likeness of God by virtue of your birth into the world. Youth, you are responsible for parentage because you could not choose them. It was by their own will you became their life/fruit. Just as your parents expect to see some resemblance of them in you, you must know that God expects to see all of Him in you. God chose that you come into the world to do His will. Don't ever think or believe that you are not worthy to obey God, in whose image you were chosen and created. You owe God, and He has work for you to do!

From the beginning of the Creation, God's Word holds true today. As you grow in His Word, you are expected to become stronger daily and will be fed the meat of the Word so that you will not fail in anything that you do for the cause of Christ in this world, as long as you are present in the world.

GLOSSARY

1. Creation of Man – the beginning of the human race was manifested out of the Spoken Word of God.
2. Creeping Thing – the creatures that are move close to the ground, having several legs; crawling close to a surface; man, in all of his worthless behavior.
3. Dominion – control or exercise of control; sovereignty; influencing power.
4. Image of God – that which has His nature, His earthy representative and His purity.
5. Likeness – similarity or copy of what previously existed.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Many students study alone; there are others who study or interact in groups. But all must study, and in so doing, all will learn. What is the benefit of studying? Refer to II Timothy 2:15 and I Thessalonians 4:11 for guidance in your answer.
2. What are the instructions given in Ephesians 4:22-24, wherein if followed all you do will forever be in His image? Allow the students to reply from these verses of Scriptures: “²²That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; ²³And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; ²⁴And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”
3. You are created in the image of God. You are His earthly image makers when you put on His nature, exemplify His purity and project rectitude/morality/decency/integrity in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness. Is this asking too much of you that are required to learn Christ as revealed in Ephesians 4:20-21? Allow the students to explain.

MEMORY VERSE: Jeremiah 32:17-18 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee: Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompenseth the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, *is* his name.

**THANKSGIVING LESSON
GIVING THANKS TO ALMIGHTY GOD
FOR HIS UNIQUE AND TIMELESS BLESSINGS**

MOTTO TEXT: I Corinthians 15:57-58 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 100:1-5

EXPLANATION

Usually, as you get close to the Thanksgiving holiday, you may begin to think and speak more of your blessings and give thanks to God. However, on a day to day basis, how often do you think of your blessings and give thanks to God? Have you given thought to the unique and timeless blessings of God? What is unique and timeless about blessings from God? In Ezekiel 34:26-27, God promises, in due season, to bring His people under the showers of His blessing, making them a source of His blessings to those nearby you.

In our Entire Lesson, the psalmist exhorts us to “Enter in 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.” When we think of the words “*gates*” and “*courts*”, we think of the temple or place of worship. The terms “*praise* and *thanksgiving*” are linked. *Praise* is acknowledgement of who God is; while *thanksgiving* is appreciation for what He has done.

According to the dictionary, blessing refers to a favor or gift bestowed by God, thereby bringing happiness, or invoking God’s favor upon a certain person. This is a natural understanding of blessing, but it is incomplete.

Sometimes, we take certain things for granted and neglect to give God the thanks that He deserves, such as the activity of our limbs, our right minds, and new mercies that God gives each and every day. “In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (I Thess. 1:2).

GLOSSARY

1. Blessings – favor or gift bestowed by God, thereby bringing happiness.
2. Take for granted – to consider something as being innately or unfailingly true, correct, real, or available.
3. Timeless – having no beginning or end.
4. Unique – different from others in a way that makes somebody or something special and worthy of note.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Discuss some of the unique blessings you receive from God on a daily basis. Let the teacher lead in the class discussion.
2. What are some ways that you can demonstrate to God that you are thankful? Allow the class to answer individually.
3. Blessings refer to a favor or gift bestowed by your schoolteacher.
True ____ or False ____

4. “The LORD *is* good; his _____ *is* everlasting; his _____ endureth to all generations.”
5. Read and discuss Ezekiel 34:26-27. Have a class discussion.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 30:4-5 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. For his anger *endureth but* a moment, in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

LESSON 18

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

**DON'T GIVE UP!
WHEN IT IS ALL OVER, WE SHALL WEAR A CROWN**

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, **that no man take thy crown.**

ENTIRE LESSON: I Peter 4:1-10

EXPLANATION

Do you find yourself feeling ashamed when your peers laugh because you are a Christian, or because you are faithful to God? Do you ever invite any of your peers from school to attend Sunday Bible School or church services with you? Are you involved in your local YFFU department or Junior Missionaries? All of these areas of your church will help you to be a better Christian.

The pressures and challenges that youth face each day can be extremely daunting, but be encouraged and know that God sees every challenge you face and knows every pain you feel. What's important is that you remain faithful and dedicated to God, His Word and His will. This means you cannot be a partaker of sinful and unrighteous deeds. When your peers try to entice you to commit sinful acts, you must hold fast to your righteous teachings.

Apostle Paul is encouraging each one to remember that Christ suffered for you and he wants you to have the same mind in order to cease from sin. When you want to be in the will of God, you will not want desire to commit sin. Even if you are ridiculed by your friends, you must not give up the fight. **YOU CAN STAND!** When you stand, you have the confidence that you will wear a crown. One day it will be all over; when it is, you will inherit eternal life. So, Stand!

First Peter 4:16 says “If *any man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this behalf.” Finally, Matthew 5: 10 tells us, “Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

GLOSSARY

1. Crown – an ornate headdress worn as a symbol of sovereignty, often made of gold and set with gems, usually represent power, victory, or triumph.
2. Daunting – likely to discourage, intimidate, or frighten somebody, difficult to deal with, appalling.
3. Entice – to lure or tempt a person do uncomely acts by offering something desirable.

4. Persecuted – mistreated, wronged; to systematically subject a race or group of people to cruel or unfair treatment, e.g. because of their ethnic origin or religious beliefs, indicating their lack of self-worth or a low standing.
5. YFFU – Young Folks and Friends Union (*House of God Church Youth Department*).

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What are the benefits of inviting your friends to attend church with you?
2. Discuss some ways you are/have been enticed to do good.
3. You can participate in worldly activities and still wear a righteous crown.
True _____ or False _____
4. “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake.” Why? Refer to Matthew 5:10 to help guide your answer.

MEMORY VERSE: I Peter 5:10-11 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*. To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSON 19

DECEMBER 6, 2020

BELIEVERS, SEALED WITH THAT HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE

MOTTO TEXT: Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 7:1-17.

EXPLANATION

Young people, are you aware of all the benefits you receive as children of God? Yes, as a believer, you are entitled to the benefits and promises of God, your father. Secondly, you are joint-heirs with Jesus Christ and you will receive the protection and promises that God has in store for those who belong to Him. What must you do to ensure that you receive all of the promises God has for you?

You must be filled with the Holy Ghost and obey the Commandments and Word of God. According to our Scripture in Revelation Chapter 7, the four angels at the four corners of the earth were commanded not to hurt the earth, sea, or trees until the one hundred and forty-four thousand servants of God were sealed in their foreheads. The Scripture also reveals the twelve tribes of Israel, and of each tribe, there were twelve thousand sealed. Do you know that Jesus is a descendant of the tribe of Judah? Matthew 1:1-6 describes Jesus lineage in the tribe of Judah.

As God’s precious ones, you can be assured that God will keep His promises to you as long as you allow the Holy Spirit of God to live in you, guide and direct you. You will have challenges and temptations that will deter you if you allow it. As youth, it is important that you remain obedient and keep an open dialogue with your parents, teachers, and church leaders of the challenges that you face. Don’t allow your peers to entice you to follow a

different path from which you have been taught. Stay focused and obedient to God's Word. Finally, read Ephesians 4:30-32.

GLOSSARY

1. Benefits – advantages, promises something that has a good effect or promotes one's well-being.
2. Descendant – offspring, heir; a person related to one that lived in the past.
3. Entitled – to give somebody the right to have or to do something.
4. Lineage – the line of descent from an ancestor to a person or family.
5. Sealed – preserved, to affix or mark something in order to authenticate or certify it.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. According to our subject, what are believers sealed with? Allow a class discussion.
2. Jesus was a descendant of the tribe of _____. *Fill in the blank.*
3. Discuss how to become a believer of Jesus Christ. Have a class discussion.
4. Ephesians 4:30-32 reminds God's people not to "_____ the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are _____ unto the day of redemption." (*Fill in blanks.*)
5. You do not need the Holy Ghost to be a believer. True _____ or False _____.

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea.

LESSON 20

DECEMBER 13, 2020

BE YE GLAD AND REJOICE: "OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY, BEHOLD, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW"

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 65:17-18 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 21:1-27

EXPLANATION

Have you ever dreamed of taking a vacation to an exciting place established by God or created by man? There are theme parks, historical museums and creations of nature all over the world, as well as under the waters. Those are exciting places to go, but as we study this lesson today, none of those places are as exciting or glorious as the place described in our lesson today.

Our lesson in Revelation Chapter 21 reveals details of the new city, Holy Jerusalem, the place John saw when he was on the Isle of Patmos. Verses 10-25 give explicit details of the beauty and glory of our new home...Heaven. It is the place that God has prepared for those who keep His Word and live according to His Commandments. It is a place that

has no need of the sun or the moon, for the glory of God lightens it. Additionally, the streets of that city are pure gold and it is filled with precious stones. Most importantly, there will be no death, or sorrow, no crying, nor any pain and God Himself promises to wipe all tears from our eyes.

One question that may stand out in your mind is: How or what do I do to get to the new city, new Jerusalem? In addition to being filled with the Holy Ghost, you must overcome all unrighteousness and all sins. "If any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." Study Revelation 21:8. The verse reveals all who are excluded and will have a part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone.

GLOSSARY

1. Explicit – clear, precise, expressing all details in a clear and obvious way, leaving no doubt as to the intended meaning.
2. Abominable – repulsive, detestable, atrocious, of very bad quality, or very unpleasant to experience.
3. Murderer – one who kills, the crime of killing another person deliberately and not in self-defense or with any other extenuating circumstance recognized by law; the deadly tongue (James 3:6, 8).
4. Whoremonger – the whoremaster; male fornicator; the male counterpart of the female fornicator; the male is just as guilty as the female.
5. Sorcerer – wizard, witchcraft, somebody who is believed or claims to have magical powers.
6. Idolater – one who worships idols, in religions, an object or life valued greater than with God, or is the preferred worship rather than the One God.
7. Liar – deceiver, hypocrite; somebody who tells lies; Satan, the father of lies (Jon 8:44).

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What do you feel when you think about heaven? Joy, sorrow, etc.? (*Let the class explain.*)
2. According to John, how do you envision heaven? (*Let a student express a viewpoint.*)
3. You can engage in sexual behaviors outside of marriage, expecting to enter heaven without first being forgiven. True____ or False____
4. "The _____, and _____, and _____, and _____, and _____, and _____, and _____, and all ____ shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." (*Fill in the blanks and discuss from Rev. 21:8.*)
5. "If any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17). Lead the class in a discussion.

MEMORY VERSE: Ecclesiastes 11:9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these *things* God will bring thee into judgment.

CHRISTMAS LESSON
THE MORNING STAR TEACHES US WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT GOD AND HIS WORK

MOTTO TEXT: II Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-23

EXPLANATION

Our lesson tells the recounts Jesus's birth and events that happened during that time. It also reveals that wise men were seeking Jesus and how they were led by a star to the place where the baby was. After the wise men found Jesus, they were directed in a dream by God not to report back to King Herod because his intent was to kill baby Jesus. Obediently, the wise men took a different route home. Not only were the wise men directed in a dream and guided by a star, but the parents of the baby Jesus were given direct instructions by God in dreams three different times. They were commanded to flee into Egypt and stay there until the death of King Herod, fulfilling the Old Testament Scripture (verse 15; Hosea 11:1). This lesson describes how important it is to allow God to provide direction and guidance.

Throughout this lesson, there are illustrations of the works of God. How many of you allow God to direct you? More importantly, do your godly parents provide direction and guidance for you? Are you humble and obedient, or do you rebel when given instructions? The parents of Jesus (Joseph and Mary) or the wise men could not fail to obey the directions given from God. It is important to understand how marvelous the works of God is in your lives. He cares for you; He will always provide guidance and direction for your life.

It does not matter what you are facing or going through, the Morning Star is always shining and will arise in your hearts to show you the way God will have you to go.

GLOSSARY

1. Dream – vision, a sequence of images that appear involuntarily to the mind of somebody while sleeping, often a mixture of real and imaginary characters, places, and events.
2. Marvelous – amazing, extraordinarily wonderful.
3. Star – an astronomical object usually visible as a small bright point of light in the sky.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Whose birthday do we celebrate at Christmas and why? (*Lead the class discussion.*)
2. Why did the wise men look for Jesus? (Class discussion)
3. What did King Herod do after the wise men did not report back to him? Respond from verses 10-11.
4. God warned Joseph in a dream five times. True ____ or False ____
5. Why is it important that you follow the guidance and instruction of your godly parents? (*Put some thought in your answer.*)
6. You cannot fail to abide in the set pattern or and follow directions set by God.

MEMORY VERSE: I John 2:8-10 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

THEME III
THE PEOPLE HAVE ROBBED GOD

Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me,
saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.
Zechariah 1:3

LESSONS 22-30

LESSON 22

DECEMBER 27, 2020

O WRETCHED MAN THAT I AM!
WHO SHALL DELIVER ME FROM THE BODY OF THIS DEATH?

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 7:19-20 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 7:5-25

EXPLANATION

It is the law that shows us what sin is. Except we had the law we wouldn't know that lying, stealing and worshipping idol gods were sins. The law taught us this. Christ Jesus stands ready to give us the Holy Ghost so that, just as He fulfilled the law that was prophesied about Him, we then are freed from the law of sin and death. We, as believers, no longer have to live under the law. The Holy Ghost saves us from sin and anoints us with the power to continuously live free from sin.

This letter written to the church at Rome by Apostle Paul exhorting the church about struggling with sin. The pull of sin through our flesh is fierce. When we strive to do good, our flesh desires to do otherwise. A terrific struggle ensues. This struggle with sin does not automatically end when we receive the Holy Spirit, in fact it intensifies. Sin is of the devil and he desires to steal, kill and destroy our souls. Therefore, the real trials and tribulations get worse. He simply does not want to give up.

Jesus' life on earth is the perfect example of the war between Satan and God's anointed. Jesus went about healing, teaching, feeding the hungry and doing other good works. The devil, working in some people, called Him names, lied on Him, beat Him, spit on Him and crucified Him. Now sin wars within us to place all kinds of obstacles in our lives. The flesh will desire things to satisfy itself that go against God's laws. So, when you want to obey, the flesh wants to disobey. It's not you that do good, but the Spirit working within. Every man will reap whatever he has sown. It is Jesus Christ who shall deliver us from the body of death.

GLOSSARY

1. Anoint – to rub or smear with oil as part of a religious ceremony.
2. Ensues – happen or occur afterward or as a result.
3. Exhorts – teaches, strongly urges someone to do something.
4. Intensifies – strengthens, deepens, step up, become or make more intense.
5. Obstacles – problems, obstructions, hindrances, difficulties.
6. Wretched – in a very unhappy or unfortunate state; very bad.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. How do we know what sin is? Individual students should provide answers.
2. What is Satan's purpose? Discuss some of his tactics that make resistance to sin so difficult.
3. Name some weapons youth can use to assist with preventing sinful practices. Allow the class to submit names of spiritual weapons.
4. Discuss how we are delivered from the body of death!
5. What was the purpose of this letter to the Roman church?

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

LESSON 23

JANUARY 3, 2021

NEW YEAR'S LESSON/NEW BEGINNING PRAYING AND TRUSTING GOD FOR DELIVERANCE

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 5:3, 8 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up...Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 5:1-12

EXPLANATION

David was chosen and anointed by God while he was young to be King over Israel. His enemies were troubling him very badly. He was called many names and lied on because he was chosen by God.

This Psalm of David is a prayer by him because of his enemies. David implored God to consider his meditation. God was always listening, but David was greatly distressed. He reminded the Lord that He, (God) had no pleasure in wickedness, in evil, in workers of iniquity nor the unrighteous of the rebellious.

David knew those who pleased God; those that worshipped in His house with fear. Those that trusted in Him and shouted for joy in the praise of the Lord's power and works are the ones that pleased God. God is righteous and will destroy the enemies who continue to do evil deeds toward His saints. David desired to be led by God and to have his paths made straight. Those who love God's name will rejoice because He will bless the righteous and place a shield around them that trust Him.

When your enemies fight against you for your righteous living and strive with you night and day insomuch that you are distressed, call on God in your prayers and believe and trust Him to defend you. God loves His saints and will not leave nor forsake you. Lean on God's promises and continue to live holy while meditating on His Word.

GLOSSARY

1. Deliverance – rescue, relief, escape.
2. Direct – show the way, regulate, give instructions.
3. Implored – begged, entreated, pleaded.

4. Shield – protection, safeguard, defend.
5. Strive – go all-out, pull out all the stops.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why were David’s enemies trying to destroy him? Answers are in the lesson.
2. What is God’s promise of deliverance in today’s lesson? Allow various students to give answers.
3. From the Motto Text, demonstrate David’s beseeching prayer to God!
4. Name those sins that God hated. Why do you think that David reminded God about those sins?
5. David knew that God was his hiding place and would preserve him from trouble. Do you have this same faith in God? Talk over your answers.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 32:7 Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. *Selah*

LESSON 24

JANUARY 10, 2021

BE NOT DECEIVED: NO MAN CAN BE SAVED BY GOOD WORKS ALONE

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 7:21-23 Not every one 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. 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? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 7:13-29

EXPLANATION

Let the good you do be manifested throughout every aspect of your life. Good works are not to be hidden, neither propol nor exhibited for bragging. Quietly continue doing good. When humbly done, good works will always help to keep you focused toward heavenly goals that will not perish. But always remember that good works **alone** will not propel you into heaven.

You must be born again. The spiritual birth cannot be possible without being born in the flesh, your natural birthday. You have become a living soul. When you are born of the Spirit, receiving the Holy Ghost, this your second birth. You cannot and will not enter heaven without being born again. Although Jesus, the Living Word of God, was made flesh, He first came into the world and afterward the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of God, descended upon Him like a dove (Matt. 3:36; Mark 1:10).

We are reminded that this same Jesus went about doing good (Acts 10:38). We are admonished to do likewise, but not for the purpose of being seen in an effort to please men. Those in authority are also admonished to reciprocate to those who serve them, which will please God (Eph. 6:5-9). Why? There is no respect of persons with God (Lev. 19:15).

Don't rest in your laurels of good works, especially when they are done to impress ungodly men, who cannot help to draw you to God.

GLOSSARY

1. Deceived – led astray by falsifying information, corrupting good works and goals.
2. Good Works – the things that are exercised in an effort to encourage the poor in spirit, and those who have lost confidence in their efforts to do good.
3. Saved – deliverance from the guilt, power and dominion of sin.
4. Kingdom of Heaven – the expected place of eternity for those who have separated themselves from the need of earthly gratification to ease their appetite for what is considered the good life on earth.
5. Prophesied – the Word of God preached (Matt. 11:13; Luke 16:16; Rev 19:10c).

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Regardless of how man may accept your works, if you do not please God, you have failed.
2. Leviticus 19:15 warns us by putting into the records this command: “Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: *but* in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.”
3. Galatians 6:7, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”
4. It is time to dress up. Ephesians 4:24, “Put on the new man, which after God is created in **righteousness and true holiness.**”
5. Be warned, wherever there is something real, there will also be those who will attempt to replicate/duplicate it. Remain dressed in righteousness and true holiness, and continue in the work of Christ, doing good to the salvation of your souls.
6. Remember, let your conversation among your peers represent a different and righteous way of living so that they will be drawn into working righteousness and true holiness. You will have begun propagating/spreading the Holy Ghost behavior among men.

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 4:22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

LESSON 25

JANUARY 17, 2021

WITCHCRAFT: A SATANIC TRAP TO BE AVOIDED

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 18:9 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

ENTIRE LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:10-22

EXPLANATION

Can you think of times or situations when you were forewarned about choices you were contemplating that may have put you in physical danger or out of harmony with God?

Was your attitude one of obedience by heeding those warnings, or did you ignore them because you strongly disagreed or had a made-up mind?

During your formative years, parents, pastors and other adults have a responsibility to warn of dangers and the consequences of making wrong decisions in your lives. They have been charged by God to serve as advisors and examples in righteous living by laying the foundation for your developmental behavior and spiritual transformation (refer to Philippians 3:17).

Similarly, Moses delivers a message from God to the Children of Israel as they prepare to occupy Canaan, the Promised Land. Moses gave God's command against embracing the pagan customs and practices of the heathen nations because such were an abomination to God. Moses spoke of the things they would encounter while living among people whose worship of idol gods was prevalent throughout the land. Moses explicitly warned against the wickedness and idolatry of those who performed demonic acts such as witchcraft, fortune telling, magic and even sacrificing of children as a form of worship to idol gods. Their sins were so great, it caused God to drive these heathen nations out of the land in order to rid it of their deceptive and horrific works of darkness. Moses admonished the Children of Israel to live holy because they had been taught God's Commandments throughout many generations (Deut. 18:10-22).

Today, Satan uses many means of deception to entrap you. Social media (*Internet, Twitter, Instagram, Snap Chat, Facebook, etc.*) all play an ever-increasing role in shaping the behavior of young people because it arouses their curiosity and provides easy access for socializing with their friends and others. Beware of overindulging in anything that ungodly persons or in-crowds offer that would entice you to do wrong. Keep yourselves spotless from the world.

GLOSSARY

1. Abomination – something regarded with disgust or hatred; to loathe.
2. Entrap – to catch or lure into a comprising act.
3. Explicitly – fully revealed or expressed without vagueness; leaving no question as to meaning or intent.
4. Forewarn – to warn in advance.
5. Idolatry – the worship of a physical object as a god; devotion to something.
6. Prevalent – generally or widely accepted, favored or practiced; widespread.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. In today's lesson, what command did God give Moses to deliver to the Children of Israel? Reply from Deuteronomy 18:9.
2. Discuss the specific customs and practices that were forbidden by God found in Deuteronomy, 18th Chapter.
"There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,; Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer" Deuteronomy 18:10-11.
3. Name some reasons why you should not engage in any of these acts according to the lesson.

All types of pagan practices and customs are an abomination and forbidden by God. We are commanded not to learn them or to do them even if we know about them.

Those who perform satanic acts are enemies of God. Whoever embraces ungodly practices will be cut off from God. 5. We shall be perfect with God.

4. According to the lesson, what does it mean to be “perfect with the Lord thy God”? The Children of Israel were taught the Laws of God by Moses and other leaders in which they were commanded to teach and observe throughout all generations. The Law of Perfection in the lesson means to refrain from engaging in idolatry in order to be complete and in conformity with God’s Word (read Job 1:1; Matt. 5:48).
5. How can you avoid the traps of Satan?
 - a) We must heed all Godly warnings. God has not left us ignorant and defenseless. He has chosen leaders and others to teach us His ways. God speaks through them by teaching us how to withstand the snares of the devil.
 - b) We must separate ourselves from all workers of iniquity whose purpose is to deceive and cause us to sin.
 - c) We must pattern ourselves after those righteous people whom God has placed in our lives; and follow their godly instructions to avoid the traps and devices of Satan.
 - d) We must obey God’s Word and by doing so, we will be able to escape and overcome those things that are intended to deceive and destroy us.

MEMORY VERSE: Leviticus 20:6 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.

LESSON 26

JANUARY 24, 2021

**THE LUKEWARM CHURCH:
DISPLEASING IN THE SIGHT OF GOD**

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 3:15-16 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 3:14-22

EXPLANATION

Almost is not the destination to any place or position desired to reach. If you dare ask anyone, ‘*How do you get to Almost?*’ and you surely will get a blank look in response. *Almost* will always be an undetermined distance away. When it comes to life eternal, almost making it there is a failure. There is never an opportunity left to catch up and continue on the Heaven Bound Train.

The church at Laodicea is called the ‘Lukewarm Church’ that was located in Asia. They occupied a self-satisfied position with whatever they did, with no concern of reaching the pinnacle, the highest height and expectation that God set. By relaxing on the laurels of others, they wallowed in incompleteness. They were unproductive and God was displeased. If your church is operating in the same similitude as the church at Laodicea, having plenty

of everything that they considered themselves superior, lacking none of the things that the other churches were in need of, a spark of reality is overdue.

It can be hard to receive chastisement, correction or guidance from your parents or those to whom you must answer. How much sterner it will be to hear God's assessment of what you are doing, when He can never be wrong? You are God's chosen vessels that must represent Him among your peers. He is to be lifted up always, and especially when you are among your friends. All of us can grow daily in the nurture and admonition of God. Let us get up and off our complacent seats, always doing the things that pleases God.

GLOSSARY

1. Displeasing – an offensive or disappointing state; upsetting.
2. Lukewarm – tepid; the temperature between cool and warm.
3. Sight of God – the visionary law of God as comparatively viewed by man's behavior.
4. Spue – spew; to cast forth; eject.
5. Wert – old British spelling for *were*.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Almost is never the end of any journey.
2. Woe, if your name is not called for something and the crowd is not overwhelmed with your presence. You may feel inadequate or not wanted. But live so that God will always have your name, as we say, 'On the tip of His tongue', ready to call you back to Him before you fall into condemnation.
3. Do you hear God repeatedly calling you to Him?
4. Never sit on your laurels (accomplishments) with an 'I got it all' grin. There will always be work to do.
5. Chastisement when you are wrong is the best confirmation that you are truly loved.
6. Complacency is a waste of good time. Satisfied with nothing accomplished, when you have everything to gain, is a great cause for shame.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 1:18-20 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. 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*.

LESSON 27

JANUARY 31, 2021

ICHABOD: THE VANISHING LAW OF CHRIST IN CHURCHES

MOTTO TEXT: I Samuel 4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Samuel 4:12-22

EXPLANATION

The Law of God is the glory of the church. Get back to the foundation. When any generation becomes wayward, estranged from the Law of God, do you follow? Let God be confident in your service to Him and never follow after the works of darkness.

You will truly be recognized by your work. Apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians (2:9), “And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we *should go* unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.” Work and live as one who is growing up to become a pillar in the church. Never let God’s LAW vanish from your behavior, conversation, dress code, or manner of work. Always allow the Lord Jesus to be visible in all that you do.

You have a responsibility to your soul to be readily receptive to “Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you” (Hos. 10:12). Youth, never fear what you may face; allow God’s Law to be manifested through you. Time is precious and your salvation is near like the latter rain, expected when harvest is near. Patiently stand firm in the work and Word until you receive the early and latter rain (James 5:7). Never let the law vanish in your life or in your congregation. Let it continuously rain and nourish you.

GLOSSARY

1. Ark of God – the receptacle where historical artifacts of Israel were treasured throughout the generations; also called the Ark of the Covenant.
2. Ichabod – the name that was given to Eli’s grandson’s when his mother was dying in childbirth; the name means ‘The glory is departed from Israel’.
3. Law of God – God’s collective Commandments that were laid down to be obeyed by man.
4. Vanishing – the process of ceasing to exist; dying.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. It is a time to repent and cry out when God’s law is set aside by church leaders.
2. How can one obey someone who does not rule in the Lord? It is impossible; you must be in the Lord to rule in the Lord.
3. No more “Glory, Glory, Hallelujah” if the burden of sin has not been laid down.
4. Teach by living the Word at every opportunity. By the life you live you are reproving, rebuking and exhorting (II Tim. 4:2).
5. We have this promise: “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished” (Isa. 51:6).

MEMORY VERSE: I Timothy 3:1-2 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach.

THE REPEATED DAYS OF NOAH AND LOT

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 24:42-44 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 17:26-37

EXPLANATION

Both Noah and Lot encountered some of the same unrighteous lifestyles of the sinners of their day, a span of as many as 400 generations. We are not exempted, and the despicable sins that surround us are not new. The age of the youth is getting younger and younger. They are becoming older at a younger age, and there is yet little desire for a righteous lifestyle. The more our youth yearn to do right, the more they are mocked and shunned by other youth in their peer age group.

Oral prayer is outlawed in the schools, so that the youth requests to the only True God cannot be heard above a whisper. Youth can only pray silently from their hearts, while all are admonished in Luke 18:1, “That men ought always to pray, and not faint.” Again, we find in I Thessalonians 5:17, “Pray without ceasing.”

What else can the youth do but pray that whenever led into temptation, that they will not follow the ‘Let Us’ congregation. Ask God to ‘Let You’ be alert and not repeat the sins committed during the days of Noah (Noe) and Lot. You are better than that!

Whatever God commanded to you, disobedience is not your answer. Not one youth is ever too young to obey God. Not one youth is ever too young to work, although their abilities may vary even when they are in the same age group. No youth is too young to lead.

GLOSSARY

1. Goodman – the watchman, head of the family.
2. House – man’s abode, living quarters; a place of safety.
3. Repeated – to be brought back into existence; to redo what was in the past.
4. Watch –the time or hour; the divisions of the night was first divided into two, the first and second. Later there were four night-watches adopted from the Romans.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Always be alert; sin will always be patiently waiting for its best opportunity to entice and lure/bait you to corruption of both body and soul.
2. Woe is come upon the sinners in Zion when the repeated sins are found that existed during the days of Noah and Lot.
3. Never lose sight of your self-worth among whom you shine in this world. Remember, “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and **a little child shall lead them**” (Isa. 11:6).

4. The wolves, leopards and lions (*committed wrongs and accepted sins in the lives of mankind*) that exist can be brought to humility, rather than humanized.

MEMORY VERSE: Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 The thing that hath been, it *is that* which shall be; and that which is done *is that* which shall be done: and *there is* no new *thing* under the sun. Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this *is* new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

LESSON 29

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SIN IN THE HEART YIELDS DEATH IN THE BLOOD

MOTTO TEXT: Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

ENTIRE LESSON: Leviticus 17:1-16

EXPLANATION

Many times, what one does is useless, regardless of how well-planned or intentional purpose. It is called '*the way that seems right*' and it will lead to death (Prov. 14:12, 16:25). The only True God set in order what must be done so that mankind can live harmoniously among themselves, as well as guarantee the safety for eternity. All must obey. There is no other way to proceed.

When the blood within the body is diseased, without purification, the body is nearer to death. Spiritual cleansing by the Holy Ghost leads man to eternal life, or else, man will know eternal death. Impurity is the sin committed by the body. Man cannot continue living after death and will take part in the Second Death (Rev. 20:14, 21:8). Medical cleansing can help prolong life when diseased blood is purified. The body cannot live without blood, for the life of all flesh is in his blood which must freely flow. Where there is blockage death will follow.

The specialized fluid in the body is the blood. Four of the main components (*plasma, red blood cells, white blood cells, and the platelet*). Among their many different functions are transporting oxygen and nutrients to the lungs and tissues, bringing waste products to the kidneys and liver, which filter and clean the blood. Without the work of the blood, we cannot live. In it is our life (verse 11), removing transporting the filth/waste from our bodies to the kidneys and liver that cleanse. It is one of the great workers of the body. Some facts are: 1) transports oxygen and nutrients, and removes cellular waste, 2) 55 percent is plasma and 45 percent is red blood cells and platelets, 3) the basis of categorization is based on the antibodies and antigens in the cell, incompatible transfusions can be fatal, and 4) anemia, blood cancer, clots, etc., are potential blood disorders.

Youth, focus on the work that the Holy Ghost (*unseen*) can spiritually accomplished for the soul, based on how our blood cleanses the natural human body. Spiritual purification of the soul cannot be overlooked.

GLOSSARY

1. Atonement – to make amends for; an apology for any wrong committed.
2. Death in the Blood – the finality of the existence of life; the sin in the hearts of men.
3. Flesh – all easily deposable components of the human body; human nature; meat.
4. Soul – the residence of the breathe of life; the inheritor of the deeds done in the body; the property that belongs to God and cannot be bought or sold.
5. Yield – making a place and space for something to exist.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

Let the teacher lead a class discussion on the following two Scriptures, relating why we should live to escape the Second Death.

1. **Revelation 2:11**, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.**”
2. **Revelation 20:6**, “Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such **the second death hath no power**, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 119:10-11 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

LESSON 30

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

THE UNJUST SERVANT: FORGIVEN BUT NOT FORGIVING

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 18:27-28 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 18:23-35

EXPLANATION

One who is desirous of being forgiven, but is not willing to forgive is unjust. It would be like ‘*having your cake and eating it, too*’. There is no justification in injustice toward one another. An old quote is true today: “There is a tie that makes us brothers. None go into life alone. What we send into the lives of others will come back into our own.” Our biblical reference is, “As you would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise” (Luke 6:31). We first find this recorded in the First of the Four Gospels, “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets” (Matt. 7:12).

Remembrance is a great spiritual tool that will help us tighten up whatever exists and all that we do in life. Consider ‘remembrance’ as an adjustable screwdriver that is readily available in your heart, enabling you to forgive, etc., as you not only go to God for help, but as you also ask help of others. God alone is the one who can soften the heart of others who may help you in your time of need.

Wherever you are traveling in life, the Kingdom of Heaven should always be your destination, guiding you on every mile of your journey. With all that you meet along the way, let the spirit of forgiveness be imbedded within you. It will help to keep you safe and secure each mile of the way. The root of forgiveness should run deep as we respond to others, just as your deep cries to are called out to God in your times of distress.

GLOSSARY

1. Fellowserver – one who serves or works alongside another in an endeavor.
2. Forgiven – to be absolved of a wrong committed; exonerated.
3. Owest – to owe something; an unpaid debt.
4. Pence – British, meaning a penny.
5. Servant – one who renders service to another or others, usually for pay.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. ‘The Golden Rule’ is the law. What does it mean to you?
2. Injustice causes divisiveness. “Be at peace among yourselves” (I Thess. 5:13).
3. Stop being concerned about what others believe about you. That is a perceived reputation. Rest in assurance of who you really are, that is your character.
4. Matthew 6:12 and Luke 11:4 records the way to be inclusive of all our petitions or requests that we make known to God. What should all include when praying as it relates to the lesson? And, why?
5. Being able to forgive another for any wrong committed deeply affects the soul of man.
6. Forgiveness comes from the heart.

MEMORY VERSE: Ezekiel 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

THEME IV
GOD'S MESSAGE TO DIVINE LEADERSHIP

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee,
if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.
Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.
Deuteronomy 28:2-3

LESSONS 31-44

LESSON 31

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

**LEADERS CANNOT SHOW OTHERS THE WAY
UNTIL THEY KNOW GOD'S WAY**

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 119:10-11 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 119:1-24

EXPLANATION

Do you feel that your leaders are showing you the way to God? Do you know what is required to be filled with the Holy Ghost? Do you have a relationship with your leader? Are you able to talk with your leader and articulate your spiritual needs/desires?

Leaders have a responsibility to teach God's Word. However, in order to do so, the leader must study the Word of God which produces knowledge and rightly dividing of God's Word without shame. A good leader spends quality time fasting and praying while preparing the Word. Leaders must be an example of the Word to those they lead, especially to their youth. Young people always look up to their leaders as role models, while expecting love and guidance in many walks of life.

Leaders are also responsible for showing sinners the way to Christ. To effectively do so, the leader must exhibit the Word of God to the individuals they encounter daily. Leaders must follow the roadmap that leads to Salvation and be able to guide the unbeliever by Word and example.

In Division Five of the Psalms, #119 is this uniqueness, the entire Psalm focuses on the Word of God, rather than the works or the character of God. This passage of Psalm, if read and thoroughly studied, enables leaders to obtain wisdom, values and principles needed to lead the LORD's people effectively.

There are certain skills required to insure good leadership. Some of the qualities are integrity, honesty, vision, courage, patience, stability, impartiality, holy, self-control, and prayerful. If the leader does not have these basic qualities, then it will be impossible to encompass every spiritual quality.

GLOSSARY

1. Articulate – to express thoughts, ideas, or feelings coherently.
2. Courage – the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or being deflected from a chosen course of action.

3. Impartiality – not preferring one person or opinion more than another; being balanced in handling matters or dealings in leadership.
4. Patience – Endurance, the ability to endure waiting, delay, or provocation without becoming annoyed or upset, or to persevere calmly when faced with difficulties.
5. Vision – Foresight, the ability to anticipate possible future events and developments.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What is the basic requirement of God’s leaders? (*Allow a class discussion.*)
2. It is not necessary for a leader to have integrity. True ____ or False _____. Why?
3. Leaders must follow the _____ that leads to _____. (*Fill in blanks.*)
4. Discuss some of the skills needed to be a good leader. (*Allow a class discussion.*)
5. A leader must spend quality time _____ and _____. (*Fill in blanks.*)

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 119:124-125 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes. *I am* thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

LESSON 32

MARCH 7, 2021

YOUTH DAY WATCH THE COMPANY YOU KEEP

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 1:1-2 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. But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Corinthians 15:33-58

EXPLANATION

The whole church organization has set aside one day in recognition of her YOUTH. It is a day of appreciation, a day of opportunity, a day of reassurance, a day to be jealous over them, and a time to be most grateful. You are appreciated. Without continuous young life in the church we will cease to exist. Placing a great deal of faith in the church’s future existence, the steadfastness of the youth must be recognized and applauded. As you remain steadfast and age, one day you will look around for the ‘ole folks’ and realize that you are the ‘ole folks’, and smile. You have made it.

While the pioneers continue to age and slowly depart, young folks, from your observance of what to do, what not to do, how to talk and what not to say, etc., grasp the staff of knowledge and prepare to carry this church forward. Be watchful in all things right. Live to showcase the blessed great faith and doctrine. You can do this. By so doing, the ‘ole folks’ will be at peace within, knowing that the church is visibly alive before the world.

As you stand firm while walking in godly counsel, accept the fact that you are blessed that your life has been directed out of the way of sinners, and you dare not be found sitting with the scornful. When God’s law is most delightful within you, the manifestation inward will be visible before the world. There will never be one thing wrong with day and

night meditation in God's Word. His Word is delightful. Rejoice in this Youth Day recognition as you continue to be watchful in all things.

GLOSSARY

1. Blessed – happy; contentment.
2. Counsel – to give advice for guidance toward a plan of action.
3. Meditate – to mentally consider or plan; to weigh a problem and contemplate the action to accomplish it.
4. Sinner – one who commits sins; intentionally transgressing a set boundary in deliberate disobedience to God.
5. Watch – observe with the intensity to evaluate or learn.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. “Godliness with contentment is great gain” (I Tim. 6:6).
2. Do you feel the need to be in the company of the ‘old folks’ who spend so much time in the church work? Explain.
3. Is the time that you spend in observing what and how others fill a void in the church labor inspirational to you?
4. All are warned in II Timothy 2:16 to “Shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.” Why should you?
5. Should youth be alert and cautiously choose their friends with the fear of God in mind?
6. Have a brief discussion on what precautions should be considered in selecting their company.
7. Do you see the spiritual need to be selective in choosing those who will help to draw you closer to God rather than those who will separate you from Him? Why?

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 16:17-18 Now I beseech you, brethren, 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; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

LESSON 33

MARCH 14, 2021

MINISTERS: PASSING GOD'S TEST FOR DIVINE LEADERSHIP

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 18:19-20 Harken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

ENTIRE LESSON: Exodus 18:1-27

EXPLANATION

Do you desire to become a leader in God's house? What do you feel are the characteristics of a leader who provides divine leadership?

The subject of discussion today presents an opportunity for youth to reflect on leadership and the responsibilities performed by divine leadership. This subject indicates that in order to be divinely led, there are certain trials and ordeals that God will allow one to suffer. When the leader can endure such, it provides the necessary experience needed to be an extraordinary leader.

Moses was the leader during that era of today's lesson. He was instructed by his father-in-law, Jethro, on ways he could be an exceptional leader. Jethro suggested to Moses to delegate some of the duties he was performing to his helpers so he could focus his efforts on those responsibilities that only he could do. Moses obeyed Jethro, and because he did, it provided an opportunity for the others to grow, as well as allowing him to be a more effective leader.

A leader who follows the example of Jesus Christ is destined to provide divine leadership to the people of God. A minister who is divinely led teaches the ordinances and laws of God and shows us the way wherein we must walk, and the work that we must do. A good leader becomes more powerful when they empower others. A divine leader empowers others by acknowledging their strengths and potential contributions. Great leaders unleash the leader within each person. Everyone wants to believe their contribution to the vision is valuable. A famous writer wrote, *"The beauty of empowering others is that your own power is not diminished in the process."*

GLOSSARY

1. Characteristics – a feature or quality that makes somebody or something recognizable.
2. Divine – transitive verb to learn or discover something by intuition, inspiration, or other apparently supernatural means.
3. Empower – to give somebody power or authority, embolden, enable, inspire.
4. Ordinance – Decree, order, a law or rule made by an authority.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What are some attributes of a divine leader? Allow the class to join in a discussion.
2. Moses was the perfect example for divine leadership. True _____ False _____
3. A divine leader _____ others by acknowledging their _____ and _____.
_____. (*Fill in the blanks.*)
4. Ministers do not need to pass tests to prove they are divine. True _____ False _____
5. *"The beauty of empowering others is that your own power is not diminished in the process."* Lead the class in a discussion.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:14-16 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

DAVID: A LEADER AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

MOTTO TEXT: I Samuel 16:7 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Samuel 16:1-13

EXPLANATION

Samuel was a leader of Israel during the reign of King Saul and King David. Saul's rule over Israel began well. But, his rule ended when God rejected him for disobedience. God sent Samuel to anoint another king. Samuel feared that Saul would kill him because jealousy would be in his heart against Samuel. However, God gave Samuel specific instructions of what he should do.

Samuel was to take a horn of oil and an animal and travel to Bethlehem to offer a sacrifice. He was to take Jesse to the sacrifice with him. God showed Samuel what he wanted him to do. He had Jesse to bring his sons with him. Samuel looked at each son and felt that each of them had the qualities that God sought to be king. But the Lord said unto Samuel, "Look not on their countenance, or the height of their 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."

When Samuel had seen each son and God had refused each, he asked Jesse if he had other sons. Jesse told Samuel about David, the youngest son, who was watching the sheep. David was brought to Samuel and God chose him as king. Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David as king over Israel. David believed in God and followed the rules of the Lord. A true leader will serve the Lord with a pure heart and a willing mind.

GLOSSARY

1. Countenance – the inward reflection or feelings that are projected outwardly.
2. Heart – regarded as the center of a person's thoughts and emotions.
3. Leader – one who systematically guides others to reach a common goal.
4. Outward – the external appearance of something; of, on, or from the outside.
5. Seeth – old British spelling meaning 'to look'.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Name the two kings who served during the time of Samuel.
2. Why did God reject Saul as king over Israel?
3. Why was Samuel afraid to travel to Bethlehem to anoint another king? Samuel feared Saul. When God gives you something to do, should you allow fear to stop you? Class discussion should follow.
4. How does God judge people? Why can't man judge the same way as God? Individual students should share their answers.
5. Complete the sentence. A true leader will _____ the Lord with a _____ and a willing mind.

MEMORY VERSE: I Chronicles 28:9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

LESSON 35

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY
CHRIST, OUR EXAMPLE, CAME DOING THE WILL OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: I Peter 2:20-21 For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Peter 2:1-25

EXPLANATION

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter which commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He was riding on a colt and the foal of the colt. The people cast palm leaves onto the pathway. *Even though this was done naturally, we can still allow Jesus to enter in our hearts spiritually, believing that this entry allows us to receive the salvation that He came to give freely.* Soon afterwards, He was crucified for the sins of the world according to the Will of God.

Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, wrote this letter to the saints to teach them about living in the will of God. He talked about putting hypocrisies, lying, evil speaking and other sins out of their lives. An example for understanding is like newborn babies who need and want milk for food and growth. Young Christians should desire the milk of the Word in order to grow spiritually.

When we live holy and are buffeted for our faults and endure the buffeting, we should accept it with patience. Jesus Christ endured all kinds of sufferings for us; He was reviled but did not retaliate; He did not sin neither was there any guile found in him. Youth gladly strengthen yourself to follow His example. Drink your milk until you are strong enough to digest the meat of the Word of God.

As you study the Entire Lesson, (I Peter chapter 2), pay close attention to the counsel of Peter. As Jesus was humble, obedient, loving, submissive, subject and enduring: it is God's will for His people to live in this same manner. Remember, you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a peculiar people. You should give praises to Him who has called you out of darkness (*sin*) into His marvelous light. You have received the mercy of God; when men speak evil of you, let your light so shine before them that their mouths will be shut, and others will see the good that you do. Your reward will be eternal life with God for your endurance as you live in His will.

GLOSSARY

1. Buffeted – battered, beaten, to strike repeatedly both physically and mentally.
2. Doing – the process of accomplishing a task.

3. Example – a person or thing regarded in terms of their fitness to be imitated.
4. Faults – errors committed.
5. Guile – cunning, craftiness, deceitfulness in dealing with others.
6. Will of God – God having a plan for humanity which is the very heart of his life’s work.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Allow the class to demonstrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
2. Many of the sins named in today’s lesson can be laid aside. Search your life and see if there are any remaining in your life.
3. Do you participate in feet washing during the Communion services? Why? Or, why not?
4. Discuss the attributes of the saints of God that are listed in the lesson.
5. Are you following and/or leaving good examples for those who will follow you?
6. Do you understand the importance of staying in the light? God does not desire to see any darkness in your life.

MEMORY VERSE: John 13:13-16 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for *so* I am. If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

LESSON 36

APRIL 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

VICTORY OVER DEATH IN THE GRAVE IS THE RESULTS OF CHRIST GAINING VICTORY OVER THE POWER OF SIN

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

ENTIRE LESSON: Mark 16:1-20

EXPLANATION

Easter commemorates the Third Day resurrection from the cessation/termination of the earthly life of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Life left His mortal body of flesh with the high known expectation that this First Death would not be forever. Our example giver paved the way of how and why to better live by doing good, because the pay received can never be exhausted.

Be assured, preparation for your goodbyes will be made. If not by you, then by someone. It was so with Jesus, and there were some females who knew just what to do. But, it was a bit unexpected when the women arrived at the place of Jesus’ burial. His body was not there. The depth of the Word had not been comprehended by them, and it seemed that the disciples also were taken aback. But God was willing to make the women

the first messengers of the resurrection to the disciples who witnessed firsthand all His work on earth.

Why did He come? Why did He leave at such a tender age? It took the purity of God's Word to become flesh (John 1:1, 13-14, 17) and be made the sacrifice to redeem the souls that abide in human flesh. He had to come, and He had to die. When Jesus' ministry on earth was finished, it was His time to die, and at the hands of the wicked, as prophesied.

Let all of us be up and doing the works of God that were revealed through His Son.

GLOSSARY

1. Death in the Grave – the cessation of life that awaits awakening in the resurrection.
2. Power of Sin – the summation of sin's strength to take away what is right within.
3. Swallow Up – to be consumed.
4. Victory – the climax reached in an effort; accomplishment.
5. Wipe Away Tears – the removing of inert sadness that brought or caused heartfelt hurt.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. The good that is done by God's sons and daughters will last through many generations.
2. There is earthly victory when good deeds are replicated/copied by others.
3. Our departure from this earth is swallowed up in victory when we have proven godly work during our life here, which was solidified by the real Baptism of the Holy Ghost.
4. Jesus came, worked, died, buried and was resurrected from the death of the grave. This gave us proof that there is a better life beyond our earthly existence, when we sacrifice here to receive life, heavenly.
5. Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily" (I Cor. 15:31).
6. Apostle Peter left a profound message for us in First Peter to be armed (*ready for any battle*) to fight earthly sin foes, so that we may live the rest of our time her in the divine will of God (I Pet. 4:1-2).

MEMORY VERSE: I Corinthians 15:54 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.

LESSON 37

APRIL 11, 2021

NOAH: A MAN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 6:8-18

EXPLANATION

To wait for something means to be patient. Due to man's progressiveness in sin, God first found a living human being who was righteous and saved him and his whole family in an ark. The second was His begotten Son, wherein real salvation of man came through the shedding of Jesus' blood and receiving the Holy Ghost Baptism.

“We believe in baptism of water . . . is the token of the real baptism of the Holy Spirit of God. **We believe** that water is a type of the good conscience which is the Holy Ghost and fire. **We believe** water points to salvation, but it is not in itself salvation nor can it wash away sin” (ORDINANCES: Church Decree p. 64).

God wants to use you, young people. He needs your strength, stamina and energy to help carry His earthly work on to fruition. As you research the life of Noah, remember Abraham whose *belief* was counted unto *him for righteousness* (Rom. 4:3). Yet, the *righteousness of man was not sufficient*. Noah found *grace* in the eyes of the Lord (Gen. 6:8), but *his grace was insufficient* to redeem man. Noah's righteousness in his generation saved his whole household of eight souls, from the forty days and nights of unceasing rain (Gen. 7:1). Noah was our example of obedience to God.

During the generation in which you live, there will never be another Noah whose righteousness would be able to requite man of his sins.

GLOSSARY

1. Ark – the protective sanctuary that preserved the life of all living beings during the destruction of the earth.
2. Faith – trust with doubt; “The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen” (Heb. 1:1).
3. Righteousness – holiness, justice, rectitude; an attributed of God that is the pinnacle of man's reach to God.
4. Saving of His House – the preservation of his family.
5. Warned of God – the inward conscious that directs one to action.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Do you want to be saved and continue living to the saving of your soul? Your family?
2. Noah was righteous enough to save his family, but not all souls for eternity.
3. Never discount faith, it is the inherent heir of righteousness.
4. It will never hurt your esteem among men when you live so that God will commune with you (v. 13 of the lesson).
5. God established His covenant/agreement with Noah (v. 18) and will never again destroy all flesh by water. He confirmed His covenant with a bow in the sky (refer to Gen. 9:11-17).
6. Be patient, Jesus has come. Let Him find faith in you (Luke 18:8).

MEMORY VERSE: I John 2:2-3 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

LEADERSHIP: ARE YOU PROACTIVE OR REACTIVE?

MOTTO TEXT: Number 20:9-11 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

ENTIRE LESSON: Numbers 20:2-13**EXPLANATION**

There are some who are capable of leading but have no desire to lead. There are others who truly desire to lead but are not capable. And then there are some who are capable, willing and have the holy charismatic attributes to take the helm and guide, teaching others along the way. This individual is not afraid of losing a position, but is assuring that whatever goes forward, has some good that was passed along.

Moses was agitated with several complaints of the multitude. God had provided for Israel when they were hungry. They were more than adequately fed and were told not to gather food for tomorrow. They disobeyed and became hoarders. Their secure tomorrow food became unfit to eat. Leaders must adjust to some degree of disobedience.

All living flesh need water to help purify the body, or the kidneys will stop working. Israel rebelled again because there was no visible water in their desert exodus from Egypt and cried out against the leader. Moses had to consult God who directed him of where the water would be found in this desert land. Moses, the born leader for this job, was instructed by God to ‘speak’ to the rock and water would come out of the rock. In Moses’ agitated state, he hit the rock in displeasure to God.

Leaders get tired and worn. When that happens, it is time to rest the human body, refreshing the resolve to continue representing God before His people in their leadership. Let them rest when you can! Never do the work of God in anger. When leaders do sanctified work, they sanctify God. It is written: “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (I Pet. 3:15).

GLOSSARY

1. Leadership – the position or office that guides an effort, goal, etc. to a common fruition.
2. Proactive – prefix *pro* means before, prior to; acting in advance to determine how to deal with what is expected; preparedness for an expected outcome; anticipatory.
3. Reactive – prefix *re* means again; to repeat an action; the stimulus to again act on a matter that has already been addressed.
4. Rebels – those who speak, act or move against something; agitators.
5. Took the Rod – accepted his responsibility.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. As a leader, never be the one who will not help another to enter the water (work), always taking the lead, for fear of others surpassing them (John 5:3-7).

2. Do you shy away when there is work to do, although the work may not be repetitive of something that you have already accomplished?
3. If there is a purpose of following, is it not to learn how to lead?
4. Are you satisfied with working with the leader who has a nonchalant attitude?
5. Do you know that the church is really a preparatory school for the youth who will one day hold various church positions? Be active.
6. Are you willing to take your turn to get into the water for your readiness to be among the church's future leaders? Or, are you waiting with hopes that someone will push you into position, exposing your unreadiness?

MEMORY VERSE: Titus 1:7-9 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, 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 hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

LESSON 39

APRIL 25, 2021

ACHAN: THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF SIN

MOTTO TEXT: Joshua 7:1 The children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

ENTIRE LESSON: Joshua 7:2-25

EXPLANATION

A ripple effect can best be seen when one throws an object into a body of water, creating a wave, passing a force that will travel a good distance across the body of water. This is also true when one in a group does something that affects the whole group, or body. This may better be understood when we try to eat food that is strange to the body. So often, digestion in the body does not get a chance to happen, before you become sick and make you immobile to continue with your plans. You must determine the problem and heal.

Disobedience by one can and will affect all as shown in our lesson. We have a protective responsibility in caring for both body and soul of every individual in the church. Some may become disillusion and turn away because of the failed obedience of just one. There are others who may help create a wave effect that will spread to so many others. Then, none becomes strong enough to help or even correct the other.

Achan disobeyed and all of Israel were in peril because of one man's sin. As God's obedient nation, Israel was losing the battle with city of Ai (*the Ruin*). Something was wrong. Joshua had all of Israel searched, tribe by tribe, man by man, family by family, and household by household. It was Achan who disobeyed, and all his household were destroyed. Covetousness caused him to disobey. Although Achan was of the elite family and tribe of Judah, Achan humbled himself by confessing (vv. 19-25).

God does not want useless clutter in His Camp (church). It is a curse to those chosen by Him. When you trouble God's people, disturbing His assigned work, God will surely trouble you.

GLOSSARY

1. Accursed Thing – that which mankind has been forbidden to partake of or indulge in
2. Anger – the strong feeling of displeasure or resentment to anything.
3. Kindled – and ignited or inflamed situation or cause; stirred up; sparked combustion.
4. Ripple Effect – a stirring or activating a cause that will carry over to others until the end of the movement.
5. Trespass – to commit an offense against the will of another; the transgression against a moral, social or code of law; a breach of trust; to infringe upon.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

Relate and discuss the relevancy of the lesson to the Ephesians (5:3-4), and expound on whether any of these violations could easily be viewed as the modern day 'accursed thing' within the church body. "Fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks."

MEMORY VERSE: I John 1:6-7 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 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.

LESSON 40

MAY 2, 2021

NATIONAL PRAYER DAY THE COSTLY RESULTS OF AN IMPAIRED PRAYER LIFE

MOTTO TEXT: I Thessalonians 5:17-19 Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Thessalonians 5:1-28

EXPLANATION

The times and seasons are on cue. But the return of the Anointed Savior will be at an unexpected time, and there is no season. Sin will yet be rampant on the earth as it was in the days of Noah.

Prayer changes things. It is the key that opens the door to God's heart. He truly wants to hear from every soul. We are admonished to seek God while He can be found and to call upon Him while He is near us. We are not to pray the 'Four Centered Prayer' when there are many standing in desperate need of prayer, and they are unaware. Paul's exhortation in I Timothy is that, 'Supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.' We may call this the 'Soup bone' especially

of National Prayer. It seasons and flavors all requests that are made for the nations of the world.

One main requisite to get your prayer through to God and receive His response is to purge our hearts from all sins and sinning, and not grieve the Holy Spirit of God that is promised (Eph. 4:30). The waywardness of mankind has blocked and hindered God from doing what He really desires to do for us.

Psalm 33:12 continues to say, “Blessed is the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.” Although scattered among various nations, the Jews are the chosen nation, and their spiritual inheritance is also claimed by the Gentiles.

GLOSSARY

1. Costly – that which cost a great sum.
2. Impaired Prayer Life – lacking or devalued prayer in one’s life.
3. Pray – man’s petition to God for favors earned or desired.
4. Quench – to hold back in an effort to prevent something from proceeding.
5. Results – the outcome of anything.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. When we live so that we can get a prayer through and an answer back, expected changes can happen.
2. A nation in prayer can put down wars of indiscretion, hopelessness, disparity, and topple tyrant leaders. God listens and answers prayers, in His own time and way.
3. Expect God to be wary and weary in response to our many petitions when we live contrary to Him.
4. The overwhelming cost continuously adds up when we bow down to Satan’s antics in every aspect of our lives.
5. When God is near is not the time to stop praying.
6. Although prayer is outlawed by man, acknowledging God’s sovereignty in our lives will allow our heartfelt prayers to reach Him.

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

LESSON 41

MAY 9, 2021

MOTHER’S DAY GODLY WOMEN: STANDING FIRM FOR WHAT IS RIGHT IN THE MIDST OF OPPOSITION

MOTTO TEXT: Esther 4:16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

ENTIRE LESSON: Esther 4:1-17

EXPLANATION

‘Brave, negotiator, a fighter for a nation under the worse of circumstances, the defiant one’ are just some descriptive ways that help us to know Esther. She was a Jew who was among those maids chosen for Ahasuerus, the king of Persia. She was reared by her uncle, Mordecai, after the death of her parents. Esther replaced defiant Queen Vashti, and yet she proved to be more defiant than Vashti. Now, Vashti refused to be paraded before a large group of men just so they could look upon her great beauty. For fear that other women would do the same, Vashti was dethroned.

With several young maidens to replaced Vashti. Before being presented to the king Esther requested no special perfumes or clothing to accentuate/emphasize her positive beauty. Yet, she was preferred above all of the young maidens. Esther’s relationship to Mordecai put her life in danger when Haman (*equivalent to a hangman*), desired great honor in the kingdom, who Mordecai refused to bow or recognize. Haman plotted to destroy all Jews because of Mordecai’s refusal to bow in Haman’s greed for man’s honor.

Upon learning of the plot, and after a three days and nights fast among the Jews, Queen Esther the Jew intervened on the threat of boldly going before the king without first being called. The plot was foiled, and Haman was hanged on the same gallon that he had prepared for Mordecai. Whose your belly/greed for worldly recognition is their god, you are headed for failure.

Just as it was with Esther and other godly women, it takes godly women today to turn back wrath concocted by man. God yet rules in the affairs of men.

The Book of Esther is the last of the Old Testament historical books. Although it never mentions ‘God’, the Book vividly portrays the length God went to in protection of His chosen few, scattered from India to Ethiopia during the time of the Persian empire.

GLOSSARY

1. Fast – a sacrificial period of abstinence, usually nourishment for the physical body, in quest /pursuit of something beneficial.
2. Godly Women – females purposely living pious, saintly and righteous lives; pleasing God.
3. Maidens – young unmarried females.
4. Opposition – a resistance; the state of opposing something whether good or bad.
5. Standing Firm – taking an unmovable position/stance in a matter.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. A three days and three nights fast works. Always take precautions when you have never fasted, or you are unfamiliar of how to prepare your body to self-sustain.
2. Never enter in a long term continuous fast if your body is malnourished. By abstaining from televisions and other devices, etc., are the other ways of becoming spiritually strong when petitioning God for something that is needful.
3. Young maidens of today and mothers of tomorrow, should learn much from Queen Esther. Godly attired, she put a whole nation on a fast and risked her life for them.
4. Esther risked her life just by entering a gathering before the king, yet knowing that her life was already in peril. To right a wrong for a whole group or nation of people is not new. When the right to be seen as worthy is perceived as worthless in the eyes of others or a few, we have a need to resist rather than cowl back in subjection. We call it

bullying, whether in the home, school, church, neighborhood, or job. Are you fearful to stand firm, unashamed, in the godly life that you live among whom you shine? Respond from Philippians 2:14-16.

MEMORY VERSE: Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

LESSON 42

MAY 16, 2021

JACOB: A LEADER MADE USABLE THROUGH BROKENNESS

MOTTO TEXT: Genesis 32:24-25 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 32:22-32

EXPLANATION

Sometimes problems are solved after we may rest the mind or wrestle with them through the night. After awaking, we have the answer or method to get the conclusion.

Jacob's wives, Leah and Rebekah, his women surrogates, and his sons were instructed to travel across the brook while Jacob rested through the night, and he would cross the next day. Keep in mind that Jacob, who had bought his brother Esau's birthright, was returning home and had not left home under the best of circumstances.

Now, Jacob learned wrestling before he was born, and was blessed. As the twins struggled in the womb, Rebekah inquired of God and was informed: "Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and **the elder shall serve the younger**" (Gen. 25:22-23). What had already been ordained by God is often called a deception (Gen. 25:29-34).

After tossing and turning (*wrestling*) all night Jacob had to be tired, yet, he held firm to his troubling pain of how to face his brother, until daybreak. A name change for Jacob was his blessing. He wrestled a whole night for such a small request that was quickly granted. His spirit was regenerated, and he was prepared to face all that he had left back home.

GLOSSARY

1. Brokenness – a hopeless state of ill-repair; a feeling of helplessness.
2. Hollow – the inner joint of the hip; the huckle or thigh bone.
3. Out of Joint – out of place, the misalignment would make it difficult to walk.
4. Usable – fit for continuous use.
5. Wrestle – to struggle with something to obtain victory; a period of indecisiveness.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever thought of life's obstacles as being manifested as causes to wrestle in efforts to overcome?
2. Struggles may tire you, but when determined, they will make you stronger.
3. God's plan of operation will be accomplished, although we may suffer in getting it done.
4. Young folks, sometimes it is better to be last, as it was with Jacob in birth.
5. All will someday travel back home. Just be careful of how and why you left.
6. The name Jacob means 'supplanter' (*one who exposes and takes the place of, especially by underhand means*), and the name Israel means 'soldier of God'. Would you not fight all night to get a change of name?

MEMORY VERSE: I Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

LESSON 43

MAY 23, 2021

MOSES: GOD'S PROBLEM SOLVER

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 14:13-14 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

ENTIRE LESSON: Exodus 34:1-20, 29-35

EXPLANATION

There will always be problems in need of solving. They give your mind great exercise. A child is watched just to see what the child will do. Even animals are studied to better understand their degree of intelligence. Proverbs teaches (20:11), "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right."

Moses' birth was no accident, neither was yours. God had already planned his work. Every obstacle that Moses had to face had to be worked out and accomplished. The time to redo perfect work can be disheartening, but God's determinate law to be obeyed had to be redone. Impatient Israel grew tired of waiting forty days for Moses to return from communing with God in the depositing of the Ten Commandments. Upon Moses' return, he was greatly displeased with what he witnessed in Israel. In frustration, Moses shattered the engraved stone on which God had written just what He meant for His chosen people to obey.

Israel was instructed to stay clear of the mountain while God again ministered with Moses. Yes, ministers need to be free of distractions to commune with God. The same is true of those who would live godly. Youth, do you not consider how pleasant it is when you are obedient to your parents? When discipling is not needed, you have more quality time to get to know your parents. The home is less stressful and filled with joy and peace. Problems are much easier to solve when life is peaceful. Young people, Jesus will always

be ready to help solve all your problems as you exhibit faith in the presence of your peers and friends (Luke 18:8).

GLOSSARY

1. Fear – the inability to proceed as instructed or as first believed.
2. Fight – to put up a defense in a struggle to win.
3. Hold Your Peace – listen without interjecting your opinion or thoughts.
4. Problem Solver – one who has observed and accessed a difficult situation and found a way to correct or make better results.
5. Stand Still – to remain at attention, observant of all surroundings.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. God repeats His Commandments through the ministers throughout every generation, yet few will hear.
2. It is best to, “Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near” (Isa. 55:6). He is always ready to help you.
3. God repeated Himself in the first verse of the lesson. He can remember everything.
4. First Samuel 15:22 teaches that, “To obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.” Stop seeking the rat of the land, God will supply your needs.
5. Know that, although God is “Merciful, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will **by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth generation**” (Exo. 34:6-7, 20:5).
6. The only way to receive God’s mercy and escape the visiting iniquity of generations of family guilt is to love God and keep His Commandments (Exo. 26:6).

MEMORY VERSE: Exodus 33:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

LESSON 44

MAY 30, 2021

ELIJAH: STANDING ALONE, SPEAKING THE TRUTH

MOTTO TEXT: I Kings 18:21-22 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Kings 18:27-38

EXPLANATION

God’s people worshipped God while mingling the idol god Baal in their worship of God. It marked the period of God’s people becoming apostatized from God. This is still a

rough road to tread within the church. There will be those who will gladly instill in the hearts of the none established saints who are spiritually in their youth in the church. Neophytes who come in are readily approached by those who would rather put a ‘bug’ in their ears to gain influence or misguide the new member.

Unfortunately, there comes a time when some supposedly established members will grow tired of the tested and proven sound doctrine of the church. It is a way of saying the pioneering members and those followed were wrong and the requirements to obtain eternal life were wrongly administered.

When goals change, people change. Blinded by works of the flesh, the greed of obtaining this world’s good, and unobtainable recognition at work, in the neighborhood, and many times at home, they apostatize (*renounce adherence to the doctrine*), and leave behind or muddy the church doctrine. With regrets, one too many will ill-advise a younger saint to proceed in an unacceptable way that is contrary to what the parents teach against. Overstepping the bounds of another family’s rule, as well as the church law will never be acceptable.

When God is with what you do and say, you will never be alone, there will always be others. Consider the fact, Jesus was not sent into the world to save just one soul, and the many mansions in His Father’s house are not for just one. Never see yourself as being the only one, although the others may not be visible to you. God will reveal others to you in His own time. Other assigned work may lead you away from home, as it was with Jacob who had to prepare to build a nation for God.

GLOSSARY

1. Baal – the idol god of Assyria that was inadvertently imbedded among God’s chosen people; Elijah was one of its challengers during his day, who proved its worthlessness.
2. Elijah – the prophet reformer awaken morally sleepy Israel (*the Northern Kingdom*), when idolatry was introduced in the Kingdom during Ahab’s reign.
3. Halt – a stance of indecisiveness; uncertainty.
4. Truth – that which is factual; without hidden motives.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Let God be the God in your life, for there is no other one who is capable and will destroy (*burn away*) all that would harm you (I Kings 18:21, 24).
2. Strengthen yourself to be among the fearless who are unafraid to stand firm and speak up and speak out against those who apostatize the truth of the doctrine as was revealed through the Founder, Mother Mary Magdalena Tate.
3. Those who are too full of fear to stand firm and uphold what is the truth of the gospel and the doctrine, shall surely be found making an eternal reservation in the lake with no hope of being rescued from the Second Death (Rev. 21:8).
4. God hid Elijah, do all you can that your life will be hid in Him.
5. “For ye are dead (*fleshly desires*), and your life is hid with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3).
6. A neophyte is a beginning; the chronological age cannot make a beginner established.

MEMORY VERSE: Malachi 4:5-6 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

THEME V

JESUS HEALS ALL MANNER OF SICKNESS AND DISEASE

And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *his* hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

Mark 1:40-41

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LESSON 45

JUNE 6, 2021

THE PERPETUAL HEALING PROMISES OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 5:9-16.

EXPLANATION

Have you ever made a promise, but was unable to keep it? Sometimes we are unable to keep our promises, but God keeps every promise He has made. He said, “If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee” (Exo. 15:26).

Disease and death only entered the world after Adam and Eve disobeyed God and allowed satanic forces to gain a foothold on humankind (Genesis 3). When Jesus came to earth, He announced that God’s Kingdom was at hand. He healed the sick, casted out demons, fed the multitudes and raised the dead. All of these works demonstrated the blessings God intended at His original creation. Many youths are dealing with various types of illnesses. Have you ever taken a trip to a children’s hospital? It’s an eye-opening experience, but it provides an opportunity to pray for young children who are suffering.

There are times the Word must be our medicine. According to Psalm 107:20, God sent His Word and healed them. When we take God’s Word like medicine by meditating, listening and praying, it will bring healing in our body. Remember...it was the Word of God that created the world and His Word is powerful enough to change it. For medicine to work, it must get inside of your body. So, for God’s ordained Word to work, it has to get into you. Just as it takes medicine a little while to work; it takes faith and prayer for God to work. Yet remember, God does all things ‘In His time’. And by His Word, healing will be done (Psa. 107:20).

GLOSSARY

1. Demons – devils, evil spirits, a fear or anxiety that torments.
2. Foothold – a secure starting position from which further advances can be made.
3. Healing – the process of being cured or restored to health; becoming well.
4. Medicine – remedy, prescription, a drug or remedy used for treating illness.
5. Perpetual – eternal, everlasting; lasting for an indefinitely long time.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Confession is one of the steps required for healing. True_____ False_____
2. Discuss how God's Word is like medicine? Join in a class discussion.
3. _____ and _____ entered the world after Adam and Eve disobeyed the Lord.
4. God sent His Word and healed them is found in _____.
5. Discuss some of the promises God has made to His people.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 146:8 The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous.

LESSON 46

JUNE 13, 2021

THE YOKE OF SIN DESTROYED BY THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY GHOST

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 10:1-27

EXPLANATION

The word '*woe*' (*a warning to beware*) was given to those leaders who altered the meaning of God's Commandments and decrees to validate their own lifestyles. They used them to turn aside the needy from righteous judgment, to take away the rights from the poor, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless. Those who do such will incur God's wrath and be punished.

God would allow many heathen nations to rise up and oppress them with many of the same yokes that they were under as slaves in the land of Egypt. God may use others to punish those who deliberately disobey Him. He wants to correct His people for their wrong doings. These nations would think they were able to inflict so many burdens on God's people by their own power, but they didn't realize that it was actually God's wrath they were carrying out. Some boasted that they had been able to subdue God's people and take possession of their land and their spoil, and then tread them down like mire (*mud*) in the streets by their own cunningness. It was God's retribution for disobedience. Those who disobey God's rules and laws to enable their own purposes will be punished.

Yet, God's indignation will cease because He is patient, kind and long suffering, and He is willing to forgive the repentant. God will remove their burdens from their shoulders and the anointing will destroy the yoke from their necks.

Sometimes, we allow circumstances to cause anger, addictions, distrust, confusion, depression, grief and other misunderstood feelings. This causes us to use our own interpretation and wisdom by indicating that, 'God didn't mean this, *or* God doesn't mean it the way it is written in the Bible', incurring God's wrath. We must have faith in God and know that the Holy Ghost will destroy every yoke (*burden*) that we endure. God's judgment is true and righteous. He wants everyone to come to repentance and not be lost.

This same prophecy that was given in the day of Isaiah holds true today.

GLOSSARY

1. Decrees – declarations, orders, commands, or rules.
2. Incur – bring upon yourself, lay yourself open to or to suffer for wrong doings.
3. Oppress – to dominate, persecute, afflict, torment, or burden others.
4. Prey – victims to rule over or to be oppressed.
5. Prescribed – agreed on, proposed, suggested, fixed.
6. Yoke – a burden, an encumbrance, or to be in bondage.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What are some Commandments of God that have been changed today? Allow class responses and discussion to the question.
2. Other nations were used by God to bring punishments on the disobedient leaders. Name some of the inflictions that they incurred that are named in the lesson.
3. How can circumstances in our lives bring about selfish interpretations of the Word of God? Allow students to share their experiences.
4. Even though we may sin or be guilty of altering God’s Commandments to excuse our unholy behaviors, name some of God’s attributes that should encourage us to repent. Some attributes are listed in today’s lesson for discussion.
5. Who is the “*his*” that is referred to in this statement from the Motto Text of the lesson? That *his* burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and *his* yoke from off thy neck. Discuss the statement.

MEMORY VERSE: 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 *with* fire.

LESSON 47

JUNE 20, 2021

FATHER’S DAY

THE DANGER OF PLEASING PEOPLE RATHER THAN PLEASING GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Galatians 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Samuel 15:1-25.

EXPLANATION

In the lesson we read that Saul was given specific instructions by the Lord to attack the Amalekites and destroy them. When Saul attacked the Amalekites, he took the king alive, and spared the best of the sheep, cattle, the fat calves and lambs, basically everything that was good.

The Word of the Lord came to Samuel, informing him that Saul had not carried out God’s instructions of destroying the Amalekites. Samuel was angry and plead to the Lord all night long. Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul. Saul told him that he carried out the Lord’s instructions. But Samuel asked Saul, “What *meaneth* this bleating of sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?” (verse 14)

Saul blamed the people for sparing the best of the sheep and cattle. In Saul's eyes, he felt he didn't do anything wrong. When God gives us specific instructions, we must carry them out His way and not our way. There are times others may pressure you to do things their way, but God's Word is final.

Saul valued the opinion of the people over God's wisdom. He esteemed the people, when he should have feared God. Moreover, he was concerned about his own reputation and honor, rather than correcting the people. Saul is perpetually downplaying his role in the bad decisions he made. He kept justifying himself by putting the blame on other people as if they were responsible for his disobedience.

Saul's demise is a powerful lesson, but as with all tragic stories, it serves a redemptive purpose. It's a warning for us, so we don't repeat the mistakes of others.

GLOSSARY

1. Bleating – the weak, wavering crying of a sheep, goat, or calf.
2. Hearken – to give heed or attention to what is said; listen.
3. Pardon – a release from the penalty of an offense.
4. Rebellion – resistance to or defiance of any authority, control, or tradition.
5. Transgress – to violate a law, command, moral code, etc.; offend; sin.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why is it important to hear and obey God? (Have a class discussion.)
2. What was the name of the king that disobeyed God?
Saul was the name of the king in today's lesson.
3. What happens when we obey man rather than God?
Allow the class to differentiate between what is preferred results and what is not.
4. Are you willing to obey God rather than your friends/peers?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 146:1-3 Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

LESSON 48

JUNE 27, 2021

THE CLEANSING POWER FOR SIN: NOT IN THE WATER, BUT IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

MOTTO TEXT: I John 1:7 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 8:1-28

EXPLANATION

There are so many cleaning agents on the market advertising to get out the toughest stains, but to no avail. It is said blood is one of the most difficult substances to remove once it has stained a fabric, surface, or laundry.

Many professed Christians often talk about their sins being washed away by the Blood of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:7 states that we have redemption through Jesus' Blood, meaning the Blood of Jesus Christ redeems us. The blood of Jesus washes away our sins and keeps them washed away continually.

In the Old Testament, animal sacrifices were only temporary and needed to be offered repeatedly, year after year for the sins of the people. All of these sacrifices were types that pointed to the ultimate sacrifice, which was the coming of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Jesus' blood is far more powerful, and the shedding of His blood did what the blood of animals could not do.... remove the curse of sin! Hebrews 9:22 records that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission/forgiveness.

Young people, God loves you very much that He gave His "only begotten Son." You are never too young to strive to live a life that is pleasing in God's sight. The Blood of Jesus will heal your sick soul, the Blood of Jesus will strengthen you, the Blood of Jesus is yet working!

GLOSSARY

1. Bondage – the state of being bound by or subjected to some external power or control.
2. Carnal – pertaining to the flesh; sensual; opposed to spiritual; as, carnal pleasure.
3. Intercession – the action of intervening on behalf of another.
4. Liberty – the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views.
5. Reckon – conclude after calculation; be of the opinion.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why did Jesus willingly shed His precious blood for you at Calvary's Cross? Allow the class to answer within a discussion.
2. Only the blood of Jesus can cleanse us from all sin. True ___ or False ___
3. Is the blood of Jesus as effective as in time past? Have a class discussion.
4. What are the main points of today's lesson? Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

JESUS CHRIST: OUR HEALING PHYSICAN

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 15:26 If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 5:1-9

EXPLANATION

This lesson comes to inform you that Jesus has promised to take care of you and provide all your needs. You can rest assured that if He said it, He will do it! Young people, Jesus Christ is your Healer and Healing!

During His earthly ministry, Jesus taught many crowds of people. He fed them and healed many that were sick with all kinds of diseases. Sometimes, when sin is committed, one can become physically ill. If we acknowledge our sins and ask the Lord to forgive us, He will not only forgive the sin, but will heal our bodies. The devil does not want us to have faith in the Lord. He wants us to think that we have done such great wrongs that God will not forgive us. That is not the case! Though our sins may be as scarlet, God will wash them whiter than snow.

As young people, you have learned to depend on your parents, but it is very important that you truly learn to depend and trust in the Lord for your healing. When you trust in the Lord, He will take care of you. The Bible records the healing case load of Jesus. Among them are healing the sick, palsy (*paralysis*), impotent (*helpless*), mentally challenged, handicapped, etc.

Sometimes, we just need to be reminded of how mighty and wonderful Jesus' love is, particularly during times of sickness. Remember to seek Jesus Christ to heal you, to mend you, and set you at liberty of anything that the devil has tried to do to bind you and your praises to the Lord.

GLOSSARY

1. Diligently – in a way that shows care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties.
2. Infirmary – the condition of being feeble, frailty, disease, malady.
3. Impotent – unable to take effective action; helpless or powerless.
4. Multitude – the state of being many; a great number.
5. Sabbath – time of worship given in the Bible as the seventh day.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. According to the lesson, how long did the impotent man have an infirmity?
The impotent man had an infirmity thirty-eight years (verse 5).
2. What did Jesus say to the impotent man?
Jesus asked the impotent man, "Wilt thou be made whole?" (verse 6)
3. What was the impotent man's answer to Jesus' question?
The impotent man answered him, "Sir I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me."

4. What did Jesus say to the impotent man in verse 8?
Jesus said to the him, “Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.”
5. What happened when the impotent man followed Jesus’ instructions in verse 9?
“Immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked.”
6. Should you ever feel overwhelmed or discouraged when another receives something before you do?
No, when it is your time, no one can take your place. Consider it as an opportunity for you to show the God that is in you, knowing that He will never forsake or leave you.

MEMORY VERSE: Numbers 23:19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

LESSON 50

JULY 11, 2021

**TRUE BELIEVERS:
REJOICING DURING TIMES OF SUFFERING**

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 64:7-8 But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 5:1-21

EXPLANATION

Today’s lesson teaches us that we can have joy even though we may be going through a rough time. The Lord loves and cares about you. Young people, no matter what you are confronted with, God wants you to hand your problem over to Him. You must know and remember that God’s promises are the same yesterday, today and forever. God’s Word has not changed and will not change.

Every Born-Again believer in Christ Jesus (*from the oldest to the youngest*) are called and created to serve God by doing good works. Now is the season and appointed time, for God wants to use His chosen sons and daughters in a way that others do not expect. It is written: “It shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions” (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17).

Remember the written Word as you go through your trials/sufferings: “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*” (I Cor. 10:13).

GLOSSARY

1. Access – a means of approaching or entering a place.
2. Condemnation – the expression of very strong disapproval.
3. Offence – a breach of a law or rule; an illegal act.
4. Reconcile – restore friendly relations between.

5. Scarcely – only just; almost not.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. For as by one man's _____ many were made _____, so by the _____ of one shall many be made _____ (verse 19).
2. God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able.
True ___ or False ___
3. “If ye suffer for righteousness’ sake, happy are ye” (I Peter 3:14).
Have a class discussion.
4. What is a Scripture that comes to your mind when you feel you are wrongfully accused?

MEMORY VERSE: I Peter 1:6-7 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

THEME VI
HAVE YOU TAKEN THE WRONG STAND?

Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing;
for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him....That your faith should not stand
in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
Ecclesiastes 8:3; I Corinthians 2:5

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LESSON 51

JULY 18, 2021

THE SOUL THAT SINNETH SHALL DIE

MOTTO TEXT: I Corinthians 6:9-11 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, 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: II Peter 2:2-22.

EXPLANATION

Sin was imputed/charged to all mankind by the disobedience by the first husband and wife team, Adam and Eve. This guilt was passed to all, making everyone born adherently guilty. Satan beguiled Eve and Eve did the same to her husband (Gen. 3:1, 12-13).

All unchaste acts are summed up in the Seventh Commandment. If committed, you are guilty of sin and have transgressed the law (I John 3:4). There is no exception. God's desire is for your whole body and soul to be chaste/clean/innocent/virtuous and faithful. You are His exclusive property and God desires that you spend eternity with Him.

You are most precious to your parents and many others, but you are special only to God. The deeds/acts of the body will determine your eternal destination. Never allow any soul to cheat you out of preferred inheritance. When the body transgresses God law, so does the soul. The soul abides in the body, and it cannot in itself sin without the acts/actions or deeds that are done in the body.

When you really want to make your claim for an inheritance, you must first be in the will of the giver/testator. There was no claim to be made until Jesus came, set the example of suffering for the good He did, and then taking on the sins of the whole world by dying. He is the Testator (Heb. 6:14-18). Without Him, there is no inheritance for us for we are joint heirs with Him (Rom. 8:16-17). Being overly concerned about inheritance of this world's good can cause one to lose sight on your inheritance with the Son of God. You do not want to come short of God's glory and your soul eternally condemned.

Repent of any sin committed, imagined or lusted after in the deep thoughts of your mind. The soul that sinneth shall die. That is a promise that God has made (II Pet. 3:9).

GLOSSARY

1. Die – to cease from doing; no longer active; lacking survival needs.
2. Fornicators – those who transgress or go against set moral or spiritual law; the moral and spiritual violation of the Seventh Commandment.

3. Sinneth – the committing of sin (Ezek. 18:20).
4. Soul – the spiritual element of the body that is owned totally by God, and answers to Him for all that the body has done.
5. Unrighteous – not righteous; one who is wicked; dishonest; unjust; not fair in dealing with others or matter in life.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Is it not interesting to note that many times man does not realize what he has done until afterwards, and there is no eraser that can cleanse the spot that was once clean, except Jesus through the gift of the Holy Ghost (Jer. 31:34; John 8:11).
2. Be wary of the famous two words ‘**Let Us**’ when another else is determining that you will join in the fulfillment of ‘It seemed like a good idea’ agenda.
3. You protect your soul when you protect your body.
4. God answers prayers! ‘My God and my Lord, help me. Shield me every day from the unrighteous works of darkness that slay the souls. My time here will always seem short, even if I live to be a hundred. Hold me tight and close in your Word and set Commandments. It takes too long to remove even the stains of sin. My body must answer for whatever wrong I may do, and man’s balm may not heal my body, neither cleanse my mind. Whatever I do right will not erase the wrong. Wherever I go, I would be held in unforgettable derision and mockery among my peers. If you grant me old age, let me recall the good that I have done, as Hezekiah did when his time came to die. Just rain your mercy and grace upon me daily. Continue to protect me and bless me always so that I will be an example to others. Amen.’

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 18:3 Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

LESSON 52

JULY 25, 2021

THE EXPLOSIVE FIRE OF TRUTH

MOTTO TEXT: I Corinthians 3:13 Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Corinthians 3:1-23

EXPLANATION

To many, the truth is not easily acceptable, but any delusionary lie is believed, acceptable and perpetrated as the truth (II Thess. 2:11-12). This is not something that is new, neither is it arguable. We are living in a time where it is visibly true that darkness is preferred rather the light because evil deeds are less discoverable (John 3:19). But when the Spirit of truth is revealed, it will shatter and fiery expose all lasciviousness and evilness that are committed on this earth (John 16:13; I John 4:6).

Jesus said, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work” (John 9:4). Youth, the *day* is one life is while there is energy and ability to accomplish some things. The *night* is the period when one is hindered and blind by other things and is unable to comprehend what and how to follow in the well laid proven path.

Measure your carnal life by what is spiritual. When the carnal does not measure up with what is spiritual, there is some burning due to remove the dross (*worthless, the part that will not be found in heaven*). First Corinthians 3:13-14 details how your work will be evaluated. Remember it well.

GLOSSARY

1. Explosive – being volatile or fiery.
2. Fire of Truth – the burning Word of God that, when all the fancy dressed covering is destroyed, the truth is revealed because there is nothing else left.
3. Manifest – to reveal or to make known.
4. Revealed – uncovered, discovered, or made known.
5. Try – to put to a test; to examine to determine the validity of.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Fire purifies. Youth, you are as gold, tried in the fire (Rev. 3:18). Live to show your sanctification and honor before your peers.
2. Lies spread like wildfire, but it takes a while for the truth to be believed and spread abroad.
3. The Truth is beaten, but not destroyed (Mark 14:65; John 14:6).
4. Let God’s Word be in your heart as a burning fire, shut up in your bones (Jer. 20:9).
5. When you cannot or when you feel inadequate to teach others, you can live before others a life that exhibits that you have been purged and cleanse by the Holy Ghost with fire. If any wrong is offered, reprove and rebuke it by the doctrine that you have suffered/tried to be sure and you have not turned from the truth (II Tim 4:1-4).

MEMORY VERSE: Zechariah 13:8-9 And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

LESSON 53

AUGUST 1, 2021

FAMILY SUNDAY FAMILY LIFE: A CALLING OF GOD THAT CAN NEVER BE OVERESTIMATED

MOTTO TEXT: Ephesians 5:20-21 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

**ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 127:3-4; Colossians 3:12-14; Ephesians 5:25-28;
I Corinthians 13:5-8**

EXPLANATION

God, in His infinite wisdom, has determined His expectation from the beginning of creation. He has always known what can be accomplished. Consider the concept of family life to be His calling of mankind. God will never allow man's underestimation of His intent to overshadow or divert His Word. Remember, it is useless to underestimate what God has planned or expected from those who love Him.

Family life as created or called by God is daily being rewritten by man. The diversity of survival or being productive has sprouted until the disconnect is outside of the 'Circle of Life'. New laws of the land are created to appease, new outlook is seen to please. With the souls that have entered this world, man's new laws are determining that there will be a mandated decrease of new life. God's will and lasting punishment for the first sin of disobedience will not be overestimated, either (Gen. 1:27, 2:18, 20-25, 3:1-24).

God mandated a higher calling for family life. His example of the marriage does not cause shame within the marriage, neither in society. There has not been a law created to supersede what God has already decreed. God's calling of the family life cannot be reversed. He did not create a house of ill repute or character. You have been called and chosen to be saints (I Cor. 1:2), in this crooked, perverse generation (Phil. 2:15).

GLOSSARY

1. Calling – the summoning of man by God for a specified work.
2. Family – the unit that consists of a male and female parent for procreation of their next generation.
3. Fear of God – the comprehension of what to do and what not to do in God's work.
4. Overestimated – an unexpected amount by man, but an expected accomplishment by God who proves all things.
5. Submitting – a being submissive for guidance in a work for which one is unfamiliar.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Youth, you are the lights that must shine for Jesus in this world.
2. You are the heritage of God (Psa. 127:3; Isa. 54:17).
3. God's desire is to have many children in His quiver to help keep the church sanctified and capable of speaking the good Word of God even to the enemies (Psa. 127:5).
4. Youth, when God calls you to enter into family life, answer according to His divine calling, so that your children and your children's children will also know God of the wonderful calling of God which cannot be overestimated by those who do not know Him.
5. Let your soul and those you come to love be precious to you.

MEMORY VERSE: 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.

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 2:2-3 We are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 2:1-29

EXPLANATION

You've probably heard the expression, "God knows my heart". It's an accurate and truthful statement. The Bible says that the heart is desperately wicked and deceitful above all things. God sees those things that are buried deep within the heart and judges those secrets with truth and righteousness. When we arbitrarily judge others, it is usually by our own thoughts and/or by the way we live. It is God's Word that judges the heart by discerning motives, thoughts and intentions. Man's judgment is often hypocritical, usually to control another. But, God's judgment can and will lead to repentance of those who have willing minds.

Circumcision of the flesh of the male child, one part of the Abrahamic Covenant, was instituted before the births of Isaac, Jacob and Esau. It is symbolic of spiritual cleansing of the flesh. After the sacrifice of Jesus' life on the cross for sins, we have the circumcision of the heart, the cutting away of **Satan's Innate Needs** and all iniquity from the depths of the heart. We now have the power to become holy, righteous and obedient to God's will and way. God is loving and patient. Mankind now has the means to become holy and righteous through repentance for the sins we have committed. If we do not accept the gift of the Holy Ghost, pray and believe God to cleanse our heart that is prone to sin, how can we serve Him? We will be judged by our deeds, whether good or bad.

The Holy Ghost will lead, guide and empower us to overcome all things that are not of God when we obey His dictates. When we judge others, then we become judges but, the law says not to steal; do we steal? The law says do not bear false witness; do we lie? We profess to be Christians; is our lifestyle like that of Christ? We stand in the way of sinners when we are hypocrites. We will be judged by God in truth and righteousness.

GLOSSARY

1. Forebear – to be patient, self-controlled, tolerant and show moderation.
2. Innate – that which is inborn, instinctive, distinctive, inherent.
3. Judgment – the ability to make considered decisions; a misfortune/calamity viewed as divine punishment.
4. Retribution – vengeance, reckoning, justice; punishment for an offense/s.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What guide did the Jews receive before God's covenant with Abraham? Students should discuss from the Explanation of the lesson.
2. Discuss the obstacles that stand in the way of sinners by hypocritical living.
3. Name some of the benefits to mankind because of God's forbearance. List and talk about the answers given.

4. What is so important about circumcision of the heart? What does it mean to you?
5. Identify the guide that persons who have not yet received the baptism of the Holy Ghost use for deciding what is right or wrong. Allow individual students to respond.
6. If your good deeds can't save you, why are they necessary? Have a Class discussion.

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 3:20-21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 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.

LESSON 55

AUGUST 15, 2021

I MUST REPENT, FOR I HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD

MOTTO TEXT: II Samuel 12:13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

ENTIRE LESSON: II Samuel 12:1-13

EXPLANATION

What did I do, what did I fail to do? A total failure of obedience is sin of omission or sin of commission. “Ought to have done and not leave the other undone” is admonished in two passages of Scripture (Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42). God does not want any to perish, but that all would come to repentance; therefore, He is not slack concerning His promises, and neither are you to be slack in obedience to Him (II Pet. 3:9).

The danger of looking can awaken inert/inactive appetites or desires and can be wrongly quenched/satisfied. To help in protecting youth, adults will often warn them not to look. Inasmuch as a parent or guardian cannot accompany a child in every step throughout any day, efforts are made to keep them innocent by covering the enticing designs of Satan through his destructive agents.

David’s eyesight was not dim, but his aptitude was lowered his solitude. Unoccupied time and unused energy caught him off balance. Upon seeing another man’s wife as she bathed devastated his mind, and he yielded. After Bathsheba made it known that she was with child, David tried to hid his indiscretion by having Bathsheba’s husband, Uriah, killed after Uriah was returned from battle and refused to spend time with his wife while his fellow comrades were at war. Nathan, chosen for the job, discreetly convinced David of his bad behavioral sin. David repented, but the world today still try to cover their sins by justifying David’s sin by scripturally quoting from I Samuel 13:14 and Acts 13:22. A neophyte/recruit may not comprehend that God’s heart was pleased with David before He touched Bathsheba, not afterward.

GLOSSARY

1. Against – to be in opposition to.
2. Die – to cease earthly existence; to lose an appetite or desire of something.
3. Must – an urgency; a certainty to do something or respond in a certain manner.

4. Nathan – God’s messenger to King David to convince and hear David’s confession for his sin (I Kings 15:5).
5. Sin – the transgression against the law of God.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Would it not be a blessing that when it is all said and done the all-seeing God had one thing in your record that was wrong in His sight?
2. When David was made conscious of his wrong, he repented.
3. God really used Nathan in the humbling of His chosen king, David.
4. As long as life exists, there is never a too late day to repent.
5. You cannot predetermine or plan when your last day will end.
6. The covering of sin is temporary and will only delay one’s repentance.
7. Repent, now, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 22:14-16 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of 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.

LESSON 56

AUGUST 22, 2021

WOE TO ALL WHO ARE TAKING IT EASY IN ZION

MOTTO TEXT: Amos 6:1 Woe to them *that are* at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, *which are* named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

ENTIRE LESSON: Amos 6:1-14

EXPLANATION

Life is easier when one will live it within set laws or boundaries. In early Civics class, some were taught that ‘Your right ends where the right of another begins’. That is not hard for anyone to comprehend. It is called civility. When we behave opposite, it is ‘trespassing’ when we unwelcomely intrude into another’s space or way of life when no invitation was extended. Usually, when that happens, one will take it easy and make their way of life yours.

God’s earthly house, the church and your body, is to be respected in all that is done. The interpreted manner of exercising God’s laws are not to be distracted to instill in the church body a means of making the congregation man’s rather than God’s. All are to get up and embrace God’s laws into our own lives, rather than overrule or circle ourselves around them to make the members your ‘gang’.

The church should never be at ease when God’s laws are being misrepresented for the pleasure of any. The church body is required to work to please God, as it was with Enoch before he was translated (Heb. 11:5). Youth, know that you cannot please God after you leave this earth. You must get up and work now!

GLOSSARY

1. Easy – that which is not difficult; what is seen as not problematic to accomplish.
2. Israel – the name given to Jacob after wrestling with an angel all night (Gen. 32:24); the chosen people of God.
3. Mountain of Samaria – the trusted center/area of Samaria’s religious headquarters.
4. Woe – great anguish, affliction or distress; much misery or grief.
5. Zion – the Christian church.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Never inject your innate behavior to pacify your desires. “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, ye are not your own?” (I Cor. 6:19)
2. What should be the testimony of your life? Answer from Hebrews 11:5 with an in-depth discussion.
3. Should you rest or take it easy on the work that others have done or are doing?
4. Do you ‘have a feeling’ that you are not required to work out your own salvation? Respond from Philippians 2:12, “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”
5. Do you feel at ease when you do not share the workload at home? In the church? At the various state or general church meetings? Or, does your behavior exhibit an ‘I have paid servants’ attitude?

MEMORY VERSE: Zephaniah 1:12 And it shall come to pass at that time, *that* I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.

LESSON 57

AUGUST 29, 2021

AVOID BEING DOUBLE MINDED

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: II Corinthians 10:1-18

EXPLANATION

Apostle Paul did not present himself as being greater or better than the church congregation when he was present among them. He made himself meek among the people and presented the Engrafted Word of the doctrine with gentleness to the newborn Gentile saints. Self-exaltation is repulsive among us and we are not to consider one soul better than the another. “What then? Are we better *than they*? No, in no wise” (Rom 3:9).

Attainment and appearance are to be commended and respected, not glorified. Paul wrote, “For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to *answer* them which glory in appearance, and not in heart” (II Cor. 5:12; see also II Cor. 10:12).

Never fall short of accepting the good work among yourselves, whether considered to be on a small or larger platform. The efforts made are valuable to God and acceptable to those who serve Him. Think of how it would feel when it seems as you are overlooked, as not being present. There is always greatness in small things, that is what it takes to make the larger work greater.

Surely, you would feel your presence unwanted and unwelcomed during any church service or program when the church has not been cleaned. Imagine being invited to any gathering, and upon arrival, the building and all participants are not ready. It takes a working team to do the work of the church. Join in, there are somethings that can be done without asking. Help all, regardless of their rank and file, love the brotherhood among you, and above all, fear God.

Make no difference among yourselves. Never be indecisive, without a well made-up mind to complete a job. Remember, “a double minded man is unstable in all his ways” (James 1:8). Double-mindedness yields confusion among any working family.

GLOSSARY

1. Avoid – to shun; go around so as not to confront or contact something.
2. Being – the state of in-existence; that which exists.
3. Double Minded – the indecisiveness of man; unsurety of what is acceptable for you.
4. Hired Servants – those who have been chosen to serve with expectation of pay.
5. Perish with Hunger – in grave need of nourishment to replenish one’s strength or endurance.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Engrafted means to alter/change the manner of fruit that is produced by cutting into a young tree and inserting a small cutting from another tree. Refer to James 1:19-27.
2. There will always be work for you to do.
3. Avoid being double minded in accepting the good work of each worker. All work within the church body is precious in the sight of God. No work is to be left undone or neglected.
4. “*Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves” (Phil. 2:3).
5. Second Corinthians 12:17-20 continues to say, “¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling? ¹⁸ But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *were* the body? ²⁰ But now *are they* many members, yet but one body.”

Select at least one of the verses and relate its meaning to your work in the church.

MEMORY VERSE: James 4:7-8 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.

EVANGELISM SUNDAY
THE MISSION OF BELIEVERS

MOTTO TEXT: Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

ENTIRE LESSON: Mark 16:1-20

EXPLANATION

All the world comes near to you through the social medias of this world in which we have now come to know. Are you ashamed to be known among your peers as different in your belief? Are you reluctant to hear or see any of the unholy betrayals by the speaking human life pictured? What can you do to shun what is being seen or heard before the world? Is it worth your time and effort to digest such behavior or hear any unbecoming language? Does any of that information gained help to draw you closer to God, and so grateful that you have not known that wretched behavior?

Whatever your answer may be to any of the questions posed, surely you will manage your life so that others will see the life that is visibly preached through all that you do. Always remember Apostle Paul as he is yet speaking in I Corinthians 9:14, “Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.” Live, so that others will see the proof that it can be righteousness can be lived without shame or fear of mockery.

GLOSSARY

1. Believers – those who trust or advocate the religious faith; disciples.
2. Creature – the mortal man; a human being.
3. Evangelism – the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ which makes clear distinctiveness of the function of the church (II Tim 4:5).
4. Mission – the undertaking of a just cause or purpose; the pursuit of what is perceived needful.
5. Preach the Gospel – the manifestation of the good news of salvation as guaranteed through Jesus Christ, our Anointed Savior.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. From the questions posed in the Explanation of the lesson, expound and relate them to what you have witnessed or heard.
2. Give good examples of how you can better live an evangelistic life among your peers, siblings and in your neighborhood.
3. List some ways of how you can help to roll the stony hearts away in the lives of others by the life that you now live.
4. Never question anyone about the good that others could have done, just show the proof of the good that you do before others in your effort to soften stony hearts.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 20:24 None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY
GRANDPARENTS: CONFIRMING THE WAY OF HOLINESS
TO THE NOW GENERATION

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert.

ENTIRE LESSON: Jeremiah 31:21-26; Isaiah 35:1-10

EXPLANATION

Next to your parents, your grandparents are the most important persons in your life. Many grandparents find themselves rearing their grandchildren. Grandparents have lived for a while and have had many experiences in life. Many have wisdom on how to avoid certain pitfalls in life. Godly grandparents can help their grandchildren learn how to live holy before the Lord.

God has promised to do a new thing in the wilderness and in the desert. These are trials and tribulations in our lives. He will make His people prosperous and successful even when the hard trials and tribulations seem to consume them. God is so faithful to the godly and He makes ways when life causes them to be stressful. He calls those who have backslide to come back to Him. They will be strengthened and abundantly blessed. He will satiate the soul and replenish every sorrowful soul.

Therefore, strengthen the weak hands and confirm the weak knees. The Lord will say unto them that are of a fearful heart to be strong and fear not; for He will save them and recompense their enemies. The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped and the eyes of the blind shall be opened. Youth who are seeking the Lord will find that they have joy and peace in their hearts. There is a way which is called the way of holiness (*which is the life that you live and the service that you render to God*). Look for this way and walk therein.

Grandparents can teach their grandchildren that the Lord brings both spiritual and physical healing as we walk on the highway of holiness. And yes, holiness can grow through you in this dying/desert world that has turned its back on God while bathing in all that God has provided.

GLOSSARY

1. Confirm – to verify the truth or validity of something thought to be true or valid.
2. Consume – to devour or destroy something or somebody completely.
3. Pitfall – drawback, danger, difficulty; a potential and usually unanticipated disaster or difficulty.
4. Repentance – punish, penalize, reprimand, discipline, chastise.
5. Replenish – refill, replace, to fill somebody or something with needed energy or nourishment.
6. Satisfy – satisfy, quench, to satisfy hunger or another appetite completely.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Are your grandparents living and if so, what are do you spend time with them?
2. Discuss the highway of holiness on which the godly people should seek to walk.

3. Have you encountered trials and tribulations in your lives? Did you remember that God has promised to consume your enemies?
4. What are some of the promises made in this lesson to those who are fearful?
5. What are some of the wise sayings you remember being taught by your grandparents?

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 62:10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

LESSON 60

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

THE TRUTH ABOUT SIN

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 6:12-13 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 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

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 6:1-23

EXPLANATION

The words ‘let not’ means *don’t do it*. Don’t allow sin to live in your body to damage or destroy your soul. When Jesus died, He paid the penalty for sin so we would not have to live in sin and lose our souls. God gives us grace, His unmerited divine favor, for us to confess and repent from our sins and receive salvation. We cannot die to sin (*destroy*) and yet live in sin. God tells us, especially forcefully, not to yield our members to do those things that are sinful. True believers die to sin, *the desire to sin is killed*, therefore, they abhor continuing to live in it. Satan’s agents fight daily to draw the believer back into those sinful ways. The Holy Ghost will strengthen the believer to serve God and find pleasure in serving Him.

Sin, Satan’s Innate Desires, will cause us to disobey God’s rules and Commandments. He entreats the flesh to become satisfied with deeds that are pleasing to it. While Satan was in heaven, he thought within his heart that he wanted to sit above the throne of God, and he convinced other angels that God was an unjust God (Isa. 14:9-15). He will do the same today attempting to cause us to believe the same things.

God is a just God and He loves mankind. He is truly patient and kind and rains many blessings upon the unjust as well as the just. Sin blinds us to the truth of God and has us feeling ashamed, fearful and separated from God. Sin pushes us away from God because it is rebellion against His commands. Sin is of the devil and will block us from salvation if we allow it to continue to rule our lives. Christ’s sacrificial life has given us a means of reconnecting to God. Now, being made free from sin, we have become servants of God and our expected end is everlasting life.

GLOSSARY

1. Abhor – to disapprove of or reject something very strongly.
2. Block – oppose, stop, bar, thwart, something that obstructs or prevents progress.

3. Innate – inborn, natural; originating in the mind.
4. Reconnect – re-join, connect again.
5. Reign – control, govern, be in power; to exercise sovereign power or a controlling influence over.
6. Unmerited – value, importance, deserve, be worthy of, be deserving of.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. In your own words write a sentence that describes what sin is.
2. How can you know that you are not living in sin?
3. Describe what is meant by ‘do not yield your members to sin’.
4. In what ways does a person abhor sin?
5. *Woe to rebellious children* means to be disobedient to God’s rules. What do you think will happen to them? Disobedient and unrepentant children will be punished just as the devil was when he was disobedient to God and proved himself to be a liar as well.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 30:1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin.

LESSON 61

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

I HAD MY CHANCE TO REPENT, BUT I REFUSED

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 2:18-29

EXPLANATION

There are some activities that we may have participated in where each person takes a turn. Some do well while others may not. When the losers complain they may have been told that they had their chance. What does this mean? It means they had their opportunity to do well. However, God is a God of second chances. Oftentimes He gives second, third, and even fourth opportunities for us to become humble and sorrowful because we have sinned against Him. It is up to us to take advantage of the chance to change.

Please remember that when we disobey God, we have rebelled against Him. Mankind has so many occasions given to them for confession and repentance of sin; our God is so kind, loving and patient toward us.

Today’s lesson was written to the leader of the church at Thyatira. The people had many good works as they served the Lord. Yet, the Lord had something against them. They allowed Jezebel, a false prophet, to seduce the people to commit fornication. God gave her an opportunity to repent, (*to change from her wicked ways*) but she would not. God brought punishments upon her and those she seduced/misled. God pays every man according as his works may be. He will reveal our sins to us so that we may confess them and repent from them. God is just and faithful to forgive us our sins because it is not His will that any should be lost but that all would come to repentance. Don’t forget that He knows the intent

of our hearts and our thoughts even before we think them. Nothing is hidden from Him. Our souls will live forever, for there is everlasting life or everlasting death.

GLOSSARY

1. Advantage – a benefit, help.
2. Fornication – sexual contact between people who are not married to each other, summed up in the Seventh Commandment that encompasses all unchaste acts.
3. Occasion – a particular time or instance of an event, reason or cause.
4. Rebellion – uprising, upheaval, the violent or open resisting of authority.
5. Repent – feel sorrow, ask forgiveness, be remorseful.
6. Seduce – to entice someone to commit an evil act.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. To whom was the letter to the church at Thyatira written? Students may find the answer in the explanation of the lesson.
2. What was the sin that God had against this church?
3. Discuss what it meant by rebellion and have you been guilty of it.
4. What are the two choices mankind has for eternity?
5. When false leaders cause others to sin, what will happen to those who are led into sin if they do not repent? Allow a class discussion of the question.

MEMORY VERSE: Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

THEME VII
THE WORD OF GOD AND CHURCH DOCTRINE

For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart....If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed.

Hebrew 4:12; II John 10

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LESSON 62

OCTOBER 3, 2021

GOD’S WORD: MAGNIFIED ABOVE ALL HIS NAMES

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 138:1-8.

EXPLANATION

We often say, ‘I must see it to believe it’ when the words spoken are just too incomprehensible. Then, when our eyes are open to see for ourselves, what we see is too immeasurable. God’s name is Jealous, describing His character (Exo. 34:14). His name is indisputably called ‘The Word of God’ (Rev. 19:13), justifying His preeminence. In the council meeting at Jerusalem, Paul and Barnabas met the dissension head on. In defense of the Gentiles, salvation comes with purification of the heart rather than circumcision of the flesh, His Word is not prejudice, it is available for all (Isa.65:1; Acts 15:7-9). In the hands of the skilled warrior, God’s Word is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). In the beginning was His Word; it is omnipresent (John 1:1).

In the Davidic Psalm 34:3, he records, “O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.” This can be done when we put up preventive measures in our lives, sometimes without saying one word. Keep your feet from slipping into the craziness of worldly devices. When the best efforts are lost in trying to change another, realize that you can only change yourself. However, you can change the method in associating with another. So, magnify God’s Word through the life that you live daily. In so doing others will get an enlighten understanding with proof of all His names existing in you. The nationalities among whom you dwell will become inexcusable in the knowledge of how God’s Word undeniably dwells within, controlling the deeds of the body.

Plant yourself in righteousness to keep your feet from slipping. By the good you do, regardless of how small it may seem to another, YOU will GROW daily.

GLOSSARY

1. God’s Word – the spoken creation of all things, without which nothing was made that was made (John 1:1, 3).
2. Lovingkindness – affectionate deeds exhibited/shown protectively with special care and concern for the soul of another.
3. Magnified – made larger, enlarged; given the ability to get a detail look into something.

4. Preeminence – points out superiority and excellency of one’s standing or work.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. An established tree becomes resistant to removal.
2. Plant yourself in God’s Word so that you will become rooted and known as a tree, nourished by living waters.
3. Realize that there are other souls who are in need of knowing God’s Word. If you fear the articulation, never fear to let your life be the vehicle or driving force for others to reach God.
4. Man looks on the outer body, but God’s focus is on your heart. Don’t let Him down. Your failure is magnified when you slip outside of God’s realm (Psa. 38:16).
5. Of all the good that David accomplished, the battles fought and the victories that were won, none are more profusely recalled/magnified as that of his fleshly indiscretion with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, not even David’s masterminded method to hide/cover his sin (I Kings 15:5).
6. Join with those who will magnify the LORD with you and join you in exalting His name (Psa. 34:3).

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 119:129-133 Thy testimonies *are* wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments. Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name. Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

LESSON 63

OCTOBER 10, 2021

GOD’S WORD: PLANTED, CONCEIVED AND BELIEVED IN A PURE HEART

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

ENTIRE LESSON: Hebrews 4:1-16

EXPLANATION

Psalm 51:10 says, “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.” Now that a heart has been made clean, it is time to purify it daily, so that no evil will penetrate, occupy or begin cluttering that heart. It is the seat/resting place that guides all our affections. Paul’s heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel yet is, that they might be saved (Rom. 10:1). Youth, you must know that many of the adult members are fasting and praying out of pure hearts, with the knowledge that you will be saved from the many deceptions of this world’s devices.

These are the last days for many souls. We are encouraged to preach\live God’s Word, to be instant, in season and out of season. Youth, you, too, have a charge to live a life that will reprove, rebuke, exhort others with all longsuffering/endurance and the doctrine that

you have been taught (II Tim. 4:2). Now, you cannot learn Christ by taking the empty backseats during church services, or occupying space in the hallways or foyers of the churches. or on your notebooks, phones, or other books that will impede or distract your hearing and connection to your church services and Sunday Bible School. Remember, our Sunday Bible School is the backbone of the present and future Church (Decree, p. 39). The backbone gives support, strength of character, and contains and protects the spine that controls and transmits all the messages throughout the body.

Let your bodies rest from impurities of this world so that you, too, will enter His eternal rest for your souls.

GLOSSARY

1. Asunder – to separate into parts or pieces; apart in position or direction.
2. Conceived – formed in the mind; devised or imagined to be real or true; pathological.
3. Discerner – one who detects or perceives with the eyes or intellect; able to distinguish or discriminate.
4. Piercing – a cutting or passing through with or as if with a sharp instrument; perforating; making a path or way to get through something.
5. Two-edged Sword – a dueling instrument that cuts two ways when in battle.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Expect the unrepentant Word of God. “Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth” (Rev. 19:21).
2. The many repulsive ills of sin that are in the world are of the world and will never be of God (I John 2:16-17).
3. Plant God’s divine Word within your heart, *the seat of all your affections*, and you will not be led by Satan’s will for the destruction of spirit, soul and body. Youth, are you aware that your spirit, soul and body can be destroyed?
4. It is not an impossible goal to set your most ardent achievement to be taking a forever rest from sin. The sooner you begin, the stronger you will become. That is a goal possible to reach.
5. You can quickly respond to any perpetrator (*Satan’s earthly agent*) whose effort is to entice you to do Satan’s will, and not God’s will, **when you stay planted and rooted in God’s Word**. His Word is alive, so let His Word forever live in you.

MEMORY VERSE: James 1:20-22 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

**KEEP THE FAITH: GOD JUDGETH THE RIGHTOUS
AND IS ANGRY WITH THE WICKED EVERY DAY**

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 7:1-17

EXPLANATION

Scripturally, we know that vengeance belongs to God, and He will recompense/repay the guilty. Please consider that “*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*” (Heb. 10:31).

The hierarchy has a responsibility to feed the flock of God which is among us, taking the oversight (*not overlooking any minute aspect of the law, all are significant to obey, setting the example*) thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over *God’s* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.’ All who would be subject are to be submissive, in so doing all the church will receive an unfadable crown of glory (I Peter 5:2-5).

Think about it. The name of the LORD is a strong tower, the righteous runs into it and we are safe (Prov. 18:10). Jesus is yet praying in John 17:11 that we be kept in this life through the name of His Holy Father, and our Heavenly Father. You have no cause to fear the trials or tribulations that cross your path. Eternal life is yours for the asking. Don’t let it pass you by. Keep heaven in clear view and unobstructed by the cares and concerns for popularity in this world. They cannot and will not lead you to eternal life.

Though weapons of worldly warfare (*desires*) may surround you, to obstruct or block your path to eternal life, know that greed never prospered anyone. The more that you obtain in this life, the more destructive attention you will bring to yourself. Cast off the works of darkness in this life so that you can see clearly how God works.

GLOSSARY

1. Angry – a feeling of hostile displeasure.
2. Heritage – that which is claimed or owned due to some past sacrifices or promises.
3. Keep the Faith – locked in with a key of which man has no control (Matt. 16:18-19).
4. Trust – steadfastness in or standing firm on the promises of God.
5. Weapon – any means of destruction to vilify/abuse/denigrate the soul.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. When God claims you as His heritage, what more could desire? Man will own you today and destroy you today. Man will raise you to acclaim in this generation, and the next generation will not know you ever existed.
2. Know that with God, you can be persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed (II Cor. 2:9-10).
3. Youth, set an everlasting example that God lives in your life as you mingle among the wicked deceivers of this world. Others may envy you because of God’s bountiful blessing when enabling you to endure tough circumstances, never look down on them.

Just praise God the more and cause them to become jealous and zealous to know God for themselves.

4. It is better to stand before the Just Judge than to be vilified in the courts of the wicked.

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 65

OCTOBER 24, 2021

**TEMPERANCE SUNDAY
HOW TO HANDLE ABRASIVE SOULS GOD'S WAY**

MOTTO TEXT: I Samuel 25:2-3 And *there was* a man in Maon, whose possessions *were* in Carmel; and the man *was* very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats; and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. Now the name of the man *was* Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man *was* churlish and evil in his doings; and he *was* of the house of Caleb.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Samuel 25:1-33

EXPLANATION

Not one of us requested to come into this world, and not one can determine when or what the circumstances will be in our departure. We can guide our lives and works as we strive to exist while portraying characteristics of God.

Churlish means to be rude and unpleasant in responding to others or in your manner of work in accomplishing an assigned task. All are taught in Philippians 2:14-15 to "Do all things without murmurings and disputing: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Moses, in frustration of the constant complaints of God's people as he led the nation of Israel out of Egypt/sin into the Promised Land, smote the rock to obtain water instead of speaking in a much softer tone (Num. 20:10). Moses could not enter the land that was Promised to Abraham some 400 years earlier (Deut. 32:48-52). In that one duty, Moses failed to show sanctification of God before His people. Those souls belong to God, not Moses.

As revealed in today's lesson, the man of great wealth by the name of Nabal refused to render kindness to David and his 400 warriors who peacefully requested survival assistance. The reply was relayed to David, who immediately called his warriors to take by force what they could have first done without asking for help. Nabal's soft spoken wife, Abigail, interceded on Nabal's behalf as well as on the behalf of the servants who would have been slaughtered. She peacefully entreated/begged for forgiveness for Nabal while acknowledging David as the **fighter of God's earthly battles**. She prevented the shedding of blood on her whole household.

GLOSSARY

1. Abrasive Souls – those who react harshly or irritable to situations they must encounter.
2. Belial – worthless or hopeless ruin; extreme wickedness and destruction; Satan’s proper name.
3. Countenance – the outer appearance that conveys mankind’s inner demeanor; facial expression.
4. Good Understanding – the ability to assess/evaluate a situation with discerning comprehension that leads to defusing/resolving or calming a situation.
5. Handle – to operate with responsibility; a means of understanding or control.
6. Temperance – the innate/instinctive ability of self-control; moderation.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Understanding a matter is the first step in accomplishment.
2. When we defuse a disagreement, we can be at peace when working together.
3. Sometimes God’s reply through you may come as a ‘still small voice,’ revealing a retribution in a more acceptable and peaceable manner.
4. Consider how you would prefer interacting in a similar call for help from an unfamiliar person or one who is considered a friend. What is your preferred temperate response? Allow the class to interact.
5. Regardless of how difficult or hard the church job/work may be, always be sure to represent God in an esteemed manner. God must be glorified in the work you do for Him before this perverse/stubborn generation.

MEMORY VERSE: Colossians 3:12-14 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do ye*. And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

LESSON 66

OCTOBER 31, 2021

GOD’S OBEDIENT CHILDREN: MAKING THE RIGHT DECISIONS DURING TRYING AND CHANGING TIMES

MOTTO TEXT: I Peter 1:7 The trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 1:1-16

EXPLANATION

All mankind among us should be able to see and know you as obedient children of God, without searching for a hint or sign. Obedience should be found in you as that of one who obeys in humility and honor, not with resentment or reluctance. The right way that you know, abide in it without shame or reservation. You cannot go wrong when you do

that which is right. Yet, always know that what is right will not always be accepted by those who would rather guide you into the dark carelessness of sin that exist in this world.

Know that God can break that great rock of resistance into what is right, regardless of the fountain from which it flows. Jesus called unto Peter twice, “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). Remember youth, you cannot help your fellowman without first getting yourself right. “Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might” (Eph. 6:10). He will be with you throughout all your trying and changing times and you will choose the right/correct decisions in your life.

GLOSSARY

1. Changing Times – any period of life wherein what was once seen in one way, is now being envisioned altogether differently.
2. Decision – the conclusion reached after much consideration in a matter of importance.
3. Faith – trust without doubt; “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Heb.11:1).
4. Obedient – the compliance to a set law; submission to authority.
5. Trying Times – the struggles that test the tenacity/steadfastness of man’s souls.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Your life is considered the mirror of your soul.
2. Your resistance to evil will be tried by the fiery goads, used to stir up, entice or stimulate the dead coals of sin imbedded/implanted by Adam and Eve.
3. Be stable minded in all that you do for God through His church.
4. Have you not seen, have you not heard the coming of our Lord? Through the boldness of the resisters of the truth and the unrighteousness that is seen daily, your eyes and ears must never be closed to obedience. Resist the devil and he will flee.
5. The closer you come to knowing God, the more you will obey Him. Love Him for who He is in your life.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 91:9-11 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

LESSON 67

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH, BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 16:17-19 Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 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. 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 16:1-28

EXPLANATION

Mystery of mysteries, the Church of the Living God is the great mystical body of Christ. Every part of the body is useful, purposeful and must be fed. If the mouth does not take in the proper nutrients, the body parts/organs will be disproportionately nourished, affecting the whole body. Why? Each part/organ of the body has a specific responsibility. Surely, there may be no explanation why a body can survive after parts/organ have been removed. Yet, while those parts/organs were a part of the body, they were useful if only for a while. It is a mystery. The human body is here to do man's work ... of course, not. We came to do God's work which is a great mystery how He will accomplish His work through all members of the church body.

Build, organize, decorate, and put on an elaborate façade. Draw the attention of other souls to the Temple of God, whose temple you are. Reveal the earthly kingdom, which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost (Rom. 14:17). Dress daily in all your finery (*righteous work*) so that the "World Can See Jesus in Your Life."

Ephesians 5:24, 26, 27 and 32, "The church is subject unto Christ, ... That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish... This is a great mystery: ... but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

Inasmuch as you do not desire to have your new garments defiled, do not defile yourself. You are His husbandry (*plants in His soil/church to grow righteousness on earth*), you are His building (I Cor. 3:9).

GLOSSARY

1. Blessed – consecrated; possessing divine favor and protection; happy.
2. Beyond Measure – the inability to determine its measurements; no instrument or no one can compare; incomparable.
3. Pillar and Ground – the indisputable supporting foundation on that which is built.
4. Truth – that which cannot be fail when tested; sound; proven.
5. Universal – that which is worldwide, made known and available to all.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Live and dress to represent the righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost before the world.
2. Don't be ashamed! Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for **it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."
3. The Church Decree reiterated/repeated Paul words on page 64. Read it for yourself.
4. Apostle Paul continued to write in verse 17, "For **therein is the righteousness of God revealed** from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**"
5. Make a choice, to be on earth and a prisoner of Satan, afraid to disobey him, or to be freed from sin in the flesh, yet a protected prisoner of God on earth and not afraid to

stand firm in all that is right for fear of what God can do on earth and in the hereafter. Do you really have a choice if you want to see God?

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 2:19-20 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*.

LESSON 68

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

A PRAYER FOR HELP IN OUR TIME OF NEED

MOTTO TEXT: Nehemiah 1:6-7 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-12

EXPLANATION

'Help, Help Me Lord' is just one of the songs that we may sing periodically. When sung in sincerity, God will turn an attentive ear to our plea. One may have one problem, and another may have a problem not remotely related, yet God knows what is being asked.

Youth, it is time to set the example of overcoming evil with good. Prove to the adults that the church will be in good hands. The less time they spend in correcting someone, the more time can be spent teaching and giving instructions, illustrating God's abundant love.

When one suffers alone, none is watching. But when one suffers outward for all to see, we need a rescuer, someone on our side so that others will know of the good mercies of God. Ask God's help; request a little healing when you are wrong. Plea for God's help so the nations know that He loves us, in spite of our suffering. Ask Him to shorten the time/sentence of misery so that others may fear and see that there is a merciful God who will help.

GLOSSARY

1. Attentive – a period of being alert with focused intent to obtain what is most necessary; observant.
2. Ear – the receptive ability to understand what is being said or taught to obtain relief or direction.
3. Eyes – the visionary perception of sight; the windows of the soul.
4. Prayer – the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed.
5. Time of Need – the most difficult period in life when the answers are not readily visible, and you must go to the God who has all the answers and freely gives relief.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. O LORD, thou art our _____; we are the _____, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand (Isaiah 64:8).
2. There will always be someone who will pray for you, although you may never ask.
3. Ezekiel 18:4, “Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.”
4. All souls are precious to God, and He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (II Peter 3:9).
5. To find your refuge for your soul, there is no other one to make your U-turn, but to the LORD. He is your ‘All and All’.

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 69

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

THANKSGIVING LESSON REJOICING IN THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION: IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE AND DESPAIR

MOTTO TEXT: Habakkuk 3:17-19 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds’ *feet*, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

ENTIRE LESSON: Habakkuk 3:1-19

EXPLANATION

The time of reckoning, accepting the trials of life and emptiness of all that has been taken out of your bosom, and yet be grateful for whatever God has left you. He has granted a little mercy. Have you not felt the mercy when punished for going afoul of whatever you were instructed to do, because your desire was to go your own blind way as if there were not consequences to pay for your disobedience? You must be so grateful because the trial forced you to put a stop to what you were doing.

Habakkuk plead to God on behalf of the church. He knew the church had gone afoul of God’s laws and trespassed His Commandments. They had to be punished by the God who also administers justice; Habakkuk asked God for mercy on behalf of the church. There is a balm in Gilead. The ‘good old days’ were vividly remembered, and every blessing bestowed were brought to mind. Like your genealogy parents, God will render a little mercy on His children, also.

GLOSSARY

1. Despair – the complete loss or absence of hope; anguish; despondent.
2. Hinds' Feet – the surefootedness of the female deer, emphasizing God's care in dangerous situations.
3. Salvation – deliverance from the guilt, power and dominion of sin.
4. Stalls – the individual area for animal use in a stable or cowshed, enclosed on three sides.
5. Thanksgiving – the annual observance in remembrance of God's bestowed blessings.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. This is the time in your life to learn how to be thankful for your trials. They are given by God to make you strong.
2. Be grateful for the opportunity that enhances your will to survive the difficult times in life. They teach how to help your fellowman.
3. Praise God for the burdens that must be lifted. You are able to learn how to accept and lift great weights.
4. Live a life that others can follow without stumbling. It will make you focus on a goal that God wants you to reach.
5. Search for the old paths. They are the proven way to follow without the need to wonder where you are going.

MEMORY VERSE: John 16:32-33 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

LESSON 70

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

THE INNER MAN: RENEWED DAY BY DAY

MOTTO TEXT: II Corinthians 4:17-18 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

ENTIRE LESSON: II Corinthians 4:7-18.

EXPLANATION

How can I, when could I, why would I or why not I first put my focus on my own inner self, rather than becoming caterwauling/noisy over the inner-self of another? That discordant noise should reflect one's own spiritual needs first, rather than those earthly deeds of others. Let yourself get it right, and then daily renew what is right in your life.

Yes, youth, you have the responsibility to learn to follow to become the leaders necessary to carry forward the righteousness of God that has been laid out for all. Holy Ghost filled and fire baptized, you have a life to live with nothing to hide. The example

that you set to fulfill your mission to all of mankind cannot be lost or hidden. You must shine as the light of Christ, not allowing this world's darkness to extinguish. Some who failed can believe you can. You stand as the church's earthen vessels, and God's work abides in you.

You can face the troubles that may exist in your world with perplexity, but not in despair. Be uplifted in what God can do and what you know He has done. Without doubting, your enemies can accept that the probability of destroying your resolve to obey God will backfire. You are being daily renewed, inside. Your countenance and manner of walk will change and brighten enough to enlighten others. You can bring them in from their fields of sin.

GLOSSARY

1. Abundant Grace – an overflow, a plentiful amount of God's unmerited divine favor.
2. Inner Man – the inside spiritual working of the soul that is revealed in the outside appearance.
3. Outward Man – the visible appearance that reveals the inner working of the human body.
4. Redound – to have an effect or consequence; to contribute; accrue, overflow.
5. Renewed – made new or as new again; repeated to reaffirm, regain or restore.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. There is not one day of rest from doing what is right. Every day is your Sabbath.
2. Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.
True ___ or False ___
3. The things which are seen are _____; but the things which are not seen are _____.
Fill in the blanks
4. The life you live and the service that you give will redound/effect the habitual lives of others. Do all things well for God.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 37:18-19 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

THEME VIII
THE SAINTS OF THE MOST-HIGH GOD:
STRIVING FOR PERFECTION

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; ...Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

Hebrews 6:1; Philippians 1:27

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LESSON 71

DECEMBER 5, 2021

ATTAINING SINLESS PERFECTION “IN” CHRIST JESUS

MOTTO TEXT: John 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 14:12-31

EXPLANATION

Only in Jesus can one attain sinless perfection. It is a time in one’s life when all desires to morally live contrary to God’s will and in His old paths have been nail down shut. There is no longer any wanton desire to destroy your own soul, neither the soul of another child of God.

Children learn from the behavior of others, copying what is wrong or what is right. Their need for worldly appetites will become awakened by what they see or is done in the lives of others. A *don’t do this* or a *don’t do that* is a small screen of protection for the craftiness of Satan and his devils that dwell among all of us. Some may have a zeal (*enthusiasm*) of God, but it is not according to the knowledge of God, not being submissive to Him, they will establish what is right in their own eyes.

Be alert and beware of all you see and do, for in so doing you can expect blessings from God. The better you live in obedience to God’s Commandments, the better He will blessed the works of your hands to help others to turn their backs on the sinless perfection that is found in Christ Jesus. Now is the accepted time to establish good habits that will last forever, shining within for the world to copy and turn their backs on this fleeting life.

GLOSSARY

1. Attaining – the state of accomplishing, achieving.
2. Comforter – God the Holy Ghost, Third Person of the Trinity, that teaches and then reminds one of all that has been taught, rendering one inexcusable.
3. Perfection – the stage of completion; lacking nothing.
4. Sinless – sin is the transgression of God’s law, whether committed or omitted; the suffix ending of *-less-* means without; lacking; unable to act or be acted on in a specified way.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every believer (Rom. 10:4).
2. Yes, this is a new day for every newly born soul, but Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8).
3. You have a responsibility to “Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:13).
4. Expect to live without defilement (*desecration of the body*) and guile (*deception*); both are the expectation for your eternal end (Rev. 14:4-5).
5. Work while it is day (*youth*), the night (*feeble, old age*) comes when you may no longer be able to work.

MEMORY VERSE: Malachi 3:2-3 who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

LESSON 72

DECEMBER 12, 2021

JESUS: OUR PROTECTOR IN THE STORMS OF LIFE

MOTTO TEXT: Mark 4:37-39 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 107:15-31

EXPLANATION

Jesus and His disciples endured many troubles during His ministry. He was with His disciples asleep in the hinder part of the ship in which they were sailing. A fierce storm with terrible wind and waves arose on the sea. They beat against the ship so forcefully that the disciples became frightened and woke Jesus up asking Him if He cared that they were going to perish. Jesus spoke to the wind and waves with the command “Peace be still.” Immediately there was a great calm.

When storms arise in our lives and seem to overwhelm us, we must remember to call on Jesus who will bring great peace and calm in our situations. Let us be sure to give all the praise and glory to God for His goodness, mercy and wonderful works. He is our protector and our defense in all tribulations. He’s able to break our bonds, heal our wounds, forgive our sins and iniquities, and open our blind eyes and deaf ears. God calms our fears and delivers us from destruction. We must deeply express our gratitude to Almighty God and be thankful for all He is and all He does for mankind. “Oh, that *men* would praise the Lord *for* His goodness and wonderful works to the children of men!” (Psa. 107:8, 15, 21, and 31). Let us trust in the Lord in all things and keep our eyes focused above, and be thankful that we have the opportunity to grow and be strengthened like Jesus.

GLOSSARY

1. Calm – tranquil, peaceful, quiet down.
2. Fierce – violent, severe, vicious, extreme, powerful, turbulent.
3. Hinder part – the rear or back part of the boat or ship.
4. Overflow – excess, overspill, surplus, brim over.
5. Perish – expire, terminate, die, breathe your last breath.
6. Redeemed – released, freed, delivered, rescued, saved.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Using descriptive words, tell how the wind and waves were battering the ship. Discuss the feelings the disciples probably experienced as the wind and waves caused the ship to reel and rock.
2. What phrase should always be in our mouths? How many times were the same verse repeated in Psalm 107? Refer to the Explanation of the lesson.
“Oh, that *men* would praise the Lord *for* His goodness and wonderful works to the children of men” should always be in our mouths.
3. Name some of the storms/trials you have undergone in your lives. How did you handle them?
4. Why is it so important to call on Jesus in times of trouble?
It’s important to call on Jesus because He is our protector and deliverer in the storms of life.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 43:1-2 O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine. When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

LESSON 73

DECEMBER 19, 2021

CHRISTMAS LESSON THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS: A HOLY DAY RATHER THAN A HOLIDAY

MOTTO TEXT: I John 3:22-23 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

ENTIRE LESSON: I John 3:1-24

EXPLANATION

We, the children of God, celebrate Christmas as the physical birth of God’s only begotten Son, Jesus. Just as each of us celebrate our own birthday each year, we do the same at Christmas time to remember the birth of Jesus! The birth of Jesus is truly a Holy Day! We observe Jesus’ birthday by giving gifts to one another, just as the wise men brought Him gifts at His birth. We show love and concern because that was Jesus’ nature.

A holiday is simply a day when businesses close, people take off work, go shopping, visit with family and friends, etc. Some of these activities are usually done on any set holiday or planned day. No real thought is given to the meaning of the holiday, it's just another day. But CHRISTmas, spelled with Christ at the beginning is a Holy Day because He was and is holy, free from sin, pure and righteous. Therefore, Christmas is a commemoration of His birth. When we view Christmas as just another holiday, we leave Jesus out. We're just buying material things.

Christ was obedient to His Father. We're sons of God when we obey His commandments. He that doeth righteous is righteous; he that doeth not righteous is unrighteous. The children of God love Him and love His Son and will keep the commandments daily. But, let our love be demonstrated through good deeds and not in words alone. If we love God and keep His Word, He will come and take up His abode with us (both Father and Son). This Christian journey will be full of trials, tribulations and temptations just as it was with Jesus. God was pleased with His Son and will be pleased with us when we adhere wholly to Him and His Son, Jesus Christ.

GLOSSARY

1. Adhere – follow, obey, abide by.
2. Celebrate – rejoice, acclaim, commemorate, observe, honor.
3. Concern – interest, involvement, relate to, have to do with.
4. Demonstrate – reveal, make obvious, display.
5. Differentiate – distinguish, tell between, distinguish.
6. Holiday – the derivative of old English *hālig/holy and dæg/day* - 'holy day', originally referring to religious commemoratives; today, it has become days of relaxation/rest from everyday work and activities.
7. Manner – style, custom, approach.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Differentiate between a Holy Day and a Holiday!
2. Do you celebrate Jesus' birthday as you do your own? Why? Why not?
3. God gave His only begotten Son for our sins. What should we do to accept God's Son? Let the class discuss the question. (*The teacher should take the initiative to begin the discussion, if necessary.*)
4. How do we know that Jesus dwells within us? We know that Jesus dwells within if we love Him and keep His Word.
5. According to the Memory Verse this Word we now hear is from whom? The class may answer from the Memory Verse.

Bonus activity, if time permits:

6. God has commanded us to love one another. List some ways to show our love one to another.

MEMORY VERSE: John 14:23-24 If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

**GOD'S PEOPLE:
SAYING NO TO SIN AND YES TO RIGHTEOUSNESS**

MOTTO TEXT: Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 6:1-23

EXPLANATION

Jesus' shed blood on Calvary has made it possible for mankind to become people of God. We are fearfully and wonderfully created in God's image. Now that we have received God's Spirit, we have Christ who lives in us and helps us to say "no" to sin and "yes" to righteousness. We have faith (*our belief*) in Jesus because He yet loves us and died for the sins of all mankind.

God's people is yet saying 'no' to sin because sin is of the devil. We no longer serve the devil; we serve God and do those things which are right. Jesus was crucified for our sins and when the Holy Ghost takes up residence in our soul, we crucify sin. This means we are buried with Christ and have died to sin which no longer rules our lives.

Youth, we now live in the newness of life. We can't be dead to sin and alive to righteousness simultaneously. Sin no longer reigns in our mortal bodies when it is crucified. Keep in mind that whomever we obey that's whom we serve. We must not yield our instruments (*hands, feet, eyes, mouth, ears and whole body*) to unrighteousness, but to righteousness that is of God, rather than perceived and conceived righteous laws of man. The wages (*price*) of sin is death, but the gift of God (Holy Ghost) is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GLOSSARY

1. Crucify – to kill, execute.
2. Faith – confidence, trust, commitment, dedication, belief.
3. Instrument – the means, method, tool, or device use to execute or carry out a work.
4. Reign – to control, rule, or be in power.
5. Resident – the occupant, dweller, or what lives or controls within a space/building.
6. Yield – to surrender or give way to.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to let not sin reign in your mortal bodies? Allow individual students to answer the question.
2. Consider the phrase that 'You can't be alive to righteousness and sin at the same time'. What does it mean to you?
3. Complete this statement: The _____ of _____ is death.
4. We should yield our instruments to righteousness. What are our instruments?
5. Who are we serving when we live righteously, and who are we serving when we live unrighteous? We cannot serve two masters. We will love and cling to one and hate the other. Discussion of the questions and statements should follow.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 10:19-21 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And *having* an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

LESSON 75

JANUARY 2, 2022

**NEW YEAR'S LESSON/NEW BEGINNING
FOR WE ARE FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE
IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF ALMIGHTY GOD**

MOTTO TEXT: Ephesians 2:9-10 Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 139:1-24

EXPLANATION

God created mankind in His image and after His likeness. What does this mean to you? You are God's creation who is fearfully and wonderfully made. In society today, so many things are labeled as fearful and wonderful: clothing, shoes, hairstyles, and other things. However, these things are made by man. They will wear out; their beauty will diminish, etc. God's creation is forever as created no matter what the age.

God knows all about His creation: the thoughts, speech, activities, desires and even man's intent before man even receives them in the mind. We cannot hide from God; no cover up removes us from His presence because He is everywhere. God is a spirit and spirits are not visible to the naked eye, but with the Holy Ghost the Spirit operates within our hearts and souls. We are then able to go and accomplish the work ordained for us by God.

All who speak against God are our enemies. They will be revealed to us, but we will resist them knowing that God will always be with us. He is greater than any enemy that we encounter. God created us and desires for us to have a relationship with Him and to glorify His name.

GLOSSARY

1. Creation – formation, conception, foundation, handiwork, the act of God that brought the universe and all living beings into existence.
2. Encounter – come across, face, confront, contend with, do battle with.
3. Fearfully – gazed in fearful wonder, feeling respect or awe.
4. Image – duplicate, appearance, representation, likeness.
5. Intent – aim, plan, purpose, something planned, or the purpose that accompanies a plan.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Complete this statement: We are His _____ created in _____.
2. What work/s has God ordained for you to accomplish?
Class discussion should follow.
3. God's creation is forever as created no matter what the age. What do you think makes this possible?
4. Consider this declaration, "We cannot hide from God." Why is it not possible to hide from God? Have you ever tried?
5. Who are enemies of God? How many have you encountered?

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.

LESSON 76

JANUARY 9, 2022

HOW TO TURN GOD'S WORD INTO THE UNLIMITED POWER OF PRAISE

MOTTO TEXT: I Kings 17:20-21 Elijah cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Kings 17:1-24.

EXPLANATION

This lesson details journeys of Elijah, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead. He proclaimed that no rain or dew would fall upon the earth for three years. God then sent Elijah out of the city to hide himself beside a brook. He sent ravens with bread and flesh for Elijah to eat. He drank water from the brook. When the water from the brook dried up, God sent Elijah to a place called Zarephath. There lived a widow whom God commanded to feed him. When Elijah reached the gate of the city, he met the widow woman who was poor and was gathering sticks to prepare a small morsel of bread for her and her son to eat and then die. Elijah asked the woman to cook a cake for him and give him to drink first. He encouraged her to do as he asked. He told her that she would have enough meal and oil to feed herself and her son for many days until the rain returned upon the earth. The widow obeyed the voice of Elijah.

Soon afterwards the woman's son became ill and he died. She believed that she was being punished for her sin. Elijah beseeched God to save the child and his prayer was answered. The child was restored to his mother. She then acknowledged that Elijah was a man of God.

Elijah prayed to God in the name of Jesus and his prayers were received and answered by God. There is power in the name of Jesus to break all chains that bind us. Can you imagine the praise that went up when this child's life was restored? When we are obedient to the voice of God, He will bestow blessings that we can't even imagine.

GLOSSARY

1. Beseech – to ask earnestly or beg somebody to do something.
2. Morsel – a small piece of something, especially of food.
3. Praise – to express approval or admiration for somebody or something; to give worship and thanks to God.
4. Prevail – to prove to be stronger and in the position of greater praise for the influence and power of prayer.
5. Proclaim – to state something emphatically or openly.
6. Sojourn – visit, to stay at a place for a time.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. How many years were proclaimed to not have rain? From the lesson, what do you think could be the reason for this?
2. Elaborate on the journeys of Elijah.
3. What do you imagine the feelings of the poor widow woman were when Elijah asked her to prepare him a cake when she had just a morsel of meal and a little oil for herself and her son?
4. Give some details surrounding the illness of the widow's son.
5. When God restored this child to life, what kind of atmosphere do you believe prevailed in the widow's home?

MEMORY VERSE: I Thessalonians 5:16-18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

LESSON 77

JANUARY 16, 2022

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER: A MATTER OF THE HEART

MOTTO TEXT: Colossians 3:23-24 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 5:1-5; Philippians 4:4-8

EXPLANATION

Character is the sum total of who you are; your behavior, your speech, your treatment of others, your belief, your respect and everything about you. Christian character is based on your Christ-like lifestyle. You must have patience, hope and rejoice in the glory of God just as Jesus did. Your faith must be firm and stable in God, remembering that without faith you cannot please God. The Holy Ghost within helps to spread the love of God toward everything you do.

As you live a Christian life, you must be moderate in all things. Simply use self-control when faced with oppositions and temptations. Let your moderation be known to all of your peers. Jesus was diligent in His work on earth, in praying to the Father for the sick, the deaf, the blind and others with infirmities. You should keep in mind to pray in Jesus'

name. Be sure to be thankful for God's many blessings and with supplication make your requests known to Him.

You show Christian character when you do what you say and what you believe.

GLOSSARY

1. Character – the mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual's behavior.
2. Christian – based on or relating to a belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Messiah, and acceptance of His teachings, contained in the Gospels.
3. Heartily – vigorously, completely, wholly, enthusiastically.
4. Moderation – the limiting, controlling, or restricting of something so that it becomes or remains moderate.
5. Stable – having a calm and steady temperament, rather than being excitable or given to apparently irrational behavior.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What should be kept in mind as we serve the Lord? Class discussion should follow.
2. Talk about Christian Character. What is it and how it is shown?
3. Who watches for our souls and must give account for us? Do you think about this as you live as a Christian?
4. Moderation must be a part of your character. Give a definition of moderation and demonstrate what it is like.
5. Allow the class to role play working heartily for God.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

LESSON 78

JANUARY 23, 2022

GOD'S PEOPLE: PERSEVERING IN THE MIDST OF INTENSE PERSECUTION AND WORLD CHAOS

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 21:14-17 Settle *it* therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and *some* of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 21:5-24

EXPLANATION

On this earth before Jesus returns to take us to claim God's heritage, we will face many trials and tribulations. We will hear of earthquakes in so many unusual areas of the land. There will be nations who will have wars with other nations and even wars within their

own nation among their own people. All these calamities will cause us to begin to worry about what will happen next.

The disciples were concerned about the signs of Jesus' return. He told them what to watch for. He also warned them that even those who were part of their family would cause them to be persecuted. Brothers and sisters would turn them in to be put in jail or tortured or even put to death because they preached and taught Jesus and Him crucified. God will cause nations to flee before His people; there will be great distress in their countries and other chaotic happenings during these days of vengeance.

In today's world, there are many who are not believers who may bully you, taunt you, even pick fights with you just because you believe in Jesus. What then should be your recourse? As a child of God, you must endure hardship as a good soldier.

You will have a testimony about the love and grace of God as you are being sustained through your troubles.

GLOSSARY

1. Calamity – misery or distress resulting from a disastrous event.
2. Chaos – a state of complete disorder and confusion.
3. Intense – great, strong, or extreme in a way that can be felt.
4. Midst – in the middle of a situation, place event, or period of time.
5. Persevere – continue, endure, carry on, proceed, keep trying.
6. Recourse – option, choice, way out.
7. Vengeance – retribution, punishment, reprisal.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Trials and tribulations will come in this life. How will you endure these calamities?
2. The signs that Jesus talked to His disciples to beware of, are any of them occurring today? If so, can you recall a few?
3. Have you experienced any bullying or other forms of persecutions from your peers? How are you handling it/them?
4. As a child of God, are you persistent (determined) in your walk with Him? Allow the students to share how they stay focused in their Christian walk.
5. Do you believe that God will take vengeance on our enemies? If so, can you defend your response.

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 13:21-23 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here *is* Christ; or, lo, *he is* there; believe *him* not: For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

LESSON 79

JANUARY 30, 2022

THE LORD IS GOD TO THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 40:31 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

EXPLANATION

All of us know about seasons. We know about the spring, when flowers begin to bloom, birds build nests, grass and leaves on trees turn green, etc. We know about summer; the air is warm and often hot, we don't need coats and sweaters, we drink plenty of liquids to quench our thirst, etc. We know about fall and winter because of what happens during these seasons.

There are also seasons in our lives, and King Solomon points them out in Ecclesiastes chapter 3. He said that "To *every thing there is* a time and a season to every purpose under heaven." Some of the times mentioned are: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up; a time to laugh and a time to cry; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to keep and a time to cast away. Our lives mirror the natural seasons. These happenings are experienced daily.

God has a purpose and a will for our lives. There will be times when we're happy and times when we are sad, and times when our loved ones are born, and they die. Other times are named. Sometimes, when we experience some of these seasons in life, they may cause us to become depressed. But, if we just learn to seek God for His purpose during these times and learn to patiently wait for Him to show us, depression and other feelings we may have will cease to unduly disturb us. Waiting on God stretches our faith in Him that He will bring it to pass. God is an on-time God, but the time belongs to Him. The Bible tells us that in our patience possess our souls. In other words, we become stronger in our spirit to endure the times and seasons in our lives. We set the example for others.

GLOSSARY

1. Depressed – unhappy, miserable, disheartened, neglected, weakened.
2. Disturb – to make somebody feel anxious or slightly troubled, distracted, intruded on.
3. Purpose – the reason for which something exists or for which it has been done or made.
4. Renew – to begin something or do something again; to start over.
5. Season – period, time of year, the time when something specified takes place.
6. Stretches – to broaden, to extend, to expand.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Name the four seasons we experience each year and explain the distinction between them: such as activities, etc.
2. Talk about how you think the world would look if there was only one season each year? Allow for individual responses.
3. Have you ever experienced depression? How did you handle it?
4. Have you asked God to reveal His purpose or calling on your life? Has he answered you? If not, what should you do? The teacher should lead the discussion.
5. Can you name other seasons that are experienced in life other than those mentioned in the explanation?

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 11:39-40 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

**SOMETHING FOR US TO DO:
HUMBLE OURSELVES UNDER THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD**

MOTTO TEXT: I Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 18:1-14

EXPLANATION

Jesus often taught His disciples through parables (*earthly stories with heavenly meanings*). In this manner they were able to understand the meaning of His teachings. In today's lesson, Jesus taught about the manner/guide of prayer. We must always pray with an humble spirit. There may be those as the Pharisee who think themselves above others, such as: I don't do this, or I don't do that, I'm not like other folks. Let us be as the Publican, ask forgiveness, knowing and confessing our sins and respecting God who already knows who we are. God will have respect to our prayers when we meekly petition Him.

Let's consider the widow woman who continuously asked the judge to avenge her of her adversaries. This judge had no regard for God or for man. Yet, because this widow appealed to the judge on numerous occasions, he granted her wish so she wouldn't weary him. God is the supreme judge who loves His people and will grant their petitions when they approach Him in the proper manner. Keep in mind that this unrighteous judge selfishly avenged the widow's adversaries only because he didn't want to be bothered. Our God cannot be compared in this manner. Believers who have faith in God and walk by His Commandments can have their petitions granted often speedily. When we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of the Almighty, God in His own time will exalt us.

Don't forget to pray always. Even if God delays His response, just remember to wait on Him and your strength will be renewed. He will never leave you nor forsake you. So, stay the course and patiently obey and faithfully keep His Word.

GLOSSARY

1. Adversary – enemy, foe, opposition, antagonist.
2. Humble – modest, meek, respectful, shamefaced, lowly.
3. Parable – story, allegory, moral tale, symbol, comparison, representation.
4. Petition – request, appeal, request, plead, ask.
5. Response – reply, answer back, take action, act on.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Jesus taught many times using parables. How do you think this manner of teaching was helpful to His followers?
2. The judge had an exalted attitude. How would you feel if you had to petition help from a judge with this attitude?
3. Let the class portray the parable of the widow who petitioned the unjust judge for help.
4. What is the benefit of continued prayer even if God delays His response? The students should discuss their answers.
5. How is humility demonstrated? Let some of the class demonstrate.

MEMORY VERSE: John 10:27-28 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

THEME IX

NO MORE DELAY:

NOW IS THE TIME TO SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground:
for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Hosea 10:12

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LESSON 81

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

NOW IS THE TIME FOR MAKING YOUR ETERNAL RESERVATION: NO MORE DELAY!

MOTTO TEXT: John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 3:16-36

EXPLANATION

What does it mean to make eternal reservations? Have you thought about eternity? How would you make that type of reservation? Would it be the same as making airline reservations to take a trip? Let's begin to answer all the above questions. First, it is essential to start making eternal reservations. It determines where you will spend eternity, in heaven or hell. If you have not given it much thought, now is the time to begin thinking about the fact that each of us will die at some point and when we die, what happens next? It is noted that five minutes after breath leaves the body; the soul of man is immediately caught up into another world where he/she will spend eternity.

Our Scripture states in John 3:16, "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." Now that you know God loves you and wants you to have everlasting life, what must you do? The first and most important thing is to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38, 10:45). Once you receive God's gift, you must be obedient to His Holy Word. The good news is that according to I Corinthians 2:9, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." When you really love God, it is easy to obey Him as you make your eternal reservations.

As you grow older and stronger in God, making your reservations for eternity will be a priority.

GLOSSARY

1. Begotten – this word is used to describe only Jesus, who is the begotten Son of God.
2. Die – to de cease, expire, to stop living.
3. Everlasting – never coming to an end, eternal, infinity.
4. Reservation – arrangement made beforehand, an advance booking.
5. Soul – the spiritual part of a human being that continues to exist after the body dies.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. God has prepared Heaven for those who love and obey Him. *True* ____ *or False* ____

2. Have you given any thought about what happens after you die? (*Have a class discussion*)
3. Whosoever believeth in God should not _____. (*Fill in the blank*)
4. What is the first thing you must do to have eternal life? (*Answer Individually*)
5. Why is it important to begin making Eternal reservations now? (*Have a class discussion*)

MEMORY VERSE: I Corinthians 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

LESSON 82

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

**EVIDENCING THE COMING OF CHRIST:
ARE YOU READY?**

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 24:4-6 Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 24:1-21

EXPLANATION

It is a true statement that Jesus Christ is coming back for His saints; the question is... will I be ready? Now is the time to prepare for His return. The Word of God tells us of the signs we will see that proves Jesus will return. God is a God of Love, a Holy God, and He demands that we live holy to spend eternity with Him.

Some of the signs are: 1) a surge of false teachers and prophets who will teach in a manner obscure God's Holy Word in a manner that will validate their irresponsible behavior. Their messages will consist of riches, compromises, loose morals and allowing whatever one desires. 2) All kinds of wars, nations against nations, parents and children warring with each other, and issues in the church. 3) There will be many homeless and hungry people, earthquakes in divers/many places, and various kinds of pestilences. 4) Many will be killed, afflicted, hated, all for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Now that we are aware of the signs that indicates Jesus' return, here are some of the issues you face daily that are also signs of His return. Peer pressure, bullying, sexual deviant behaviors, social media, drugs, crime, and guns which are accessible and are used for every conflict. It is important that you understand what you must do if or when encountering any of these critical situations. The following are some suggestions that will help you avoid falling into these pitfalls. 1) Be careful of the type of friends you have. 2) Develop a prayer life; pray without ceasing; 3) Ask God for His Devine protection from evils that are so prevalent. 4) Maintain positive communication with your parents, pastors, and other positive persons in your life. Your goal is to be ready when Jesus returns for His saints.

GLOSSARY

1. Afflicted – severe physical or mental distress to somebody, troubled.
2. Compromise – to undermine or devalue somebody or something by making concessions.
3. Evidencing – something that gives a sign or proof of the existence or truth of something, or that helps somebody to come to a conclusion.
4. Morals – standards, ethics, relating to issues of right and wrong and to how individual people should behave.
5. Pestilences – viruses, plague and diseases, a highly contagious epidemic/pandemic or infectious disease.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. This lesson reveals that God is a God of love; He is also a Holy God, demanding a holy life. *True _____ or False _____*
2. What are some of the biblical signs that you will see? (*Have a class discussion*)
3. What are some of the critical issues you deal with as you prepare for Jesus' return? (*Have a class discussion*)

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

LESSON 83

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

GOD'S PEOPLE: KEEPING THE FAITH IN THE MIDST OF NATIONAL WICKEDNESS

MOTTO TEXT: Zephaniah 3:8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination *is* to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

ENTIRE LESSON: Malachi 3:1-15

EXPLANATION

Today, in such a time as this, it is good to know that God will keep and preserve you. It is evident that we are living in a very wicked time, which are also known as perilous times. These are the times when one can expect that almost anything can happen, but it is important to know that God is still good and takes care of His children.

Let's discuss some things you should do that will allow you to stand during these wicked times. 1) Obey your parents and those over you in the Lord; 2) Be faithful in attending your SBS and church services; 3) Be careful and watchful of your chosen friends; and most importantly, 4) If you are not already saved, you must receive the Holy Ghost. The only way to escape God's wrath is to remain faithful and stand firm during this wicked time.

The Scripture for today's lesson is found in Malachi 3:1-15, God said, "He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness." Righteousness and obedience is what God requires of each one. In order to be covered during these evil and perilous times, you must not follow or indulge in the temptations of this generation. There are many challenges that you will encounter, but always strive to endure. Know that God is a loving, caring and forgiving God and He will keep you in perfect peace if you keep your mind on Him.

Malachi also warned God's children not to be robbers of God by neglecting their financial obligations. You may not have an income whereas you are obligated to pay tithes and offerings, but if you get an allowance, remember God.

GLOSSARY

1. Allowance – a sum of money paid regularly by parents to a child so that the child can make his or her own purchases.
2. Perilous – dangerous, unsafe, involving exposure to very great danger.
3. Purge – eliminate, cleansing, to get rid of something undesirable, impure, or imperfect.
4. Temptation – enticement, lure; a lustful desire or enticing craving for something, especially something that is forbidden.
5. Wrath – rage, fury, anger; God's punishment for sin.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. These wicked times are also known as _____ times. (*Fill in the blank*)
2. God will purify you, so you can offer unto the Lord whatever you have left. *True _____ or False _____*
3. Discuss some of the challenges you will encounter during these wicked times. (*Have a class discussion*)
4. Discuss some ideas and strategies that will help you to stand faithful during perilous times. (*Have a class discussion*)
5. What was the ultimate promise God made to those who paid their tithes and offerings? (*Have a class discussion*)

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 58:10-11 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

LESSON 84

MARCH 6, 2022

YOUTH DAY NOW THAT I AM SAVED, WHO AM I? I AM A FAMILY MEMBER OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 2:11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.

ENTIRE LESSON: Hebrews 2:1-18

EXPLANATION

The subject declares that I am a member of God's family, a joint-heir with Jesus Christ. Oh, what a wonderful declaration; however, to have this testimony you must be filled with the Holy Ghost. It is the Holy Ghost that allows you to be a member of the Royal family of God. First Peter 2:9 lets you know that you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a peculiar people. With your spiritual eyes, look at this phenomenal fact: Christ became human so that you could become divine.

Now that you are saved or desiring to be saved, you must be assured of the fact that once you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you ARE a child of God. Also, remember that Jesus died on the cross just for you. Even during challenges in the school, family, or church, you are already a conqueror and an overcomer. As Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 15:58, "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." If you are faithful in working for the Lord, you must continue to be faithful, and you will receive a crown of life.

Youth, remember that you must obey and take heed to the Word of God, for if you become nonchalant, complacent or unconcerned; all disobedience and transgressions will be rewarded with the wrath of God. Please don't allow the cares of this world and its joys, temptations and challenges that you will confront, cause you to turn away and follow the evils of this world.

GLOSSARY

1. Conqueror – a victor in a competitive event, victory over an enemy.
2. Nonchalant – indifferent, calm and unconcerned about things.
3. Peculiar- unique, unusual, strange, or unconventional.
4. Phenomenal-extraordinary, exceptional, remarkably and impressively good or great.
5. Wrath – anger, rage, God's punishment for sin.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What causes you to be a member of God's Family? (*Have a class discussion*)
2. Be ye _____ and _____, always abounding in the work of the Lord. (*Fill in the blanks*)
3. What are some of the issues/challenges you encounter that make it difficult to endure? (*Answer individually*)
4. You are not a chosen generation, just a royal priesthood, and a holy nation. True ____ or False ____
5. Discuss what it means to be "joint heir with Jesus Christ." (*Have a class discussion*)

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 1:3-4 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

**WARRING AGAINST SIN AND SATAN:
STAND STILL AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD**

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Chronicles 20:17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.

ENTIRE LESSON: II Chronicles 20:1-22

EXPLANATION

This lesson is very powerful because as children of God, you have a promise from the Lord. The promise is this. When you come up against battles and situations in life and you see no way out, just know that if you trust God and ask Him, He will take care of the problem.

In this lesson, a great company of people came out against Jehoshaphat and the children of Israel, so much so that Jehoshaphat was afraid, but he knew where to get the answers. He began to seek the LORD and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. This shows that when we turn to God with prayer and fasting, He fights for us. All you need is to ask, have faith in God, “stand still” and see the salvation of the Lord. Satan’s demons and spirits cannot overpower the work and almighty Power of God.

Ephesians 6:12 specifically states that you are not fighting against flesh and blood (*people, your friends, family, etc.*), but you are in a war against the evil and wicked powers in this life. Those wicked satanic spirits do not have power over God’s children. God has always promised to take care of His children and protect you . He will never leave you or forsake you; He only requires that you love and obey His Word. The promises of God stand sure; but you must keep and do His Word. Do not allow yourself to get entangled with evil spirits and wicked powers of the poly-sexual demons, social media outlets, and bullying spirits that will cause the protection of God to leave you. When you are not covered by God, you are in a very bad place.

GLOSSARY

1. Demon – a spirit regarded as evil; fear or anxiety that torments somebody.
2. Entangled – ensnared, tangled, trapped, to make something become twisted up in a mass of strands.
3. Fast – abstain from food, cleansing, abstinence.
4. Jehoshaphat – a king of Judea who succeeded Asa and formed an alliance with Ahab of Israel against Syria. Refer to First and Second Kings and Second Chronicles.
5. Warring – fighting, belligerent, opposing.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Against whom or what are you warring? Ephesians 6:12 (*Have a class discussion*)
2. You need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord. *True* _____ or *False* _____
3. What is the promise God given to the children of Israel in this lesson? (*Have a class discussion*)
4. What kind of king was Jehoshaphat? (*Have a class discussion*)

5. O _____ and _____: _____ not, nor be _____; tomorrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you. (*Fill in the blanks*)

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 13:13-14 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

LESSON 86

MARCH 20, 2022

IT IS NEAR CLOSING TIME: ARE YOU READY? IF NOT, WHEN?

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 10:5-6 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 21:9-27

EXPLANATION

Today's lesson reveals that it is near closing time. Since you may or may not be a teenager, it seems a little early to be nearing closing time. However, consider the question, "Are you ready?" You may think you are too young, but when you remember the unexpected deaths of youth that you know, classmates, family members, neighbors, etc., with whom you have had conversations, there is no need to delay your preparation to depart. Wildness of behavior destroys many. Supposedly adults shoot in cars, homes, schools, churches, restaurants, etc. Your change of plans is sometimes your escape from the disaster, and that danger did not touch you. The point is, there is no age limit on being ready. Additionally, many young people leave home, go to school and do not return home due to school shootings.

First and foremost, do you have the Holy Ghost or are you seeking to receive it? How many of your parents pray with you daily to help prepare you for closing time? How often do you read your Bible? Are you faithful in your church services and your Sunday Bible School? Are you obedient at home? Your answers will determine if you are getting ready for your closing time.

We have no idea when our closing time will occur, but it is important to spend time each day, preparing. King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, "To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die." Now is the time to prepare because we have no idea when our closing time will come ... so, get ready.

GLOSSARY

1. Closing time – the time that something ends, and people must leave.
2. Death– to die, to expire, the end of life, especially when it happens slowly and predictably.
3. Unexpected death – unforeseen death, sudden, unpredicted passing.
4. Prepare – to get ready, to take the necessary action to put something into a state where it is fit for use or action, or for a particular event or purpose.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What does closing time means to you? Are you too young? (*Answer individually*)
2. What effect does the death of peers have on you? (*Have a class discussion*)
3. Does it make you think about your own closing time? (*Answer Individually*)
4. There is not a season or time to every purpose under heaven. *True* ___ or *False* ___
5. Now is the time to _____ for closing time. (*Fill in the blank*)

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

LESSON 87

MARCH 27, 2022

DENY YOURSELF, TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW JESUS

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 16:24-25 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. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 16:13-28

EXPLANATION

Why is it important to deny yourself? Why should you take up your cross in order to follow Jesus? According to our lesson, Jesus said unto His disciples, "If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." To "*deny yourself*" means to say "No" to yourself and "Yes" to God. More importantly, in order to be a follower of Jesus Christ, one must deny his own thoughts, desires and ways, and take on the ways of Jesus in order to follow Him. Anyone who wants to have eternal life must be willing to take **up his cross, which means** being willing to kill fleshly sinful desires in order to follow Jesus (see Rom. 6:2). When you take up your cross, you completely surrender your life to God.

Sometimes you may feel pressured from your friends to engage in activities that you know are against the Word of God, this can cause you to separate yourself from Jesus Christ. As a young person trying to follow the ways of God, you must be able to say "no" to your friends and their ways and "yes" to what you know is right.

Some of the pressures you may feel from your peers may include sexual promiscuity, drug and gang activity, bullying, and absolute disobedience to what your godly parents have taught you. To eliminate some of the challenges of peer pressures, start with selecting godly friends who think as you do, attend church as you do, and come from similar godly background as you do. This will help you be able to deny self as you take up your cross.

GLOSSARY

1. Cross – symbol, the wooden cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified and died.
2. Deny oneself – to refuse to gratify your own intimate desires, not needs.
3. Eternal – Perpetual, infinite; lasting for all time without an end.
4. Promiscuity – behavior characterized by casual and indiscriminate sexual behavior, often with many people.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the process of denying yourselves for Christ. (*Have a class discussion*)
2. When you deny yourself, you say “yes” to self and “no” to God.
True _____ or False _____
3. What are some of your challenges and peer pressures that hinder you from denying yourself? (*Have a class discussion*)
4. How do you deal with the challenges of peer pressure? (*Answer individually*)
5. To have _____, you must be willing to die in order to follow Jesus.
(*Fill in the blanks*).
6. When you have converted/changed and become strong enough, you can help others (Luke 22:31-32).

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 4:21-24 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 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.

LESSON 88

APRIL 3, 2022

EVERYONE WILL HAVE HIS DAY BEFORE THE JUDGE

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 96:13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46

EXPLANATION

As a young person, it is important to know that all, small and great, must be ready to stand before God and give an account of their works. What are the works will you be judged for? According to Matthew 25:31-46, there are simple works that many neglect to do. Often the homeless, the hungry, the sick and the naked (*not protectively clothed naturally or spiritually*) are looked down on or shunned, rather than giving a helping hand. Those are some of the uncomplicated works that you can do each day.

Have you seen a classmate being bullied or picked on? What did you do? Did you join in with the crowd or did you stand up by doing the right thing? Sometimes it seems easier to say nothing or pretend that you did not see it; but you have a responsibility to help those in need. Do you know someone with less than you have? Have you shared with that person or do you ridicule any for what they don't have?

Jesus makes it clear in Matthew that the sheep (*those who do good*) will be on the right; and the goats (*those who do not obey God*) will be on the left. Have you given any thought of what will happen when you stand before God? Will you be a goat or a sheep?

The day when all will stand before God is called the ‘Day of Reckoning’ and that day is much closer than you think. It is important to be careful of all of you say and do, as well as the paths taken in life, for you will give an account to God. Will you be ready? This is just a requisite of what Jesus requires!

GLOSSARY

1. Account – explanation, report; an explanation of something that has happened, especially one given to somebody in authority.
2. Bullied – intimidated, tormented or mistreat a weaker person.
3. Reckoning – punishment or vengeance for wrongs committed; retribution.
4. Shun – to avoid, reject; to avoid somebody or something intentionally.
5. Works – labor, toils, deeds or actions.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why must everyone have a day before the judge? (*Have a class discussion*)
2. The day when all must stand before God is called _____. (*Fill in the blank*)
3. What are some of the works one can do according to Matthew 25? (*Have a class discussion*)
4. Have you done something to help others that you are proud of? (*Answer individually*)
5. On Day of Reckoning, _____ will be on the right and _____ on the left. (*Fill in the blanks*)

MEMORY VERSE: II Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

LESSON 89

APRIL 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY

MAN'S WAY BACK TO GOD BY SELF-EFFORT IS NOT GOD'S WAY

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 5:1-21

EXPLANATION

After Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, everyone born into the world from that time on, was born in sin; their sin inheritably fell on all. Now, there is only one way to remove that inherit sin and return to God, the way of salvation. Once you are out of sin, you have peace with God. That peace comes because of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus, the Son of God, made when His blood was shed in death on the cross (Heb. 9:22).

Something unique and special took place that may seem difficult to understand at times. Jesus died that you may have life and have it more abundantly. So, when you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior by receiving the Holy Ghost, you are still in your human body, which will always have to endure temptations of this world. At the same time, you have the grace of God to keep you from sin. Additionally, you have the blessings of God, but you will still have to fight the pressures of sin.

Why is it imperative that we follow His plan? According to Isaiah 55:8-9, God said, “For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, for *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Therefore, if God’s ways and thoughts are higher than ours, God’s way is the only way to go.

There are many ideas that may be exposed to you, with shortcuts to renewing yourselves, remember there is no way that man can be made new again by self-effort or human cultural. God demands a new creation and abandonment of self-effort and works.

GLOSSARY

1. Abandonment – to leave a place, without intending to return.
2. Cultural – relative to civilization or intellectual activity.
3. Grace – the infinite love, mercy, favor, and goodwill shown to humankind by God.
4. Sacrifice – something valuable or important given up as a ransom.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Man’s self-effort back to God is not God’s way. *True _____ or False _____*
2. Discuss the way God created for man to return to Him. *(Have a class discussion)*
3. What does God say to you in Isaiah Chapter 55, verses 8-9? *(Have a class discussion)*
4. God demands abandonment of _____ - _____ and works. *(Fill in the blanks)*
5. What was the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for each of us? *(Have a class discussion)*

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 139:1-6 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways. For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.

LESSON 90

APRIL 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY

WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD, I WILL PASS OVER YOU

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 12:13-14 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where *ye are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

ENTIRE LESSON: Exodus 12:14:28

EXPLANATION

Easter Sunday is a very important Christian holiday. It’s the time we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We celebrate how He was crucified, hung on the cross and died for our sins, and that He was resurrected on the third day. We celebrate

because He gave up His life for each of us. Jesus shed His blood on the cross to remit our sins (*which began with the disobedience of Adam and Eve*) back to Him.

This lesson signifies the time in history when the annual celebration of “Feast of the Passover” was held. It is the observance of the Children of Israel deliverance from slavery in the land of Egypt. They were God’s chosen ones; therefore, He delivered them from the hand of the terrible Egyptian king whose surname/title was Pharaoh.

The “Feast of the Passover” honored the night when the Lord passed over the homes of the Israelites. The Israelites were instructed by God to place the blood of a lamb on their doorpost to protect them. However, the firstborn of every Egyptian household was killed, both man and beast, if there was no blood on their door posts. Moses, the chosen leader for The Children of Israel gave them specific instructions on applying the blood of the lamb to their doorposts.

The blood of the lamb represented the blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who gave His life for the sins of the world. We, who are filled with the Holy Ghost, celebrate our deliverance from sin and slavery by partaking in the Lord’s Supper. Jesus paid the ultimate ransom for us when He died on the cross that we might be redeemed from a life of sin and bondage.

GLOSSARY

1. Crucified – execute somebody on a cross; transitive verb, to execute somebody by crucifixion.
2. Passover – Jewish festival marking the exodus of the Hebrews from captivity in Egypt.
3. Ransom – the act of saving somebody from an oppressed condition or dangerous situation through self-sacrifice.
4. Resurrection – Christian belief, the rising of Jesus Christ from the dead after His crucifixion and entombment.
5. Token – something that represents, expresses, or is a symbol of something else.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. “When I see the blood, I will pass over you” means you are filled with the Holy Ghost. *True _____ or False _____*
2. Discuss the significance of Easter and what it means to you. Have a class discussion.
3. The _____ honored the night when the Lord passed over the homes of the Israelites.
4. Who was the king that had the Children of Israel in slavery? _____
5. Personal Reflection: Have I taken advantage of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 12:10-11 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

THEME X

REPENT OF YOUR SINS OR HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

Isaiah 59:1-2

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APRIL 24, 2022

THE FIRST ADAM AND THE RUIN OF HUMANITY

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 3:1-19

EXPLANATION

The first Adam was the first human God created and placed in the Garden of Eden. God also knew that man needed a helpmeet, therefore, He made a woman named Eve and gave her to Adam. God gave them certain specific work and commandments of what to do and what not to do. Man's first enemy (*Satan*) entered Eden in the form of a serpent (snake) and had a conversation with Eve. He was shrewd and very clever. His purpose and goal was to wreak havoc in God's perfect garden. When Satan spoke to Eve, she quoted the command that God had given them concerning the tree in the midst of the garden (*the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*). We could think that he wanted to demonstrate to Eve that he had in fact heard exactly what God said unto her. His plan was to appeal to Eve's lust of the eyes and the desire to become as wise as God.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command and ate from the forbidden tree, they were punished and brought punishment upon all humanity. Now, humanity's existence was changed from perfection to imperfection, destruction and death. The whole world was ruined because God's perfect creation was deceived and disobeyed Him.

We should remember that Lucifer himself was once in heaven. He knows the majesty and power of God, and in his heart he wanted to be as God. God casted Satan and one-third of the angels that he had deceived out of heaven and into the earth. He is yet determined to continue his deceptive and evil ways. When he quotes God's rules and laws, it is not designed to encourage obedience but to demonstrate his desire to cause confusion and doubt as to what God has said. Have you ever been told that the Scripture didn't mean exactly what it said? Or, that God wasn't expecting you as a young person to live holy while you were young? That you should have a good time and join the church when you get old? Satan is extremely smart and will use the Scriptures to bring disbelief and uncertainty to your mind.

Let's make no mistake, disobedience will bring punishment to the offender and may extend to others as well. If we succumb to Satan's tactics, we will be consumed.

GLOSSARY

1. Blemish – imperfection, damage, ruin, tarnish.
2. Havoc – chaos, disorder, confusion, turmoil.
3. Ruin – destruction, disintegration, loss, downfall, death.
4. Subtle – shrewd, clever, devious, crafty, tricky, cunning.
5. Succumb – depart, leave, deviate, stray.
6. Wreak – cause, create, bring about, inflict.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What was Satan’s purpose for having a conversation with Eve in the Garden of Eden? Satan’s desire was to cause Eve to disobey God’s commandment regarding eating from the tree in the midst of the garden.
2. If God’s people succumb to the devil’s deceitful tactics, what will be the results? A class discussion should follow.
3. When God makes a promise, He keeps it. What promises have you received from God for obedience to His commands? Allow time for the class to respond.
4. God said to Adam and Eve, “For in the day that thou eatest of the tree in the midst of the garden, thou shalt surely die.” Is this a promise? Defend your answer.

MEMORY VERSE: Ezekiel 13:6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made *others* to hope that they would confirm the word.

LESSON 92

MAY 1, 2022

NATIONAL PRAYER DAY PRAYER IN A TIME OF DISTRESS: DELIVER ME, O LORD, FROM MINE ENEMIES

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 120:1 In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 143:1-12

EXPLANATION

Isn’t it a marvelous thing that everyone is called to pray on the same day? It’s on the calendar each year on the first Thursday in the month of May. Our whole nation, individuals, and families have undergone many, many distresses, heartaches, and tragedies. Some people, like King David, called on the name of the living God for deliverance. Others may not have sincerely prayed at all. However, the day is set each year. Jesus said where two or three are gathered together and agree in His name their prayer would be granted (Matt. 18:19-20).

David had many enemies who were pursuing to kill him, but he was a prayer warrior. King Saul became jealous of David and sought to kill him. David had several opportunities to kill Saul, but he refused. Instead, he prayed to God for protection from Saul and his other enemies. He acknowledged God’s power, giving thanks to Him for granting his prayer requests.

As you go through life you will face enemies, trials, temptations, peer-pressure and other obstacles. If you're sincere and obedient to God's commandments, He will not only hear your pleas but will answer and provide the deliverance you need. Prayer should not be a one-day occurrence, but each day should be nationally observed as a Day of Prayer.

GLOSSARY

1. Buckler – smaller protective armor that is used for hand-to-hand battle. “His truth *shall be thy shield and buckler*” (Psa. 91:4).
2. Occurrence – incidence, episode, occasion, experience.
3. Overwhelm – overpower, overthrow, devastate, engulf, overcome.
4. Strive – go all-out, make every effort, do all you can, do your best.
5. Urge – desire, plead, beg, appeal, incite, insist on.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. When does National Prayer Day occur each year?
National Prayer Day occurs each year on the first Thursday in May.
2. How did David express his confidence in God?
Permit the class to discuss the question from the Explanation of the lesson.
3. Let the class talk about how often prayer day should occur in their lives.
4. Should you wait until distresses occur to pray for deliverance?
Various students should defend their responses.
5. It is very important to seek God's will for your lives. Why do you believe this is true?

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 35:1-2 Plead *my cause*, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

LESSON 93

MAY 8, 2022

MOTHER'S DAY

BEWARE: ANGER HAS DESTROYED MANY HOMES

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 25:24 *It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.*

ENTIRE LESSON: James 3:1-18

EXPLANATION

‘Making a mountain out of a molehill’ is a phrase used to describe those who are prone to overexaggerate any minute difference. Too often, one is speaking while the other is thinking of a rebuttal that is not almost related to what is spoken. There are two heated conversations that are complete opposites. Neither one is listening to the other and anger is building into resentment. Yes, anger destroys many relationships, fellowships, creates sibling rivalry, and the homelife in families.

Destructive anger is not measured out to this generation. Deceit in the home began when Satan, that ole serpent, approached Eve, the mother of all living. As is true to nature,

someone outside of the family steps up to propitiate the destruction in the home. There is no way that any family would need outside influences to cause anger and destruction in the home. God is God, and His Words do not change to facilitate the works of Satan.

Deceptive speech hinders and the manner of speech may cause hurt. Your voice or manner of speech cannot be betrayed. Others will know you by your stammering tongue., as recorded in Judges 12:6, “Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth [*an ear of corn*]: and he said Sibboleth [*a burden*]: **for he could not frame to pronounce it right.** Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.”

Your summation in this life should remain, as this, “Let the words of my mouth, and the mediation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer” (Psa. 19:14). The sooner you begin in your youth, the more steadfast you will be throughout adulthood.

GLOSSARY

1. Anger – the strong feeling of discord or hostility; unsettled fiery disagreement.
2. Beware – a warning to be on guard against possible/expected dangers; be alert.
3. Brawling woman – one who portrays an upset way of living; constantly fighting.
4. Destroyed – in non-reparable disarray; not mendable; no restoration.
5. Housetop – the inhabitable area of a home; the safest distance from confusion.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. James, 3:2, “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.”
2. When we learn to bridle/control our tongue, we are more than conquerors in our ability to control our own body.
3. Hebrews 13:5, “*Let your conversation be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”
4. Did you know that the leadership of the church has the responsibility to teach, by precept and example, all the words/work for living this holy life? Read for understanding, Isaiah 28:10, 13; Acts 5:20; John 3:34.
5. Hold fast to the good words that enlighten one’s life, encouraging the souls of the righteous, this will extend God’s peace to all.

MEMORY VERSE: James 1:19-21 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

LESSON 94

MAY 15, 2022

CRUCIFYING SELF-GRATIFICATION

MOTTO TEXT: Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

ENTIRE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-17

EXPLANATION

We often think of self-gratification as it relates to accumulating material things in great abundance. On many occasions we cannot distinguish between what we want versus what we need. This is especially true of the Now Generation of youth who are continually being saturated with innovative technology, stylish clothing and other forms of luxurious enticements.

Self-gratification often leads to greed and selfishness when it focuses more on the lustful desires of the individual and not on others. As we will learn in the lesson, believers are not put down in the body of Christ for the purpose of gaining earthly wealth, but rather to gain the eternal treasure of life everlasting. This greater wealth comes from above and is promised to all who will follow Christ. In order to gain the benefits of the bountiful blessings of God here on earth as well, we must mortify or kill those fleshly longings of the old man of sin and take on a new life in Christ. In this letter to the newly founded Church at Colosse, Paul writes “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” (Read Colossians 3:1-2.).

New Christian converts are to live a new and complete life in Christ and turn 180 degrees from the low accustomed standards of morality. Put away all fleshly appetites that are sinful in nature. Refer to verses 5 and 8 of the lesson.

Paul concluding emphasis is that holy, beloved and elect children of God, now have an obligation to mortify sinful desires and fleshly passions. This required all to disrobe from the sinful emotions and indecent affections, and then clothe themselves with the sinless nature of Christ. Youth, do not accept any facet of the non-traditional lifestyles that are manifesting themselves in this dark and evil world. Crucify all sins of the flesh and live in the light through Christ. Sleeper, awake (Eph. 5:14).

GLOSSARY

1. Epistle – a letter, especially a formal one; written communication; one of the Apostolic letters in the New Testament.
2. Inherent – fixed; belonging by nature or habit; engrained.
3. Obligation – a promise or commitment to a course of action.
4. Lifestyle – the typical way of life of an individual, group or culture.
5. Lust – an intense longing or desire.
6. Mortify – to subdue or deaden (the body) especially by abstinence.
7. Self-gratification – the act of pleasing oneself or satisfying one’s desire.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Conduct a class discussion concerning those things that must be mortified in order to have a new life in Christ according to the following Scripture:
It is written, “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:...But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth” (Colossians 3:5, 8).
2. Include in your class discussion Romans 6:12-13 as it relates to the lesson.
“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 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.”

3. According to I John 2:16-17. it is written, “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 forever.” Explain.
4. Do you fully understand how to live a new life in Christ?
Discuss and answer individually. Teacher should lead the discussion, if necessary.

MEMORY VERSE: II 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.

LESSON 95

MAY 22, 2022

**THE YEAR OF JUBILEE:
THE ANOINTING HATH DESTROYED THE YOKE**

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 40:1-2 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD’S hand double for all her sins.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 40:3-18

EXPLANATION

Isaiah is writing a message of comfort as revealed from the voice in his vision that foretells of the regathering of God’s people and eternal restoration at an appointed time. These predictions reveal God’s Divine Plan of Salvation for mankind, both through His mighty power and as it applies to the ministry of Jesus Christ, His Son. The crying voice in Isaiah’s vision spoke pleading for us to prepare a way in our lives for the Lord, make no U-Turns on our unproductive highway for our God.

This prophecy was fulfilled when John the Baptist came preaching a doctrine of repentance in the wilderness. This forerunner of Christ exhorted men to prepare their hearts to make a way for the soon coming Savior, Jesus Christ. He proclaimed the nearness of the kingdom of heaven (read Matthew 3:1-3). John declared that he baptized with water, but Jesus would come after and “baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire”.

The 1st Coming and 2nd Coming of Christ followed in the vision, to complete the remaining predictions in this prophecy. Isaiah writes these words as spoken again by the voice in his vision, “And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.” Read Isaiah 40:5, Luke 2:9, John 1:14, 2:11, 11:4,40. To accomplish this soul saving mission, Jesus, often accompanied by disciples, went about doing the Will of His Father throughout his days on earth until his ascension up to Heaven. The 2nd coming of Jesus, yet to be fulfilled, will represent a world-wide missionary ministry that will represent the eternal reign of the Lord on earth.

The messages of comfort in the Motto Text and lesson tells us that God knows how to measure our chastening and will forgive our sins and give us a new beginning. The

Scriptures demonstrate the frailty of man in comparison to the mighty power of God. In them we have these assurances that He will feed the flock, gather and carry the lambs in His bosom while yet ruling with power and a strong arm (Read Isaiah 40:10-11).

God is greater than any burden or challenge we face because His Word will stand forever against any and all forms of opposition. God has promised to save and forgive. It is written, "I, even, I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins" (Isa. 43:25).

GLOSSARY

1. Accomplished – completed.
2. Comfort – to give strength or hope; to cheer.
3. Disciple -one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrine of another.
4. Pardoned – the excusing of an offense without a penalty; to absolve.
5. Prophecy – to utter by or as if by divine inspiration.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What were the main earthly events prophesied by Isaiah as seen in his visions?
 - a) John the Baptist will come with good tidings and make a way for Jesus Christ by preparing the hearts of men to receive Him as their Savior.
 - b) Jesus will come to live among men in the flesh to do the Will of His Father, through teachings, performing miracles by signs and wonders and extending the invitation of Salvation to all men that will free them from the curse of sin and death.
 - c) The Second Coming of Christ will launch a world-wide mission from Zion to Jerusalem when there will be a regathering of God's people, and Jesus will reign visibly in the restored earthly kingdom.
2. Discuss the weaknesses of man and compare them to the power of God as written in Isaiah 40:9-20.
3. Explain what these words of comfort mean as written in the Motto Text.
"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins" (Isa. 40:1-2).

MEMORY VERSE: Numbers 36:4 And when the jubilee of the children of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

LESSON 96

MAY 29, 2022

THE LORD'S PRAYER AS TAUGHT BY CHRIST

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 18:19-20 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 6:5-15

EXPLANATION

Jesus taught (instructed) His disciples to pray. Prayer is communication with God. Just as you desire to talk with your friends daily, you should have a greater desire to talk with God daily. The difference is that there are certain times of the day or night that you are allowed to talk with friends, but you can talk with God anytime, whispering sustaining and uplifting words.

There are many kinds of prayers which are prayed in different places. Open public prayers during devotional church services, before meals, during conferences, etc. Secret prayers in our closets at home or other designated areas at times we set aside to pray, which can be upon arising each morning, at night before retiring for bed, in our hearts as we go about our daily activities. The most important thing is to pray.

In today's lesson, Jesus modeled a prayer for His disciples. He demonstrated how to first reverence God by acknowledging His majestic power, holiness and place of abode. Then we humble ourselves by allowing His divine will to be done in us just as it is done in heaven. We understand that we need forgiveness, feeding, protection from enemies, temptation and strength on a daily basis. As we surrender our lives into God's hands, He will provide everything we need.

Many of you probably were taught the Lord's Prayer as a child. As you grew older, you most likely heard and began to pray many kinds of prayers. God always wants to hear from His children. He's never too busy to hear our heart's cry. When we develop a habit of dependence on God and consult Him about everything, we will find that He will direct us in every aspect of life. Just remember to always be thankful for all He has already done for you, for how He's working in your life right now, and for His guiding choices for you. All prayers are not prayers of requests, there may be times you just want to tell God how grateful you are, or pray an intercessory prayer on behalf of others, seek forgiveness for some ill-will, weight or owed debt. It's vital to understand that prayer is a lifetime necessity.

GLOSSARY

1. Aspect – part, phase, piece, standpoint, portion.
2. Communication – contact, interaction, message, consultation, exchange.
3. Hallowed – blessed, sacred, holy, revered.
4. Intercessory – the act of intervening on behalf of another.
5. Modeled – demonstrated, shown, displayed, patterned.
6. Vital – fundamental, essential, very important, of the essence.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Allow the students to repeat the Lord's Prayer by memory in unison.
2. Have you set aside designated times for prayer?
Permit the class to share their responses.
3. Differentiate between the specifics of prayers acknowledged/made in the lesson.
Students should respond.
4. Why do you think Jesus found it necessary to teach His disciples to pray?
A class discussion should follow.
5. What kinds of prayers have you led? Allow the class to volunteer to answer the question and model a prayer if they desire to do so.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 10:2 The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

LESSON 97

JUNE 5, 2022

THE GREAT “I AM’S” OF JESUS CHRIST

MOTTO TEXT: John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 14:6; Psalm 119:30; Proverbs 14:12; John 16:13, 6:63; Acts 4:12-13; I Timothy 2:5-6; Deuteronomy 20:19

EXPLANATION

Jesus identified himself as ‘I Am’ several times throughout His ministry on earth. The phrase “I Am” depicts the character of the person who makes the statement about himself. Jesus was and is the perfect example for every Christian on this planet.

When a person says “I am” it tells us who he/she is. The following accounts are Jesus’ statements of who He is. He said: I Am:

- a) The way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the father, but by me.
- b) The living bread which came down from Heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.
- c) The light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
- d) The door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.
- e) The true vine and my Father is the husbandman.
- f) The living water: 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.
- g) Before Abraham was, “I Am”.

Have you received this great gift of God? Do you know or have you heard about this great **I AM**?

Now is the time/day of your salvation. It is through the sacrifice of his life as a ransom for us that this gift is possible. Don’t let any opportunity pass by without taking advantage of this wonderful example that gives us access to God the Father just because of who He is. Neither is there salvation in any other name than is in the name of Jesus. The Spirit of Truth, which is the Holy Ghost, leads and guides us in the same path of truth that Jesus walked. Jesus is our mediator between us and God.

The word ‘*am*’ denotes the present, to stay and to remain. Jesus always was, is, and always will be the **GREAT: I AM**.

GLOSSARY

1. Access – admission, contact, way in.
2. Am – remain, exist, be present.
3. Character – type, nature, disposition, spirit, make-up.
4. Depicts – represents, illustrates, portrays.

5. Ransom – payment, redemption; to set free, buy back.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Name some phrases where you say, “I am”. Make a list of the responses.
2. From memory, name some of the “I Am” phrases from the lesson story. Students should complete without using the explanation of the lesson.
3. While Jesus was physically present in the world, He said “I am the light of the world” (John 9:5). Who is the light of the world now?
Explain your answers from Matthew 5:14.
4. What are some ways you may let your light shine for God?
5. How do you know that your walk is not in darkness?
The class should discuss their answers.

MEMORY VERSE: John 8:58-59 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

LESSON 98

JUNE 12, 2022

THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS CHRIST

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 5:1-20

EXPLANATION

As Jesus walked this earth, He taught many lessons, not only to His disciples but to the multitudes that followed Him. However, He sometimes called the disciples aside from the crowd so they could be taught independent of the others who followed Him. He especially wanted all His followers to have great characters and beautiful attitudes as they lived in this world. The Beatitudes are said to be the beautiful attitudes that the servants of the Lord should possess.

Let’s explore some of those from the Entire Lesson. The poor in spirit will inherit the kingdom of heaven; they that mourn shall be comforted; the meek shall inherit the earth; the merciful shall obtain mercy; the pure in heart shall see God; *there are others*. When we love God and have a yearning desire to live with Him eternally, we strive to exhibit these characteristics. Jesus, Himself possessed these qualities and He is our perfect example of who God is and how His people should behave themselves.

The way we live, love and treat one another will let unbelievers see these differences in us as believers. As we let our light shine before men, they will see our good works and God will be given the honor and the glory from what we do and who we are. Jesus came to fulfill all the prophecies that were made concerning Him. He came to reconcile mankind back to God. We have been given the Word of God and must study and search the Scriptures. Let’s remember God’s Word is forever settled in heaven. Not one bit of it will pass away. Therefore, we must never change any of it to suit our interpretations or to justify

our actions. God's Word means exactly what it says. Whether its prophecy or revelation or teachings, the Holy Spirit agrees with the Scripture.

GLOSSARY

1. Attitude – way of thinking, way of behaving, way of thinking.
2. Characteristic – distinctive, trait, attribute, feature.
3. Exhibit – display, show signs of, demonstrate, show evidence of.
4. Explore – study, discover, look at, search.
5. Justify – excuse, give reason for, rationalize.
6. Qualities – abilities, assets, traits, merits, behaviors.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

- 1 From the Entire Lesson permit the students to name and discuss one of the beatitudes.
- 2 How do you know that the scriptural prophecies and revelations agree?
Scripture revelations and prophecies agreement is made known with the Holy Ghost.
- 3 Complete this statement. God's Word is forever _____.
- 4 True or false: Beatitudes are the characteristics for the behavior of God's people.
- 5 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works. Who will be glorified? _____.
- 6 Why did Jesus call His disciples apart from the crowd?
Let students give responses.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 7:28-29 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

LESSON 99

JUNE 19, 2022

FATHER'S DAY JESUS: AN EXAMPLE OF TRUE LEADERSHIP

MOTTO TEXT: I Corinthians 10:11-12 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

ENTIRE LESSON: II Timothy 2:1-26

EXPLANATION

Today, while we honor our fathers, we also think of the responsibilities and leadership required of a father. Father's Day originated in Spokane, Washington on June 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd. Her father, William J. Smart (*a Civil War Veteran*), was a single parent who raised his six children alone in Arkansas. The purpose of Father's Day is to honor fathers and fatherhood.

Fatherhood was ordained by God and is essential in every home. When the father is a godly man, he should be the best of all fathers. He should be the best because the love of

God abides in him and that love should be evident by the manner in which he cares for his family. Jesus was the perfect example of leading, guiding, and teaching.

In the text of this lesson, Paul is encouraging Timothy to be a doer of all he was taught, and to teach men to be faithful. The teachings Timothy was reminded of included endurance as a good soldier, being careful of entanglements, and how to strive for success. He also inspired him to study, to purge himself, flee youthful lusts, follow righteousness, faith, charity and peace. Finally, Timothy is further motivated to avoid foolishness and strife; but to be gentle, patient and meek.

The instructions given by Paul to Timothy should be mirrored everyday by good fathers to their children. Children should honor their parents; this is the one Commandment that comes with a promise (Exo. 20:12b).

Young men, as you think on the teachings of Paul; say within yourselves; I will strive to be a good father and I will follow righteousness.

GLOSSARY

1. Admonition – a mild but earnest rebuke; advice for or against doing something.
2. Ensamples – an example; a pattern or model for imitation.
3. Entanglements – to involve someone or something in a problem that will be difficult to escape.
4. Lusts – the strong physical desire to have sex, usually without associated feeling of love or affection, great eagerness or enthusiasm for something.
5. Purge – to make something or somebody pure and free from guilt, sin, or defilement.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Who originated Father's Day and why? (*Have a class discussion*)
2. Fathers are not ordained of God. True_____ or False_____
3. _____, _____ are some of the qualities Paul encouraged Timothy to have. (*Fill in the blanks*)
4. It is impossible to have two biological fathers. True_____ or False_____
5. Discuss the difference between a father who follows Christ's example and one who doesn't. (*Have a class discussion*)

MEMORY VERSE: 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.

LESSON 100

JUNE 26, 2022

THE UNGODLY: OFFENDED BY THE TRUTH

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 11:4-6 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: 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. And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 6:51-71

EXPLANATION

Today, we want to get an understanding of “the ungodly” and why the ungodly is offended by the truth. What or who is the ungodly? To be **ungodly** is to act in a way that is contrary to the nature of God, irreligious or immoral, and to actively oppose God by disobedience. An ungodly person does not want to be a child of God and will do everything contrary to God’s Word. An individual who is ungodly will stay away from an environment where the truth of God’s Word is being presented or lived. An ungodly person is polluted with sin and does not want salvation.

In the lesson Jesus communed with His disciples by letting them know that no man can come to Him except it was given by God. Those who did not believe or were ungodly walked away and left Jesus, but the disciples chosen of God stayed with Jesus because He had the Words of eternal life.

Psalms 1: 1, 4, 5, and 6 (*which begins the First of the distinct Five Divisions/Books of the 150 Psalms (1st, 1-41; 2nd, Psalms 42-72; 3rd, Psalms 73-89; 4th, Psalms 90-106 and the 5th is Psalms 107-150)*) provide specific judgment against the ungodly and reveals the blessings of those who obey the law of God. Whenever the ungodly hears the Word of God, it becomes offensive to them because the truth is not what is desired. It is important for parents to know the friends of their children to ensure that are not being unduly influenced by those who do not believe in God. Remember Youth, you are known by the company you associate with and your friends can influence on your life and decisions. Attend your Sunday Bible School every Sunday and learn all that you can in order to obey God’s Word.

GLOSSARY

1. Contrary – perversely inclined to disagree or to do the opposite of what is expected or desired.
2. Immoral – not conforming to accepted standards of morality.
3. Influence – the effect of something on a person, thing, or event.
4. Irreligious – opposed to religion; lacking in any religious faith.
5. Offensive – causing anger, resentment, or moral outrage; upsetting, and insulting.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What are the results of being ungodly? (*Have a class discussion*)
2. Psalm Chapter 1 provides two outcomes: Specific _____ against the ungodly and reveals _____ for those who obey the law of God. (*Fill in the blanks*)
3. God has to call the ungodly in order for them to follow Jesus Christ. True ___ or False ___
4. What can you do to prevent becoming an ungodly person? (*Have a class discussion*)
5. What is offensive to the ungodly? (*Have a class discussion*)

MEMORY VERSE: II 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.

GOD'S PEOPLE: HALTED BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 32:26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

ENTIRE LESSON: I Kings 18:20-46

EXPLANATION

We must reveal how professed Christians can be halted or immobilized between two opinions. It means that while they are claiming to be the people of God and to worship the Almighty God; they are worshipping idol gods of this world and committing sin. When sin enters in, the results are idolatry and polytheism. When this happens, God does not accept their worship. Instead of pleasing God, their worship is a sin. Instead of reaping the blessings of God, they reap His judgment and His curse.

Elijah was the lone prophet of God against 450 prophets of the idol god, Baal. Elijah's plan proved that God was the true God. There would be two bullocks, Baal's prophets would get one and Elijah would get the other. The animals would be put on the altar with only wood, but no fire. Baal's prophets asked him to answer them by fire; they called and called to no avail. Elijah even mocked them and suggested that maybe Baal was asleep or gone on a journey. They called him all day...no answer.

Now was Elijah's time to call on God. He cut the bullock and laid it on the wood; he dug a trench and made an altar with twelve stones. He filled the trench with four buckets of water three times. When it was time for the evening sacrifice, Elijah said, "Lord God of Abraham ... let it be known this day that thou art God and I am thy servant. Hear me...". The fire of the Lord fell, consumed the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

Youth, "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?" (Rom. 6:16)

GLOSSARY

1. Bullocks – young male bull that has been castrated to impede breeding.
2. Idolatry – the worship of idols or false gods.
3. Immobilized – prevent somebody or something from moving.
4. Polytheism – the worship of or belief in more than one deity, especially several deities.
5. Sacrifice – giving up of something valuable or important for somebody or something else considered to be of more value or importance.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Discuss some idol gods that youth worship. (*Have a class discussion*)
2. What causes one to become halted between two opinions? (*Have a class discussion*)
3. The results of sin are _____ and _____. (*Fill in the blanks*)
4. Baal answered his 450 prophets by fire. True ___ or False ____.

Discuss why or why not.

5. The twelve stones that Elijah used to build an altar represented _____
(Fill in the blank)

MEMORY VERSE: Ecclesiastes 7:19-20 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty *men* which are in the city. **For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.**

LESSON 102

JULY 10, 2022

DOCTRINE OF IMPUTATION

MOTTO TEXT: Galatians 3:6-9 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

ENTIRE LESSON: Galatians 3:1-29

EXPLANATION

Today's discussion is centered on two important words and two important facts. The two words are *doctrine* and *imputation*; the two facts are *sin* and *righteousness*. Doctrine is the written teaching that we, as a church body, believe and practice. We teach and believe that we were all born in sin. Adam and Eve committed the original sin when they ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and it caused sin to fall on everyone who has been born since then. Read "The Constitution Government and General Decree Book" on page 32, paragraph 4, line 3. "We believe that to cease from our own works is to cease from sin. We believe that Christ hath given us rest from sin ..." (Page 63, paragraph 8) "We preach and do firmly believe that Jesus Christ was born in the world to the Virgin Mary for a purpose and that purpose was and is to save His people from their sins."

Imputation means God credited His righteousness to believers. Jesus gave His life for each of you because you are the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for righteousness to work in us so that we can live Holy before Him. Just think, if He had not died for us, we would live in sin throughout all eternity. There are no works we could ever do to obtain righteousness.

So, we believe that Jesus was born and died on the cross for our sins and if we accept Him in our lives for the remission of our sins, we shall live righteously and will inherit eternal life.

GLOSSARY

1. Doctrine – a body of ideas, particularly in religion, taught to people as truthful and correct.
2. Forbidden – not allowed by order of somebody or by law barred, prohibited.
3. Imputation – attribution, those who believe in Christ will receive God's righteousness.
4. Remission – a release from a debt, penalty, or obligation, a pardon or forgiveness.

5. Sin – an act, thought, or way of behaving that goes against the law or teachings of a religion, especially when the person who commits it is aware of this.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What is imputation and what effect did it have on you? (*Answer individually*)
2. Our doctrine is what we read in the history books. True___ or False___
3. We should study “The _____ and _____ book often. (*Fill in blanks*)
4. Do you believe that sin is of the devil; if one sins, will he go to heaven? (*Have a group discussion*).
5. Adam and Eve committed the original sin on Noah’s Ark. True ___ or False ___

MEMORY VERSE: II Corinthians 5:20-21 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray *you* in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

LESSON 103

JULY 17, 2022

BEFORE ENTERING HEAVEN, YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

MOTTO TEXT: John 3:4-5 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 3:1-21

EXPLANATION

It has been said that we are living in a time when most churches are filled with persons professing to be Christians who have never been spiritually Born Again. So, is it possible to be a Christian if you have never been Born Again? Jesus said in John 3:5, “Except a man be born of the water and *of* the spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.” What happens when you are Born Again? This is a spiritual birth whereby you receive the Spirit of God, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Your heart changes, your life changes, your mind changes, everything about you will change. The change is so phenomenal that you will say, “I wish I was saved before now!”

When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, sin fell (*transmitted*) on everyone who afterward entered into life. The only way out of sin is to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Jesus lets us know in John 3:16, “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.” When one believes in the Lord Jesus for remission of sin and is Born Again, then and only then are you saved “from” your sins by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5).

Finally, we conclude that you must be filled with the Holy Ghost (Born Again) in order to go to heaven. So, the final question is personal...DO I WANT TO GO TO

HEAVEN? Today, we thank God for His Son Jesus, for the gift of the Holy Ghost, for grace and for mercy.

GLOSSARY

1. Begotten – something is *begotten* when it's been generated by procreation, in other words, it's been fathered; Jesus was fathered/begotten by God the Father.
2. Christian – relating to Christianity; belonging to or maintained by a Christian organization.
3. Grace – the infinite love, mercy, favor, and goodwill shown to humankind by God.
4. Justified – declared or made righteous in the sight of God.
5. Regeneration – to restore and renew morally or spiritually.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. How can you show God that you thank Him for His Son Jesus?
(*Have a class discussion*)
2. For God so loved the world that he gave one of his begotten sons.
True _____ or False _____.
3. You are saved _____ your sins by the washing of regeneration. (*Fill in the blank*)
4. You must be Born Again in order to go to heaven. True _____ or False _____.
5. Yes, I want to go to heaven...how do I become Born Again? (*Have a class discussion*)

MEMORY VERSE: II Corinthians 6:17-18 Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

LESSON 104

JULY 24, 2022

THE AWESOME DAY WHEN GOD SPOKE ON MOUNT SINAI

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 4:32-33 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and *ask* from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any such thing* as this great thing *is*, or hath been heard like it? Did *ever* people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

ENTIRE LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-20

EXPLANATION

God speaks to nations of people in many ways. We say when it thunders and the lightning flashes that it is the voice of God speaking. Sometimes it is and other times it may not be. Oftentimes He speaks in a small still voice.

As Moses led the Children of Israel from the land of Egypt where they were kept in slavery, God had spoken to him several times for many reasons. First, He spoke to him from a burning bush that was not consumed, and gave him a command to go to Pharaoh, king of Egypt and tell him to let God's people go. Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he refused. Moses let Pharaoh know that punishments (plagues) would be sent upon his

people because he refused to obey God's requests. When Pharaoh finally let the Israelites leave Egypt, God told Moses how to prepare the people for travel. They were bound for the promised land of Canaan, a forty days' journey. While traveling through the desert, the Israelites began to murmur about their conditions. They even said they wanted God to speak directly to them. However, they were not prepared for the consequences of their requests. When God came down Mount Sinai, they could not cope with the awesomeness of God. They quickly said they would listen to what God told Moses to tell them.

The Children of Israel finally reached the promise land, but their relentless complaints provoked Moses to the point of disobeying God's command to him as the leader, he would not be allowed to go over into Canaan. At this time, he gave them instructions of how to live, what to do and what not to do when they went into the land to possess it. He reminded them of the LORD's Commandments, statutes and judgments and how these should be taught to their children and their children's children. All of these rules were written on tables of stone; we call them the Ten Commandments.

Isn't God an amazing Father who wants His children to live with Him. He gives the method by which to worship and serve Him. It does not matter which manner God uses to speak to us, we must listen to His voice and obey.

GLOSSARY

1. Awesome – overwhelming, breathtaking, tremendous, amazing.
2. Method – technique, manner, procedure, approach, routine.
3. Midst – middle/center of or among a group.
4. Plagues – infections, troubles, pestilences that occur for disobedience or hardening of the heart toward God's commands.
5. Provoke – to aggravate, to bring about, to prod, and to push to the point of punishment.
6. Statute – decree, law that rules or guides the life of believers.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What was God's reason for not allowing Moses to go into the land of Canaan? The Children of Israel provoked Moses so profusely that he disobeyed a command given to him by God. Read Numbers 20:7-11.
2. Name several ways God speaks to us today. Some are found in the lesson, name other ways that you know.
3. Israel was given rules, commandments and statutes to follow. Why do you think they were so reluctant to obey them? Allow discussion of their thoughts.
4. When God came down to Mount Sinai to speak to the people, what were their reactions?
5. Does God speak to you? If so, explain how and when He does.

MEMORY VERSE: Numbers 23:19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

EYE SERVICE: DISPLEASED IN THE SIGHT OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: **Ephesians 6:5-6** Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

ENTIRE LESSON: **Ephesians 6:1-16**

EXPLANATION

Apostle Paul taught the church at Ephesus this lesson on obedience, respect and holy living unto the Lord. Children should be reared in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Our earthly parents and our spiritual parents are to be obeyed. There are reasons for obedience both in and out of their presence: 1) earthly parents have the experience of having knowledge because they have lived a long time, undergone many incidents and occurrences in their lives, learned from their mistakes as well as some wise decisions, and are in a position to teach them to us; 2) spiritual parents (seasoned saints) have likewise undergone many experiences with fighting the evil wiles/deceitfulness of the devil and can teach us how to live holy in this unholy world.

We realize, there are many pitfalls and enticements in this world that can trap us if we aren't careful, both naturally and spiritually. Wise young people should want to escape the many encounters that will cause them problems. There are so many lustful activities that can entice you to be disobedient to parents. The Bible teaches that obedience to mother and father is the first commandment with promise. The promise is to have a long life. In this life many problems can be overcome just by obeying.

Soldiers who fight a natural war must be armed with the right garments and weapons of warfare in order to successfully win the battle. In like manner, soldiers in God's army must have the right garments and weapons to successfully win the war against sin and Satan. The fight of this life, spiritually, is not a carnal fight with knives, guns or other weapons of warfare, but is against Satan, who wants us to live in sin and lose our souls. This battle is to be fought through the Holy Ghost and the Word of God. Our spiritual garments are the gospel of truth, righteousness, peace and faith. Spiritual parents can help us understand the Scriptures and the Holy Ghost gives us the authority and power to fight (resist) Satan's deceptive ways.

The difference between the natural battle and the spiritual battle is that winning may depend on the number of other soldiers that are fighting with you. Some of them may not be skilled fighters, afraid to the point of going AWOL or just not wanting to fight at all. Whereas, in God's army, many soldiers may have the same or similar feelings, but the battle doesn't depend solely on them. God is more powerful than any enemy and the Holy Ghost is a leader that never leads wrong.

Remember, God has an all-seeing eye that misses nothing. We can never deceive or hide from Him. Obedience in all things should be both in and out of the presence of both natural and spiritual parents.

GLOSSARY

1. Admonition – to show respect and give honor to God.
2. Displeas – anger, disappoint, offend, disturb.
3. Eye – service: actions/works that are done only in the presence of the leader or the one in charge.
4. Nurture – training children with care, discipline and instruction of the Lord.
5. Shod – to cover the feet with the Word of God in order to walk cautiously in this Christian journey.
6. Singleness – working only for the Lord, not trying to serve both God and Satan.
7. Wiles – deceptive ploys used by the enemy in order to deceive God’s people.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Discuss any problems you have encountered because you were disobedient to your parents.
2. Name some of the enticements young people are faced with today that could cause you to be tempted to participate in them.
3. What are the garments of spiritual warfare mentioned by Apostle Paul in this lesson? Answers may be found in the explanation of the lesson.
4. List some of the garments and defensive weapons that are used in fighting natural wars. Students should have a brief discussion from lists.
5. God has all-seeing eyes, what are some of the tactics youth use to try and hide or deceive Him? Are they successful? Discussion should follow.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 4:25-27 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.
