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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.

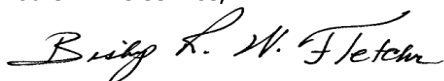
Guideline for Sunday Bible School Superintendents (prior to reciting the Ten Commandments): By the divine guidance of the Holy Ghost in the Chief Overseer, **all** Sunday Bible School **superintendents** are instructed to give the **CHURCH STATEMENT** concerning what we earnestly believe and do firmly 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 3

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
Sunday School Offering

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
Reading and Discussion of Lesson

Memory Verse
Reading and Adoption of Minutes
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The Ten Commandments
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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Deuteronomy 4:37-38

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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

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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

1. For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,
2. If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:
3. How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,
4. Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)
5. Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;
6. That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:
7. Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.
8. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;
9. And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
10. To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
11. According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:
12. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.
13. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.
14. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
17. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that as we take up our cross daily and follow Jesus, we must deny ourselves and serve others, even in our families.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: We believe in the one living and true God who is the Creator of heaven and earth. He is eternal, almighty, unchangeable, infinitely powerful, wise, just and holy.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Dispensation – in Christian belief, a divinely ordained religious system.
2. Effectual – powerful, potentially successful in producing a desired or intended result.
3. Family – a group of people living together and functioning as a single household, usually consisting of a mother, father, and their children.
4. Infinitely – without any finite or measurable limits.
5. Principalities – an area of territory owned or controlled by a ruler or government.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

God created families as a biological and social basis for humanity, 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 Ghost, so must our earthly families follow the plan of our Heavenly Father.

1. What are some of the current changes in families that may be confusing in these times?
(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)

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

1. Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!
2. She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.
3. Her princes within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.
4. Her prophets *are* light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

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.
6. I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.
7. I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, *and* corrupted all their doings.
8. Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination *into* 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.
9. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.
10. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, *even* the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.
11. In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.
12. I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.
13. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.
14. Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.
15. The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, *even* the LORD, *is* in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.
16. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and to Zion*, Let not thine hands be slack.
17. The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.
18. I will gather *them that are* sorrowful for the solemn assembly, *who* are of thee, *to whom* the reproach of it *was* a burden.
19. Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.
20. At that time will I bring you *again*, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

PURPOSE: To emphasize that God can help us, no matter what our present situation may be. It is written: “Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish’s belly, And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, **and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice**” (Jonah 2:2).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “*It is of the LORD’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness*” (Lamentations 3:22-23).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Correction – to correct in an effort to make right; the rectification of what is wrong.
2. Filthy – morally corrupt; impure, indecent.
3. Light – a bringing into view that which was hidden or unseen.
4. Justice – the fairness of any matter; the correction of a wrong.
5. Zephaniah – book theme is “The Day of the LORD”; the name means the LORD hides or protects; Old Testament minor prophet who was the great-great-grandson of King Hezekiah; prophesied during the reign of King Josiah of the fall of Jerusalem due to their moral decline, yet predicted Jerusalem’s restoration. Zephaniah predicted the Gentiles future judgment which will be followed by blessing under the Messiah.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. In Matthew 5:14 Jesus is declaring, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.” In John 9:5 He affirms, “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Explain those passages of Scripture and relate same to the lesson. The body Jesus’ flesh can only be personified through US. It is our total responsibility to electrify the world with Jesus who abides forever through US. Justice is brought to light when darkness is exposed. Those things that are covered in the closet, shall shortly be made known when we allow the light of Jesus shine through us.
2. In Matthew 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” State your responsibility to the world from that Scripture.

The pattern of a life separated from the world was not given to be hidden. It is given as proof of what can be done in the flesh, eliminating excuses. The false claimers of righteous living are treating JUSTICE as exclusive to cover their own wrong behavior. No light is found in the false prophets (preachers), although they set up themselves as righteous. Good peaks its head from the world leaders to gain followers and support. Wrong is overlooked or covered by one or two good deeds and the perpetration has found that in the little good, there is indebtedness and praise. Fear of loss of jobs, titles, positions has exploded in many areas of business and the many governments. The world has come to accept corruptness just to get a little praise or raise. The whistleblower (*one who must live in witness protection*) is in danger of being exposed. Many standing boldly on the pillar and grounded in the truth are in fear, afraid of making a difference in the world.

3. Are you afraid of standing firm and being just/fair in all you do, because you will not be accepted as a part of the “In Crowd”?

Consider your answer as a fact that you are the chosen generation, representatives of Jesus in the flesh, and can do all things through Him, and your responsibility is to prove to others how to live godly in this present world.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 9:23-25 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?

**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

1. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
2. Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.
3. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.
4. Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.
5. Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.
6. Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
7. 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.
8. For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
9. For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
11. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.
12. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.
13. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of man but in the power of God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Spiritual verities/truths are not of human wisdom but revealed by God.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Defeated – conquered, overwhelmed, beaten.
2. Satan – the father of lies (John 8:44); the deceiver, “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” (Revelation 3:9).
3. Thirst – in dire need of living water to restore the body.
4. Turn – to move from a stationary or steady position in order to go in another direction.
5. Wait – a pause or lingering on a journey or to a destination.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

There are times when standing still will not yield progress. If you don’t know the direction of where you need to go, you must not take a wait-and-see position. Someone may come by who can help or there may be another who may not be able to lead or show you a direct route to travel in order to get where you are headed. Yet, if there is trouble behind you, get in a hurry! Move out in search of a safe location.

The Deceiver knows his own, but he does not know you. Although none of us know the distance we must travel to escape him, we had better get in a hurry to escape his deceptive maneuvers.

Remember, you were chosen to represent God on this earth. God will be with you in all manner of goodness that you choose. As His example, you must hold fast to that which is good, live in the beauty of holiness, shun what is evil, and hate/discourage all unrighteous behavior and deeds.

When our money, time and energy are expended in worldly goods that do not give us satisfaction, we are wasted and have spiritually unexploited ourselves. There are worldly possessions that help us to labor in the work of the Master’s Kingdom. Some of those possessions are unseen, sometimes hidden for a few to see besides God. You can do well without wrong being laid up at your door. Treasures in heaven will never fade away, and they cannot be stolen. Youth, WAIT on the Lord, but don’t wait until Satan mislead and defeat you in reaching a heavenly goal.

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

1. Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, *but he was* a leper.
2. And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.
3. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord *were* with the prophet that *is* in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.
4. And *one* went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that *is* of the land of Israel.
5. And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment.
6. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have *therewith* sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.
7. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, *Am* I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.
8. And it was *so*, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.
9. So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.
10. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.
11. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.
12. *Are* not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.
13. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do some* great thing, wouldest thou not have done *it?* how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?
14. Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

PURPOSE: To stress that only the resurrected power of Jesus Christ can clean the leprosy of sin.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Humility and obedience to the will of God make possible His provision to supply our abundant needs.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Elisha – the servant who succeeded Elijah, gaining a double portion of Elijah's strength after he witnessed Elijah's ascension from earth.
2. Excellent – superb, the surpassed merit or quality; exceptional.

3. Leprosy – a contagious deadly disease of the flesh, wherein the leper lived away from others until he was determined to be clean. It could also be found on the walls of a house (*manifested by depressions of a greenish or reddish color on the walls, and was of vegetable formation – contents in the house had to be removed in order to prevent everything within it from becoming unclean*), and in wool, linen and leather (*probably caused by ill-ventilation*).
4. Way – the manner of a directed goal or destination.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Who was Naaman?
Naaman was a respected valiant warrior of Syria, a pagan nation; he was leprous.
2. How was he led to turn to the nation of Israel for his healing?
He was led there through a young Israelite girl who knew of Elisha’s prophesy. God had allowed her to become a captive who became a maid in the house of Naaman.
3. Listening to others’ conversation can be of some value, and many times lead to good. Yet, should all watch their manner of conversation?
Yes, “As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation” (I Peter 1:15).
4. Although Syria was a pagan nation, can you comprehend why God allowed the capture of the little girl, separating her from her family, who was able to share the knowledge of the True and Living God? What would this teach the youth today?
Lead the class in a discussion from Isaiah 58:8, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.”
5. Is one ever too young to know of the work and worth of God?
Using the lesson as a guide, lead the students in a discussion.

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.

LESSON 5

AUGUST 30, 2020

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

1. A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.
2. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.
3. The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.
4. A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.
5. A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6. In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked *is* trouble.
7. The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.
8. The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.
9. The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
10. Correction *is* grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *and* he that hateth reproof shall die.
11. Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?
12. A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.
13. A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.
14. The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.
15. All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.
16. Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.
17. Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.
18. A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.
19. The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain.
20. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.
21. Folly *is* joy to *him that is* destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.
22. Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.
23. A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*
24. The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.
25. The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.
26. The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.

PURPOSE: To show that man produces outward forms that work from the outside, but our God works from the inside out.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “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?” (Numbers 23:19).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Behold – to observe; consider; witness; an in-depth look.
2. Eyes – the organ of sight.
3. Knowledge – awareness gained by experience; practical understanding of a subject or information.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

If for one fraction of a second you thought or was taught that God has inferior vision and He is unable to simultaneously see all things, erase the thought and turn from the one who dared to teach it. He searches the inward heart of man, but He sees all the evil and all the good. There is no justification in unrighteousness. Regardless of what your eyes may accidentally come upon (*so it was with King David*), learn to quickly look away. While you may be watching someone or something, know that God is watching you.

Youth, set a better example by searching for means and opportunities to not repeat what wrong you may witness or heard of during someone else's conversation. There is a way to avoid and not repeat any of mankind's sin sickness or unseemly behavior. God will forgive, but He will also hold the perpetrator guilty with a set payday.

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

1. Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
2. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
3. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.
4. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.
5. Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:
6. 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;
7. To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.
8. I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
9. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10. Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.
11. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages *that* Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.
12. Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.
13. The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.
14. I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, *and* refrained myself: *now* will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.
15. I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.
16. And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.
17. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, *Ye are* our gods.
18. Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.
19. Who *is* blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant?
20. Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.
21. The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make *it* honourable.
22. But this *is* a people robbed and spoiled; *they are* all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.
23. Who among you will give ear to this? *who* will hearken and hear for the time to come?
24. Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.
25. Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid *it* not to heart.

PURPOSE: To emphasize that we, God's optometrists, are appointed to open the eyes of the blind.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: It is written: "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way" (Mark 10:51-52).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Evangelism – the preaching of the gospel; zealous advocacy of a cause or doctrine.
2. Evangelist – a preacher of the gospel; a lay person who does missionary work.
3. Isaiah – Jehovah has saved; the great evangelical Old Testament prophet who advocated salvation by the Grace of God through faith.
4. Optometrist – one who practices optometry (*the professional testing of the eyes for defects in vision, and then prescribing corrective lenses or exercises*).

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

The writings of Isaiah are quoted in the New Testament more than any of the Old Testament Books. Each year we set aside a day to focus on the involved work of evangelism.

The work of the ministry is set “To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prisons, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house” (Isa 42:7). Yet, the ministry fails that does not first watch him or herself. Apostle Paul was not negligent when he wrote to the Romans, “Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?” (Rom 2:21-23). Although you may not live or work within manmade bars, just remember that you are prisoners-at-large who must answer to God Walk worthy of the vocation wherein you are called (Eph. 4:1-3).

There are at least 22 biblical passages of Scriptures that says, “The eyes of the Lord” (21 Old and one New Testament). Noah found grace; there was one wrong attributed to David; Asa was compared to David; God’s eyes focused on the righteous and He pondered everything we do; scattered Israel was glorious; small things matters to Him are among the 22 references.

When the eyes of the Lord view what each of us does, He is not coming to speak to us face to face or argue with us mouth to mouth. Others have been appointed to WATCH for all the living souls that belong to God.

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

1. Give ear, O my people, *to* my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:
3. Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.
4. 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.

5. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:
6. That the generation to come might know *them*, *even* the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:
7. That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:
8. And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.
9. The children of Ephraim, *being* armed, *and* carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.
10. They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;
11. And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had showed them.
12. Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.
13. He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.
14. In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.
15. He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.
16. He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.
17. And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.
18. And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.
19. Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?
20. Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?
21. Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;
22. Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:
23. Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,
24. And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.
25. Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.
26. He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.
27. He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:
28. And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.
29. So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;
30. They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,
31. The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen *men* of Israel.
32. For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.
33. Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.
34. When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and inquired early after God.
35. And they remembered that God *was* their rock, and the high God their redeemer.
36. Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.
37. For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

38. But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.
39. For he remembered that they *were but* flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

PURPOSE: To urge grandparents to recount the divine oracles of God from generation to generation.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Tell the story of God in order to encourage others to put their trust in God. Remember His works and keep His Commandments.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Covenant – agreement between God and man, stating what God will do ... if man will follow His set rules/laws.
2. Generation – the adulthood span of life necessary to recreate another generation.
3. Give ear – to listen, adhere to what is being said.
4. Oracles – the inherent history and laws that are passed to each succeeding generation; advice, infallible guide/information that differentiates the family name.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What specific verses of the lesson reiterate the responsibility of grandparents? Expound on a few of the verses.
Take your cue from verses one through seven of the lesson.
2. If by chance one witness something wrong in a grandparent, what should they realize? All history of each generation is not always conveyed. This is a time to subtract or separate yourself from that one wrong act/behavioral deed. Look to the wisdom in Amos 5:15, “Hate the evil, and love the good.” Make it your responsibility to reestablish or establish what is right in the family tree.
3. Do you enjoy listening to your family history, hearing the goodness of how they overcame obstacles or the harshness of life? Allow the students to respond.
4. Do you value the generational account of the church history, beginning with the Founder? Those generations are your spiritual grandparents; each step they took became our teacher of right from wrong. From what oracles you have heard, can you go forward and teach other by the life you live?
All a class discussion.

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

1. The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2. When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
3. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.
4. One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.
5. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
6. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.
7. Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
8. *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.
9. Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
10. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.
11. Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.
12. Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.
13. *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
14. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that Almighty God is a stronghold in the day of trouble.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof” (Matthew 6:34).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Almighty God – the Father of all mankind and the all-wise Creator, whether acknowledged or unacknowledged, He is God.
2. Day of Trouble – disruption or unrest confronted in one’s planned direction; distress or inconvenience found enroute to a specific destination.
3. Indignation – resentment or scornful anger at what is perceived as unfair or unjust.
4. Light of My Salvation/Strength of My Life – the only wise God, the LORD.
5. Stronghold – fortress, place of refuge from danger or destruction; your sanctuary.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What sound information does Hebrews 10:31 relate to us?
“*It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

2. What pertinent obedience is exemplified in the lesson?
Allow the class to expound from verse 8. “*When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.*”
3. Should we hold fast to our belief in the Faith and Doctrine as taught by the church Founder, Mother Mary Magdalen Lewis-Tate, beginning as early as 1903?
4. Can one expect some good things to happen while we live?
Respond from verse 13 of the lesson.
5. Should we fear or retaliate against those who trouble us?
No, as believers of the Holy Scriptures, when we have done all that we can, we must rely on God as our stronghold. “*Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you*” (II Timothy 1:6).

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

1. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2. Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy.
3. Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I *am* the LORD your God.
4. Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I *am* the LORD your God.
5. And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer it at your own will.
6. It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.
7. And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it *is* abominable; it shall not be accepted.
8. Therefore *every one* that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.
9. And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.
10. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.
11. Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

12. And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.
13. Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob *him*: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.
14. Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.
15. 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.
16. Thou shalt not go up and down *as* a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I *am* the LORD.
17. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.
18. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD.
19. Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.
20. And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that *is* a bondmaid, betrothed to an husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; she shall be scourged; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.
21. And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, *even* a ram for a trespass offering.
22. And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done shall be forgiven him.
23. And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of.
24. But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise the LORD *withal*.
25. And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I *am* the LORD your God.
26. Ye shall not eat *any thing* with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times.
27. Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.
28. Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I *am* the LORD.
29. Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.
30. Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that one of the greatest problems confronting the church today is following after worldly trends envied by lukewarm church members.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The world has gone wild over tattooing, body piercing, etc. Some saints are enjoying today's lifestyles as others in the world.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Disobedience – a rebellion against what is a proved truth; unreadiness to submit to authority.
2. Reject – refusal to accept.
3. Sin – the unrighteous act of man in disobedience to the guiding law of God, either by commission or omission.
4. Stumblingblock – that which is placed in a set path to impede progress; an obstruction.
5. Unconditional – not being subject to conditions or limits; complete.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What did God declare through His chosen in the lesson?
In verse two of the lesson, God said, “Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy.”
2. Do your parents expect you to accomplish less than they accomplished in their lives?
Allow students to give their individual answers.
3. Let the students compare the expectation of God with the expectation of your parents. (*Usually, the expectation of the parents is for the child to surpass what the parents accomplishes. God is only saying that He is decreeing that we be holy just like him, there is no other expectation that could possibly burden you.*)
4. Discuss some of the sacrifices that are made because of the shared love of one to another.
5. Through this proof of your love, *which demonstrates a drawing and stronger attraction*, should one allow or accept the sacrificial love, if that sacrifice cause them to sin against God? Should it be rejected? Have a class discussion from the subject.

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.

LESSON 10

OCTOBER 4, 2020

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

1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.
2. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
4. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.
5. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
6. This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.
7. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
8. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.
9. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.
10. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.
11. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
12. He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
13. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
14. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
15. And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.
16. If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.
17. All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.
18. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.
19. *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.
20. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.
21. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

PURPOSE: To make known that a soldier is not made a soldier overnight, but each day's preparation goes to make the soldier proficient.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: There is no neutral or middle ground. It is either we are on God's side, or not.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. All – nothing omitted; the entire sum, completely.
2. Come – to advance or proceed forward toward a particular destination.
3. Life – evidenced by movement; the state of existence shown by consistent breathing, movement or growth.

4. Overcome – to come over; to prevail or surmount over opposition; to overpower obstacles in order to reach a designated goal.
5. Veins – the connecting vessel that transports life-giving blood throughout one’s body; the motherlode that defines any valued lifeline in any matter.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Give your view of how to change sides. How long can one estimate the remaining time in his or her life to make those changes?
Expound from James 4:14. “Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”
2. Discuss the predicament of the world, according to verse 19 of the lesson.
Allow each study to give at least one aspect of exposed wickedness in the world.
3. When is the only time that anyone can advance to changing the direction that leads from wrong to right?
Begin a class discussion from the subject of the lesson.

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

LESSONS 11-21

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

1. And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.
2. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
3. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.
4. And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
5. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
6. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:
7. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
8. Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
9. But as it is written, 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.
10. But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
11. 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.
12. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
13. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.
15. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
16. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

PURPOSE: To reveal that believers were in the mind of God in eternity “before the world was,” even before man was ever created.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “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” (Ephesians 1:4).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Compare – the act of enumerating the like characteristic in different things.
2. Excellency of Speech/wisdom – of oratorical ability.
3. Natural man – the common none-spiritual man.
4. Mystery – that which has not been revealed or made known.
5. Spirit of God – the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Mystery of mysteries, God reveals what He desires to whom He has chosen to carry His message in a select generation. Paul’s goal was to reach the masses, not man’s the select few. Jesus reached out to the common man and conveyed His message to the people in parables. Youth, this is your generation.
2. There is a need to comprehend the significance of the work in which you are to labor to draw others who will commit themselves to God.
3. Youth, are you listening? “He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost” (Acts 19:2).
4. Why reveal anything to another who does not believe? Have a short class discussion.
5. Can you see the revelation of God’s wrath against mankind’s unrighteousness, when they have been given the truth? Refer to Roman 1:18-20 for guidance in your answer.

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?

**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

1. Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for* praise is comely for the upright.
2. Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.
3. Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.
4. For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.
5. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
6. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
7. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.
8. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
9. For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.
10. The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.
11. The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
12. Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
13. The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.
14. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
15. He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.
16. There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.
17. An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.
18. Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;
19. To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
20. Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield.
21. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.
22. Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

PURPOSE: To confirm that the true Church of the Living God do preach and firmly believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost that these three are “One” in holy estate of the Godhead.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The laboring Trinity of the Godhead fashioned the perfect world out of nothing. There was no preexisting matter. God spoke, by the Word of His power, the creation of the earth came out of the womb of nothing.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Counsel – to exchange opinions relative to a matter; to privately give recommended guidance.
2. Fashion – to give shape to something; to form for a specific purpose or need.
3. Generation – the period from birth to adulthood.
4. Upright – positioned in a vertical position; morally or honorable in the walk of life.
5. Womb – the place where something is created, refer to Romans 6:5, and 12:2; the female protective organ that shields a begotten child until birth.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

There is not one thing that can come forth without first being planted. Unity of two or three can accomplish much in this world. The mind of creation, the word of execution, and the comforting spirit of keeping all in place ... the Trinity at work in the souls of mankind to redeem us back to God. God is not willing for any should perish, but that all of us come to repentance (II Pet. 3:9). Innocence cannot be claimed because the sin of disobedience by Adam and Eve fell on all. The 'I Didn't Do Nothing' song is done away.

Break up the soil of your stony heart, minister good seed to the sower, multiply the good that is sown daily so that your increase will be in righteousness (II Cor. 9:9-10). Youth, never accept the label that you are nothing. You are worth a double-hired servant of God (Deut. 15:18), your testimonial words are as silver (Ezek. 10:20a), and your life is real money (I Kgs. 21:2b). Out of the Womb of Nothing to your peers or mankind, yet to God, you are everything. Rejoice, as you make your petition known to God! Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

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

1. Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar.
2. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.
3. And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

4. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.
5. And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.
6. But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.
7. And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.
8. And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.
9. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.
10. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.
11. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.
12. And he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.
13. And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?
14. Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.
15. And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

PURPOSE: To warn of the perils of making unwise decisions without consulting God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Unwise decisions can have an impact on generations to come.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Canaan – all of Palestine, West of Jordan; the providential inheritance of the nation of Israel.
2. Hagar –the handmaid of Sarah; mother of Abraham's son Ishmael.
3. Mistress – female owner.
4. Sarai – the wife and half-sister of Abraham (Gen. 20:11-12) ; Sarah.
5. Unwise – without wisdom attained from learning or instinct.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. The word '*temperance*' means self-restraint/self-control. It is moderation, simply put, self-discipline.
2. Ephesians 5:17 teaches, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*."
3. Sarai, Abram's wife, in her loss of expectation for bearing a child, prematurely decided that her handmaid would also serve as the surrogate mother. Abram relented, and as a result Ishmael was born. This snowballing decision led to tension within the family unit.
4. Sarai/Sarah laughed within and lied aloud after hearing God's angelic messenger about the coming birth of a child (Gen. 18:12, 15). Abram/Abraham laugh was that of hope

of what seem impossible (Gen. 17:15-18), their ages (100 and 90) making the likelihood improbable.

5. "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD" (Psa. 27:4).
6. Decisiveness can lead to divisiveness when one does come to a bend in that road or refuse to exit. Be forewarned, think before starting on an unpaved journey.

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

1. The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;
2. To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
3. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.
4. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.
5. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.
6. But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.
7. For your shame *ye shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.
8. For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
9. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed.

10. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.
11. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

PURPOSE: To remind us that for over 2000 years, Jesus has been on His way back to planet earth to take His children out of this evil world. Are you ready?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer” (Isaiah 54:7-8).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Adorn/Deck – wedding finery used to descriptively symbolize receiving the message of God’s salvation and righteousness.
2. Anointed – the setting aside for a specific work to labor for a just cause, usually in a religious ceremony or setting, but not always.
3. Awesome – filled with reverent emotion; inspiring.
4. Strange Voices – the unfamiliar vocalized messages; the oracles/forewarnings of God.
5. Plowmen/Vinedressers – occupants of the land who would become servants of God’s people rather than oppressors.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. If you have been anointed to preach, when were you first aware and what would you believe to be your first message? Search for your answer in verses 1, 2 and 3 of the lesson and expound from those verses.
2. What characteristics would you require of yourself to exhibit from within, before family and peers, and in sight of the church family? Reflect and answer.
3. Would you be found uttering messages that you have never spoken, or that spontaneously come from within you that will even touch your very soul? Reflect of the spontaneous good wisdom that came from within you or from another.
4. Are you willing to live a holy life as exemplified by Christ? Allow the students to respond.
5. Are you finding yourself responsible for getting yourself ready to help others get ready to absolve and live within the Gospel Message that leads to eternal life?
6. The God given cameras (the eyes,) as well as those of artificial intelligence, surround us constantly, there is no place to hide, not even from your own heart. Do you know the necessity of first teaching yourself? (Rom. 2:21-22)

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.

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

1. My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
2. For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.
3. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:
4. So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.
5. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
7. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
8. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.
9. Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
10. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
11. My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:
12. For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.
13. Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.
14. For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.
15. She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.
16. Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.
17. Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.
18. She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.
19. The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.
20. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.
21. My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:
22. So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.
23. Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.
24. When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.
25. Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.
26. For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that God, the Creator, is King over all the people of the earth.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Acknowledge – to recognize the existence of something.
2. Divine – the state of being godlike; supremely good.
3. Proverb – the generalizing of facts observed of the human life; a short piety saying in widespread use expressing basic truth or practical precepts.
4. Substance – that which is practical, such as a plan; anything that has mass and occupies space.
5. Wisdom – the beginning of knowledge; understanding what is true, right or lasting; common sense; good judgment.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. After being instructed by your parentage figures, teachers, etc., do you have a tendency to forget with a stubborn attitude that your forgetfulness is innate?
2. Without understanding, wisdom can prove to be devalued. Where do you stand with scriptural proof?
Consider starting with Proverbs 4:7, “Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.”
3. To whom do you go, seeking wisdom?
4. What things are the youth admonished to do?
Youth are admonished to seek God, and in Him they will find Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding (Exo. 31:3; Prov. 2:6, 9:10)
5. The application of wisdom is knowledge, and understanding is the comprehension of both. The Creator of the world, the Builder and the Maker is God (Heb. 11:10). A builder starts with a foundation, and the Foundation of God stands sure. In Jesus, His Living Word, we find the Chief Cornerstone (Psa. 102:25; Isa. 48:13; John 1:1, 9, 12-14; Eph. 2:20 and in Him the righteous is found forever (Prov. 10:25).

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

24. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.
25. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

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.
27. So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
29. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.
30. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.
31. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

PURPOSE: To encourage saints to believe and holdfast to the unchanging Word of God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The Bible teaches us, in Genesis 1:24-26, that the living creatures were made after their own kind, but man was made after the image and likeness of God.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Created – the state of being brought into existence; to produce through need for existence.
2. Creep – to move closer in an effort to not be detected.
3. Image – a replica of what is already in existence; a duplicate.
4. Male and Female – the first living beings created by God to reproduce themselves, maintain the earth, and obey God; the optimum components necessary to replicate the reproduction of mankind.
5. Multiply – to increase in amount; to reproduce.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. The word ‘Genesis’ means beginning. It is the First Book of the Bible. In it, you will find some parallelism with the Book of Revelation, the Last Book of the Bible. In Genesis is illustrated the working God in all His wisdom. When He created, He made it possible for recreation of what He had done. In all of His creation, God summed up what He saw as being good. What do you see in yourself and others?
Allow the students to answer.
2. Usually the physical likeness and behavior of parents are expected in the offspring. What are behavior habits that would exhibit God in you, your heavenly Father?
Allow the students to answer.
3. Are you so focused on the behavior of adults that you miss searching out what your behavior would really be? Lead the class in a s short discussion.
4. Image maker and image seeker, God is both. Are you striving to make sure that God will find you?

In your reply, expound from John 4:23, “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.”

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.

LESSON 17

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

**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 steadfast, 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

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

PURPOSE: To stimulate honor and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His unique and timeless blessings.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (I Thessalonians 5:18).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Pasture – a tract of vegetation land suitable for grazing/feeding; a feeding ground; the church.
2. Sheep – any of various, usually horned ruminant mammals raise for wool, meat, or skin; one who is easily swayed or led to do something; the hungry souls of mankind.
3. Thanks – an expression of gratitude for some act of courtesy rendered.
4. Timeless – without limitation; unaffected by time; ageless.
5. Unique – characteristic of being one of a kind; in its own category.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Where there are no sheep, there is no need of a pasture. The requisite is for all to make a joyful noise in praise to God. Thank Him for all blessings, not forgetting the trials that He brought us through. And, be glad to serve the Lord. Know that God is the God of all creation, and the Maker of all mankind. As the sheep of God, not being lured outside of God's pasture from which they are spiritually fed. Youth, you belong to God and you are not your own.

Be glad to come into God's House. If you cannot meet there with other fellow citizens of the household of faith, remember how God will not forget your consecrated soul when His Holy Spirit is poured out (Num. 11:25-20). Be persistent and unmovable in your stance for the good of the church and the cause of Christ, for you are not alone.

In due time, God will move with fear those whom He will. Be faithful, never forgetting the power and work of God. Be grateful, many have not labored as Hezekiah that they can enumerate past work completed and future blessings expected. Remember Hezekiah (II Kgs. 20:1-11). When you have done all that you can, to be thankful in everything (I Thess. 5:18) is a unique and timeless blessing.

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

1. Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;
2. That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.
3. For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:
4. Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*:
5. Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.
6. For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.
7. But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.
8. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.
9. Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

10. As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

PURPOSE: To show that when we are suffering and being reproached as a Christian, it is not an occasion for feeling ashamed, but to glorify Almighty God. It is written: “Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf” (I Peter 4:16).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:10).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Crown – the covering or headdress worn to signify a status accomplished or a seat of responsibility.
2. Lasciviousness – inordinate desire for what is not yours; lustfulness.
3. Reveling – taking great pleasure or delight in boisterous festivities or a celebration.
4. Suffice – to be sufficient; enough; capable or competent.
5. Suffered – the state of having endured distress or pain.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Many who give out of purpose, ideas, energy, trials of life, etc., will give up, losing sight of a set goal. Today, you are admonished to never give up in your quest to obtain an eternal crown of life. Jesus suffered. He knew what hunger was after fasting, He knew how it felt to be despised by those in authority in the land, and He still knows betrayal. By not losing sight on the purpose of His coming into this world, you have fellowship with God the Father and God the Son through God the Holy Ghost. You have the Trinity to help you in every step made on your journey. You are never alone and will never be forsaken or forgotten.

Arm yourselves with that same mentality through your suffering (*classmate bullying, cruel and disdain, mockery*). Prove yourself to others by precept upon precept, line upon line (Isa. 28:10-13). *That is*, observe and obey all of the commandments charged to you, and with what measures that is mete (*what you expect*) unto you they shall be measured also. *And then*, consider others as you desire for them to consider you.

Our space here is short, regardless of how long one may think it is. We have no time to slumber and sleep while others are working. Tiredness may come or illness, struggles and afflictions may impede your progress, but, youth, don’t give up on eternal life. Jesus is ever-ready to see you through all ill-will, hurt, and heartaches.

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.

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

1. And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.
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,
3. Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.
4. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and forty and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.
5. Of the tribe of Judah *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad *were* sealed twelve thousand.
6. Of the tribe of Aser *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtalim *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses *were* sealed twelve thousand.
7. Of the tribe of Simeon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar *were* sealed twelve thousand.
8. Of the tribe of Zabulon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin *were* sealed twelve thousand.
9. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
10. And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.
11. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,
12. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.
13. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?
14. And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.
16. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
17. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

PURPOSE: To remind God’s people, “grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:30-32).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Be not “weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Galatians 6:9).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Believer – one who takes a stand in a cause, usually without reservation and no persuasion.
2. Multitude – an innumerable number; countless.
3. Promise – a declaration of assurance; a commitment.
4. Sealed – closed without a possibility of being broken or changed; airtight agreement.
5. Tribulation – unbearable affliction or burden; a test of endurance.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

God sometimes delays destruction, punishments, as well as blessings. In due time, all will be done. Society has determined the age of admitting a child into school, yet many children may lag in their studies until their readiness is come. We may call it the awakening of their appetite for knowledge. The gradual time for something to better to come.

It was so from the time of the transgression of Adam and Eve who were called into question. Adam blame his wife Eve for his own disobedience, and Eve put the blame on the serpent that began to speak for Satan. Fast forward to the coming of God’s Son, the Incarnate Word of God, who descended with proof that man can obey God and live free *without sin* among their fellowman. To do this, there is still one requirement. We must believe on the Son of God in order to be sealed with the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of promised, that is predicated in Genesis 3:15. We can now be locked in to live with God forever and lock out of eternity in the damnation of Hell. Locked in to be locked out.

Surely, you must be aware that it is better not to promise something than to promise and fail to deliver. It may take some time to fulfill a promise, and often that fulfillment if not met during life is met in an inheritance. Such as it was with Jesus who said, “If I go not away, the Comforter will not come” (John 16:7). Youth, Jesus came, suffered, and died so that not one soul among you will be lost. Live, so as not to distract one another from the way of holiness that leads to eternal life. Love one another so all souls will be preserved in righteousness, sealed unto the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30).

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.

**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

1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
2. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
3. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.
4. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
5. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.
6. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
7. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.
8. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.
9. And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.
10. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
11. Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;
12. And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
13. On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.
14. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
15. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.
17. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred *and forty and four* cubits, *according to* the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.
18. And the building of the wall of it was *of* jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like unto clear glass.
19. And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation *was* jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;
20. The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.
21. And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass.
22. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.
23. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.
24. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.
25. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.
26. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.
27. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

PURPOSE: To make known that “If any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (II Corinthians 5:17).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: When we think of new things in that glorious city, we think of God's glory, spiritual light, radiancy, precious stones, pearly gates, all of the saints and kings and priests bringing their honor to the city.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

- 1 Abominable – that which is detestable or repugnant before God; atrocious.
- 2 Brimstone – sulfur; destructive substance of the earth found in volcanic mountains; sulfur is flammable. Psalm 11:6, “Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.”
- 3 Lamb – this is a reference to Jesus, the slain Lamb of God to redeem the sins of the world.
- 4 New – whatever has not been previously known or revealed.
- 5 Rejoice – a delightful celebration.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

As a new bridegroom beholds and welcomes his bride as ‘a joy’, so will God welcome you in the Resurrection. You have been washed, you have been cleaned and you are now redeemed from this earth. As parents behold the fruit of their bodies, you, with wonder and praise for the good they have witnessed, so will God welcome you.

With great expectation, you will first put off the old so that you will obtain a new life here on earth to claim your inheritance with God. You are a new creature that cannot and will not bow to the works of darkness. Set the example of godliness when you cannot see it. Walk in the Way to get where God awaits you so others will see Him, too. Believe in the Truth that you cannot see with the natural eye. Live the Life to forever serve God.

Youth, strive to be the new creature in Christ Jesus who set the example and went about doing good. Live to expect to see the twelve angels at the 12 gates, expect to enter the Square City (Decree pgs. 34-35).

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.

LESSON 21

DECEMBER 20, 2020

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

1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
2. Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
3. When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
4. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
5. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,
6. And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.
7. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.
9. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.
12. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.
13. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.
14. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:
15. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.
16. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.
17. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,
18. In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.
19. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
20. Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.
21. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.
22. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:
23. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that it doesn't matter what we are facing or what we are going through, the Day Star is "shining in a dark place, until the day dawn," and it will arise in our hearts.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: "The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple" (Psalm 19:7).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Morning Star – one of the many descriptive names for Jesus (Isa. 9:6; Rev. 22:16).
2. Prophecy – the revealed truths of God.
3. Rachel – younger sister of Leah and wife of Jacob; Jeremiah 31:15-16 symbolically records her disparity over the exile of the Northern Kingdom under the king of Assyria. The painful death in birth or her son Benjamin (*no mother desires a child to precede her in death, neither to die in childbirth, leaving her child at the mercy and care of another*) is recorded in Gen. 35:18.
4. Rama – (Ramah) height; ancient cities of Palestine located on the top of mountains.
5. Troubled – perplexed mentally; agitated; disturbed.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

In life, we often do not travel the well-planned route that is laid out before us. For some cause, life circumstances redirect us to a different path. Why turn aside and go around an obstacle that may hinder you from reaching your destination? What God has chosen for you He will determine the route you must take to get there.

The fact of the lesson is **Jesus was born**. He entered this world as proof that the human flesh can be subject to like passions and yet remain free from the many offered sins manifested to the world. The path you take will be followed by someone, be discreet in all you do in your work for the Master and Creator of all. Missing the steps on the rung of a ladder (*or the rung has been destroyed by another*), can cause a great fall, long before you reach the pinnacle. Tread lightly but firmly, so that others will not fear to climb.

As it was during the time of Jesus' birth, there are those today who will plot to harm you in some devious way by word or deed. Joseph was directed by an angel of the Lord to take another route home. Jesus was hidden in Egypt until the death of Herod. God could have so easily removed Herod from his position, but the Scripture (v. 16) had to be fulfilled (Exo. 4:22; Num. 24:8; Hos. 11:1), and the Child Jesus needed time to become a bit older to begin His work.

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

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

25. I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

PURPOSE: God's Word concerning sin is the same today, yesterday and forever more.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: God, the Great Judge of the earth, is under oath to enforce His law of sin and death, regardless of who is guilty.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Body of this Death – the inward man's fleshly cravings; desires that impede the spiritual strength to live in accordance to the will of God (I Thess. 4:3; I Pet. 4:2).
2. Deliver – save or set free; bring to fruition in obedience to God will.
3. Dwell – not moving; stationary; abiding within.
4. Motions of Sin – sinful acts that can destroy body, mind, spirit and soul.
5. Wretched – a deplorable state of distress or misfortune.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Put the blame where it is. Sin is a transgression of the law. Learn what not to do after witnessing the lack of discretion in the lives of others, when there is no other way in view. Put up your roadblocks. Put on your boxing gloves. Fight for the preservation of your soul. The only good thing in a wrong is when it teaches another to shun the evil due to the severity of punishment that follows.
2. If you feel the pain of natural death, and it is unbearable for some, imagine the severity of pain felt when we are found spiritually twice dead (Jude 11-13). Or, remember in I Timothy 5:6, "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth."
3. Was your expected deliverance always there, waiting patiently for you? Consider Matthew 25:34 to help in your answer.
"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."
4. But you have been taught. You have been witnessed. Second Peter 3:17, "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing **ye know these things before**, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness."
5. We can still hear Bishop M. F. L. Keith teaching from the sixth chapter of Romans: "What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin**, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, **that are dead to sin**, live any longer there?"

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

1. Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.
2. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.
3. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.
4. For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.
5. The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
6. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.
7. But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
8. Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.
9. For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part *is* very wickedness; their throat *is* an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.
10. Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.
11. But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.
12. For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that God expects His people to call upon Him when they are in need of deliverance.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: There is only One who can help us in time of need and that is the Lord Himself. He has all authority and all power in heaven and on earth.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Ear – the organ of hearing; sensitivity or receptiveness to sound.
2. Iniquity – wickedness; gross immorality; unrighteous behavior.
3. Praying – the earnest requests of man which may be unuttered or expressed.
4. Trusting – faith exercised without doubt.
5. Voice – the uttered vocal sound of a human being; expressed speech of the mind.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Have you ever begged to be heard? Do you realize that the individual you are talking to is sometimes so intent on their reply that you are not heard? God hears everything. By the multitude of words, sometimes you talk up on your own answer ... God is listening, and He had this way of causing you to hear Him, by remembering. As the parent may begin to enumerate your trespasses by saying, ‘remember when’ over and over...until all of your unpunished deeds have gotten their justice off of you.

However, all suffering is not a result of being corrected. Some infirmities are placed on us to keep us humble in our work for God. Apostle Paul would only glory in his infirmities, though God greatly ministered through him. After his third plea for God’s intervention, God replied, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness” (II Cor. 12:8-9).

It is such a blessing to be able to talk with God. One minister would often testify, “Those who can get a prayer through and an answer back, pray for me.” As it was with Paul, God replied. Paul have suffered greatly in his work of the ministry. In his suffering, God blessed his work.

David was not hesitant to talk with the hearing God. He knew that God is not a God that speaks leasing/lies. When you know God, don’t hesitate to go to Him. He does not leave or forsake those He owns. When you desire the things for yourself that He desires for you, be grateful. God knows what lies ahead, we can only expect what is ahead based on our limited knowledge.

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

13. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:
14. Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
15. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
16. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
17. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
18. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
20. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
21. Not 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.
22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
23. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
24. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
26. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
27. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.
28. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:
29. For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

PURPOSE: To make known that those who trust they will be saved by their work shall be lost in the Day of Judgment, for no man can be saved by any good work he does. It is written: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: 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” (Ephesians 2:8-10).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!” (Isaiah 5:20-21)

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Deceived – misled; betrayed by someone’s else persuasion or desire.
2. Gate – an entrance of passage to a known designation.
3. Saved – deliverance from the guilt, power and dominion of sin.
4. Works – efforts; the results of energy expended to accomplish goals.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Is it advantageous to walk the **straight** and **narrow** path when you know where you are going? Allow the students to answer individually, with an example.
2. What would be the purpose of traveling in a strict/exact and narrow/tight way of life to your soul salvation? Reply with what you cannot do in such a pathway.
3. What would be considered a wide and broad way of life?
In a wide/broad way of life there is much room to wander, sometimes there is enough space to make a U-Turn. Many things along the route may distract you, or slow one down with too much curiosity. One may turn aside, losing sight of the designation for eternal life.
4. Are you aware that God will deny you, when you willfully sin and forsake His glory without confession and repentance? Discuss with the class.
5. Jesus went about doing good, He gave up all He had for our eternal life. It pained in the spirit, but the sacrifice had to be made. When you are asked to allot some of your time to do certain work in the church, are you feeling inept or just inconvenience to make the sacrifice? Allow the students to reply.

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.

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

10. 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,
11. Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.
12. For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.
13. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.
14. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee *so to do*.
15. The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;
16. According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.
17. And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.
18. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.
19. And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.
20. But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.
21. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?
22. When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that God's people are warned against the satanic traps of Satan, which are deceitful, false, and demonic.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Many people, including saints, are fascinated by horoscopes, fortune telling, witchcraft, and bizarre cults; as a result, their interest comes from a desire to know and control the future.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Abomination – something regarded with disgust or hatred; to dislike; detest.
2. Divination – the art or practice that seeks to foresee or foretell future events or discover hidden knowledge by interpretation of omens or by supernatural powers.
3. Heathen – an unconverted nation or people who do not regard God the Creator; uncivilized.
4. Subdue – to conquer or bring under control; to defeat or overcome.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What was God's purpose for sending Moses, the Lawgiver, as a messenger to the Children of Israel in today's lesson?

The Children of Israel were preparing to enter Canaan, a land of their inheritance inhabited by heathen nations who embraced idolatrous customs. Therefore, they were commanded to have no fellowship with or practice the abominations of these nations. It is written, "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" (Deuteronomy 18:9).

2. Have the class discuss the various occult practices in Verses 10, 11 and 14 that were widely accepted by the heathen nations and whether they still exist today.
3. According to the lesson, what is the mark of a true prophet versus that of a false prophet?

God's children must be a discerning people who can recognize the difference between a true or false prophet. God promised to arm against the wiles of Satan by sending Christ and His disciples throughout the world to speak for Him. Is it not written: "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die" (Deuteronomy 18:18-20).

4. Why are people swayed into believing or following the false teachings of cunning and charismatic preachers whose purpose is to deceive?

It is written: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Timothy 4:3-4).

5. What is God's judgement upon those who do not observe His Statutes and Commandments as outlined in the Memory Verse?

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

14. And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;
15. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
17. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:
18. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.
19. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
20. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
21. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
22. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that God is displeased with a church (or Christian) that is happy with itself, happy where it is and happy with what it has done.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be probates?” (II Corinthians 13:5)

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Amen – transliteration of the Hebrew word *truth*; agreed.
2. Angel of the Church – the messenger inquiring of Apostle John what is to be conveyed to the church.
3. Laodicea – although situated in an area prone to earthquakes, the city was an important trade center. Their water was access via an aqueduct, making the area prone to drought and enemies.
4. Lukewarm – a temperature that is neither cold nor hot; tepid; the sense of being indifferent; halfhearted.
5. Spue (spew) – to expel what is unpleasant that the body cannot digest; figuratively, God’s utter abhorrence of the condition of the Laodicean church congregation.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Not cool enough to be cold and not warm enough to be hot is lukewarm. Your body can and will sometimes reject such water after it is consumed. Spiritually, it is a very sick condition to endure. There is a phrase that says, ‘I am sick and tired of being sick and tired’, and truly it is time to make the drastic change for the better things, which are expected of you. (Hebrews 6:9, “But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.”) Amen.

The word *amen* means to confirm or affirm what is written or spoken. Metaphorically it means *faithful* and *true*. With all that you have witnessed, as Moses said to Israel, these 40 years they were not open to rationalize on the true value. In Deuteronomy 29:4, “Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.” For 40 years, their readiness was not there, even today for some (II Cor. 3:15; Eph. 4:18).

Of all the wealth or goods of this world that you may accumulate, you can yet find yourself summed up in verse 17 of the lesson. Wretched, due to fear of losing it all; miserable, due to others standing in line to remove it; poor, in the spirit of which it was

obtained; blind, as how to manage; naked, because the cover comes off and exposes everything through social media and mouths that cannot be stopped.

Lukewarm is displeasing in the sight of the One and only who beholds the good and the bad. Never be self-assertive in your worldly attainments and chosen life, for the Lord yet will give to others, and He is the one who can orchestrate the taking away. Excel in the riches that lead to eternal life, and God will supply your needs. Trust Him!

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

12. And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.
13. And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told *it*, all the city cried out.
14. And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What *meaneth* the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.
15. Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.
16. And the man said unto Eli, I *am* he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?
17. And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.
18. And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.
19. And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, *near* to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.
20. And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard *it*.

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.
22. And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

PURPOSE: To stress biblical facts that failure to teach the people all the fullness of God's Word can cost the church the presence of God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Many leaders fear teaching the whole gospel truth, thinking it will divide and destroy the church. In fact, just the opposite happens, telling the **whole truth** will unite the church, revive its spirit and produce spiritual growth.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Ark of God – the Ark of the Covenant that contained the Ten Commandments and other artifacts of the Jews; it could only be carried by the priests, if another touched the Ark, they died (I Chronicles 5:2, 12-13).
2. Ichabod – where is the glory; inglorious; son of Phinehas and grandson of Eli, his mother died in childbirth.
3. Tumult – and up roaring noise; dissatisfaction; chaos.
4. Vanishing – ceasing to exist; losing its importance.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Ichabod Crane is the fictional protagonist/character in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. He was the unattractive schoolmaster within the story. Although poor, his main interest was self-advancement, and he tried to impress the rich families' daughters with his job position. His supernatural phenomena belief in ghosts, and listening to the tales of the daughters where he dined, it got the best of him. He also became filled with all the gossip. In falling short in his competition for a young lady's hand, he leaves an after party 'tête-à-tête with the heiress' in disappointment for her hand in marriage. He became prey of his own false superstitious belief. He met a headless ghost, who is assumed to be the other suitor of the heiress, who had managed to rid himself of his competitor, Ichabod.

With close attention, you can comprehend a biblical connotation in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, and many other movies. Someway and somehow, even though many lives are lived as shattered, there is something good unforgotten as stressed to the angel of the church in Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6).

Competitions to reach heights above others, airs of superiority, and turning from the righteousness that have been taught and receive, can be detrimental to your soul. You don't comprehend the history of the suffering and sacrifices made by the pioneers for the good of the church and the cause of Christ. Achievement, other than in righteous, comes to be more valuable. Attainment to look down rather than to help upbuild your fellow warriors will draw you away from the Faith and Doctrine ... and the Law of Christ in the Churches will vanish in your life. Second Corinthians 10:12 may help each to steer others, as we strive for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Its everlasting attainable glory will not depart.

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

26. And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.
27. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.
28. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;
29. But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.
30. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.
31. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.
32. Remember Lot's wife.
33. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.
34. I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.
35. Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
36. Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
37. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body *is*, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

PURPOSE: To bring to light how man disobeyed God's Commandments and fell from His grace.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: "For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under heaven, shineth unto the other *part* under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day" (Luke 17:24).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Goodman – the head of the household.
2. Lot – Son of Haran and nephew of Abraham; he, his wife and daughters fled Sodom prior to the city's destruction. After their departure, they were not to look back. Yet his wife did so and turned into a pillar of salt. His daughters who were spared their humbling by the unrighteous perverts of their day. Yes, in their wisdom that dare to get their father drunk two consecutive nights, and conceived sons (one by the name of Moab and Benammi, Genesis 19:36-38)

3. Noe, Noah – the son of Lamech and tenth descent from Adam (Genesis 5:28-29); father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth. He pointed out mankind’s wickedness, and preached righteousness. He was called ‘a friend of God.’
4. Sodom – one of the sister cities (Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboliim, and Zoar) in the ‘valley of the Siddim’ (Genesis 14:1-3). After 14 years of servitude to kings Chedorlaomer, Arioch, Tidal, and Amraphel, they rebelled, and suffered loss. Lot, Abraham’s nephew was a citizen of Sodom. After retaliation by Abraham and his 318 servants, Melchizedek (of whom Jesus is liken – see Hebrews 5:6, 10, 20, 7:11, 17, 21), met Abraham (Genesis 14:16-20).
5. Watch – be alert; be conscious of; spiritual awareness.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Who is considered the ‘goodman’ of the house?
The head of the house is the goodman or watchman for that household.
2. What are some things you can do to lessen the workload of the ‘goodman’ of your house?
Please begin your list with a) obeying the set curfew, b) complete your school homework, c) lend a helping hand in the upkeep of house – please continue adding to the list.
3. Have you observed disasters within families that escalated out of the home, due to another making decisions that are detrimental for the household? Allow the students to have a short discussion by interjecting a situation to them that was noted on television, or in a book.
4. What could be the chief reason many are not watchful, repeating the disasters or missteps that occurred in the family or in the lives of others?
We do not listen and put up guard-rails to prevent the many falls placed in our paths.
5. None of us can ascertain the day that our time on earth will be complete. Are you striving to sum up your work in righteousness, so that when the call is made you will be more than ready?
Allow the students to reply and expound on at least one thing that is being done and one thing that has gone lacking.

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

1. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2. Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them; This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying,
3. What man soever *there be* of the house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth *it* out of the camp,
4. And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD; blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people:
5. To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest, and offer them *for* peace offerings unto the LORD.
6. And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savour unto the LORD.
7. And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.
8. And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt offering or sacrifice,
9. And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.
10. And whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.
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.
12. Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.
13. And whatsoever man *there be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.
14. For *it is* the life of all flesh; the blood of it *is* for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh *is* the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.
15. And every soul that eateth that which died *of itself*, or that which was torn *with beasts*, *whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean.
16. But if he wash *them* not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.

PURPOSE: To reveal that the divine blood in human flesh is so powerful that if can melt the most callous, murderous, vengeful and spiteful hearts known to mankind.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Man's disobedience to God's Commandment was not to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which caused death in the blood.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Atonement – to become at one with God; redemption by the shed blood of Jesus through the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

2. Death in the Blood – a spiritual connotation signifying the worthiness of just how, where, and the life from which the blood was shed to sustain our spiritual and eternal life.
3. Imputed – charged; attributed.
4. Sin in the Heart – the heart is the seat of all affections.
5. Tabernacle – the place of assembly for religious study and worship.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. God is jealous, and rightly so. For all He has done and for all that He can do, we are to follow His directives. Laws that may seem insignificant to us, have a broader meaning to Him, and to your parents, also. Why would the Law of God specify that those of the House of Israel bring the ox, lamb or goat that was killed in/out the camp be brought before the tabernacle for a sacrifice?
 - a) The ox, lamb and goat are sacrificial animals signifying peace/fellowship with God. The shedding of blood remits sin (Heb. 9:22), bringing man back in harmony/at peace with God. That planned feast would be without God's presence.
 - b) To sneak a feast away or have a fellowship without God was idolatrous and tainted.
 - c) Drain the blood from the animals killed for human consumption.
 - d) The law forbade the eating of animals that died a natural death or were killed by other animals; to disobey rendered God's people spiritually unclean.
2. We have access to God through our sacrifices.
3. The 17th Chapter of Leviticus is referred to as 'Fellow with God' and the 'Holiness Code.' What should we remember about the Old Testament Law?
We should always remember the purpose of the Schoolmaster. Galatians 3:24-25, "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."
4. What should we know about the Book of Galatians?
We should know that the Book of Galatians is classed as the Magna Charta of Christian liberty, the Declaration of Independence. It contains the defense of the gospel truth of Salvation of Grace by Faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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

23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.
24. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.
25. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.
26. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
27. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.
28. 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.
29. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
31. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.
32. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:
33. Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?
34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.
35. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

PURPOSE: To remind God's people that if we fail to impart forgiveness, when one who has offended us repents of the offense, we expose ourselves to the coals of fire, and we are in worse shape than the one who has given the offense.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Christians are commanded to be forgiving. Whatever the offences, we are told to forgive those who offended us as many times as we are offended. This degree of forgiveness, however hard it is for many of us to do, is very important.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Fellowservant – one who endures like servitude as another servant.
2. Servant – one who serves; a submissive and obedient individual who makes himself or herself available for the need of others.
3. Talent – a sum of money; 10,000 talents indicates the impossibility of man's clearing himself, by his own efforts, of the guilt which lies upon him before God.
4. Unjust – the violation of principles of justice or fairness.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

A comparison is given of the Kingdom of heaven and the earthy life among mankind. This is a lesson of just how we ought to behave toward each other when we fail to meet any pledged obligation. Modern day saying is to 'pay it forward'.

There will always be a time of shortcoming in the lives of most of us. It is a time to remind ourselves that others stand in the need of our empathy and gives us an excellent opportunity to know that we should forgive others. “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors” is not to be frivolously uttered in our petition to God. Just as deeply as we need forgiveness from God, we should also deeply forgive others. The open heart of giving is also to open to forgiveness.

Life is short, regardless of how long one lives ... when separation comes, we find that the time together was just not long enough, not enough days, never enough years. Forgiveness is healing. It frees one from inward pain or anguish. The unforgiving heart can become filled with revenge, and if the pain inflicted was not intentional, forgive. If the wrong inflicted was intentional, forgive, and leave the inevitable law of retribution in the hands of God ... He always measures out justice in His set time. Remember, it could very well be that the infraction was a test for you or maybe a reminder to ask forgiveness of God for some past act.

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

1. Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.
2. Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.
3. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.
4. Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.
5. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!
6. Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7. I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.
8. I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.
9. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.
10. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.
11. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.
12. Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.
13. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.
14. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.
15. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.
16. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.
17. Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and keep thy word.
18. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.
19. I *am* a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.
20. My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto thy judgments at all times.
21. Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed, which do err from thy commandments.
22. Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.
23. Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but* thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.
24. Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors.

PURPOSE: To reveal Psalm 119 as a roadmap for getting the wisdom, values and principles God’s leaders need to lead the LORD’s people effectively.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: God’s leaders do not seek the praises of men; they seek to please the LORD.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Contempt – a powerful feeling of dislike toward somebody or something considered to be worthless, inferior, or undeserving of respect.
2. Reproach – to criticize somebody for doing something wrong.
3. Principles – an important underlying law or assumption required in a system of thought.
4. Statutes – Decrees, an order with the power of legislation issued by a ruler or other person or group with authority.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Of the Five Divisions or Books of Psalms, 119 in the Fifth Division/Book. It is unique because the entire passage focuses on the Word of God, rather than the works or the character of God. This passage of in the Psalms, if read and thoroughly studied, enables leaders to obtain wisdom, values and principles needed to lead God’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 possess the spiritual qualities.

1. What is the basic requirement of God’s leaders? (Class Discussion)
2. It is not necessary for a leader to have integrity. True ____ or False ____ Why?

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

33. Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.
34. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame.
35. But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?
36. *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

37. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*:
38. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.
39. All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.
40. *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.
41. *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.
42. So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:
43. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:
44. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
45. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.
46. Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.
47. The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.
48. As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.
49. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
50. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
51. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
52. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
53. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
54. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
55. O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?
56. The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.
57. But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

PURPOSE: To reiterate that we are influenced by the company we keep. Often there are people around us who have a negative effect on our morality and decision making, sometimes they are our family members.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (I Corinthians 15:33).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Company – referring to companionship, friendship, camaraderie; those you allow to become close and influencing friends.

2. Counsel – guidance; consultation to seek advice; assist or guide in resolving problems.
3. Quicken – to give life; an awakening or awareness of the beginning of new life.
4. Watch – be on alert or aware of attentively; keep under observation.
5. Youth – the early part of life between childhood and adulthood; early stage of development; young people.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

WATCH as an acronym was often taught by Bishop James W. Jenkins. Watch your **W**ays, **A**ctions, **T**ongue, **C**haracter, **H**eart and **H**ands.

Today, each word rings clear and true of each generation. The manner and way of how we do whatever we do, is still important. How we act/ behave in rendering service for any work or deed has a bearing on how it will be received. What we say and how we say it can uplift or traumatize another. Your reputation is what others may think of you, but your character tells all who we really are, depict being just you and not another. Never try to live up to what others may misconstrue in your life, it can be harmful

Scripture teaches that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Mat. 12:34; Luke 6:45). Be careful of what is fed and what you take to heart. As in Psalm 14:12, “Let...the lifting up of my hands [be] *as* the evening sacrifice.” Whatever you do with your hands, consider it as being a sacrifice to God. You will never go wrong.

If the company you keep would attempt to lead you away from serving God, beware! Remember, we cannot get to heaven going in the wrong direction.

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 Hearken 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

1. When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses’ father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, *and* that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt;
2. Then Jethro, Moses’ father in law, took Zipporah, Moses’ wife, after he had sent her back,
3. And her two sons; of which the name of the one *was* Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land:
4. And the name of the other *was* Eliezer; for the God of my father, *said he*, *was* mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:

5. And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God:
6. And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.
7. And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of *their* welfare; and they came into the tent.
8. And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, *and* all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and *how* the LORD delivered them.
9. And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.
10. And Jethro said, Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.
11. Now I know that the LORD *is* greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly *he was* above them.
12. And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.
13. And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.
14. And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What *is* this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?
15. And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to inquire of God:
16. When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make *them* know the statutes of God, and his laws.
17. And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest *is* not good.
18. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that *is* with thee: for this thing *is* too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.
19. Hearken 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:
20. And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.
21. Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:
22. And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.
23. If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee *so*, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.
24. So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.
25. And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
26. And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27. And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

PURPOSE: To make known that Jesus Christ is truly God's perfect role model for Christian leadership.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Jesus shaped His followers for future leadership, knowing that divine leadership is more than historical curiosity; it is an ongoing reality in every generation, until the consummation of the church on the earth.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Divine – transitive verb to learn or discover something by intuition, inspiration, or other apparently supernatural means.
2. Empower – to give somebody power or authority, embolden, enable, inspire.
3. Ordinance – Decree, order, a law or rule made by an authority.
4. Travail – work, especially work that involves hard physical effort over a long period.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Good leaders become more powerful when they empower others. A divine leader also empowers others by acknowledging their strengths and potential contributions.

Great leaders unleash the leader within each person. Everyone wants to feel like they are contributing to the vision. A famous writer wrote, *“The beauty of empowering others is that your own power is not diminished in the process.”*

1. What are some attributes of a divine leader? (Class Discussion)
2. “The beauty of empowering others is that your own power is not diminished in the process.” (Class 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.

LESSON 34

MARCH 21, 2021

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

1. And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.
2. And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.
3. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.

4. And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?
5. And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.
6. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed *is* before him.
7. But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.
8. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.
9. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.
10. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.
11. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.
12. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.
13. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that David loved the Lord and lived his life as a man after God's own heart (I Samuel 13:14).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: David's example shows that true leaders always declare themselves without making any announcements.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Heart – the seat of man's deepest emotions and affections. Refer to Jeremiah 17:10.
2. Leader – one who leads others; the principal individual.
3. Saul – the first chosen king of Israel. He was dethroned due to his disobedience to God.
4. See – to look within an individual or situation, then decide; to discern mentally.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

David, in his youth, was of a tender heart who earned his rank as a shepherd. Sheep are easily led and easily fed. The shepherd carried a staff to protect the sheep from the animals of prey. The crook of the staff was convenient in pulling the sheep out of the thickets, and the staff was held over the threshold as the sheep were counted and safe.

What God sees in an individual, is invisible to others. What you see, or what draws you to another is usually what another cannot see or comprehend. God saw in David the better person to do His work by saying in verse 3, "Thou shalt **anoint unto me** *him* whom I name unto thee." The outward appearance does not draw an individual unto God, but the inner man. Man's countenance can mislead many. The stature of a man never signified

what God preferred. When God has chosen you, you can only concede. Jonah tried, but there was no place to hide, and there was no refuge in the water...God would not let him drown.

When the kingdom of Israel was rent from the House of David, Jeroboam was placed there by God. Being lifted, Jeroboam's administration was contrary to David, who in his youth, followed God with all his heart, to do that only which was right in God's eyes.

Jeroboam's son Abijah fell sick unto death. God said of Abijah, of all the lineage of Jeroboam, only in him **was found some good thing toward the LORD God** of Israel (read I Kings 14:13).

Youth, be the Abijah in your family, and by example draw the others to be like David and the young man Abijah.

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

1. Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
2. As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
3. If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.
4. To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,
5. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
6. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.
7. Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,
8. And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.
9. But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10. Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
11. Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;
12. Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.
13. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;
14. Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.
15. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:
16. As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.
17. Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.
18. Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.
19. For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.
20. 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.
21. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:
22. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:
23. Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:
24. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.
25. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

PURPOSE: To emphasize that as we go about doing the will of God, we must always consider that we are workers together with God. Like Christ, we must do nothing of our own initiative, seeking instead to do God's will according to His method in all things.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: It is written: "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked" (I John 2:5-6).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Christ – the anointed, as foretold to come and redeem mankind whose disobedience had separated us from God.
2. Doing – activity that exerts energy to accomplish goals.
3. Palm Sunday – the Sunday before Easter that commemorates the preparation for Jesus' physical exit from earth.
4. Suffer – to endure/tolerate agonizing hurt or grief with patience without retaliation.

5. Will of God – the expressed or unexpressed divine purpose of the human flesh of Jesus, God’s incarnated Word, on earth (Read Heb. Chapter 10; Luke 22:42).

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Palm Sunday commemorates the pre-crucifixion of Jesus. As it always is, the masses first praise before persecution comes. The use of the large palm leaves served as His ‘red carpet’ as Jesus entered Jerusalem to fulfill His corrective purpose to redeem mankind back to God (Gen. 3:15).
2. When you are chosen to do a job, although you are aware of the unpleasant working conditions, how would you accept the responsibility placed on you? Consider Jesus in Hebrews 10:7 in your answer, “Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me.), to do thy will, O God.”
3. Jesus did not shirk His responsibilities, yet some workers today will hide behind other goals that are too important to wait in limbo. Do you believe that you should seek to assure occupancy in the kingdom of God, first? Consider Matthew 6:33 in your reply, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”
4. Why would it be best to follow Matthew 6:33 in your quest for securing a better life on earth? Think of the unscrupulous behavior by many in charge of business and government to the church house who have made their stance against the ‘Kingdom of God,’ and the public uncovering of their hidden deviousness.

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

1. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
2. And very early in the morning the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
3. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?
4. And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.
6. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.
7. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.
8. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any *man*; for they were afraid.
9. Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.
10. *And* she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.
11. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.
12. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.
13. And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them.
14. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
15. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
17. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
19. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
20. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

PURPOSE: To show that the resurrection of Christ truly evidences that Satan is defeated, and the power of sin and death is forever broken.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Christ, through the abiding Spirit of the Holy Ghost, was made able to resist the temptation of Satan and sin.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Easter – the commemorative date of the Resurrection of Jesus from the grave.
2. Grave – the resting place of the human body.
3. Resurrection – to bring to life again after death.
4. Victory – to overcome any obstacle or opponent that hindered an endeavor; conquest or triumph.
5. Sepulcher – the grave; mausoleum.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Even with the changing dates each year, Easter is still recognized and celebrated by many. The Passover is use throughout the Bible except in one passage (Acts 12:4). By the

eighth century Anglo-Saxon adopted the name to designate the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. For centuries, the Resurrection of Christ is celebrated. To recognize the resurrected Christ, we must also accept His birth. To believe in His Resurrection, we can have hope for our own.

From the lesson, expound on the following:

1. The first ones to visit the tomb of Jesus,
2. Who saw Him first, after His Resurrection,
3. The number of disciples to whom He appeared,
4. The responsibility and message to deliver that were given disciples to obey,
5. The victory of being able to live after the natural death, and
6. The hesitation of believing whatever you are told.

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

8. Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
9. These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.
10. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
11. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.
12. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.
13. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.
14. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.
15. And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it *of*: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.
16. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.
17. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.
18. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

PURPOSE: To make known that Noah still stands as an example of the kind of person God wants to use.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: God hasn't changed, and even now He looks for righteous leaders who can help Him change the world.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Corrupt – to fill with unethical, dishonest or fraudulent behavior in matters that ruin oneself, another or a set purpose.
2. Generation – the time of parentage until the maturity age of the offspring, encompassing the third generation.
3. Man – a male who has reached the age of maturity; the first human being created by God.
4. Perfect – without fault, blameless.
5. Righteousness – the state of purity in the heart and rectitude of one's life; doing what is right according to set rules or laws.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What does the age of maturity signify?
The age of maturity signifies that one can comprehend responsibilities placed in his hands but can also sort out ways and means to accomplish those responsibilities, either through specific learning or guidance by another or God.
2. Are you aware that God is yet expecting to find righteous faith among mankind? Refer to Luke 18:8 to help in your answer.
3. Do you become appalled when the evil and unjust received what you perceive to be good, which the just person struggles? Consider Genesis 18:23 in your answer. "Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?"
4. Of all the evil that surrounds your generation, do you see a need to deal fair with your fellowman and choose to perfect your life as an example for your fellowman to turn from the evilness and destruction committed? Allow the class to briefly respond.
5. Where is the Noahic Covenant found in the Bible?
Genesis 9:11 and 13, "And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. ... I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."
6. If you cannot walk on water, as Peter did with faith, do you believe that you can survive the fire that is to come? Consider: If you can abide/tolerate the voracious fires of sin (*insatiable appetites*) that burn in the depths of men, and survive, your soul will abide safely with God when eternal punishment is administered.

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

2. And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.
3. And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!
4. And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?
5. And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it *is* no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither *is* there any water to drink.
6. And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.
7. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
8. Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.
9. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.
10. 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?
11. 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*.
12. And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.
13. This *is* the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

PURPOSE: To reiterate that God's leaders should never make a major decision during an emotionally low time. We should make decisions in the peak times, not the valley times.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Choose to be proactive and not reactive in your leadership. Don't let your mandate come from the grumbling of the crowd.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Chode – to grumblingly complain.
2. Leadership – a managerial position, having control of first, self, and then of others.

3. Meribah – the word means strife, this is where the thirsty Israelites, unsatisfied with their predicament, murmured against God’s leader.
4. Proactive – acting in advance to deal with an expected difficult situation or problem.
5. Reactive – a response given after a problem has been made know.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What is a rebel?
A rebel is one who visibly rebels, by word or action, against the authority of set laws or rules within a home, business, organization, or government.
2. To appease the multitude, Moses was instructed by God to **speak** to the rock (*not question, hit the rock or call God’s people names*). Seek responses from the students by leading them in how to represent God in all they do and say.
3. Do you strive to behave proactively or reactively when going about doing the good work of the Lord, even though there are those who may cry out in disapproval of what you do? Or, how you live? Allow the students to give a brief explanation of how to work among unbelievers in response to negative feedback.
4. What do you envision in the leadership of those in authority who watch for your souls? Refer to 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.”
5. Do you believe that a leader must **be in** the Lord to **rule in** the Lord? Lead the students in the discussion (refer to verse 12) with proof that this one act of Moses was done outside, *not* inside, of God’s set perimeter.

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

2. And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Bethaven, on the east side of Bethel, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.
3. And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; *and* make not all the people to labour thither; for they *are but* few.

4. So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai.
5. And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.
6. And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.
7. And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!
8. Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies!
9. For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear *of it*, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?
10. And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?
11. Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put *it* even among their own stuff.
12. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.
13. Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.
14. In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, *that* the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families *thereof*; and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man.
15. And it shall be, *that* he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.
16. So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:
17. And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken:
18. And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.
19. And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide *it* not from me.
20. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:
21. When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.
22. So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

23. And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD.
24. And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.
25. And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that our sins are abhorred by God just as much as Achan's sin was in ancient time.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The story of Achan illustrates the principle that leaders may become vulnerable following a major success.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Ai – the ruin; located near Bethel where Abraham traveled on his way to Canaan.
2. Effect – the consequence that follows an action, right or wrong.
3. Family – the union of a man and female, resulting in successive generations.
4. Name – an identity that differentiates the connective parentage of an individual, which is traced to the first known family members.
5. Ripple – the moving connective effect that continues to flow until the last movement.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Tested for honesty, guilty of deception, passed on transgression to the chagrin of generations. Yes, be assured, your sin will find you out (Num. 32:23), and will be visited to the third and fourth generation (Exodus 20:5).

Joshua, the chosen leader after the death of Moses, was to Moses as his right hand. He knew what Moses endured in obedience to God. The pattern of what to do and how to do it had been instilled in him. It is David who said in Psalm 51:7, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." The whole camp needed purging, because the wrong committed by one, fell on all.

Greed of worldly goods has caused much crime in society, and the whole city suffers. Through the cost of incarceration, unplanned hospitalization, early burials, etc., just one trespassing act causes all of us to suffer. Nothing has changed from the time of Joshua.

Forbidden to take of the accursed thing of Jericho, Achan was determined to disobey and bring back his chosen souvenir ('**the city [Jericho] was accursed...**and all within' except Rahab, the harlot (Josh. 6:17-18).

King Saul lost his kingdom, and Achan, along with his whole family were lost. They determined what was of value that must be saved, when God instructed to destroy everything so that His people would not go into idolatry. Your souls are precious, youth. No unrighteousness is to be named among you (Eph. 5:1-6).

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.

**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

1. But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
2. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
3. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
4. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
5. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
6. Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.
7. For they that sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
8. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
9. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
10. Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
11. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
12. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
13. And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.
14. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*.
15. See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.
16. Rejoice evermore.
17. Pray without ceasing.
18. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
19. Quench not the Spirit.
20. Despise not prophesyings.
21. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
22. Abstain from all appearance of evil.
23. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24. Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will *do it*.
25. Brethren, pray for us.
26. Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.
27. I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.
28. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

PURPOSE: To make known that living in sin grieves the Holy Ghost and hinders our prayers.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The Lord God said, “Behold, the LORD’s hands are not shortened, that he cannot save; neither his ears heavy that he 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).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Brethren – fellow comrades with a common cause or agenda.
2. Ceasing – coming to a stop of any endeavor; cessation of what was started.
3. Costly – the enormity of a price that is immeasurable.
4. Impaired – a weakened state of existence.
5. Prayer – man’s sincere desire to God, unuttered or expressed.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. According to Luke 18:1, what parable did Christ teach regarding prayer?
Men ought to pray always (Luke 21:36; I Thess. 5:17). Those are not idle words that were recorded, although the law of the land outlawed praying in the schools when the young minds are tender – for the sake of an ungodly few.
2. God sustains us through so much by moving obstacles, providing bridges, touching hearts of others ... because His desire is for us to stand steadfast despite our fallen condition. He is constantly nursing us to health, spiritually.
3. There is a time and a purpose under heaven for everything. With the existing dangers in society, the roads we travel are filled with adverse reactions in any and everything. It is time to build up the waste places in our lives, repair the broken protective fences so that the danger of sin will have no gate to enter. Communicate with God, who has an ear to hear your constant prayers. Build your own wall of protection, and seal it with constant prayer.
4. Ecclesiastes 8:9, “All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: **there is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.**” This should be remembered in your work ethics, as you climb the ladder.

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

1. When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;
2. And came even before the king's gate: for none *might* enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.
3. And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.
4. So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told *it* her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received *it* not.
5. Then called Esther for Hatach, *one* of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what *it was*, and why *it was*.
6. So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which *was* before the king's gate.
7. And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.
8. Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to show *it* unto Esther, and to declare *it* unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.
9. And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.
10. Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;
11. All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his to put *him* to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.
12. And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.
13. Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.
14. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?
15. Then Esther bade *them* return Mordecai *this answer*,
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.
17. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that Esther went before the king prepared for the worst-case scenario and she got the very best.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: It will always prove profitable in the long run to obey God. When others see us in radical obedience, obedience that makes no sense, they will want some of what we have.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Chamberlain – one who attend to the needs of another; servant.
2. Esther – the niece of Mordecai who interceded before the king in behalf of the Jews.
3. Opposition – to oppose in disagreement.
4. Rent – to tear; rip; usually done in distress or anger.
5. Sackcloth – repentant clothing worn by someone who is gravely grieved.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Mothers are not identical in their method of discipline. Yet most of them are available to their children's every need. If you are under your parents' care, you will learn valuable lessons to help sustain you and your generational children forever.
2. Precept must be upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little. Examples of obedience must be set so that the generations to come may know God in the fullness of His glory. Refer to Psalm 78:5-7.
3. A better way can be set by you among your peers, giving them an appetite for a life with Christ and a better way of endurance through whatever is encountered in life.
4. By godly living, your resistance in battles of life can be held firm until victory is won. Those who desire to know God, can know of Him through you and your children.
5. Your strength comes from perseverance. Obstacles placed in your path can be in plain view and made known through the Holy Ghost as you pass by.
6. Be grateful to know your mother, many children may not. Look for the righteousness in all mothers, not for the way that seems right. Opposition may run its course, but it cannot overcome what is right. Stand firm with, not against, your mother.

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

22. And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.
23. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

24. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.
25. 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.
26. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
27. And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.
28. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.
29. And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore *is it that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.
30. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.
31. And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.
32. Therefore the children of Israel eat not *of* the sinew which shrank, which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that leaders cannot do anything of significance in the kingdom of God until they humble themselves before God and seek His face. Leaders must be broken in order to be blessed.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: God had to break Jacob to make him useful. In the breaking process, Jacob, the deceiving heel-catcher became **Israel**, who purposed to serve God rather than himself.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Brokenness – a state or condition of being shattered; interrupted.
2. Ford – a shallow flowing stream of water, usually passable on foot; a fjord, a creek.
3. Usable – that which is fit for some project or endeavor that goes mostly unseen until it is needed.
4. Womenservants – female laborers, whose primary responsibility was to assist another female.
5. Wrestle – any existing state of uncertainty; a struggle.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Perseverance is something that Jacob had plenty of throughout his life. He was also a shrewd negotiator. A twin who struggled with Esau in their mother's womb, Jacob was the second born and loved by his mother, Rebekah, who knew that Jacob would be the greater of the twins (Gen. 25:22-26). He traded with his hungry sibling to obtain the birthright of inheritance (Gen 25:29-34). After expecting to marry Rachel, the younger daughter of Laban, instead of Leah, the older daughter, after serving Laban for seven years, Leah was brought into his tent. After acquiring his family, Jacob returned to Isaac to make amends to his brother Esau.

After his wives, children, servants, and livestock crossed the ford Jabbok, Jacob remained on the other side. He wrestled all night long and was in contact with God. At the brake of day, when the messenger of God was ready to depart, Jacob would not let go because he wanted a lasting blessing!

All night is a long time to wrestle. Think of sleepless nights spent agonizing over a problem or trial of this life. You want an answer before the break of day. This may not be natural sleep, but a time away from even pressing matters so that one quest can be met, and you are mentally relieved. The broken streets that you could not travel, are now repaired and you can continue traveling to higher heights and deeper depths in God.

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

Exodus 34:1-20

1. And the LORD said unto Moses, hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon *these* tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.
2. And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.
3. And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.
4. And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.
5. And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.
6. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,
7. 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*.
8. And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.
9. And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it *is* a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.
10. And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou *art* shall see the work of the LORD: for it *is* a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

11. Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.
12. Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:
13. But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:
14. For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God:
15. Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and *one* call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;
16. And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.
17. Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.
18. The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.
19. All that openeth the matrix *is* mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, *whether* ox or sheep, *that is* male.
20. But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem *him* not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.

Exodus 34:29-35

29. And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.
30. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.
31. And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.
32. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai.
33. And *till* Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.
34. But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel *that* which he was commanded.
35. And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

PURPOSE: To reiterate how God calls His people to live at a higher standard than the unbelievers who surround them. God always knows what is best for us and what is best for our relationship with Him.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: If Moses harped on (consistently wrote) one thing, it was this: "Be sure to obey God, whether you understand or not."

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Aaron and Moses – brothers who united according to God's long awaited well-timed plan to bring His people out of the Egypt after 400 years of servitude.

2. Hew – to fashion or cut into shape.
3. Mount Sinai – also called Horeb; the mountain in the wilderness on which Moses ascended to receive the Ten Commandments from God.
4. Veil – a covering used to obscure something that is not to be shown or made known.
5. Wist not – was unaware of what happened.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

The Book of Exodus details Israel’s passage into the land that God promised to the descendants of Abraham in a dream (Gen. 15:12-18; see Exo. 33:1), a fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant. The Book records the account of their passage before the governing laws were given for Israel and their census was taken.

There is always intense schoolwork. The teacher may recommend that the class sleep on it. After waking the next morning, they are to focus on that problem first because the method really works. When the church is faced with some unsurmountable situation, the call is for fasting and praying. God gives guiding answers according to His will. It works, God answers.

After the 400 years of servitude in Egypt, God safely brought Israel out. Familiar with the mandated governing laws of Egypt, it was time to begin instruction of how to live peacefully together. God talked directly with Moses only, although Moses had felt inadequate in communicating with the Israelites. God set the higher standard of living, knowing that it can yet be accomplished in those who know and own Him as theirs. ‘Our God is righteous. Our God is true.’

Just remember, God never begins anything that He cannot complete. His work must be done, and He wills it in whomever He chooses.

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

27. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, *or* peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.
28. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

29. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.
30. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down.
31. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:
32. And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.
33. And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.
34. And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time.
35. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.
36. And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that I am* thy servant, and *that I have* done all these things at thy word.
37. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again.
38. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

PURPOSE: To express Prophet Elijah's urgency to the people of ancient Israel to turn from sin and to return to the true God. His message is just as important for us today.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The Bible teaches that we are to have bold courage to take a stand for Christ in this world, even if it means standing alone.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Alone – with companionship.
2. Elijah – the name means *my God is Jehovah*.
3. Prophet – the messenger of God with whom He spoke directly during the Old Testament hierarchy of ministering to those He claimed. Study Neh. 6:7; Matt. 11:13; Luke 16:16; Rev. 19:10.
4. Standing – a position that depicts one or something without props to maintain a stance.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Who was Elijah?
Elijah was the Old Testament prophet who was snatched from earth, not seeing death (II Kings 2:1, 11). He, with Moses, was seen on the Mountain of Transfiguration with Jesus; the three of them had fasted 40 days and nights (Moses in Exodus 34:28, Elijah in I Kings 19:8, and Jesus in Matthew 4:2 and Luke 4:2).
2. To whom did Elijah prophesy?
After the kingdom was divided, it was Elijah who prophesied to Israel, the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom. They had desecrated themselves from God. Ahab chose Jezebel the Canaanite, for his wife who established Phoenician worship of Baal. After

the expulsion of the Levites, God's prophets were persecuted and slain. Elijah escaped, and feeling alone in the ministry, he hid in caves where he was fed ravens.

3. Gives some insight of Elijah's ministry.
Elijah would appear, pronounce God's judgment, and swiftly leave. As Jezebel guided Ahab, Elijah was swiftly on the move. He was sheltered and fed by a widow at Zarephath, whose son, through Elijah's prayer, was restored to life.
4. Are the days in which we now live comparable to the dark days of Elijah's life? Guide the students in a discussion of what was happening in today's lesson and grasping of the masses to hold to what is wrong and how the masses today, many for fear of harm, are afraid to speak the truth as if they are standing alone with an "I want to be the only one" belief. In this ocean filled with sinners, encourage them to be among God's reservist, the remnant (Rom. 11:1-4), and never bow to sin.
5. Is this a time to restore your faith, put your hand to the plough and work in God's vineyard? Allow the students to respond from Hosea 10:12, "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."

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

9. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.
10. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.
11. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.
12. But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and *your* nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.
13. Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.
14. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
15. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
16. Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that we are living in the last days when God is pouring out the former and latter rain in the same season.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: We can expect a healing explosion today, as did the early church. God wants to work miracles, signs and wonders in these last days as never before.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Confession – an admission of having done something wrong or embarrassing.
2. Effectual – potentially successful in producing a desired or intended result.
3. Grudge – a feeling of resentment or ill will, especially one lasting for a long time.
4. Perpetual – eternal, everlasting, lasting for an indefinitely long time.
5. Statutes – Decrees, permanent established rules or law, especially one involved in the operation of a company or other organization.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

There are times that God's 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. That same Word came in the body of flesh that we gained healing from sin through Jesus' resurrection power, changing the world. For any medication to work, it must enter your body. So, for God's ordained Word to work, His medicine must get into you. Just as it takes medicine a little while to work; it takes faith and prayer for God to work.

1. Confession is one of the steps required for healing. True ____ False ____
2. God sent His Word and healed them is found in _____.
3. Discuss some of the promises God has made to His people. (Class Discussion)

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

1. Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness *which* they have prescribed;
2. To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless!
3. And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation *which* shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?
4. Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.
5. O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.
6. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.
7. Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but *it is* in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.
8. For he saith, *Are* not my princes altogether kings?
9. *Is* not Calno as Carchemish? *is* not Hamath as Arpad? *is* not Samaria as Damascus?
10. As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;
11. Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

12. Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.
13. For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant *man*:
14. And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs *that are* left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.
15. Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? *or* shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake *itself* against them that lift it up, *or* as if the staff should lift up *itself*, *as if it were* no wood.
16. Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.
17. And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;
18. And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standardbearer fainteth.
19. And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.
20. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
21. The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.
22. For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.
23. For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.
24. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.
25. For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.
26. And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and *as* his rod *was* upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.
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.

PURPOSE: To make known that without God the Holy Ghost, no sinner can be saved, neither can His works be done by any human effort.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Anointing – the process of applying oil to set an individual aside or consecrate one to a specific responsibility to duty.

2. Burden – trouble, liability; laden with weight or inconvenience to a prior obligation.
3. Indignation – aroused anger caused by some injustice; to regard as unworthy.
4. Standardbearer – one who holds firm in a belief or ideology.
5. Yoke – a device used for holding something or someone stationary; a binding behavioral or rule of law that holds a group together in a common goal.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Have you ever had restraints placed on you to hinder the good you prefer to do? This may be in the form of gossip, unconfirmed accusations, etc. If so, if you proceeded to render the kindness, how?
Allow the students to reply.
2. The Third Person of the Trinity is known as ‘God the Holy Ghost’ through whom God gave man Grace (unmerited divine favor). It was after the death and resurrection of Christ that the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, was given on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 1:8, 2:14). Have you received the Holy Ghost since you first believed and does the Holy Ghost eliminate afflictions or eliminate the deadly yoke of sin?
Refer to Acts 19:2, 20:23 to help in your response.

Acknowledging to God your standing as a sinner or that you have sinned, gives Him, the Holy Ghost, the cause to help. The prodigal/wasteful Son repentantly returned to his father. He had no other place to go after spending all of his inheritance. Returning empty-handed, this son requested to be made a hired servant. He had walked away from every opportunity and came back with no expectation. Humility is better than being high-minded, heady and of a stout heart. That mind of superiority in attitude alone can be a yoke around your neck, and even today, some will hold themselves too high to humble themselves under the mighty of hand of God that He may exalt you in His due time.

Saying you can’t stop something that you started, when you know you have been taught and shown a better way to live your life signifies that you have placed a yoke on yourself. Help is needed, and the anointing of the Holy Ghost can remove the yoke of sin.

Consider how David repented Psalm 51 and have an enlightened discussion on how all must come in the repentance of transgressions.

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

1. Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee *to be* king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.
2. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember *that* which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid *wait* for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.
3. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.
4. And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.
5. And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.
6. And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye showed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.
7. And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah *until* thou comest to Shur, that *is* over against Egypt.
8. And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.
9. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing *that was* vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.
10. Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,
11. It repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.
12. And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.
13. And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.
14. And Samuel said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?
15. And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.
16. Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.
17. And Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?
18. And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.
19. Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?
20. And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.
21. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

22. 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.
23. 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.
24. And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.
25. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.

PURPOSE: To be mindful that if we are going to please God alone, then our love for Him will cause us to walk in obedience to Him.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice” (verse 24).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Amalek – the first of the nations was known as the Amalekites (Num. 24:20), who became prominent from the time of Abraham (Gen 14:7). Esau’s son Amalek may be a predecessor of a tribe that was merged with the original Amalekites. They were the bitter foes of Israel. First Chronicles 4:43 records their final destruction under King Hezekiah. “And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.”
2. Father’s Day is recognized the Third Sunday in June each year, honoring the contributions made by the fathers. The inspiration came from a single dad, who was a Civil War veteran. After much ado, after being first proposed in 1966 by President Lyndon B. Johnson, it was President Richard Nixon who signed the proclamation, making Father’s Day a federal holiday in 1972. Today, many of the world’s nations celebrate Father’s Day on the Third Sunday in June, while the others have chosen other days throughout the year.
3. Pleasing – that which is agreeable, pleasant and welcoming.
4. Servant – one who serves; a submissive and obedient individual who makes himself or herself available for the need of others, whether paid or unpaid.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

The command to King Saul was to smite Amalek (the Amalekites), and destroy the sinners (verse 18) and spare not one. (*The Amalekites had previously laid in wait to entrap Israel as they departed Egypt.*) Saul warned the Kenites to separate from the Amalekites so that the Kenites would not be destroyed. (*The Kenites had been kind to Israel on their journey from Egypt. God never forgets any one good deed.*) Saul, the chosen king of Israel spared Agag and the best, *in Saul’s and Israel’s belief*, that the Amalekites had. Saul’s disobedience did not go unpunished.

1. Can you or did you learn from the lesson that what you consider best for you may not be what God prefers for you? “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.” Everything the sinners accumulate belongs to God. He does not need help from us to add to the church treasures or ministers’ pockets. Obedience pleases Him. Youth, we please God when we make our bodies a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1; I Timothy 6:6).

2. When called into duty to serve another, should one consider who would be their first boss to obey or how far should one go to keep the servant job, which may or not be ideal?

Any idyllic employment just may prove to be psychedelic if it pulls you away from your moral standards. The job would not be pleasing to God, the Father, and is not the ideal job that any earthly father would desire for his child.

3. Romans 6:16 explicitly says, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” In I Timothy 5:6, we read, “But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.” Jude, verse 12 states, “These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.” Discuss some things that you, *the salt of the earth and light of the world*, can do as a servant of Jesus Christ to minister in an environment filled with the ‘living dead’ so that you will please Him.
4. On this Father’s Day, are you striving to please the father who pleases the Father, as did Jesus? Refer to John 8:29 for guidance in your answer.

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

1. *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
2. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
3. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
4. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
5. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
6. For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.
7. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
8. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
10. And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.
11. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
12. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
13. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
14. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
15. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
16. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
17. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.
18. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy to *be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
19. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
20. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope,
21. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
22. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
23. And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.
24. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?
25. But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*.
26. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
27. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God.
28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

PURPOSE: To stress that the cleansing power of sin is not in the water, but it is in the blood of Jesus Christ.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you an heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Atonement – amendment or reparation made for a wrong; a reconciliation.

2. Blood – the fluid consisting of plasma, blood cells, and platelets that is circulated by the heart through the vertebrate vascular system, carrying oxygen and nutrients to and waste materials away from all body tissues.
3. Cleansing Power – that which has the strength and components to eradicate impurities.
4. Water – the life sustaining clear, colorless, odorless and tasteless liquid that is essential for the life of all living; the ratio of H₂O of life.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What does Leviticus 17:11a teaches?
It teaches that, “**The Life of the flesh is in the blood...for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.**”
2. Can you see the similarity of Leviticus 17:11 in the Old Testament referenced with the First Epistle of John in the Motto Text?
Allow the students to respond, relating their answer to the need of reconciling man back to the **Only True God** who would not give up on His creation, **man**.
3. Can water alone cleanse anything? If the answer is no, name at least two cleansing agents that are added to water.
4. Can a cleansing agent alone clean, except the Holy Ghost? Allow the students to answer. If the answer is questionable, what is the purpose of cleansing agents?
5. Does the shed blood of Jesus need any additional cleansing agent to cleanse man from sin? Respond from the subject of the lesson.

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.

LESSON 49

JULY 4, 2021

JESUS CHRIST: OUR HEALING PHYSICIAN

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

1. After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
2. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
3. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
4. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
5. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
7. 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.
8. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
9. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

PURPOSE: To emphasize that divine healing is for God’s children today, for Jesus is our Great Physician.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: It is written: “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases” (Psalm 103:2-3).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Divine – having the nature of God.
2. Healing – the restoring to a former wholeness, which may be physically, mentally, or spiritually.
3. Impotent – weak, helpless, feeble; lacking physical strength or vigor.
4. Physician – one who relieves another of a malady, whether spiritual or physical; one who heals by medical intervention to promote well-being.
5. Wilt – will, exercising a determinate willpower or motivation.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Patience requires diligence. You do not reach that stage of life by skipping over something else. Are you listening? Second Peter 1:3-8 is a good reference of addition to reach goals in your life. In preparation to accept the divine healing of God from all manner of sickness by the Great Physician, step up in your climb to reach patience, which you will still have as you age (Titus 2:2).

Anxiety, frustration, anger, loneliness, lack of self-worth, others’ personal unkind asserted opinions or thoughts thrust on you, and dissatisfaction with accomplishments are just a few of the many man-made toxic illnesses that affect man’s overall health and well-being. Yes, all require healing, and when there is no healing in sight, there is a reaction in the body. Our healing physician, Jesus Christ will always be ready to heal.

Not all wounds and bruises are visible. They cannot be seen with the naked eye. Inward damage to the body creates more damage, because that unseen damage is not easily diagnosed. Jesus’ eyes are always open to every need for healing. He will not leave your side, and He is faithful. Oh, yes, there will not be a hefty doctor’s bill, so you have no just cause to turn Him away, counting Him unworthy of healing you. Yet, without Jesus, the most educated and renown physician cannot do one thing to help 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?

**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

1. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
2. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
3. And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
4. And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
5. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
6. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
7. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.
8. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
9. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
10. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
11. And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.
12. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
13. (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
14. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.
15. But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.
16. And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification.
17. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)
18. Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

19. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.
20. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:
21. That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

PURPOSE: To reveal that we must not run from our suffering but rejoice that God will never leave nor forsake His people.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: If we cannot bear our cross, we cannot wear a crown. It is written: "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Revelation 3:11).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Access – the means of attaining passage, entrance to what was once restricted.
2. Justified – a vindication; freed from blame; absolved of the guilt and penalty attached to sin.
3. Rejoicing – the exuberant feeling of happiness, delight or jubilation.
4. Suffering – the endurance of mental or physical pain or affliction; anguish; distress.
5. Tribulation – excess affliction, distress or suffering; a test of endurance.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

A child's first entrance into this world is met with pain. The breath of life is signified by a cry that follows a slap. The cry continues to alert the parent or caregiver of the child's needs that must be answered, as soon as it is those needs are determined. Pain is associated with hunger, as well as a need to be burped, and sometimes cleaned. There are times the child cries to be held close to the heart and walked. Yes, the baby also becomes irritable when it needs rest.

As newborn babes in Christ, the youth also express their needs. Whatever causes them to suffer spiritually, must also be remedied. What can the seasoned saints do to reignite the zeal of the youth? How can their emotional pain be eased? What steps should visibly be made to revive their enthusiasm or push them forward when the seasoned ones are unable to go ahead and take the lead, although they can see ahead?

Yes, many questions can be answered when the youth exhibit a readiness to carry crosses that must be borne. There will always be a way that seems right to someone. Youth, it is time to lift yourselves in your most holy faith. Don't falter on the misstates of others that caused them to suffer. We are admonished in I Peter 4:15, "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or *as* an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters."

1. Allow the students to expound on the pain associated with the various afflictions caused by any misdeed or predicament they have witnessed or encountered. Let them enlighten on how they should not respond.

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

2. Many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
3. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.
4. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
5. And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
6. And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;
7. And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
8. (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)
9. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:
10. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.
11. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.
12. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;
13. And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, *as* they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots *they are* and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

14. Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:
15. Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son* of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
16. But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.
17. These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.
18. For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.
19. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.
20. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.
21. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.
22. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that once saved always saved is contrary to Bible teachings.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Many sinners and saints alike today are wearing one size fits all man-made garments. These garments are made to fit everybody, but not fitting anybody.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Converted – a changed or adaptation to something different; turned around to another purpose or cause; an expected end.
2. Effeminate – the male, having or showing feminine qualities rather than males.
3. Inherit – to gain possession of; bequeathed; to become heir of based on a previous relationship with expectation that what is inherited will be put to a good cause.
4. Soul – the final possessor or inheritor of all that one does in his/her body of flesh; the living SOUL.
5. Unrighteous – the ill-reputed soul that has not made its atonement with God.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Beauty is not a covering for sin.
2. “The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good” (Prov. 15:3).
3. “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's” (I Cor. 6:20).
4. Get in a hurry to know God while you are at the age to maintain habits that will follow you through life.
5. You may see a long life ahead, yet not be aware of how fast death is closing in behind you.

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

1. And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ.
2. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able.
3. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?
4. For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I *am* of Apollos; are ye not carnal?
5. Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?
6. I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.
7. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.
8. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.
9. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.
10. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
12. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;
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.
14. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
15. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.
16. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
17. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.
18. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.
19. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

20. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.
21. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;
22. Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;
23. And ye are Christ's; and Christ *is* God's.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that the Word of God, interwoven with faith and the Holy Ghost, burns false doctrines, the dross of sin, in our lives, etc. (Isaiah 4:4).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: When we speak of fire, we think of combustion and the word 'truth', as utterance or message.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Carnal/Spiritual – the natural state of man; the spiritual state of man.
2. Explosive – combustible; fiery; unpredictable, resulting into any direction.
3. Masterbuilder – Paul, referencing himself, was the principal artificer who figuratively suffered in his zest against the belief in Christ. Without success, and earned wisdom, he became the wise principal one on how to build on what he could not tear down.
4. Planted – placed or fixed in a preferred soil that would result in growth.
5. Temple – spoken of the body as the receptable for the Holy Ghost.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Softness, or rather ground meat, is easier to bite into and swallow. The tender cuts of meats are bitten with ease. Meats, once consumed, take a good while to digest regardless of the tenderness. The younger a person is, the more difficult meat will be to digest when it is fed.
2. Spiritual readiness takes time, just as it takes time for the comprehensiveness of the youth in school. All are not ready for much of the information to be assimilated in the mind, neither the soul. Once on the rung of the ladder, remain steady and be careful of the next step up.
3. Precious metals of gold found in the earth are taken through the chemical fire to purify it. Afterward, being soft, it must be mixed with other metals to form the trinkets that are sold.
4. Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" John 17:17.
5. In 'Truth' you will find no fault and the anointing of the of the Holy Ghost will teach you how to abide (John 18:38; I John 2:27).
6. Regardless of how hard one may work to achieve, obtain the knowledge to proceed, at sometime the quality of your work will be revealed. Slow down when necessary; you really want your work to withstand the test by any critiquing fire.

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.

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

1. **Psalm 127:3** Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb *is his* reward.
2. **Psalm 127:4** As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.
3. **Colossians 3:12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
4. **Colossians 3:13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do ye*.
5. **Colossians 3:14** And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
6. **Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
7. **Ephesians 5:26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
8. **Ephesians 5:27** 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.
9. **Ephesians 5:28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.
10. **I Corinthians 13:4** Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
11. **I Corinthians 13:5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
12. **I Corinthians 13:6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
13. **I Corinthians 13:7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
14. **I Corinthians 13:8** Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

PURPOSE: To illustrate that Family life is the high calling of God that can never be overestimated.

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

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Bowels of Mercy – tender affections bestowed on others.
2. Calling – the necessitated yielding of oneself for a specific purpose or dedicated work.

3. Family Life – the uniting of the male and female who are committed to support each other; the exhibition of godly living before the world within the realm of God.
4. Overestimate – to be valued above its expected worth; insurmountable.
5. Submit – to yield or surrender oneself to the will or authority of another.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Man and woman were created by God for family life.
2. Children are created by the will and set time of God by a father and mother. They are God's heritage and the family's reward/blessing.
3. Children born in the youth of marriage, when the bodies are strong, are as arrows/many and the help of aged parents.
4. Allow yourselves to humbly bestow multitudes of mercies, kindnesses, etc. to others in the spirit of meekness and longsuffering. Forgive, so that you, too, will be forgiven.
5. The husband is admonished to love his own wife, comparable to Christ's love and sacrifice to the church.
6. Charity/love is long suffering, expatiating kindness without envy or high-mindedness, exhibiting good behavior in the marriage relationship.

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 54

AUGUST 8, 2021

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

1. Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.
2. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.
3. 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?
4. Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?
5. But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;
6. Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

7. To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:
8. But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,
9. Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;
10. But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:
11. For there is no respect of persons with God.
12. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;
13. (For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.
14. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:
15. Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)
16. In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.
17. Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,
18. And knowest *his* will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;
19. And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,
20. An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.
21. Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?
22. Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?
23. Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?
24. For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.
25. For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.
26. Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?
27. And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?
28. For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:
29. But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that all men have an appointment with death followed by the Resurrection and Judgment of God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: All must give an account for their stewardship in this life, be it good or bad.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Blaspheme – to speak evil of; defamatory speech against any of the Trinity; blasphemy again the Holy Ghost is unforgiveable (Mark 3:29).
2. Conscience – the witness of the heart of all what one does (1 John 3:20).
3. Judgment Seat – the place where all souls must give their final answer for everything that the body did, hidden or reveal, while alive.
4. Teach another/self – the visible expectation of what to do by being the first to do it.
5. Tribulation – the afflictions endured by those who do what is right.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. All must answer to the Judgement Seat of God. None possesses innocence to assert being inexcusable, when they are in the same boat.
2. Accusing another of your own guilt is really saying you know what you are detailing, because that is exactly what you are doing.
3. When you are capable of teaching, you, yourself, are your first student.
4. If you give the same lesson many times, expect to believe it first and hopefully the other ears will be open to what you are teaching by what you are doing.
5. Youth, be first partakers of the fruit of obedience, it will nourish your soul unto repentance.
6. Second 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.”

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

1. And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.
2. The rich *man* had exceeding many flocks and herds:
3. But the poor *man* had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.
4. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5. And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, *As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:*
6. And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.
7. And Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;
8. And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.
9. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.
10. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.
11. Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.
12. For thou didst *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.
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.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that spiritual healing begins when we take the prescription of God found in II Chronicles 7:14, it is written: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Get in a hurry to confess and forsake your sins; for the Day of Grace is swiftly coming to an end.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Children of Ammon – descendants/progenies of Ammon, of the seed of Lot by his younger daughter (Gen.19:38); they are called the Ammonites, a nomadic race, wherein the Moabites, descendants by the elder daughter, lived more civilized. The Ammonites opposed the march of Israel on their way to Canaan. The Israelites were forbidden to mistreat their cousins, the Ammonites (Deut. 2:19, 37).
2. Nathan – a prophet during the reign of King David, the second King of Israel.
3. Parable – an allegory/moral tale that depicts the comparison of the natural side with the spiritual.
4. Repent – to become godly sorry for an infraction/sin committed against another or your own soul.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

These things I must do:

1. Repent for all wrongs.
2. Answer to God and man.
3. Make restitution to my fellowman.
4. Cleanse my hands of all unrighteousness.
5. Esteem others better than myself.
6. Restore the wastefulness exhibited in my life.
7. Walk humbly before my God.

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

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!
2. Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: *be they* better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?
3. Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;
4. That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;
5. That chant to the sound of the viol, *and* invent to themselves instruments of music, like David;
6. That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.
7. Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.
8. The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.
9. And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die.
10. And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that *is* by the sides of the house, *Is there* yet *any* with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.
11. For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.
12. Shall horses run upon the rock? will *one* plow *there* with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:
13. Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?
14. But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.

PURPOSE: To warn against saints who are taking it easy (complacent) in a time of great unrighteousness.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Now is the time for God's people to lift up their voices and righteous lifestyle like trumpets and show God's people their sin.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Calneh – located on the Tigris which was overtaken by Assyria (Isaiah 10:9).
2. Hamath/Hemath – principal city of North Syria; David received tribute from its king (II Sam. 8); the city was conquered by Solomon (II Chron. 7:3).
3. Mountain of Samaria – the eminence site of the Northern Kingdom (10 ½ tribes of Israel); the root of false security.
4. Seat of Violence – complacency in disobedience brought violent punishment near.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

'My heritage lies within a prestigious family tree, and it is all right to be disobedient. Their righteousness is the protection I will inherit. Punishment is far from me.' Our self-assurance with complacency is told to focus on what lies ahead. Visit the destructions of the ungodly cities/people. How much more can you expect to come upon you who know God. There is no place wherein God cannot go and find all generations (Psa. 139:1-13).

Zion, My people who are called by My name, your security does not rest upon the protected and fortified mountain city (*laws instituted by governments against Me*) of the land. Though you found your rest with the wicked, I will ascend and bring you down. You cannot be comforted until your account is settled with Me. You have turned My judgment and righteousness in the sight of other nations as the bitterness of gall and hemlock. What you have obtained, you give Me no recognition, and boast of what you have done by the might of your own hands. When I raise a nation against my chosen, they cannot but afflict you the more.

Youth, are you doing what it takes to make your salvation sure?

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

1. Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being absent *am* bold toward you:
2. But I beseech *you*, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

3. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
4. (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
5. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
6. And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.
7. Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he *is* Christ's, even so *are* we Christ's.
8. For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:
9. That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.
10. For *his* letters, say they, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible.
11. Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *will we be* also in deed when we are present.
12. For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.
13. But we will not boast of things without *our* measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.
14. For we stretch not ourselves beyond *our measure*, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in *preaching* the gospel of Christ:
15. Not boasting of things without *our* measure, *that is*, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,
16. To preach the gospel in the *regions* beyond you, *and* not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.
17. But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.
18. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

PURPOSE: To affirm that it is better to glory in the Lord than to glory in personal success.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: We cannot have it both ways. We cannot dine at the world's table and the Lord's Table as well. Is it not written? "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep" (I Corinthians 11:28-30).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Authority is spiritual for the *edification, not destruction* of the church.
2. Edification – an enlightenment.
3. Revenge – a reprisal or retaliation.
4. Weapons of Warfare – in the spiritual war, the weapons (words and manner of speech) used are godly fed and divinely given to you. Note verses 5 and 6.
5. Weighty and Powerful – a vast contrast of the personal appearance and unexpected oratorical speech.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Think about it! A magician may mislead others but cannot mislead himself. A trick or quick movement of the hands cannot be unknown by the mind that controls them. Never try to operate your life by efforts of living two lives. You will never be the only one who is aware of your every move, and the others will be living human beings. Either by word or deed, your attempt at two lives will do you much harm.

Doubled trouble with a mind in rubble, and a tongue that utters words that deceive. At some point, one will ask, "Have you lost your mind?" Another may question, "Do you know what you are doing?" Very soon, in your trickery, you will lose what little help you may have had. God is able to help you climb the ladder of success with truth and honestly all the way to your pinnacle, without failing along the way.

God is your protector from all deceitfulness that exist in this world. Don't even try to deceive yourself. What may seem all right when others join in trickery to help you mislead another, but when the punishment flows, they cannot be found. Your time here, regardless of how long it becomes, will be calculated as short. Live it well and in the beauty of true holiness. Maintain a well made-up mind to serve the Lord. Youth, you have a responsibility to be responsible for not allowing the diverseness of man's interpretation of God's Word to validate his behavior steer you away from the truth (see verses 11-13).

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.

LESSON 58

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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

1. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
2. And very early in the morning the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
3. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?
4. And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.
5. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.
6. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.
7. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

8. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any *man*; for they were afraid.
9. Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.
10. *And* she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.
11. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.
12. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.
13. And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them.
14. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
15. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
17. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
19. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
20. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

PURPOSE: To unveil that the mission of the Church is to preach the gospel and to confirm it.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: After the resurrection of Christ, the disciples/apostles “went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen” (Mark 16:20).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Creature – those with souls, whose place in eternity will be determined by the life lived on earth.
2. Mission – the assigned duty or vocation one must pursue and complete.
3. Nazareth – the home of Joseph and Mary, Jesus’ early father and mother.
4. Preach – to deliver the message of God. Nehemiah 6:7, “I have appointed prophets to preach.” Luke 16:16, “**The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached**, and every man presseth into it.”
5. Sepulchre/Sepulcher – a tomb, burial chamber.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. We are here to complete the work on earth that Jesus started and confirm His suffering, death and resurrection through the effectiveness of our work and suffering.
2. You can preach/exhibit the gospel message through your habitual behavioral pattern of uprightness in fellowship, friendship, manner of dress and speech, and carrying yourself as the epitome of the divine messenger from God to those around you.

3. Live so that others will believe that Jesus lives in you. You are His earthly lively stones (I Pet. 2:5).
4. When you believe, you have the responsibility to prove Jesus' worth in you in all that you do.
5. Never have a hardness of heart of unbelief because of the messenger; you may miss the message that you need.

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.

LESSON 59

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

**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

Jeremiah 31:21-26

21. Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, *even* the way *which* thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.
22. How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.
23. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, *and* mountain of holiness.
24. And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they *that* go forth with flocks.
25. For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.
26. Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

Isaiah 35:1-10

1. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
2. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.
3. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.
4. Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you.
5. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
6. Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.
8. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.
9. No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*:
10. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

PURPOSE: To confirm the way of holiness and rejoicing as an everlasting lifestyle for the redeemed of the Lord.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The Lord brings both spiritual and physical healing that He requires of us as we walk the highway of holiness.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Backsliding – a moving away from a point of life that has been achieved.
2. Compass a Man – to be brought into a necessitated position as was Huldah in II Kings 22:13-20 and II Chronicles 34:21-33, and Judge Deborah in the Fourth Chapter of Judges (note verses 8-9, 14-15, 17-24). Many times, many women will possess the wherewithal that is lacking in some men, recognizing the dangers ahead.
3. Confirming the Way – to set in cement.
4. Grandparents – the biological generations that exist before the parents, without them, you would not be here. Spiritually, the senior or seasoned members who remained in the church, waiting patiently for you to come, pick up your plough/cross and follow Jesus.
5. Waymarks – road markers, signposts; the old paths to be so viable that the wayward would boldly notice as a roadblock that there would be no choice but to return home from their travels/sins.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

A plea, a begging for God's people to turnaround, make the U-turn, and come back to righteousness. It is a better way of living, although you have been blinded on your way and greedy after the gods of other nations.

You can expect the time to come that you, too, will become grandparents. Preparation Day is at hand. You have no time to wander or hesitate, just continue your climb on the mountain of holiness and you can reach the pinnacle because your greatest desire is to be at one with God. Oh, Now Generation, it is past time to begin your life by confirming the way of holiness rather than what seems right and ends with the ways of death (Prov. 14:12, 16:25).

What you do and how you live can easily help others. Let them see how excellent God is in your life choices as God is glorified in your life. Once saved, Holy Ghost filled and fire baptized, you surely must know that you are not your own, and your work to live conducive to bring others to holiness has begun. You must confirm the gospel message of holiness that exhibits itself in the lives of someone's grandparents who have made it real for you. We know all do not get to know their parents, and the grandparents may no longer

be nearby or have gotten relief from this earth. When God has lit another light in someone else that is available, accept the bright light even when it is seen from a distance.

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

1. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
2. God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
3. Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
5. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of his resurrection:
6. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
7. For he that is dead is freed from sin.
8. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:
9. Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.
10. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
11. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
12. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
13. Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.
14. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
15. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
16. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17. But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
18. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.
19. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.
20. for when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.
21. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.
22. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.
23. For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PURPOSE: To sound the alarm that all sin is rebellion against God, for it drives a wedge between you and the One who loves you with an eternal love.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Sin blinds us to the truth of God and leaves us feeling ashamed, fearful, and separated from the Lord.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Mortal body – the human flesh which is temporal, and its longevity on earth is determined by God alone.
2. Planted – that which has been placed in a substance to sustain its life; to live in a place to obtain nourishment or render substance/nourishment to another being.
3. Reign – to govern, control or lead to a specific goal or for specified purpose or need.
4. Sin – all unrighteousness.
5. Truth – that which is real, ideal, indisputable; Ephesians 4:20-21, “Ye have not so learned Christ; ... ye have heard him,...taught by him, as **the truth is in Jesus.**”

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Blinded by deception, rebuttable in correction, exposed by detection, and punishable without exception all help to sum up the truth about sin.
2. Presentation is the heart of acceptance in anything, and the presenter’s manner of articulation is the visible key that opens the contact door.
3. Is your behavior showing that the more *sin* that is committed, the more *grace* is given?
4. Did you know that your countenance reveals your lifestyle?
5. Put off the old man (sin) in which dwells wickedness, and put on Christ for through Him dwells righteous in you.
6. Until this day, minds are still blinded by the veil of the Old Testament (souls were not strong enough to grasp the Truth about Sin). Sacrificing of the flesh of the dumb animals could not remit any sins committed by the priest nor the congregation. Their pacify had to be taken away, and they were not strong enough to accept that coming abolishment (II Cor. 3:11-18). The Living Word of God is here to stay.

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.

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

18. And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;
19. I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.
20. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
21. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.
22. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.
23. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.
24. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.
25. But that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.
26. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:
27. 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.
28. And I will give him the morning star.
29. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

PURPOSE: To forewarn, there is everlasting life or everlasting death.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Repent of your fornication while God is ready to forgive.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Adultery/Fornication – the Sixth Commandment; ‘Thou shalt not commit adultery,’ encompasses every unchaste/immoral act. The act can only sever one’s relationship with God. Godly adultery/fornication is worse than the natural, one is detrimental to the body while the other is detrimental to the soul.
2. Prophetess – the female preacher who delivers the message from God.
3. Repent – to become godly sorry for the disobedience exhibited to or hidden from man, although forever in God’s sight, when committed or is of the heart.
4. Seduce – to tempt or entice into sexual activity; today’s lesson, to lead or attempt to lead one astray from the one True God.
5. Thyatira, although the smallest and least significant city of the seven cities, received the longest message. It was located along the Lycus river, 30 miles southeast of Pergamos. Its trade guilds were devoted to a patron god/goddess which were the center

of their worship. They pressured the Christians to join in their social events and participate in their idolatrous lifestyle. This was an farce/disgrace against the First Commandment, ‘Thou shalt have no other gods before me’ (Exo. 20:3).

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. For God to have one thing against you, *as it was with David in his effort to cover his sin before human eyes rather than repent to God* with all seeing eyes (II Sam. 12:10; I Kings 15:5), the message from God’s Son to Thyatira was that there were a few things against the whole idolatrous city.
2. God’s name is Jealous (Exo. 34:14). Consider the generational punishment that must pass due to your one indiscretion (Exo. 20:5). Now, think of the harm and hurt that the whole church must suffer due to an “I can commit wrong and hide behind my good works, or my parents, or my friend, or my position/title, etc.”
3. There is a universal call to repentance. Acts 17:30, “And the times of this ignorance God winked [*I see you, but delayed punishment will come*] at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.”
4. Know that, “*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*” (Heb. 10:31).
5. Remember to invest God in everything that you do and all that you say. By doing so, you will have presented God Himself to the world.
6. To be in a church that is spiritually inept/malnourished, or one that becomes knowledgeable of God’s wrath by the catastrophes suffered by another church, if you had to choose, what would be your choice? What are you doing or would do as proof?

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

1. I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
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.
3. In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, *and* strengthenedst me *with* strength in my soul.
4. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.
5. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great *is* the glory of the LORD.
6. Though the LORD *be* high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.
7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.
8. The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that it is the Word of God's power that created all things.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: God the Father, having put all power and authority into the name of Jesus, hath given that name to us, even as Moses' rod.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. God's Word – the undisputable truth of God that is available to all of mankind; the Son of God, made flesh in the person of the begotten Son, Jesus.
2. Magnified – that which is made presentable as larger than can be naturally seen with a 20/20 eyesight vision.
3. The gods – those that present themselves or that which is presented by others as all powerful before humankind.
4. Worship – to give praise or credit for what is unconsciously made available at a time when it is most in need.
5. Wrath – unforeseen destruction bestowed when least expected.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. The praise from authoritative figures on earth, at some point, will come to recognize God as the God and Creator of all things.
2. God daily proves Himself to us when He answers our cries and strengthens us to accept and endure the troubles of this world that we daily witness and feel.
3. The larger picture is seen from a distance when we can still praise God as we look forward to the day of the glorious return and a better judgment that comes from Him.
4. Guide us, O Lord, for when we were blind You opened wide our eyes in expectation of the better day and the better way to live on this earth among mankind. You have chosen us to be living pictures before the world and among ourselves, for the work that you do in us is not hidden, but visible for the world to see. No one will be excused, for we show Jesus, God's living Word in us, as proof of God's work and the sacrifice of His Son.

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

1. Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.
2. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*.
3. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.
4. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.
5. And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest.
6. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:
7. Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
8. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

9. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
10. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.
11. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.
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.
13. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
14. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.
15. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.
16. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

PURPOSE: To make known that God’s Word is planted, conceived and believed in a pure heart, and becomes a spiritual force releasing the ability of God within the heart.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: It is written: “For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ” (II Corinthians 2:17).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Believed/Conceived/Planted – our representation of God’s Word in this wicked and confounded generation.
2. Discerner – one with the ability to differentiate between what is, what is not and what will be; capable of exposing even the thoughts and intents of the pathological liar who speaks, sincerely believing that whatever is said will be made true.
3. Pure Heart – the cleanse heart (*seat of all affections*) that has been thoroughly washed, sanctified and justified by the Holy Ghost (I Cor 6:11).
4. Rest – relief from trials and troubles of this life; the enduring strength to not allow the power of the sins of this world to overcome or overtake one’s belief and work for God.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Allow all that you say and do to represent the living God that is working in your life.
2. God will grant unto you His sufficient grace and visible glory (II Cor. 12:7-10), so accept that you have been planted, conceived and others will eventually believe that your steadfastness here is not in vain.
3. Those whom God has planted cannot be rooted up. You are protected (John 10:29).
4. Psalm 118:6, “The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?”
5. Let your soul rest from the sinful desires in this world. You really are better than the world’s follies, youth. Once entered, sin will take a seat to reign. It is written: “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof” (Rom. 6:12).

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.

LESSON 64

OCTOBER 17, 2021

**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

1. O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:
2. Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.
3. O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;
4. If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)
5. Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. *Selah*
6. Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.
7. So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.
8. The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.
9. Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.
10. My defence *is* of God, which saveth the upright in heart.
11. God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.
12. If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
13. He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.
14. Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
15. He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.
16. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.
17. I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that no matter what we face in this life, whether it's people or tough circumstances, know that we are not alone. The Lord is with His people!

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry. The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth” (Psalm 34:15-16).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Angry – an enraged outraged emotion of wrath toward another or some cause. Ephesians 4:26, “Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath.”
2. Judge – the authority who considers and determines one’s final end.
3. Trust – faith without doubt; firm belief. Job declared in 13:15, “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.”
4. Weapon – any destructive means in the hands of the user, whether verbal from the heart or is forcefully thrashed on one from an object in another’s hand.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Never question the judgment met out by God. Those who have been sought out and brought out of worldly pleasures can expect to be among the saints who will judge.
2. You know better, others think it strange that you “Run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*: Who shall give account [*answer*] to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead [*the living and have lived*]” (I Pet. 4:4-5).
3. The mouths that speak against your righteous lifestyle will answer and be condemned.
4. The ‘cliques’ or elite group that shun you today, will be vilified by God, and hopefully before that times comes you will be more than grateful that you were not counted worthy to be in **their** number.
5. When you do all that you can and continue in your effort, the hike up the mountain becomes easier as you reach the top. You have built up strength while climbing and persevered in your determination to reach the pinnacle of holiness in your life.
6. Your soul is valuable and is worth protecting. Guard it with the life that you live.

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

1. And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.
5. And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:
6. And thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in prosperity*, Peace *be* both to thee, and peace *be* to thine house, and peace *be* unto all that thou hast.
7. And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.
8. Ask thy young men, and they will show thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.
9. And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.
10. And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who *is* David? and who *is* the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.
11. Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* unto men, whom I know not whence they *be*?
12. So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.
13. And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.
14. But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.
15. But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:
16. They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.
17. Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he *is such* a son of Belial, that *a man* cannot speak to him.
18. Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on asses.
19. And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.
20. And it was *so, as* she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

21. Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this *fellow* hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *pertained* unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.
22. So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that *pertain* to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.
23. And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,
24. And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon me let this iniquity be*: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.
25. Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, *even Nabal*: for as his name *is*, so *is* he; Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.
26. Now therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.
27. And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.
28. I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee *all* thy days.
29. Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, *as out* of the middle of a sling.
30. And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;
31. That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.
32. And David said to Abigail, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:
33. And blessed *be* thy advice, and blessed *be* thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that giving our best effort to live harmoniously with difficult people is wise, especially those who share the faith.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Are you mean and abrasive toward others because you're trying to mask something about yourself that you don't like? Or do you treat others with grace?

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Abrasive – crude and cruel, calculating and uncompromising, rude and harsh reactions exhibited upon another.
2. Belial –worthlessness in value in referring to another.
3. Measure – a balancing method to determine its value.; recklessness, lawlessness.
4. Requited – a show of revenge; even the score, retaliated.

5. Temperance – the moderation, self-control, reasonableness, fairness; the balance shown in togetherness to complete a responsibility.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Many times opposites attracts, as with any magnetic force. But, Abigail found a way around her hard-core spouse.
2. Philippians 4:5, “Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand.”
3. Proverbs 15:1, “A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.”
4. With much calmness and poise, many times the most abrasive partner can be won over (I Pet. 3:1-2).
5. Samuel, the prophet and judge of Israel, had died after anointing David king of Israel. A somewhat sorted allegiance to one who disobeys God, or the law of the land is nothing new. Although, as David, they fight God’s battles among men. Evil begets wrong and is afraid of the truth. Yes, David was well known, but not accepted. David, a fighter with the fighters, prepared himself for the battle.
6. A wise woman turned away the coming wrath upon Nabal’s household. David had 600 warriors who stood with him, but they were not rogues, they asked for what was needed, nothing more and nothing less. In distressful times, a great deal of temperance was shown.
7. “If God be for us, who can be against us?” (Rom. 8:31)

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

1. James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.
2. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
3. Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
4. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
7. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
8. A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.
9. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
10. But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
11. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.
12. Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
13. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
14. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
16. Do not err, my beloved brethren.

PURPOSE: To emphasize our dependency upon God’s continuous guidance.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: A quick decision without consulting God can be fatal.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Err – to be mistaken or incorrect.
2. Low Degree – an individual without an earthly high status.
3. Trying and Changing Times – a period of tribulations that try men’s souls.
4. Unstable – changeable; showing a tendency of mental or emotional sudden change.
5. Upbraid – to chide/scold or reproach/admonish a person.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. A sense of direction is not always readily available, yet it is best to recognize it when you find that you are about to make the wrong turn.
2. A solicitation to follow along on a crooked constantly changing path, being blinded by the many curves, may cause one to miss a turn.
3. Indecisiveness during trying and changing times can lead to great confusion when determining the best route to undertake.
4. Separation from God when you are away from your parents means a total loss of guidance.
5. There are a few things in life that cannot be recouped, once they are gone.
6. “Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and will all thy getting get understanding” (Prov. 4:7).
7. The burning heat from the trials of life during these changing times shall never destroy my will to uplift the purpose and need to abide in God’s guidance.

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.

**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

1. The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven.
2. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, *It will be* fair weather: for the sky is red.
3. And in the morning, *It will be* foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not *discern* the signs of the times?
4. A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.
5. And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.
6. Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
7. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have taken no bread.
8. *Which* when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?
9. Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?
10. Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?
11. How is it that ye do not understand that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?
12. Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
13. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
14. And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
15. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
20. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.
21. From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
22. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
23. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.
24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
26. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
27. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
28. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

PURPOSE: To emphasize that the True Church of the Living God is more than an elaborate building on a street corner or an organized group of people. Instead, it is the mystical body of Christ, made up of true believers.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The True Church of the Living God was formed on the Day of Pentecost in the upper room in Jerusalem. This is when God, for the first time, baptized individual believers into a unified spiritual organism, the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:1-4).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Doctrine – the guideline, principle of dogma of a religious belief; that which is taught.
2. Elias/Jeremias – the Old Testament prophets, Elijah and Jeremiah.
3. Pharisees/Sadducees – two of the Jewish sects, the Pharisees (*the scribes*) were masters of the legality and letter of the law (Matt. 12:2, 16:12). The Sadducees (*or Sadducean party*) came from the ranks of the priests, focusing on their social position, and believed there is no resurrection (Matt. 22:23; Acts 23:8).
4. This Rock – the truth as revealed by God to Simon Peter.
5. Wicked/Adulterous Generation – the generation that engaged/propagated spiritual idolatry/adultery.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. The revelation of a truth that was told, came from God, not flesh and blood.
2. Jesus was tested by the prominent unbelieving Jewish religious sects. It was a dare to prove Himself to unbelievers, as always (John 8:44-47).
3. To come to one with an ulterior motive can only underhandedly reveal your own hypocrisy. Are you a great pretender in the faith?
4. Presenting the life with Christ as one of luxurious glory is deceptive, because as He suffered in the flesh, we are to arm ourselves likewise (I Pet. 4:1).

5. Acts 17:30, “And the time of this ignorance God wicket at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.”
6. “I’m working on the building ... **It’s a true foundation** ... I’m holding up the **blood-stained battle** for the Lord ... and when I finish ... working on the building ... I’m going up to heaven ... to get my reward... It’s a holy building, etc.”

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

1. Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,
2. As *when* the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* the nations may tremble at thy presence!
3. When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.
4. For since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.
5. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, *those that* remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.
6. But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.
7. And *there is* none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.
8. But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand.
9. Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we *are* all thy people.
10. Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

11. Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.
12. Wilt thou refrain thyself for these *things*, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

PURPOSE: To bring to light that the One who sits on the Throne of Grace is the King of kings and He is our Father. We can talk to Him, sit with Him, tell Him our hurts and find grace to help in our time of need.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil” (Luke 11:2-4).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Attentive – to show genuine interest in something.
2. Filthy Rags – a descriptive account of the unrighteous state of God’s people.
3. Prayer – the soul’s most earnest request, unuttered or expressed.
4. Rend – to rip apart; separate.
5. Unclean – that what has been removed or is not fruitful in the life of the saint.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

The holy cities are a wilderness. Zion, the church, is a wilderness, Jerusalem is a desolation. In the Motto Text, Nehemiah is begging God in behalf of the national sin of Israel. Their indiscretions were being acknowledged. When we desire true forgiveness, we must go to the one that we have wronged.

If one has come to God, received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with Bible evidence, and afterward, turned back to the same filthy fleshly habits, we can comprehend the Scripture. II Peter 2:22, “But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”

There is a time and a purpose under the sun for all things. To become quickly awaken to every wrong act or deed committed or embraced, will help before those matters become harden in the heart and flesh. There is no time to become accustomed to unrighteousness. Life is too short. Too often, man exceeds the set boundaries that should never be breached. That broad way to destruction suddenly becomes too crowded to maneuver and turn, and there is no way to go back home. PRAY that there will be a small opening to slow your pace so that you can turn back to God.

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.

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

1. A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.
2. O LORD, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.
3. God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. *Selah* His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.
4. And *his* brightness was as the light; he had horns *coming* out of his hand: and there *was* the hiding of his power.
5. Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.
6. He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways *are* everlasting.
7. I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: *and* the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.
8. Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? *was* thine anger against the rivers? *was* thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses *and* thy chariots of salvation?
9. Thy bow was made quite naked, *according* to the oaths of the tribes, *even thy* word. *Selah* Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.
10. The mountains saw thee, *and* they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, *and* lifted up his hands on high.
11. The sun *and* moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, *and* at the shining of thy glittering spear.
12. Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.
13. Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, *even* for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. *Selah*
14. Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing *was* as to devour the poor secretly.
15. Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, *through* the heap of great waters.
16. When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.

17. 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:
18. Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
19. 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.

PURPOSE: To reveal that when we are facing difficulties in this life, and we will, we should not run from God, rather run to Him, praising and thanking Him for all we have in Him despite the difficulties and hardship we are experiencing.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Praising God in hard times does not minimize or deny heaviness of heart. Instead, it redirects our focus on who God is.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Cushan/Kesh – land in Ethiopia wherein the inhabitants were black (Jer. 8:21, 13:23).
2. Hinds' feet – the female of the hart/deer, the Fallow Deer; edible meat of our dietary law; with beauty, speed, agility and sure footed of their feet on the mountain range.
3. Mercy – a request that is often made in behalf of one who is undeserving and should be punished.
4. Revive – to awaken what has been stagnant or undisturbed for a period of time.
5. Shigionoth – a Hebrew word that refers to a type of song, as in the Psalms, 'Selah', the musical connotation is obscure.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. A Psalm/song and a prayer, today's lesson depicts Habakkuk's plea to God on behalf of the people, rather than a plea to the people on behalf of God.
2. Habakkuk's mournful song acknowledged the punishment of God's people at the hands of the nation that was more wicked than they. But be of good cheer, Habakkuk was assured that Judah must be punished by the wicked Babylonians/the Chaldeans, but the inevitable law of retribution, the Babylonians will be punished for punishing God's people.
3. This lesson is to learn how to accept adversities. Sometimes they are punishments. Other times they may be a preventive method to hinder or stop you. At some point, God will help you to understand, meanwhile, don't ever disconnect yourself from God no matter what you endure.
4. Shun all sensuality which will separate you from the Holy Ghost. Build up yourself in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Make a difference in your life, in expectation of God's mercy when you ask Him (Jude 19-23).

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.

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

7. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.
8. *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we *are* perplexed, but not in despair;
9. Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;
10. Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.
11. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.
12. So then death worketh in us, but life in you.
13. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;
14. Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present *us* with you.
15. For all things *are* for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.
16. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.
17. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;
18. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

PURPOSE: To stress that our inner man, which is the Spirit itself, is renewed day by day.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord” (II Corinthians 3:18).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Earthen Vessels – a metaphor, for all fragile and mortal human beings.
2. Light Affliction – that which is a temporary hurt or uneasiness; not lasting.
3. Mortal Flesh – the perishable and weak human body.
4. Perplexed – to be mystified or confused concerning what has happened; stunned.
5. Spirit of Faith – to be fortified with like beliefs concerning the faith.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Did you not know that the conscience of the inner man is seen in the countenance of the outer man? (Prov. 15:13, 25:23b; Eccl. 7:3)
2. Are you aware that the fragile, sometime unkept human frame, cannot hide the good will, work and life that is lived within that body? (II Cor. 4:5, 7, 6:10)
3. Can you consider that man yet looks on the outer appearance and God will always look on the heart? (I Sam. 16:7).
4. Will you turn your most ardent desires to the certainty of the richness that is in God's Word? (I Cor. 4:8; I Tim. 6:17).
5. Have you felt some semblance of everyday renewness within your own soul? (See the Motto Text of the lesson and note II Cor. 10:12.)
6. Is there an expectation of steadfastness in your sanctified life that you, too, can expect to comprehend the inner joyous pain that is felt when sacrificing all for the benefit of the souls that belong to God? (See verse 12 of the lesson and compare with parental sacrifices for their own children.)

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; Philipians 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

12. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
13. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.
15. If ye love me, keep my commandments.
16. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
17. *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.
18. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
19. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.
20. At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.
21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.
22. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?
23. Jesus answered and said unto him, 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.
24. 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.
25. These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.
26. But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
28. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.
29. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.
30. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.
31. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

PURPOSE: To reveal that God the Holy Ghost not only keeps us free from sin, but really plants us into Christ where there is no sin and enables us to grow on unto perfection (Decree page 38, number 34).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “If any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (II Corinthians 5:17).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Attaining – the act of achieving or conquering a specific goal.
2. Comforter – the Holy Ghost; the consoling Spirit for the soul.
3. Glorified – to be highly favored, exalted or praised for specific accomplishments.
4. Judas – brother of James, the less.
5. Manifest – to be revealed; made known; uncovered what was obscure.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

From birth, every living thing strives to survive by first consuming sustaining substances that feed the body and stimulate the mind. Even without focused vision, all will reach or move toward something.

God the Holy Ghost, the Third Person of the Trinity, is ever-ready to help you meet goals that will validate His presence in your life. He is the anchor of the soul which must collect your eternal inheritance from God, whether eternal death or life. As the spiritual children of God, you have a responsibility not only to yourself, but to the world. Your birth was no accident to God. By the things we suffer, like God’s Son Jesus, we, too, can learn obedience (Heb. 5:8). Rebellion is not a virtue.

The downfall of many, youth and adults alike, is found in Luke 8:14, “And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are **choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life**, and bring no fruit to perfection.” Accumulation of this world’s goods becomes clutter that can make you stumble and fall from the Grace of God. Sometimes unknowingly, we don’t have enough life left to recover to reach perfection as admonished in Hebrews 6:1. Youth, the established church wants you to grow unto perfection while you have hope for eternal life.

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.

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

15. Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!
16. For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.
17. Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.
18. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.
19. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saveth them out of their distresses.
20. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.
21. Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!
22. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.
23. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
24. These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.
25. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.
27. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.
28. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.
29. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.
30. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
31. Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

PURPOSE: To bring to light when the storms of life overtake us, let us focus our eyes above and thank Almighty God for the opportunity to grow and be shaped in His image.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Let us trust that everything, even the lowest of lows, will serve to better us as believers and strengthen us as followers of Christ. "O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? Or to thy faithfulness round about thee? Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them?" (Psalm 89:8-9).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Abhor – a detestable or despised state of displeasure.
2. Iniquities – immoralities, sins, vices that have been attached to your everyday life.
3. Protector – the one who protects by setting boundaries to secure safety of our bodies and preservation of our souls.

4. Storms of Life – the enduring period wherein we are troubled about the misfortunes and tribulations at hand or what is visibly expected that are many times placed to try our steadfastness and test our dependence on God.
5. Transgressions – the arbitrary crossing over God’s spiritually defined set boundary; committed disobediences, sins, offenses.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. In II Corinthians Apostle Paul twice emphasized being ‘troubled on every side’, though not in despair (4:8 and 7:5). His suffering as an Apostle are enumerated in the eleventh chapter of Corinthians. Consumed with his godly jealous for those he brought into the Gospel, Paul’s poignant desire still is to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
2. To whom do you turn and who do you fear, the one that you can see watching what you do, or the One whose eyes are constantly looking down on your every movement? Allow the students to descriptively reply as to why.
3. Have you ever encountered a storm/trial and afterward realized that the reason you exited unharmed, was not by your own power, but with the accumulation of what you had already attained with patience, you overcame? Permit the students to give an example of what may represent the working of the Holy Ghost within them.
4. By coming to know Jesus, the Omnipresent One, for yourself, do you emotionally feel the necessity of living so that others will be drawn to Him through your behavior? Give the students the opportunity to express what they consider ‘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

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

1. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
2. God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
3. Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:
6. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
7. For he that is dead is freed from sin.
8. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:
9. Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.
10. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
11. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
12. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
13. Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.
14. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
15. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
16. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
17. But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
18. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.
19. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.
20. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.
21. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.
22. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.
23. For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PURPOSE: To confirm that the old life dies that the new may live.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “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” (verses 12-13).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Abound – to thrive or flourish; abundantly plentiful.
2. Free from Sin – an absence of surrounding circumventing wrongs that may impede one in a righteous life; to be saved.
3. Instruments of Righteousness – those props that holds one up to be in the very image of God the Father and God the Son, protected by God the Holy Ghost.
4. Yield – the act of submitting.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

No is a negative answer to any matter, and *yes* is an affirmation reply. If God forbids you to do anything, do you arbitrarily disobey Him as you may have done or seen in others? To be like Jesus is not difficult when we plant ourselves in righteousness. We will become grounded and settled, so as not to be rooted up with the sins of unrighteousness. We can become His armor bearer and hold up His arms in battles as Aaron and Hur did for Moses, God's visible leader (Exo. 17:12), while Joshua continued in battle.

Youth, the weight of battles over sin in the lives of God's people becomes heavy with the fighting leading warriors. It is with heavy hearts that they continue to plead with you as they go into many fast days and prayers for you. Today's lesson is still being echoed through our present Chief Overseer. NO, we shall not continue in sin! If we do so, we will forfeit the Abundant Grace that was promised after the fall in Eden and fulfilled in the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. There is no cloak that can hide sin from the all-seeing eyes of God. Titles and positions on earth are visibly opening the weakened wickedness that exist in authoritative administrations.

Live so that the doors in your life will never need to be closed because of the curse of sin and death.

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 74

DECEMBER 26, 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

1. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
2. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
3. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.
4. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.
5. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

6. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.
7. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.
8. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
9. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
10. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.
11. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.
12. Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.
13. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.
14. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.
15. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.
16. Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.
17. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?
18. My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.
19. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.
20. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.
21. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.
22. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.
23. 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.
24. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

PURPOSE: To inspire God's people that the Christian journey is a tedious road during our daily walk with Christ.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: We should commemorate Christmas as a Holy Day rather than a holiday.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Christmas – the periodic time of the year wherein the nations still recognize the birth of the Son of God.
2. Holiday – a celebratory day set aside by governments to recognize an historical event or the legacy of a noteworthy individual.
3. Jesus Christ – the anointed Savior.

4. Sons of God – the spiritually redeemed souls who have withdrawn themselves from the world into God’s fellowship. Refer to I John 3:2-3, 7-10 and the Church Decree on page 38 #35.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Christmas is always an awakening period of the newness of life as being good, innocent, and full of hope.
2. Christmas is a reminder of a change for the better.
3. Christmas is not a time to shy away from focusing on expensive gifts, for the world has received the greatest gift of all, the Son of God who cannot be exchanged.
4. Christmas is a reminder of how we should daily shower gifts of kindness in word and deed.
5. Christmas gives us reverence and thankfulness for the sacrificial assurance that we, too, can live exemplary lives while the world seeks us out, questioning our longevity in behavioral Christian attributes ... regardless of what society or avowed friendship may portray of us.
6. Christmas is a time when meeting another we can still hear “Christmas Give” echoing around. You, yet may unknowingly, have already given and continue to exhibit and give of your best life, behavior, unselfishness, good for evil, etc., for the moral benefit of other needy souls so that none will be left behind.

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.

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

1. LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*.
2. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
3. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways.
4. For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
5. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
6. *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.
7. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8. If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.
9. *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
10. Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
11. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
12. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to thee*.
13. For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
14. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.
15. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.
17. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!
18. *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.
19. Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.
20. For they speak against thee wickedly, *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.
21. Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
22. I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.
23. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
24. And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PURPOSE: To stress that we didn't just evolve into what we are, we were created in the image and likeness of Almighty God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: We have the innate ability to discern right from wrong. God didn't just design us to do our own thing. He created us so we would desire an ongoing relationship with Him.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Downsitting – your dwelling; to settle.
2. Fearfully – to fear; to revere.
3. Reins – the loins; areas of the waist; restraints.
4. Workmanship – the quality of one's labor.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

It is a New Year, and Almighty God yet reigns upon the earth. He will never ask, "Don't I know you?" As it was with Jeremiah, so is it with you (Jer. 1:5). There is no place for you to go to hide from God's presence. No deed or act will be unknown to Him, from the earth to the sea to the atmosphere, His eyes are there. Proverbs 22:3 records, "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

Is it not a divine blessing for your very soul to acknowledge what it knows by what you do in your body, exhibited by what you desire in your heart and think in your mind? As you continue into the New Year, be mindful of the ways and means that God may choose to use to help rectify the world through you. Not one of you were created and

birthed into this world for your purpose, but God's. How others perceive you to be will not define who you are, what you will do or how your life will end. "As thou knowest not what *is* the way of the spirit, *nor* how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all" (Eccl. 11:5).

From creation, your existence was well planned for God's use. He then and still knows what His plans are for Him through you. You or others may be surprised of what you accomplished, but not God. The praise of men is soon old, but with God all things are new in you. Try to get it right the first time, and then strive to improve in your goal to work in the likeness of God.

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

1. And Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, *As* the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.
2. And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,
3. Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.
4. And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.
5. So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.
6. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.
7. And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.
8. And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,
9. Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.
10. So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
11. And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12. And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.
13. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.
14. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.
15. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.
16. *And* the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.
17. And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.
18. And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?
19. And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.
20. And he 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?
21. 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.
22. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.
23. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.
24. And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in thy mouth *is* truth.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that prayer prayed in the name of Jesus, based on the Word of God, is “mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.”

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4: 16).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Cruse – a bottle.
2. Praise – the extolling or exaltation of a deity, ruler, or hero.
3. Raven – a large black-plumage bird of prey with a croaking cry.
4. Unlimited – without any set boundary; no restrictions.
5. Widow – the married female whose male spouse has expired.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

We make our petitions to God, but we cannot determine just how that prayer is answered. During the time of drought in Israel, Elijah, in his flight from Jezebel (*Ahab's wife of the city of Zarephath*), first drank water from the brook and was fed by the unclean carrions. After Brook Cherith dried up, Elijah was sent into a Gentile city to be fed and sheltered with a widow and her son. Yes, God still protects and provides for us through whom He chooses.

There will always be a shelter through pending dangers that are orchestrated by those appeasing Satan as gear in his efforts to destroy the works of the righteous. God is not relinquishing his unlimited power, neither will transfer it into the hands of any being. God is to be continually praise for all that He has already done for us. We are here for Him and He will always be here for us.

Youth, do all that you can to not allow Satan or his agents to use you as a tool or means to carry out his will toward your fellowman. You don't have time to fight against God (Acts 5:39), and "*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*" (Heb. 10:31). You can easily turn God's Word into the unlimited power of praise by obedience to His Word, which is not being taught in vain by those who watch for you souls.

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

Romans 5:1-5

1. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
2. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
3. And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
4. And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
5. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Philippians 4:4-8

4. Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.
5. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
6. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
7. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
8. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

PURPOSE: It is imperative that when we say we are followers of Christ, our character and behavior are reflected in Him.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: We demonstrate character and integrity when we do what we say and act out what we believe, if not, we are hypocrites.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Access – a means of approaching, entering, exiting, communication with, or making use of; the ability or right to approach.
2. Character – the qualities that distinguish a person or a group; moral integrity; wherein reputation is what others say you are.
3. Heartily – a show of being enthusiastic, completely; with the whole heart.
4. Supplication – an appeal, solicitation, or request made to another.
5. Tribulation – the feeling of great affliction or distress; trial that test endurance.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

The right of access to the Rewarder who freely gives to those who ask of Him is priceless. You will access Christ with Christian character in your heart. You are of value to Him, and He will not withhold anything that He determines is good for you.

When you have done all you know to serve God, and then some, and a tragedy or calamity enters your life, do you know how to go to God through His Son, Jesus? Can you recall the words of Hezekiah when he became sick unto death and Isaiah told him to set his house in order? Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and prayed, “Remember now, O LORD...how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and done that which is good in thy sight.” Hezekiah mournfully cried. (Note the 38th chapter of Isaiah.)

As you face the downside of life’s opportunities, know that as you remember God in every aspect of what you do, God will remember and carry you through. Nothing is too hard. Just reflect on the good that you have done, grasp the good, shun the evil. Build up yourself (*character*) in your most holy faith.

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

5. And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,
6. *As for* these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
7. And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign *will there be* when these things shall come to pass?
8. and he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ*; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.
9. But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end *is* not by and by.
10. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:
11. And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.
12. But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.
13. And it shall turn to you for a testimony.
14. Settle *it* therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:
15. For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.
16. 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.
17. And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake.
18. But there shall not an hair of your head perish.
19. In your patience possess ye your souls.
20. And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.
21. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.
22. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.
23. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.
24. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that Jesus' purpose was not to satisfy curiosity about the end times. Rather, His responsibility was to instill assurance and faith in His disciples so that they would not fall away during the coming intense persecution and world chaos.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: God's people are responsible to persevere in obedience and witness in this evil world, even in the face of persecution and martyrdom.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Chaos – the state of confusion; pandemonium; madness.
2. Flee – to make a swift departure from pending danger or trouble that you cannot stop.
3. Intense – an extreme degree when persevering; a great press forward to a goal.

4. Persevere – to proceed when obstacles are placed to hinder your progress.
5. Testimony – a witnessed account of something; the evident proof.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Greatness is synonymous with worldly wealth and titles, from which the worth of God has been bled from the accumulation or attainment. To some, greatness is looked upon as nobility in a society/world that refuses to grasp hold of the higher level of drawing souls out of degradation to even modesty in this present world. All of us are living souls, *regardless of whom we make ourselves servants to obey in our zeal to survive*, we belong to God.

Men who may present themselves to you as your Christ because they provide your well-being through prestigious jobs or income, may lead you into ruinous temptation when they deviate from the law within a nation. Stand firm and hold to the faith that you have received, whether spoken or written (II Thess. 2:15). You will never have a need to repay mankind by becoming a curiosity to society.

The shock of calamities, by deed or misspoken word, should propel you to hold fast to God, although you may feel as if you are fragilely hanging as a leaf from a tree. God can keep you holding on until your trial of life passes. Remember as you live, whatever measure that you surrender/give to God is the measure of perseverance He will give to you.

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

1. To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
2. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted;
3. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
4. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
5. A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
6. A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
7. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
8. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.
9. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?
10. I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

11. He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that in times of waiting, God stretches our faith in Him to bring about change and growth in our lives.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 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” (James 1:4).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Ecclesiastes – the Preacher; the theme of the Book is the vanity of mere earthly things contrasted to the knowledge and service of God.
2. Purpose – a set aim or goal; an intent to resolve a matter of interest.
3. Season – a period of time for something to come; a time to render competent through experience.
4. Vanity – that which is vain, without heavenly value to be used to propagate the Word and Message of God.
5. Wait – to remain stationary in expectation for something to come; be still.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. What is the theme of the Book of Ecclesiastes? Refer to the glossary to help in your answer.
2. Are we to be impatient in our waiting for an answer from God?
No, we are to feel at ease and wait patiently for His answer. There are times when we may ask something of Him that may hinder His work in us. Study Psalm 37:7.
3. God did not rush Israel into the land that was promised to them through the faithfulness of His friend, Abraham. He delayed their entry while other nations built up the land for the heritage of His anointed people. Never steal to obtain anything accumulated by the wicked. In due time, God will supply the needs of the meek that are necessary to do His assigned work. Unexpectedly expect in God’s due time the wealth (*which may be in the form of the ability, expertise, teaching, etc. that thieves cannot steal*) that the sinner has laid up for the just (Prov. 13:22).
4. Man has been searching beneath the waters, in the earth, in the heavens and the curiosity is yet insatiable. Man goes up and man goes down seeking hidden knowledge that would be beneficial to him, and still will not recognize God. Yet, the vast sums of money spent in their search is beneficial to you. But, the earth on which we live is becoming troubled in all matters of living. Uncontrollable disasters and despicable wars are destroying what took years to build. Lives are being torn apart by the acts of a few, and yet many will not turn to God. Youth, build yourself up in your most holy faith and wait patiently for relief from the mental anguish that must be endured. God will not hold you guilty for the wrong committed by others. You do your best to help pull them out of the destructive fire of sin (Jude 20-23).

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

1. And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
2. Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:
3. And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.
4. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;
5. Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.
6. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.
7. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?
8. I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?
9. And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:
10. Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.
11. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.
12. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.
13. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.
14. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

PURPOSE: To emphasize that when we do not humble ourselves, we are really saying we don't trust God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The fact is that until we humble ourselves, we can never receive the grace of God which is a gift that He only gives to those who are of a humble and contrite nature (Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 57:15, 66:2).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Casting – a tossing of throwing away from you, in expectation of receiving something in return.
2. Exalt – to lift or elevate higher above another; the opposite of being abase or humility.
3. Humble – submissive to a cause or need of others.
4. Parable – a morale allegory/discourse, comparing the likeness of the known side with the spiritual realm.

5. Publican – one who collected taxes for the Romans; they were of the commercial and financial class of the Romans.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Have you ever been just sitting around and seemingly inactive, and heard the question being asked, “Don’t you have **something to do?**” More than once would be true for most. The thought is that it is time for you to focus on something productive. Never feel discouraged or hurt, for it could be that your thoughts are active and your mind is in focus, hopefully on how to do something good. Your best reply would be, “I was thinking, but that can wait, what do you have for me to do?” Yet, at times you may be busy doing something when another would ask, “Don’t you have **something else to do?**” You can reply, “I can stop, what is it you are in need of help?”

When submitting your hands to any task, do it with humility. Never go about any work in a spirit of exaltation or feeling special because you were chosen. Remember, before you chose God, He chose you to serve, live and be exemplary before your family, peers, the neighborhood and as you meet others who are unknown to you. You will build up yourself in your most holy faith, knowing that He who promises is more than able to fulfill or complete Himself in you. Micah 6:8 says, “He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”

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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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

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.
17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
18. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
19. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
20. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.
21. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.
22. After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.
23. And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.
24. For John was not yet cast into prison.
25. Then there arose a question between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.
26. And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all *men* come to him.
27. John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.
28. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.
29. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30. He must increase, but I *must* decrease.
31. He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.
32. And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.
33. He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.
34. For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.
35. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.
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.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that “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” (I Corinthians 2:9).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: What happens five minutes after the breath leaves the body? The soul of man is immediately caught up into another world where he/she will spend eternity.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Condemnation – the censure or conviction by God for disapproved behavior.
2. Eternal Reservation – a reserved well-planned everlasting destination made for the soul, through obedience or disobedience, that it must take to exit from earth.
3. Light – the illuminated brightness that shines through darkness.
4. Time – the counted period of calculated existence or moment to do something.
5. Wrath of God – fierce anger of vengeful punishment due from God (Heb. 10:30-31).

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. A well-planned trip is one in which all details are laid out and nothing is lacking to make your away-time memorable and pleasurable. There is great expectation of what lies ahead that you cannot imagine, spiritually also (I Cor. 2:9).
2. A fast lifestyle can sometimes emulate that one is seeking a death that will not be found (Prov. 21:6; Rev. 9:6). What are some of the characteristics of seeking eternal life that is ever-ready to be found? Begin with abstinence in morality.
3. Delaying your trip only causes hesitation in the preparation. Think of something to not forget to take on the ‘*I will get to that later*’ journey, and you won’t travel well without it. Begin with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.
4. Last minute preparation may get you there, but preparation will make the trip worth the effort.
5. What could be some of the surprises that you placed in your baggage, and with a surprise of ‘I didn’t know that I actually packed that’ when I know it would be useless during my plan destination? Oops! It just may be that you met an unexpected end by always carrying an atrocious habit.

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.

**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

1. And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple.
2. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
3. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?
4. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.
5. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
6. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
7. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
8. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.
9. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
10. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
11. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
12. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
13. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
14. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.
15. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)
16. Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:
17. Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:
18. Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.
19. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
20. But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
21. For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that God is a God of love, a fact that cannot diminish that He is also a Holy God, demanding a holy life.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Many people that go to church today don't even care what the doctrine or beliefs of the church are. They are not looking for a service where they might be convicted of sin, but a service that makes them feel good.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Buildings of the Temple – an earthly show of the magnificent constructions by man; spiritually, you are God's buildings (I Cor. 3:9; Eph. 2:21).
2. Deceive – to be arbitrarily led away from what is good and acceptable.
3. Evidencing – to bring into being; to make possible.
4. Flee – to depart in haste; to bolt suddenly.
5. Ready – to be set to start; equipped to face what lies ahead.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. 'Be Ready When He Comes' is an old song of praise that would amplify the necessity of preparedness for the better forever life. It will be a period of urging redemption.
2. In all I do, my mental focus is on eternal life. Got it!
3. The seat of all my affections is in the heart. Got it!
4. My manner of conversation is controlled. Got it!
5. My fare is paid in full. Got it!
6. All excess baggage is removed. Got it!
7. All obstacles have been removed. Just removed the LAST one!
8. My heavy load is made easier to carry. Earned it!

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

1. Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.
2. But 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:
3. 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.

4. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.
5. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.
6. For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.
7. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them*. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?
8. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.
9. Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation.
10. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*.
11. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.
12. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.
13. Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken *so much* against thee?
14. Ye have said, It *is* vain to serve God: and what profit *is it* that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?
15. And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, *they that* tempt God are even delivered.

PURPOSE: To show how a wicked nation will be judge by Almighty God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Keep the faith that God will preserve you in the midst of moral decline.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Assemble – a gathering of varying people to settle differences or agree upon a course of direction.
2. Faith – the visionary substance of what is hoped to become.
3. National Wickedness – wrongs that affect a whole nation.
4. Rebuke the Devourer – to censure/reprimand those whose goal is to demolish or destroy a just cause or individual.
5. Refiner – one whose responsibility is to perfect something so that it will appeal to the masses.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Are you holding on to the faith during your stay while you live among these wretched generations? You don't have a choice! There are many creatures in the seas that were created by God. All have a purpose and a unique responsibility for their species. One (the clam) grows pearls of great value, but their purpose is to filter the filth in the waters. There

are some bottom feeders that remove the dead, making us so grateful for all of our dietary laws. A great fish, in Jonah's time, was prepared to protect him while he was in the water for three precious days and nights (Jonah 1:17; Matt. 12:40), and lived.

The waters encompass more space of the earth than the land. As the creations in the water are specific in their duties, so is man. There is no place that will hide the souls of man from God. He hears and sees all things, always knowing even the thoughts of the imaginations of the heart of His people (I Chron. 29:17-18). Youth, this is your time to set the example among your peers. When you show the right disposition in all you say and do, you will never be concerned with what is told or said. God is jealous (II Cor. 11:2).

Do your best to understand the necessity of obedience in the home. Doing so will better prepare you for adulthood and independence when you are self-supporting away from home. Wickedness of the nations of the world are being uncovered. The more that you hear and learn means that you have more to shun. It can be done. You can keep the old-time faith, obey the doctrine, and the traditions (Jude 3; Tit. 1:9; II Thess. 2:15).

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

1. Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip.
2. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;
3. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;
4. God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?
5. For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.
6. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?
7. Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:
8. Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

9. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.
10. For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
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,
12. Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.
13. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.
14. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;
15. And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
16. For verily he took not on *him the nature of* angels; but he took on *him* the seed of Abraham.
17. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.
18. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

PURPOSE: To make known that only God can open our spiritual eyes that we might see how Christ became human that we might become divine.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The next time you find yourself standing on the edge and cliff of life, as a child of God, remember that God is saying to you today what He said yesterday, “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” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Confirm – to establish the validity or existence of; to verify, make firmer, strengthen.
2. Nature of Angels – although superior to the angels, Jesus came in human flesh, demonstrating His superiority over Moses, the mediator of the law, and Joshua the conqueror of the promised land.
3. Saved – to be free from the guilt, power, and dominion of sin.
4. Sanctified – to be set apart for a special purpose; to purify.
5. Subjection – to become under the rule of another, especially in an owe of allegiance.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

To show yourselves as ascribing adults in the world as you matriculate to your next stage in life, can be awesome. What else or what more can you do now that you are saved? What stance do you travel from day to day? Can you vindicate yourself by covering your short comings, or do you wake up before self-destruction? Youth, this is your time to make decisions because the exposed wickedness is great in the land, revealing the weak state of man’s professed prerogative. Refer to Joel 3:13-16.

Entitlement has pulled souls away from the hope 'In God We Trust' quoted belief. Failures in treasures, lustful pleasures, fruit of the evil remains that stains generations forever. Youth, it is time for you to become champions of the recovery system that remains well-oiled in your soul. Don't be ashamed to acknowledge God in all of your behavioral ways. Exercise the proof that remains within you. God is faithful in all things and the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, will bring all things that you have learned back to your remembrance. You will have protection when the 'sneaky beast of sin' that unexpectedly appears before you and you are not almost aware of its presence until it is gone.

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.

LESSON 85

MARCH 13, 2022

**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; to morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.

ENTIRE LESSON: II Chronicles 20:1-22

1. It came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *other* beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.
2. Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they *be* in Hazazontamar, which *is* Engedi.
3. And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
4. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.
5. And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,
6. And said, O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?
7. *Art* not thou our God, *who* didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?
8. And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,
9. If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name *is* in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

10. And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;
11. Behold, *I say, how* they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.
12. O Our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee.
13. And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.
14. Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;
15. And he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.
16. To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.
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; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you.
18. And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.
19. And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.
20. And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.
21. And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
22. And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

PURPOSE: To prepare soldiers enforcing the power over Satan and his wicked works that was won by Christ on Calvary's Cross (Matthew 10:17-19).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*" (Ephesians 6:12).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Friend – a close companion, united with a common cause or set goals.
2. Hazazon-tamar – ancient name of Engedi, fountain of the wild goat; a town; also called the city of palm trees; it was a wilderness situated about 30 miles Southeast of Jerusalem on the West shore of the Dead Sea. It was full of rocks and caves.

3. Jehoshaphat – son of Asa and Azubah, he succeeded to the throne of Judah at the age of 35, reigning 25 years, walked in the first ways of his father David, and did not seek after Baalim (I Kings 22:41-43; II Chron. 17:1-6).
4. Levite – a descendent of Levi (third son of Jacob and Leah), in whose hand the Old Testament priesthood was set in order. Study Hebrews 7:11-22.
5. Warring – a constant disagreement or battle.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. We are at war against sin within and without. There is no exception, when the call is made to all (Acts 16:30; I Tim. 2:4), we must fight the good fight of faith (II Tim. 4:7).
2. We must do the fighting, as evidence by our Elder Brother, Jesus, but the battle still is God's (I Sam. 17:47).
3. Be grateful that you are a chosen fighter, ordained for the battles until the war is won.
4. Be not fearful to fight to shut down and root out the evil, or you will occupy the reserved space that awaits all who are afraid/fearful to fight (Heb. 13:6; Rev. 21:8).
5. You are a most significant warrior. Jeremiah 1:10, "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." Hosea 10:12, "*It is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."

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

9. And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.
10. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
11. Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;
12. And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

13. On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.
14. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
15. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.
16. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.
17. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred *and* forty *and* four cubits, *according to* the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.
18. And the building of the wall of it was *of* jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like unto clear glass.
19. And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation *was* jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;
20. The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysopterus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.
21. And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass.
22. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.
23. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.
24. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.
25. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.
26. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.
27. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

PURPOSE: To portray the foolishness of deathbed religion.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Cubit – an ancient unit of measure, approximate 17 to 22 inches.
2. Golden Reed – representing the preciseness of the measurements and the perfectness expected.
3. Jasper Stone – having great brilliance; translucent to the eye.
4. Lamb's Wife – the Church.
5. Measure of a Man – in building, measurements must be consistent and to have each additional measurement the same, the material first cut must be used to cut every additional cut. There will be no deviation in the requirement of the souls of men that inherit eternal life. We accomplished God's work according to the ability in the job He has given (Matt. 25:14-15).

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

All must individually decide what they want to accomplish in life and what is wrong with the way they are doing it now. Each day we live we are bombarded with, “you can be whatever you want to be, you can have all things, you can make it happen.” Motivational speakers promise that you can create your own destiny and they offer countless ways to help achieve our plan for success, money, true love and the life most people desire.

Many troubled souls are joining this “vicious cycle” with all its pressures, to find themselves feeling empty (*even after they have achieved significance in the eyes of the world*) especially in the church. Many are feeling empty and are coming to the end of themselves as they search for the true meaning of life.

The false sense that security of life comes from defying our achievements and expecting it to keep us from the troubles of life in a way that only God can do (Psalm 135: 15-18). Youth, it is near closing time, are you ready to meet the Lord? If not, when? It is written: “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come” (Matt. 24:42).

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

13. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
14. And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
15. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
20. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.
21. From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
22. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.
24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
26. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
27. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
28. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that the Bible shows, in order for man to live, self-gratification must not be minimized but killed.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: To deny oneself means to follow the example set forth by the Lord Jesus Himself in coming into this world (Read Philippians 2:5-8).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Cross – the burden, weight or responsibility, that is placed on an individual.
2. Deny – to refute or reject something that you place on yourself or that another determines that you should do.
3. Profit – that which is gained or added due to accomplishment of the first work that is placed on you; interest.
4. Savor – to taste, appreciate, prefer or value something.
5. Self-gratification – the selfish act of being pleased by your own intimate efforts, alone.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Every time you thirst, water to quench that thirst is not always available. Yet, your body is telling you to replenish your thirst. The same is true when your belly craves to be fed, yet, there may be foods that you would never eat to fill your stomach. You don't get that thirsty and you don't get that hungry. Many times that thirst and hunger will pass.

This is an age to desperately hunger and thirst after righteousness while you have ample spiritual food to fill your soul, and quiet every hunger pain. Proverbs 30:7-9 beautifully makes requests to be fulfilled before answering the call of death. 1) Remove vanity and lies, 2) no gifts of poverty, neither riches, and 3) to be fed with food convenient for me.

The only good that comes from any *vanity* or *lies* is knowledge of what to avoid. Poverty, or just being poor in any area of life, may trouble anyone to become greedy. Riches, or man's conception of being rich, many times cause self-elevation or importance among peers and separate you from God. It is all right to be poor and wiser than others, your good will be remembered if your name is forgotten or not recorded, God's record cannot be changed (Eccl. 9:13-18). Convenient food is the spiritual food that is at hand. Spiritually, take out the dangerous sharp fish bones, regardless of how minute they may seem to be, eat the good part of the message and enjoy every bit. The sweetness of His Word may become bitter after digested (Rev. 10:9-10).

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 96:12-13 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice 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

31. When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:
32. And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:
33. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
34. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
35. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
36. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink?
38. When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*?
39. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
40. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.
41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
42. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:
43. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.
44. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?
45. Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me.
46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

PURPOSE: To make us aware that the Day of Reckoning is closer than we think.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The Judgement Day will surely come. Be ready!

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Day of Reckoning – the coming Judgment that sums up the completion of a job.
2. Judge – Jesus, God the Son, who is better equipped to judge all, having come to earth in the flesh and endured. “I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (II Tim. 4:1-2).
2. Prison – indicating the restraints that are forever in place to keep one separated from sin and sinning.
3. Sheep/Goats – their personalities or characteristics differ, in that sheep are meek and will be found grazing, unaware of the dangers; the goats are sure footed climbers that face dangers on any mountain and will eat almost anything to survive.
4. Stranger – one who is not familiar to a situation or city.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:2).
2. Are you aware that God is the Judge and he will put down one, and set up another to do His will by putting another in that earthly seat? See Psalm 75:7.
3. “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” (John 10:27-28).
4. “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” (Numbers 23:19)?

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

1. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
2. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3. And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
4. And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
5. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
6. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
7. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.
8. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
9. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
10. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
11. And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.
12. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
13. (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
14. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.
15. But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.
16. And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification.
17. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)
18. Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.
19. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.
20. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:
21. That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

PURPOSE: To make known that man seeks to be made new again by self-effort and human cultural; God demands a new creation and abandonment of self-effort and works.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Cain and Abel showed that man's way back to God by self-effort is not God's way.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Disobedience – the varying of what has been ordered by deliberate omission or commission; rebellion.

2. Justified – the validated or supported element of a cause.
3. Reconciled – the bringing back to a former position or way.
4. Self-effort – to accomplish a matter without the assistance or interference of another.
5. Thoughts – the accumulation of ideas for consideration.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Youth, we must rely on the Lord’s strength, not our own:

1. “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts” (Zech. 4:6).
2. “We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us” (II Cor. 4:7).
3. “And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God” (II Cor. 3:4–5).
4. “Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God” (Psa. 20:7)
5. “Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his face evermore” (Psa. 105:4).
6. “Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee” (Psa. 84:5).
7. “*It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man” (Psa. 118:8).

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 compassed 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

14. 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.
15. Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.
16. And in the first day *there shall be* an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save *that* which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

17. And ye shall observe *the feast of unleavened bread*; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.
18. In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.
19. Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.
20. Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.
21. Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.
22. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.
23. For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*.
24. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.
25. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.
26. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?
27. That ye shall say, *It is* the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.
28. And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

PURPOSE: To understand the all-sufficient power of the shed blood of Jesus Christ and what it accomplishes daily for each true child of God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: All believers should be thankful to the Lord for paying our sin-debt in full. Therefore, Satan has no more dominion to afflict us with sickness and the curse of sin and death. Halleluiah!

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Convocation – a large formal assembly.
2. Ordinance – a law or rule made by an authority; government.
3. Passover – a Jewish festival marking the exodus of the Hebrews from captivity in Egypt.
4. Plague – an affliction or extremely troublesome or annoying person or thing.
5. Unleavened – made without yeast or other rising agent.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

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 being delivered from slavery in the land of Egypt. They were God’s chosen ones; therefore, He delivered them from the hands of a terrible king by the name of Pharaoh. The “Feast of the Passover” honored the night when death 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.

Discuss the significance of Easter and what it means to you.

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

LESSONS 91 – 105

LESSON 91

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

1. Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
2. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
3. But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
4. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
5. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
6. And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
7. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.
8. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
9. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?
10. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.
11. And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
12. And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
13. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.
14. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.
17. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of it* all the days of thy life;
18. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

PURPOSE: To bring to light this question asked by Satan in the Garden of Eden, “Hath God said?” Satan attempted to blemish the reputation of God’s Word by insinuating it was uncertain or unreasonable.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: 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? (Numbers 23:19).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Deceived – tricked, betrayed, misguided; led away from a set goal or designation.
2. First Adam – the created son of God.
3. Humanity – civilization of the human race; acceptable attributes.
4. Ruin – devastation, downfall, a destroyed or wreck state.
5. Subtle – shrewd, cunning, devious, tricky.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

That old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, appeared to Eve in the form of a snake and started talking. Now, Eve had not heard another voice, except Adam’s. Satan first questioned Eve by testing her remembrance of what God had instructed. Then the Devil began to examine her understanding of God’s law. Remember that Satan had spent his entire very long existence in the presence of God. Eve, compared to Satan, is what we may call a ‘NewBee’ (*just a buzz*) in the knowledge of God.

Without questioning, accept God’s instructions when He says **NO!** There will always be some knowledge that will be too harsh for your understanding. It is delivered as Sweet now - Bitter later, but it must be accepted as food that is good for nourishing the soul. Eat, you will need the fat of the Word at some point in your life. Study Revelation 10:9-11.

Youth, beware of being led by new company. Beware of trying to explain the Scriptures, without first studying to show yourself an approved advocate of God’s Word. Be afraid of having your life ruined when you have not really had an opportunity to grasp life with the spiritual strength to pass or share God’s precious Word. Hate the evil. Love the good. Learn to do well. Always *CARE* about your own reputation while respecting the reputation of other precious souls. Remember, it will always be all right to reply when questioned about your faith, “If you are really interested, join me in our Sunday School class.”

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

1. Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.
2. And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
3. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.
4. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.
5. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.
6. I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty land. *Selah*
7. Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
8. Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.
9. Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.
10. Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
11. Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
12. And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I *am* thy servant.

PURPOSE: To urge prayer and supplication to God in times of affliction and distress.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Be specific in making your requests known to the Lord.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Deliver – rescue; shield; provide a protective barrier.
2. Distress – sorrow mixed with anguish; upsetting distress.
3. Enemies – those who are constantly against one; antagonist, foes.
4. National Prayer Day – a day nationally set aside to petition intercessory help from God for the nation. The First Thursday of May was designated in law by the United States Congress as National Prayer Day in 1988 during the tenure of President Ronald Reagan.
5. Supplication – a sincere cry for God's mercy and a petition for favor.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Distress or anxiety about your school grades (*or some other reoccurring problem*) may come frequent for some, due to an overwhelming encounter or sudden occurrence in your life. This is the time to persevere. Focus on what you can do. Your trial of faith could very well be a test to let go of those things that you cannot change, when they are not in your hands. God knows your strength and the desires of your heart. He also knows and hears the prayers out of a sincere heart.

One may testify, “Those who can get a prayer through and an answer back, pray for me.” When you hear a similar summation of a request for prayer, can you join the church in prayer, or must you get ready? Youth, live to always be ready to commune with God in your own behalf, as well as in any plea for others. There is strength in numbers. Youth, recognize National Prayer Day for the Nation, yet always pray for the enduring strength to bear every burden ... they help to make you strong.

1. When was the first National Day of Prayer?

In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming the nation. The call for prayer continued over the years. In 1873 President Abraham Lincoln also made the call to prayer. President Harry Truman signed into law the bill proclaiming National Day of Prayer in 1952 on the 17th of April. The law was amended in 1988 by President Ronald Raegan, designating the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer.

2. How often should we pray? Expound from Luke 18:1 and I Thessalonians 5:17, “Men ought always to pray, and not to faint....Pray without ceasing.”

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

1. My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
2. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.
3. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
4. Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
5. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

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

PURPOSE: To reiterate that “the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!” (James 3:5)

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: It is written: “Putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil” (Ephesians 4:25-27).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Anger – infuriated rage or fury, usually caused by what another has done to someone or what you have done to yourself.
2. Destroyed – the tearing down of what has been established as real.
3. Home – the family unit, united by agreement of promises, goals, expectations and love.
4. Mother – the female parent of another, either by birth or by choice.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

Each of us entered this life through the labor of a biological mother. God has decreed that some mothers rear the children through the long haul. Other mothers are with the child just for a while, and there are some that are taken away at birth or before the children reach adulthood. Wherever your category, be assured that you are not forgotten by God. Think of yourself as being blessed. God always makes a way, and Jesus plainly instructed the adults by saying, “Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:14).

Youth, you are God’s uncut and unpolished jewels of great value! Your presence during this time period is not by accident. Await your time of parenthood; your minds and bodies really are not ready. Strive through observation to search out ways and means to prevent anger in your home, when that times comes.

As long as you are with your parents/guardians, you cannot become master of the home, but you can learn what to do and what not to do; thereby, creating the best atmosphere when you enter adulthood. Focus on keeping God in your family by always obeying what is right; that is your responsibility to your mother. Think of your own mother and her struggles. She literally answers to everyone. Remember, youth, we nationally recognize motherhood one day of the year. Keep in mind that once a female becomes a mother, she is always a mother every day.

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

1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
4. When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
6. For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
7. In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.
8. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
10. And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.
12. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.
14. And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
15. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

PURPOSE: The Bible shows that in order for man to live, self-gratification must not be minimized, but killed.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: God's people must be aware of selfishness and deceptive humility. It is said that there is nothing more prideful and destructive than the humility of a proud man. Read Matthew 16:23.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Humility – freedom from pride or arrogance; the quality or state of being humble.
2. Immorality – conflicting with generally held moral principles.
3. Minimize – to reduce; downplay.
4. Mortify – to subdue or deaden (the body) especially by abstinence.
5. Self-gratification – the act of pleasing oneself, appetite or satisfying one's desire.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

As an adolescent, you are preparing to transition into adulthood. This is the period of time when you make more decisions for yourself, often without adult guidance or advice. Many of the choices you make, whether carnal or spiritual, are based upon your personal desires, passions, interests or preferences that are ultimately determined by your moral character. As you begin to develop these values, there are persons who can assist you in making choices that will affect your life.

Guidance counselors are available in schools to help students set educational and career goals as they matriculate from one grade level to the next. Similarly, God has established the church, as a means of teaching the people how to build a righteous life.

Paul, after having laid the doctrinal foundation for the newly established church at Colosse, explains the personal application of the truth of a life in Christ. Paul's purpose was to show how Christ must become a priority in every area of the believer's life. He makes a distinction between a new life in Christ and that of the old life of sin. Paul defines those things that must be mortified in order to grow spiritually. This Epistle gives plain instructions on how to live a sinless life and where to center one's heart. It contains commands that these new converts must replace their old sinful habits with a life that reflects those of followers of Christ.

Youth, keep in mind that you are responsible for the choices you make. As you grow more conscious of right and wrong, you must increase your faith, trust and obedience to God by laying aside those things that will hinder your spiritual growth (Hebrew 12:1).

1. Discuss the four sins, in the lesson, that relate to sexual immorality and explain why covetousness, in verse 5, is included with these.
2. Discuss how youth struggle with things such as "anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy and filthy communication out of your mouth." Are any of these characteristics that of a humble person? Please explain your answer.

3. Does the lesson give an answer how to mortify the works of the flesh that causes the believer to sin? How does one begin this process? Fill in the blanks:
Yes. As written in Colossians 3:1-2. "If ye then be risen with Christ, _____ those things which are _____, where _____ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your _____ on things above, _____ on things on the _____."
4. Is it difficult for you to understand how to focus on "things above"? Have students answer individually if they choose to do so. List some ways to improve in this area.

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

3. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
4. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:
5. 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*.
6. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness thereof *is* as the flower of the field:
7. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.
8. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.
9. Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
10. Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him.
11. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young.
12. Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?
13. Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or *being* his counsellor hath taught him?
14. With whom took he counsel, and *who* instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding?

15. Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.
16. And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.
17. All nations before him *are* as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.
18. To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

PURPOSE: The Year of Jubilee is the appointed time when the redemptive plan of salvation is ignited and the warfare for believers are accomplished.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Comfort – to ease the grief or trouble; to console.
2. Epistle – a written message; of the 27 New Testament Books, 21 are classed Epistles or messages to a friend, pastor to pastor, a church within several cities.
3. Figuratively – a meaning different from the basic or literal meaning and that expresses an idea by using language that usually describes something else; such as.
4. Glorify – to make glorious by bestowing honor, praise and admiration.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

God spoke to Isaiah in a vision in today’s lesson. After hearing the voice of God, Isaiah prophesied concerning the First and Second Coming of Christ. He describes what will occur during each of these times. His prophesy begins with a revelation that John the Baptist would come as a forerunner of Christ and would make a way, figuratively, by preparing the hearts of the people to receive the Messiah (Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4-6). This prophesy was fulfilled when John the Baptist came preaching the gospel of repentance that once received, men would be forgiven of their sins. Jesus did indeed come in the flesh after John the Baptist; and dwelt in the midst of men on earth. He not only compelled men to be saved, but also glorified His Father in Heaven through His mighty works and teachings. The prophesy of the Second Coming of Christ was predicted and is to be fulfilled (Matt. 24:3, 36, 42; Mark 13:4, 32; Acts 1:7; Rev. 16:15).

1. How does Isaiah describe man’s weakness in comparison to the power and Word of God in Verses 6-8 of the lesson?
Man, in his wisdom, must come to surely know that his life on earth is temporary, and God’s Word, which is true *from* the beginning, is eternal. Reference Scripture, Psalm 119:160.
2. What invitation did Jesus extend to all who desire “comfort” and eternal life?
It is written: “Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30). List some of the burdens of sin for which youth are seeking relief.
3. Are you ready for the Second Coming of Christ? Allow students to answer voluntarily.

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

5. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
6. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
7. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
8. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, **before ye ask him**.
9. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
10. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.
11. Give us this day our daily bread.
12. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
14. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
15. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

PURPOSE: To make known that the Lord's Prayer was not a prayer Jesus prayed unto Himself; it was a model prayer which Jesus taught His disciples to use "**when ye pray**."

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Agree – with a like opinion; the same mind in any matter or situation.
2. Hypocrite – a pretender, a phony; assumed moral standards to which one's own behavior does not conform.

3. Prayer – the soul’s sincere desire, unuttered or expressed.
4. Synagogue – a place of gathering of people for religious study and service; a church.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Does it matter how we ask for things desired?
Yes, the words used, the tone of voice, the attitude *not aptitude*, the manner of physical expression with sincere humility (*especially required when we need forgiveness*) all make the difference.
2. Do you feel that God will more than likely answer a long prayer, rather than shorter version?
When we recall the publican’s entire prayer and not the Pharisee’s, the reply is ‘No.’ (Read Luke 18:10-11).
3. Do you strive to live to store up treasures in Heaven’s Bank, wherein no one can withdraw from your account? And, why? Reply from Matthew 6:19-21.
4. Explain why your comprehension of the exemplary inclusion Jesus gave when He taught His disciples how to pray. Consider, the ‘Lord’s Prayer’ encompasses all requisites to touch the heart of God in anticipation of an answer from Him.
5. What is one thing to always ask of God when we pray?
We stop to ask for forgiveness for our failures/shortcomings, guilty or perceived guilty (*remembering that a weak heart may have tripped over you because of what they are enduring even though you were not involved*).

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

1. **John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
2. **Psalm 119:30** I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.
3. **Proverbs 14:12** There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
4. **John 16:13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
5. **John 6:63** It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.
6. **Acts 4:12-13** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Now when they saw the boldness

of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

7. **I Timothy 2:5** For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
8. **I Timothy 2:6** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.
9. **Deuteronomy 30:19** I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

PURPOSE: To make known that people cannot be satisfied with anything less than Christ. Jesus said, “I am the living bread which came down from heaven” (John 6:33). “If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever” (John 6:51).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Jesus is our Good Shepherd; we can be absolutely sure that He won’t withhold a single good thing from us. What sweet news that is.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. ‘I Am’ – the beginning of a self-introduction to eliminate any perceived doubt or confusion.
2. Living Bread – Jesus Christ, the Word of God, their spiritual food that daily feeds the hungry souls.
3. Salvation – deliverance from the guilt, power and dominion of sin.
4. Spirit of truth – the Holy Ghost; the Comforter.
5. The way, truth and life – Jesus, the direction, perfection and destination to reach God.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. How can the WORLD see Jesus, when you cannot do so with your natural eyesight? As we light up His life before the world, they can see Jesus in us. Occasionally, we may still sing, “I Want the World to See Jesus in My Life.”
2. Is there any assurance of your real relationship with Christ? Yes, it is found in John 14:20, “At that day ye shall know that **I am** in my Father, and **ye in me**, and **I in you**.”
3. Should there be any doubt as to Jesus’ identity? No, we have this testimony: “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am** the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star” (Revelation 22:16).
4. Do you feel the responsibility to be a living testimony of who Jesus is, today? Allow the students to give some examples, when they reply yes.

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.

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

1. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
2. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
3. Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4. Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
5. Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6. Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
7. Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8. Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9. Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
10. Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11. Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
12. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.
13. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
15. 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.
16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
18. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
19. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
20. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

PURPOSE: To bring to light the blessed rewards living as citizens of Heaven in this ungodly world.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Beatitudes – the mountaintop Declaration of Blessedness given by Jesus.
2. Hunger and thirst for righteousness – existing in a wasteland or among those who live a desert life that cannot spiritually nourish the soul.
3. Meek – timid, gentle and submissive; not assertive in any battle or confrontation.
4. Poor in Spirit – lacking political help, totally dependent upon God to endure all earthly things with a contrite heart and heavenly expectation.
5. Salt of the Earth – spiritual guidance or purifying agent for a sinful people, having a responsibility as the proof of righteous living in the flesh of all mankind.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Why would a mountain be chosen for teaching a vast number of people?
In the day of Christ, as it was in the day of Moses, a mountain was suitable to accommodate the multitudes of people who were eager to hear Jesus teach.
2. Do you feel that Jesus saw the need to encourage the people that gathered to hear Him? Yes, this was a time to acknowledge their inner-self, or better attitude, that was apparently visible to Him.
3. Would you find it difficult to endure persecution, although you are not guilty (v.10)?
Allow the students to reply. Some may have endured bullying among their supposedly friends or classmates. Let them know to never devalue themselves, regardless of what another may determine. Those unflattering words that are in the bully's heart should never find a seat of bitterness or pain in the students' hearts to dictate adverse behavior.
4. What should or could you, the youth of today, do to combat those conniving youth, and some adults, who strive to divert you from your blessedness as outlined by Jesus in today's lesson?
Allow the students to answer from the standpoint of knowing that they are the 'Salt of the Earth' and the 'Light of the World' in verses 14-16 of the lesson.
5. Have a short discussion of living a life of change in the world and for the world.

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

1. Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
4. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.
5. And if a man also strive for masteries, *yet* is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.
6. The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.
7. Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.
8. Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:
9. Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, *even* unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.
10. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
11. *It is* a faithful saying: For if we be dead with *him*, we shall also live with *him*:
12. If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:
13. If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.
14. Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers.
15. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
16. But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.
17. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;
18. Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.
19. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.
20. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.
21. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.
22. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
23. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.
24. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,
25. In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
26. And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

PURPOSE: To make known that a godly husband's leadership in the home must first be firmly rooted in love.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: God has called fathers to lead, to lead with great joy and delight, to lead though it may be costly, and to lead with love. Lead your wife, lead your family, and do it all for the glory of God.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Admonition – a mild but earnest rebuke; advice for or against doing something.
2. Ensamples – examples; patterns or model for imitation.
3. Entanglements – to involve someone or something in a problem that will be difficult to escape.
4. Lusts – the strong insatiable hunger to have sex, without associated feelings of love or affection, great eagerness or enthusiasm for something, it can be of the heart or flesh.
5. Purge – to make something or somebody pure and free from guilt, sin, or defilement.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Discuss three points of leadership that a godly father should possess based on the teachings that Paul gave to Timothy. (Class discussion)
2. Why is it absolutely necessary to study the Word of God and how does it relate to fatherhood? (Class Discussion)
3. Father's Day originated in Spokane, Washington on June 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd. Her father, a Civil War Veteran, William J. Smart was a single parent who raised his six children alone in Arkansas. The purpose of Father's Day is to honor fathers and fatherhood.
4. What does God's Word say when it relates to honoring your parents?
Reply from Exodus 20:12, the First Commandment with promise (Ephesians 6:2).
5. Why is it necessary for fathers to be godly men? (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

51. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.
52. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?
53. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
54. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
55. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.
57. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.
58. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.
59. These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.
60. Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?
61. When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?
62. *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?
63. It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.
64. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.
65. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.
66. From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.
67. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?
68. Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.
69. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.
70. Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?
71. He spake of Judas Iscariot *the son* of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

PURPOSE: To emphasize that when tribulation or persecution comes because the truth is revealed, the rootless is hurt. Let us “take root downward and bear fruit upward” if we want to forever stand (II Kings 19:30).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: If you want to hear the truth, go to the One who is the Truth.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

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.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

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 in disobedience. An ungodly person does not want to be a child of God and will do everything contrary to God’s Word.

1. What causes the ungodly to be offended by the truth? (Class discussion)
2. Study Psalm 1, of the First of the Five Books/Divisions of Psalms, which provides additional reference to being ungodly. (Class discussion)
3. What can you do to prevent becoming an ungodly person? (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.

LESSON 101

JULY 3, 2022

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

20. So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*:
24. And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.
25. And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress *it* first; for ye *are* many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire *under*.
26. And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.
27. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, *or* peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.
28. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.
29. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.
30. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down.
31. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:
32. And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33. And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.
34. And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time.
35. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.
36. And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that I am* thy servant, and *that I have* done all these things at thy word.
37. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again.
38. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.
39. And when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* the God.
40. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.
41. And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there is* a sound of abundance of rain.
42. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,
43. And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.
44. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.
45. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.
46. And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

PURPOSE: To be aware that many professed Christians today are halted/immobilized between two opinions. They pretend to worship the Almighty God, while they are worshiping the gods of this world.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: God doesn't accept the worship of those who practice idolatry and polytheism (*belief in many gods*). Instead of pleasing God, their idolatry worship is a sin to Him. Instead of reaping God's blessings, they will reap His judgment and His curse.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Bulls – the young bulls that have had part of the sex organs removed so that it cannot breed.
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 something of valuable or important for somebody or something else considered to be of more value or importance.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

At this time in your life, do you find yourselves confronted with various choices until sometimes you have a problem making a decision? There are many distractions that can interrupt your normal course. However, according to Proverbs 3:6, if you acknowledge God in all of your ways, He will direct your paths. Secondly, stay away from worshipping/preferring idol gods (*worldly valuables, positions, increase*). When you choose to worship idol gods, your worship to Almighty God becomes limited by the distractions with a dark path to eternal life. In all that you say or do, God's presence must be behaviorally shown.

1. Discuss idol gods that you are confronted with on a daily basis and how you can avoid them. (Class discussion)
2. In the lesson, the Prophet Elijah was the lone prophet of the Most High God against _____ Baal's prophets. (Fill in the blank)
3. When God answered Elijah, the water of the Lord fell. True _____ or False _____. Discuss what happened when God answers.

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

1. O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
2. his only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
3. Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?
4. Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain.
5. He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
6. Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.
7. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.
8. 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.

9. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.
10. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.
11. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
12. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.
13. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:
14. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
15. Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.
16. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.
17. And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.
18. For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.
19. Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.
20. Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one.
21. *Is* the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.
22. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.
23. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.
24. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
25. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.
26. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
27. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
28. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: **for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**
29. And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

PURPOSE: To strongly emphasize that Christ was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (II Corinthians 5:21).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Imputation means God credited His righteousness to believers, which they can never obtain by any works of righteousness which they might do.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Doctrine – a body of ideas, particularly in religion, taught to people as truthful or correct.
2. Inheritance – ownership of wealth or a title passed by succession to wealth or a title.
3. Mediator – someone helping to end disputes, as an arbitrator, a go-between person.
4. Imputation – attribution, those who believe in Christ will receive God’s righteousness.
5. Remission – a release from a debt, penalty, or obligation, a pardon or forgiveness.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

The Galatians knew they received the Holy Ghost when they believed, not when they obeyed the law. It is the Holy Ghost that gives you the power to live for God. Trying to live right by your own efforts cannot work, it takes the Holy Ghost to keep you holy. Know that God credited His righteousness to believers, which they can never obtain by any works of righteousness which they might do.

1. What is imputation and what effect did it have on you? (Answer individually. Refer to the Practical Application for assistance.)
2. The Spirit comes by the work of the law. True ____ or false ____.
3. The law was our _____ to bring us unto Christ. (Fill in the blank from Galatians 3:25).
4. Correlate Genesis 15:6 and John 8:52-53, 58. Give the connotation of the spiritual.

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

1. There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
2. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
3. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
4. 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?
5. 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.

6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
7. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
9. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?
10. Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?
11. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.
12. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things?
13. And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.
14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
15. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
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.
17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
18. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
19. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
20. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.
21. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

PURPOSE: To bring to light that we are truly living in a day when churches are filled with professed Christians who have never been Born Again.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: God’s solution to living sinless in this world is not being saved *in* our sins, but saved *from* sin, “by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost” (Titus 3:5).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Begotten – something is *begotten* when it's been generated by procreation, in other words, it has been fathered; Jesus (*God's Word made flesh*) was fathered by God the Father.
2. Christian – relating to Christianity, or belonging to or maintained by a Christian organization.
3. Grace – the unmerited infinite love, mercy, and divine favor and goodwill shown to humankind by God.
4. Justified – declared or made righteous in the sight of God.
5. Regeneration – the restoral and renewal of man, both morally or spiritually.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Is it possible to continue to live in sin after confessing to being Born Again? (Class discussion)
2. For God so loved the world, that he gave ____ ____ _____. (Fill in the blanks)
3. Discuss Titus 3: 5-7. Key words are *washing, regeneration, justified, and grace.*
4. God's solution to living sinless in this **work** is being saved in our sins.
True ___ or False ___

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

1. Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.
2. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
3. Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.
4. But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God *are* alive every one of you this day.
5. Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.
6. Keep therefore and do *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.
7. For what nation *is there so* great, who *hath* God *so* nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things that* we call upon him *for*?
8. And what nation *is there so* great, that hath statutes and judgments *so* righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?
9. Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

10. *Specially* the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.
11. And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.
12. And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only *ye heard* a voice.
13. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.
14. And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.
15. Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day *that* the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:
16. Lest ye corrupt *yourselves*, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female,
17. The likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air,
18. The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that *is* in the waters beneath the earth:
19. And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.
20. But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as *ye are* this day.

PURPOSE: To remind all that never in the history of the world will that day be forgotten when Israel heard the voice of the Lord God speaking to them out of the midst of the fire, and lived.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: We serve an awesome God that is alive; He is not dead, and He is yet Speaking to this world, and when God speaks everyone had better listen.

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Awesome – fearsome; amazing.
2. Hearken – to give ear to; to obey one in authority; to hear.
3. Judgments – God’s decisive determinate punishment, based on man’s obedience or rebellion (*by commission or omission*).
4. Mount Sinai – the mountain of the Ten Commandments, the mountain of God; called Sinai in Arabia, also called Horeb.
5. Statutes – p., written laws passed by legislature; rules meant to be permanent; God-given decisive guiding laws of operation for cooperation dictated for man’s preservation that will lead to eternal life. The word ‘*statute*’ is not to be confused with *stature*-height of a human body or degree of eminence, neither *statue*-sculptured, cast, carved or molded image).

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. The revealed things belong unto men, but that which has not been revealed belong unto God. Can you give a scriptural reference to any revealed message that could not be recorded?
Refer to Revelation 10:4 and expound on the significance. In your reply, consider mankind's resistance to what has been written and revealed, and then contrast what the reluctance could be to what could not be made known.
2. Give a few Scriptures referencing the message or speaking voice of God; choose one and expound or speak from your own research.
Refer to Genesis 1:11, 26; I Kings 19:11-12 still and soft spoken; Haggai 1:5-7; Micah 6:9; Revelation 22:6.
3. How long are we to hear, fear and obey God?
We are to do so all the days of our lives, which can prove to be the best method or example for teaching all future generations (refer to verses 9 and 10).
4. Is it advantageous to have God so near to you and His statutes and judgments dispensed by word, percept and example?
Yes, and truly we will be without excuse when we appear before the judgment seat of God (verses 7 and 8)
5. Is it to our worth to obey God's commands as we walk and talk daily in the presence of all nationalities, as well as in the midst of our family, neighbors, and other youths?
Answer from verse 6 of the lesson.

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 105

JULY 31, 2022

EYE SERVICE: DISPLEASING 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

1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
2. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)
3. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
4. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
5. 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;
6. Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;
7. With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

8. Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether *he be* bond or free.
9. And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.
10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.
13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
15. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

PURPOSE: To stress that standing firm on the Word of God can create uneasy moments, even opposition right in God’s house. However, we must not fear, for it is written: “Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Galatians 6:7-9).

GLOSSARY/COMMENTARY

1. Armor of God – defensive weapons against the wiles/deceits of Satan (*loins of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shield of faith, feet shod w/preparation of gospel of peace*).
2. Displeasing – disappointing; unacceptable.
3. Eye Service – work rendered only when the supervisor is in plain view.
4. Obedient – submissive; dutiful.
5. Sight – within view; ability to observe; see.

DISCUSSION AND LESSON APPLICATIONS

1. Can one displease the only true God by obeying the sign or wonder that comes to pass from any who has a claim of prophesy?
Expound from Deuteronomy 13:1-3 and Revelation 19:10.
2. When your parent (*or guardian who may be temporary*) warn you of hidden dangers of darkness, should you obey the parent or guardian, or follow after what appears to be exciting in the life or deceiving way of others?
Allow the students to respond with guidance by assuring them that this temporary life and what is done leads to everlasting life with God in Heaven or eternal damnation in Hell with Satan.

3. Can anyone's work be hidden from God?
Have a discussion from Proverbs 15:3, "The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good."
4. Paul, in his defense before King Agrippa, stated, "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth" (Acts 26:9). Have you even dared to think of behaving in a displeasing manner to the laws of God, although you may be aware of the disobedience of others?
Allow the students to discuss by contrasting/differentiating the cost of pleasing men and the value of pleasing the One True God, whose eyes are always open.

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.
